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## HOTEL INFORMATION

### JERUSALEM:

#### **Mamilla Hotel**

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Jerusalem, Israel 94182

### TEL AVIV:

#### **Sheraton Tel Aviv**

115 Hayarkon Street  
Tel Aviv, Israel 63573

## WELCOME TO ISRAEL AT 75 MISSION! BRUCHIM HABAYIM!

Each year in Israel is a miracle, but 75 years is a celebration that can't be missed. Thank you for joining us as we celebrate a global milestone, learn and engage in some of the issues and opportunities shaping Israel and its relationship to the diaspora, and experience authentic and meaningful celebrations of Israel's days of remembrance and independence. We hope you enjoy!

### THURSDAY, APRIL 20, 2023 | WELCOME TO ISRAEL

## DAY 1

**12:30 PM** Meet at the **Mamilla Hotel lobby**.

**Lunch** at Piccolino Restaurant.

Check into the hotel and freshen up.

**Israel at 75—The Abraham Accords:** Dialogue with Maj. (Res.) Dan Feferman.

**Welcome dinner at Hamotzi**, by **Master Chef Avi Levi**, located in the Machane Yehuda Market.

**Nighthawks at the Shuk:** Jerusalem at night provides a very different vision of the Holy City. We'll visit the **open air market** with its bars and cafes, see the portraits of local personalities that have been painted on store shutters, and get into the night market mood by sampling the drinks popular with the city's locals.

*Overnight: The Mamilla Hotel, Jerusalem*

### FRIDAY, APRIL 21, 2023 | THE LAYERS OF JERUSALEM

## DAY 2

**Breakfast** at Mamilla Hotel.

**8:45 AM** Meet at the **Mamilla Hotel lobby**.

**The Geopolitics of Jerusalem:** Travel through the city of Jerusalem exploring some of the political and diplomatic complexities of recent years; drive around the seam zone, with an in-depth study seminar on the ramifications of current developments with **Col. (Res.) Kobi Marom**. Col. Marom is an expert on Hamas, Hezbollah and other radical movements operating in the Middle East today.

Drive to the **Old City**.

**At the Heart of It All:** Explore the **City of David**, the core of ancient Jerusalem, and learn how the city was administered during the First Temple period. Our visit will include: a VIP tour with a local expert on new archaeological discoveries illustrating how the wealthy and powerful lived in ancient Jerusalem, including a walk through of the new Pilgrims way.

No visit to Israel is complete without experiencing the **Kotel (Western Wall)**, widely considered Judaism's holiest site. Each year, over one million notes containing prayers and wishes are placed in the cracks of the wall. We'll discuss the wall's historical and contemporary importance and experience its unique atmosphere.

**Lunch on your own** in the Old City.

Return to the hotel & prepare for Shabbat.

**The City of Shabbat:** Join Jerusalem in welcoming the Sabbath, the highpoint of the Jewish week, with Kabbalat Shabbat services. You can celebrate Shabbat alongside people from countless different traditions and countries at Judaism's holiest site, the Kotel, or sample some of the city's various synagogues.

**7:00 PM** **Festive Shabbat dinner** at The Ballroom, Mamilla Hotel.

*Overnight: The Mamilla Hotel, Jerusalem*

\*Please note that the itinerary is subject to change based on timing, weather and security considerations.

**Breakfast** at Mamilla Hotel.

Enjoy a **Shabbat in leisure** with optional programming led by our Tour Guide (meet in hotel lobby).

**11:00 AM Nahlaot Walking Tour:** Experience the feeling of Jerusalem on Shabbat with a journey through the courtyards of Nahlaot, where dozens of synagogues and Jewish traditions from around the world are maintained within a radius of just a few blocks.

**1:00 PM Tour Yemin Moshe, Mishkanot Sha'ananim.**

Havdallah.

**High Times in the Holy City:** (Explore on your own): Jerusalem at night provides a very different vision of the Holy City. Check out how the locals live during a free evening and explore Jerusalem nightlife including:

- **The Mamilla Mall**, an upscale, open-air food and shopping area located outside the Old City's Jaffa Gate.
- **The First Station**, Jerusalem's rail link from the late 19th century has been transformed into a center of restaurants, shops, and culture.
- Joining the crowds strolling through the **Ben Yehuda** and **Nahalat Shiva** Pedestrian Malls.
- Enjoy **dinner on your own**.

*Overnight: The Mamilla Hotel, Jerusalem*

**Breakfast** at and check out of Mamilla Hotel.

**8:30 AM Special discussion with Arielle Di Porto** from The Jewish Agency for Israel.

Proceed to the Western Negev.

Security tour with **Col. (Res.) Grisha Yaacobovich**. Colonel Yakubovich, who concluded his military service in 2016 as the head of the civil department for the **Coordination of Government Activities in the Territories** (C.O.G.A.T.). The tour will include a **special overlook of Gaza** from the **Nahal Oz** area up to the fence—including the new underground barrier that was built to protect the residents from threats from tunnels—and a stop at the iron dome unit deployed in the fields of **Alumim**.

**Lunch** at Hummus shel Thina.

Meet with **Tali Levanon**, CEO of the **Israel Trauma Coalition**, at the central bunker of Netivot.

Drive to Tel Aviv and check in at the Sheraton Tel Aviv.

**6:00 PM JFNA General Assembly Reception and Ceremony:** Join Jewish Federations, Keren Hayesod, The Jewish Agency, and the World Zionist Organization at the Expo Tel Aviv International Convention Center to kick off our Israel at 75 celebration! Strolling dinner, drinks, and a chance to hear from top North American and Israeli leadership.

*Overnight: The Sheraton, Tel Aviv*

**Breakfast** at the Sheraton Tel Aviv.

**9:00 AM- JFNA General Assembly:** Participants will have the opportunity to choose from high-level sessions focused on three thematic tracks: Innovation in connecting North Americans with Israel, Innovation in strengthening Israeli society, and Israeli innovation driving global change. The gathering will end with a special assembly.

**8:00 PM- Yom Hazikaron Ceremony with**

**10:00 PM Masa Israel Journey:** We will join together to observe Yom Hazikaron, Israel's Memorial Day, with a special ceremony at Latrun, the site of fierce fighting during the 1948 War of Independence.

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**Breakfast** at the Sheraton Tel Aviv.

**8:00 AM** Depart hotel for our journey to Pittsburgh's Partnership2Gether region of Karmiel and Misgav: Join Israelis and mark this somber day as we participate in a Yom Hazikaron ceremony at Selah Absorption Center, visit with a United Hatzalah volunteer paramedic and a tour with Nirim in the Neighborhoods.

Return to Sheraton Tel Aviv.

**7:30 PM Yom Ha'atzmaut Party:** Jewish Federations and Combined Jewish Philanthropies are teaming up to host an incredible Independence celebration to mark the transition between Yom Hazikaron and Yom Ha'atzmaut. We'll sample foods from all over Israel, drink, dance, and celebrate with a live band playing Israeli and American covers!

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**Breakfast** at the Sheraton Tel Aviv and check out.

**10:30 AM- Yom Ha'atzmaut BBQ and Outdoor Festival:** Travel to Neot Kedumim, a beautiful biblical nature reserve. In addition to music, a BBQ, and Israeli dancing, you'll learn how olive oil is made, what herbs were used for medicinal purposes in biblical times, and even make your own pita bread! We'll conclude with reflections from the week and messages from our leadership.

Return to Tel Aviv for a goodbye dinner and **8:00 PM transfer to Ben Gurion Airport** for departing flights.

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