

**Join Rabbi Richard Spiegel and Linda Spiegel on
Temple Etz Chaims Israel Family Tour July 1 - 14, 2010**



Tour Highlights:

Round trip Air LAX to Tel Aviv and return

- ✧ Sheraton Plaza Hotel, Jerusalem; Carlton Hotel, Tel Aviv; Sheraton Moriah Hotel, Tiberias
- ✧ All Breakfasts, 4 Week-Day Dinners, 2 Shabbat Dinners and 2 Lunches as per itinerary
- ✧ Touring with one of Israel's Top Tour Guide Educators in Deluxe Motor Coach
- ✧ Welcome Orientation, Dig for a Day, Beit Guvrin, Neve Hana, Ayalon Institute
- ✧ Independence Hall, Palmach Museum, Historic Tel Aviv neighborhoods, Rubin Museum
- ✧ Table to Table, Mediterranean swim, Alona Park, Rosh Hanikra, Tzefat
- ✧ Meet a Kabbalistic artist, Golan Heights by jeep, Tzippori, Latrun
- ✧ Tower of David Museum, Dead Sea, Kabbalat Shabbat at the Kotel
- ✧ Shabbat afternoon walking tours, Yad Vashem, Menahem Begin Heritage, Herzl Exhibit
- ✧ Moving Bar/Bat Mitzvah ceremony, Southern Wall Excavations, Kotel Tunnels
- ✧ Jewish Quarter, Lifeline for the Old, Knesset Menorah
- ✧ Israel Museum, Shrine of the Book, Second Temple Model of Jerusalem
- ✧ ITC full color source book, A fantastic tour filled with meaningful experiences and fun!

The Fine Print:

(check or cash payment) Land Only \$3695 - Single Supplement: \$1320

Third person over 18 in triple room: subtract \$425

Child, age 2-12 as third person in a triple room: subtract \$1220

Bar/Bat Mitzvah, age 12-13 as third person in a triple room: subtract \$1340

Child, 14-18 as third person in a triple room: subtract \$1170

Credit card payment land only \$3843 single supplement \$1403

Air pricing will be available 11 months before departure or use your mileage

plus tips for Guide, Driver, Porterage and Restaurants \$180

**For information and applications please contact Rabbi Richard Spiegel
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Summer 2010 Israel Trip Itinerary

Thursday, July 1-Israel Pilgrims

Depart on overnight flight to Israel Friday, July 2 - When You Come Into the Land (Deut. 26:1) Welcome to Israel! Arrive at Ben Gurion International Airport to be met and assisted by your ITC representative. Hotel check-in to prepare for Shabbat. Sheheyanu prayer overlooking the Kotel, followed by Kabbalat Shabbat services at the Kotel (bus both ways) delicious Shabbat dinner at the hotel (private room).

Overnight: Sheraton Plaza Hotel, Jerusalem

Shabbat, July 3 - Shabbat in Jerusalem - Parashat Pinchas Buffet breakfast at the hotel - Optional Shabbat services at Kehillat Moreshet Yisrael with Rabbi Spiegel. Sumptuous Shabbat lunch buffet at the hotel. Shabbat afternoon walking tour to the Ketef Hinom and Yemin Moshe neighborhoods. Free evening in Jerusalem.

Overnight: Sheraton Plaza Hotel, Jerusalem.

Sunday, July 4 - Digging Israel

Buffet breakfast at the hotel - Group may split: At the "Dig for a Day" program at Beit Guvrin, have a hands-on experience of archeology as you uncover actual artifacts while taking part in an actual archeological dig; "cave crawl" also available for the adventurous OR Explore the impressive excavation of ancient Beit Guvrin, including fascinating burial caves, underground dwellings, and an amphitheatre At the Masorti affiliated children's home, Neve Hana, in Kiryat Gat, see the tremendously heartwarming work carried out with children who have no other home; enjoy their petting zoo and gourmet bakery (a work project staffed by students) Climb down into the amazing underground, pre-State bullet factory built by the Haganah under the noses of the British at the Ayalon Institute. Enjoy a delicious Yemenite dinner at Maganda.

Overnight: Carlton Hotel, Tel Aviv

Monday, July 5 - Foundations of the Modern State

First time Israel visitors: At Independence Hall, relive Ben Gurion's moving declaration of the State AND Enjoy an impressive presentation of the amazing achievements of the Palmach at the recently opened multimedia Palmach Museum (if available) Repeat visitors: Take a walking tour through historic Tel Aviv neighborhoods including a guided visit to the lovely Ruben Museum. Volunteer at "Table to Table;" participate in the important mitzvah of leket as you harvest crops for the poor. Enjoy some time for a Mediterranean swim Free evening in Tel Aviv. Optional: Enjoy a very special performance of Na Laga'at, featuring actors who are both deaf and blind.

Overnight: Carlton Hotel, Tel Aviv

Tuesday, July 6 - The Mediterranean Coast

Buffet breakfast at the hotel. Walk through the fascinating, underground Roman water system that once fed ancient Caesaria at Alona Park near Binyamina (strap-on water shoes, small towel needed) In historic Acco, visit the Crusader Fortress and British prison Take the cable car to the mesmerizing ocean grottos of Rosh Hanikra, at Israel's border with Lebanon. Enjoy a Kinneret boat ride and dinner at Decks (steak).

Overnight: Sheraton Moriah Hotel, Tiberias

Wednesday, July 7 - In the Footsteps of Mystics and Pioneers

Buffet breakfast at the hotel. Tour the synagogues, courtyards, and shops of the mystical city of Tzefat. Meet with Tzefat kabbalistic artist, Avraham Lowenthal, in his gallery to explore Jewish mysticism through the prism of his creations. Travel through the Golan Heights by jeep (Shvilim open jeeps), off-the beaten track, and stop to look down over the Galilee as the Syrians once did. Return to the hotel for a swim. Free evening on the Tiberias promenade.

Overnight: Sheraton Moriah Hotel, Tiberias

Thursday, July 8 - Digging Israel

Buffet breakfast at the hotel. Explore the magnificently excavated ancient city of Tzippori, home to Rabbi Judah the Prince. At the Latrun IDF Armored Corps center, review (or climb on) the tanks and learn about battles fought there for the road to Jerusalem. Hotel check-in - Free time for dinner. Evening: Attend The Night Spectacular, the fabulous new sound and light show at the Tower of David Museum.

Overnight: Sheraton Plaza Hotel, Jerusalem.

Friday, July 9 - Freedom Fighters or Fanatics?

Buffet breakfast at the hotel. Early departure for the Dead Sea Region. Option A: Ascend Masada by cable car. Tour this impressive excavation and discuss the terrible dilemma faced by its Jewish population during Roman times; proceed to the Dead Sea Hotel for lunch and a Dead Sea swim. Option B: Spend some time today at a Dead Sea resort hotel, enjoying its spa facilities, lunch, and the amazing Dead Sea. Everybody together: Return to the hotel to prepare for Shabbat. Kabbalat Shabbat at the Kotel (with bus both ways) Delicious Shabbat dinner at the hotel (private room)/

Overnight: Sheraton Plaza Hotel, Jerusalem

Shabbat, July 10 - Shabbat in the Holy City - Parashat Mattot

Massei - Buffet breakfast at the hotel. Optional Shabbat services at a synagogue of your choice (suggestions, walking instructions to be provided) Sumptuous Shabbat lunch buffet at the hotel Shabbat afternoon walking tour to the Tower of David Museum. Free evening in Jerusalem

Overnight: Sheraton Plaza Hotel, JLM

Sunday, July 11 - Those Who Sacrificed

First time Israel visitors: Visit the state-of-the art Holocaust Memorial Museum and the Children's Memorial at Yad Vashem (age 12 and up only); alternative interactive children's program available on site. Repeat Visitors: Visit the Menahem Begin Heritage Center for a highly moving and informative presentation on the life of this inspiring leader. At Har Herzl Military Cemetery encounter the "silver platter" on which the Jewish people have acquired - and continue to acquire - our state. Visit the Herzl Exhibit, where the Father of Modern Zionism and his untiring quest are "brought to life" before your eyes (if available) Free evening in Jerusalem.

Overnight: Sheraton Plaza Hotel, Jerusalem

Monday, July 12 - Jerusalem of Old

Take part in a moving Bar/Bat Mitzvah ceremony at Robinson's Arch, the "Conservative Kotel" Explore the Southern Wall Excavations. In the Kotel Tunnels, walk alongside the Western Wall's massive foundation stones. Travel through many centuries in a guided visit to the Jewish Quarter. Enjoy a Bar/Bat Mitzvah celebratory dinner at Eretz Bereshit.

Overnight: Sheraton Plaza Hotel.

Tuesday, July 13 - Modern Jerusalem

Visit Lifeline for the Old, a moving crafts workshop that employs Jerusalem elderly. Enjoy shopping for unique hand-crafted Judaica items in their store. Stop to see the Knesset Menorah and recall the many stories from Jewish history that are sculpted on it. At the Israel Museum, tour the new Shrine of the Book and the recently reopened Second Temple Model of Jerusalem; children's wing and Billy Rose Sculpture Garden also available Free afternoon for final shopping, packing. Early evening hotel check-out. Farewell banquet at Olive and Fish Restaurant.

Depart for the airport.

Wednesday, July 14 - A Temporary Departure

Return to the USA Begin planning your next Israel trip.

Itinerary is Subject to Change