

## Thursday, May 1

Yom Hashoah–Holocaust Remembrance Day

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| <b>8:30 p.m.</b>                                 | <b>Opening dinner</b><br>Greetings: Akiva Tor, incoming Consul General of Israel to the Pacific Northwest<br>(based in San Francisco)<br>Welcome Address: Rabbi Dr. Daniel Gordis, Vice President, Shalem Center |
| <b>Overnight: David Citadel Hotel, Jerusalem</b> |  |

## Friday, May 2

### HISTORY & ARCHEOLOGY

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|                   | <b>Breakfast on your own</b>  |
| <b>7:45</b>       | <b>Depart for Yad Vashem</b>  |
| <b>8:30</b>       | <b>Guided visit through the newly renovated Yad Vashem complex</b> , the Jewish National Memorial to the six million who perished in the Holocaust. Visit includes the new Historical Museum, the Valley of the Communities, the Children's Memorial and a memorial service |
| <b>11:30</b>      | Group reflection on Yad Vashem experience   |
| <b>12:00 p.m.</b> | Depart for Mount Herzl  |
| <b>12:15</b>      | Visit <b>Mount Herzl</b> , the burial place of Israel's founding fathers and country's leaders, and the site of Jerusalem's military cemetery   |
| <b>1:30</b>       | <b>Lunch</b> on your own on the vibrant, boutique-lined Emek Refaim Street in the German Colony   |

## Friday, May 2

### ENTIRE GROUP

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| <b>5:00</b>                                      | Optional visit to the Western Wall  |
| <b>6:15</b>                                      | Depart for Kabbalat Shabbat at the Shimshon Center  |
| <b>6:30</b>                                      | Group candle lighting   |
| <b>6:45</b>                                      | <b>Kabbalat Shabbat</b> (Welcoming the Shabbat): <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Kabbalat Shabbat with leaders from Kehillat Shira Hadasha, the halakhic egalitarian minyan of Jerusalem</li></ul> OR <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Kabbalat Shabbat with Rabbi Naama Kelman, Hebrew Union College for Reform Judaism</li></ul> |
| <b>7:30</b>                                      | <b>Festive Shabbat Dinner</b> at the Shimshon Center with a performance by the Essev Bar band   |
| <b>Overnight: David Citadel Hotel, Jerusalem</b> |   |

## Saturday, May 3

### Optional track choices:

#### OPTION 1: MASADA AND THE DEAD SEA

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| <b>8:00</b>      | Depart Jerusalem for <b>Masada</b>   |
| <b>10:30</b>     | Visit Masada, Herod's mountain palace and site of the Jewish zealots' last stand against the Romans                                |
| <b>1:00 p.m.</b> | Bathe in the relaxing and healthy sulphur springs at the hotel and float in the <b>Dead Sea</b> , including lunch at the Hod Hotel |
| <b>3:00</b>      | Depart for Jerusalem   |
| <b>5:00</b>      | Arrive at the hotel  |

#### OPTION 2: MASADA AND QUMRAN

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| <b>8:00</b>      | Depart Jerusalem for <b>Masada</b>   |
| <b>10:30</b>     | Visit Masada, Herod's mountain palace and site of the Jewish zealots' last stand against the Romans                  |
| <b>1:00 p.m.</b> | <b>Lunch</b> at Ein Gedi   |
| <b>2:00</b>      | Depart for Qumran  |
| <b>2:30</b>      | Visit <b>Qumran</b> , the Essene Community near the Dead Sea and the site where the Dead Sea Scrolls were discovered |
| <b>3:30</b>      | Depart for Jerusalem via Ma'ale Adumim, the largest West Bank Jewish settlement                                      |
| <b>5:00</b>      | Arrive at the hotel  |

**OPTION 3: SHABBAT IN JERUSALEM**

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| <b>Morning</b> | <b>Optional services at local synagogues</b>                                       |
| <b>10:30</b>   | Walking tour in the <b>Old City</b> : “Jerusalem as the Center of Three Religions” |
|                | <b>Lunch</b> at the hotel  |

**OPTION 4: FROM JAFFA TO TEL AVIV: THE HEBREW CITY & THE EMERGENCE OF A NATIONAL CULTURE**

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| <b>8:30</b>      | Depart Jerusalem for <b>Tel Aviv</b>   |
| <b>9:30</b>      | <b>Architecture</b> and the stories it reveals about Tel Aviv: Walking tour from Jaffa through Neve Tzedek to Rothschild Blvd. |
| <b>1:30 p.m.</b> | <b>Lunch</b> on your own at Comme il Faut restaurant, Tel Aviv Port  |
| <b>3:00</b>      | Depart for Benno Kalev's studio  |
| <b>3:30</b>      | Meeting with <b>Benno Kalev</b> , art collector and lecturer on Israeli art and the art of collecting                          |
| <b>5:00</b>      | Depart for Jerusalem   |

**ENTIRE GROUP**

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|                   | <b>Dinner on your own</b>  |
| <b>8:30</b>       | Depart for Gerard Behar Centre, Jerusalem  |
| <b>9:00</b>       | Contemporary dance performance by the <b>Vertigo Dance Company</b> : "White Noise" |
| <b>Overnight:</b> | <b>David Citadel Hotel, Jerusalem</b>  |

## Sunday, May 4

### ENTIRE GROUP

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|             | Breakfast on your own  |
| <b>8:30</b> | <b>Prof. Stanley Fischer</b> , Governor of the Bank of Israel: Macro Economical Overview |

### HISTORY & ARCHEOLOGY

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| <b>9:45</b>  | Depart for Beit Guvrin  |
| <b>10:30</b> | Participate in an <b>archeological dig at Beit Guvrin</b> including visit to several caves  |
| <b>1:00</b>  | <b>Lunch</b> at Kibbutz Beit Guvrin   |
| <b>2:00</b>  | Depart for Jerusalem with stop at an observation point on the Mount of Olives   |
| <b>3:00</b>  | Visit the <b>Old City</b> of Jerusalem: Enter through Zion Gate and visit the Herodian Mansions Museum and the Davidson Center Archeological Park |
| <b>6:00</b>  | Return to the hotel   |

### ENTIRE GROUP

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| <b>8:00</b>                                      | <b>Dinner</b> and wine tasting at the home of Shoshana and Martin Gerstel, Ethiopia Street, Jerusalem.<br>Guest speaker: Minister of Welfare and Social Services <b>Isaac Herzog</b> |
| <b>10:40</b>                                     | Optional: Evening visit to the <b>Western Wall Tunnel</b> , the underground continuation of the Western Wall along the Temple Mount  |
| <b>Overnight: David Citadel Hotel, Jerusalem</b> |  |

## Monday, May 5

### ENTIRE GROUP

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| <b>8:00</b> | Place luggage in the corridor near your door  |
|             | <b>Breakfast</b> on your own  |
| <b>8:45</b> | <b>The Labyrinth of Israeli Politics:</b> Dialogue with Dr. Reuven Hazan, Hebrew University |
| <b>9:30</b> | Luggage identification  |

### HISTORY & ARCHEOLOGY

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| <b>10:00</b> | Depart for Umm el-Fahm   |
| <b>11:30</b> | Arrive at <b>Umm el-Fahm, one of the sites for ECHAD</b> —a JCF-funded program focused on Early Childhood Education in the Arab-Israeli community. Learn about the program and about the broader issues faced by an Arab community in Israel |
| <b>1:00</b>  | Lunch at Umm el-Fahm   |
| <b>2:00</b>  | Depart for Tzippori  |
| <b>3:15</b>  | Visit the ancient Talmudic city of <b>Tzippori</b>   |
| <b>4:45</b>  | Depart for Kfar Blum   |
| <b>6:00</b>  | <b>Check into the Pastoral Hotel , Kfar Blum</b>   |

### ENTIRE GROUP

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| <b>7:15</b>                                 | Depart for <b>Hatzer Tel Hai</b>  |
| <b>7:30</b>                                 | <b>Festive Dinner</b> with local guests and performance by the Jewish Arab Arcobaleno Community Theater Group |
| <b>Overnight: Pastoral Hotel, Kfar Blum</b> |   |

Tuesday, May 6

**OPTIONAL PROGRAM FOR ALL PARTICIPANTS:  
VISIT TO JCF-SUPPORTED PROJECTS**

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|              | Breakfast on your own   |
| <b>8:30</b>  | The Bay Area-Galilee Connection   |
| <b>9:00</b>  | Leave for Kiryat Shmona   |
| <b>9:15</b>  | Closing Gaps: Educational Opportunities for Children on Israel's Periphery. Visit the <b>Hameginim Elementary School</b> , site of a comprehensive "Full School Initiative" for the city's most disadvantaged children, in partnership with the Rashi Foundation.                         |
| <b>10:30</b> | Depart for Einot Yarden High School at Kibbutz Amir   |
| <b>10:45</b> | <b>The Bay Area—Galilee "Living Bridge" Connection:</b> A chance to meet with young people from the region who are participating in various programs designed to connect our two communities, learn about why they care about us, and what they have learned from the Bay Area community. |
| <b>11:45</b> | Depart for lunch with your track  |

## Tuesday, May 6

### HISTORY & ARCHEOLOGY

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|                   | Breakfast on your own  |
| <b>8:30</b>       | <b>Depart for Tel Dan Nature Reserve</b>   |
| <b>9:00</b>       | <b>Visit Tel Dan Nature Reserve</b> and meet with conservation architect Giora Solar, former site architect for archaeological excavations at the reserve. |
| <b>11:45</b>      | Depart for army base   |
| <b>12:30 p.m.</b> | <b>Army-style lunch with soldiers and officers at an army base</b>   |
| <b>2:00</b>       | Depart for Katzrin   |
| <b>2:15</b>       | Visit the <b>Ancient Katzrin Park</b>  |
| <b>3:30</b>       | Visit the award winning <b>Golan Winery</b>  |
| <b>4:15</b>       | Depart for hotel   |
| <b>5:00</b>       | Arrive at the hotel  |
| <b>6:00</b>       | Dinner at the hotel  |
| <b>7:15</b>       | <b>Meeting with kibbutz members</b> to learn about how they commemorate Yom Hazikaron, Israel's Memorial Day for Fallen Soldiers                           |
| <b>7:45</b>       | Participate in a local <b>Yom Hazikaron ceremony</b>   |

### ENTIRE GROUP

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| <b>9:30</b>                                 | Robbie Gringras: Where Does The Pain Go? How Israel Copes with Loss and Mourning |
| <b>Overnight: Pastoral Hotel, Kfar Blum</b> |  |

## Wednesday, May 7

Yom HaZikaron - Memorial Day for Israel's Fallen Soldiers

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|                   | Breakfast on your own  |
| <b>7:30</b>       | Place luggage in the corridor near your door   |
| <b>8:15</b>       | <b>Gila Noam</b> , JCF Israel office Director: "Why are we Here - The Federation's Work in Israel"                               |
| <b>8:45</b>       | Luggage identification   |
| <b>9:15</b>       | Depart for observation point   |
| <b>9:30</b>       | <b>The Galilee from Up High:</b> Visit to an observation point at Kibbutz Misgav Am and briefing on regional and security issues |
| <b>10:15</b>      | <b>Depart for Kiryat Shmona</b>  |
| <b>11:00</b>      | Participate in <b>Yom Hazikaron ceremony at Kiryat Shmona's military cemetery</b>  |
| <b>12:00 p.m.</b> | Depart for Tel Aviv via Zichron Yaakov   |
| <b>1:30</b>       | Guided tour and lunch on your own in Zichron Yaakov  |
| <b>3:30</b>       | Depart for Tel Aviv  |
| <b>4:30</b>       | <b>Check into David Intercontinental Hotel, Tel Aviv</b>   |
| <b>6:45</b>       | <b>Making Sense of It All:</b> Debriefing session in small groups  |
| <b>8:00</b>       | <b>Raising a Toast to the Next 60 Years:</b> Cocktails and hors d'oeuvres at the hotel   |
|                   | Participate in public <b>Yom Ha'Atzmaut</b> (Israel Independence Day) celebrations in Tel Aviv                                   |
| <b>Overnight:</b> | <b>David Intercontinental Hotel, Tel Aviv</b>  |

## Thursday, May 8

Yom Ha'atzmaut – Israel's Independence Day

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|              | Breakfast on your own  |
| <b>10:00</b> | <p><b>Optional track choices:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <b>8:30 – A Tour of Hatzor Air Force Base</b> with Leut. Colonel Kobi Regev, Gvanim participant (JCF-supported program) and commander of an F-16 squadron. Lunch on your own in Tel Aviv</li> <li>2. <b>10:00</b> - Guided visit of <b>Caesarea</b>. Lunch on your own in Tel Aviv</li> <li>3. <b>Yom Ha'atzmaut in Tel Aviv:</b><br/> <b>10:00</b> - A walking tour of <b>Bialik Street</b><br/> <b>12:00</b> - Visit to <b>Independence Hall</b>, where Israel's Declaration of Independence was announced.<br/> <b>1:00 - Lunch</b> on your own in Neve Zedek<br/> <b>2:30</b> - A guided walk in <b>Neve Zedek</b>, one of the first neighborhoods built in Tel Aviv</li> </ol> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>OR</b></p> <p><b>2:00</b> - Depart from hotel to visit the <b>Palmach Museum</b></p> |
|              | <b>Free time</b>   |
| <b>5:00</b>  | Depart for Dinner in Herzliya  |
| <b>6:00</b>  | <b>Farewell Dinner</b> at the home of Vivian and Zaki Rakib in Herzliya. Guest speaker: Avraham Infeld, Founding Chair of JCF's Israel Amuta, and President Emeritus of Hillel, the Foundation for Jewish Life   |

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