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**BIRTHRIGHT ISRAEL**

## **Birthright Israel: Hillel Trip**

**HL~38~ 408**

**Study Abroad**

**Thursday, December 27<sup>th</sup>**

*WELCOME TO ISRAEL- BUILDING JEWISH FUTURES*

**Arrive on flight AC 82 at 10:45 a.m.**

Arrival at Ben Gurion Airport: Welcome to Israel!

Pick up pre-ordered cell phones and change money.

**Open the trip with the beautiful view of the Mediterranean Sea** as seen from the once grand city of **Caesarea**, a vibrant port in the days of **King Herod**.

**Welcome to Israel:** Orientation, security briefing, and ice breakers.

**Course opening:** Food quality aspects, safety aspects, nutritional and health aspects (2 Academic hours)

***Overnight: North***

**Friday, December 28<sup>th</sup>**

*SYNTHESIS OF GEOPOLITICS, NATURE & HISTORY*

**Breakfast at the hotel.**

Overlooking the Syrian border from **Mount Bental**, explore the complex relationship between Israel and Syria focusing on the ramifications of the recent Syrian Civil War.

Visit a local **winery** to learn about the process of making Kosher wine, including wine tasting. (1 Academic hour)

Lunch on own.





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Off-road **Jeep Ride** along the dirt roads of the Golan, exploring its natural beauty and the Golan's strategic significance to Israel.

Return to hotel and prepare for Shabbat.

**Kabbalat Shabbat** - celebrate the beginning of Shabbat with a choice of services: Reform, Conservative, Orthodox, and additional Creative Options.

Festive Shabbat Dinner at the hotel

**Oneg Shabbat** with stories, singing and food...

*Overnight: North*

Shabbat, December 29<sup>th</sup>

*SHABBAT*

Breakfast at the hotel.

Shabbat morning programs.

Yad Vashem Preparation

Festive Shabbat Lunch

**Shabbat Menucha (rest).**

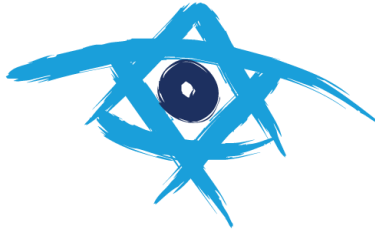
*Hillel Conversation: Who Is Israel to me?*

**Havdallah: Bein Kodesh Le Hol** – A Transition: From Shabbat to the regular week.

Night out in **Machane Yehuda** where, as night falls, the market is transformed into the HUB of Jerusalem's nightlife. With **dinner on own.**

*Overnight: North*





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Sunday, December 30<sup>th</sup>

*BEING THE “OTHER”: COMMUNITIES IN THE GALILEE*

**Our Neighborhood in 2018:** meet a leader from the field and hear about the **Geopolitical** realities in Israel’s broader neighborhood, including: **Iran, ISIS, the Palestinians, Lebanon and Syria.**

One of the four holy Jewish cities, **Tzfat** has always been shrouded with a mist of mystery and mysticism; walk through the picturesque alleyways and streets in this place that has been a magnet for great rabbis, mystics and artists.

Visit “**Adir**” **wineries** visitor center, cheese and wine and workshop (2 Academic hours)

Drive to a **Druze village** for a workshop with leading chefs to hear, taste and learn about the Druze cuisine. Including Dinner. (6 Academic hours)

*Overnight: North*

Monday, December 31<sup>st</sup>

*LEARNING THROUGH LIVING: DREAMS & REALITY*

Breakfast and check out of the hotel.

Drive to the **Kinneret college** to meet the student and join on site lectures. (6 Academic hours)

Go on a tour of the **Jordan Valley** to learn of it’s most significant export: **Dates.** (2 Academic hours)

**Lunch on own.**

Tie in session.

Enter **Jerusalem** and stop at **Haas Promenade** for an overview of Jerusalem and a Shehechyanu Celebration

Night out in Jerusalem to Celebrate the **New Year’s Eve.**

*Overnight: Jerusalem*





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Tuesday, January 1<sup>st</sup>

*JERUSALEM: THE PEOPLE, THE STORIES, THE STONES*

Guided visit through the Jewish Quarter of Jerusalem's **Old City**, exploring 3000 years of life and mystery, including a visit to the **Kotel (Western Wall), of the Temple Mount**.

Walk the paths of the **Southern Wall Excavation site**, where the ancient Israelites entered the second temple.

Go on a guided tour of **Machane Yehuda Market**, Jerusalem's **legendary open-air market**, where one can taste traditional foods from the various communities that have made the market what it is today, with lunch on own. [\(2 Academic hours\)](#)

**Mifgash Preparation**- get to know the life and culture of the Israeli soldiers who will be joining the trip.

*Overnight: Jerusalem*

Wednesday, January 2<sup>nd</sup>

*LIVING REALITY*

Breakfast and check out of the hotel.

Visit the **Yad Vashem memorial** complex, dedicated to the memory of the victims of the Shoa (Holocaust), including the Avenue of the Righteous Among the Nations, the Historical Museum and the Children's Memorial.

**Mifgash: One People** – Different Lands... Welcome the Israelis who will be joining the group for part of the trip.

Lunch on own.

Visit the boutique wineries of the Ella Valley and the Yehuda region. [\(2 Academic hours\)](#)

Drive south to the **Judean Desert**.

Stop at the **Kfar Hanokdim Bedouin Encampment** for a traditional Bedouin experience including, a Camel Ride, Bedouin Hospitality, a Hafla Dinner and overnight in a Bedouin Tent.





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*Hillel Conversation: What is Spirituality to Me?*

*Overnight: Hanokdim*

**Thursday, January 3<sup>rd</sup>**

*BUILDING BLOCKS OF NATIONHOOD: MASADA AS A CASE STUDY*

Rise and Shine to a new beautiful day in the Judean desert.

Breakfast.

Ascend **Masada** via the **Roman Ramp** for a guided visit and dialogue about the significance of the Masada story in contemporary Israeli society.

Lunch on own.

Cover yourself in mud and float on the water of the **Dead Sea**, at the lowest point on earth.

Drive north along the **Jordan Valley** to the Upper Galilee.

Check into the hotel, followed by dinner.

Enjoy a **Night Out** in the vibrant night life of the city that never sleeps- **Tel Aviv**

*Overnight: Tel Aviv*

**Friday, January 4<sup>th</sup>**

*TEL AVIV- A MICROCOSM OF ISRAEL*

Visit one of Tel Aviv's colorful markets where stalls of clothing and food mingle with high end restaurants to create an ever-evolving Israeli tapestry, **with lunch on own.** (2 Academic hours)

*From Ahuzat Bayit to Global Innovation Hub* - Walking tour through **Tel Aviv** exploring the creation of the first Hebrew city, and how seemingly conflicting visions of tradition and progress, religion and secularism, converged into the small streets of the burgeoning city.

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*Overnight: Jerusalem*

Shabbat, January 5<sup>th</sup>

*SHABBAT*

Breakfast at the hotel.

Shabbat morning programs.

Festive Shabbat Lunch

**Bnei Mitzvah Ceremony**

*Hillel Conversation: What is Your Israel Story?*

**Shabbat Menucha (rest).**

**Havdallah: Bein Kodesh Le Hol** – A Transition: From Shabbat to the regular week.

Dinner on own.

*Overnight: Jerusalem*

Sunday, January 6<sup>th</sup>

*JEWISH PEOPLE: HEART BREAKS & TRIUMPHS*

Visit Israel's national cemetery, **Mount Herzl**, and hear the stories of the leaders who dreamt of and built the State of Israel and the young people who died fighting for it.

Lunch on own

**Mifgash Summary Conversation** – In Hebrew the word is Lehitraot – the end of a trip together, and the beginning of relationships that last a lifetime.

Visit a Supermarket/hypermarket/Distribution centers (4 Academic hours)

Dinner at a local restaurant (2 Academic hours)





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*Overnight: Jerusalem*

Tuesday, January 7th

*CREATIVITY & FREEDOM*

*From Ahuzat Bayit to Global Innovation Hub* - Walking tour through **Tel Aviv** exploring the creation of the first Hebrew city, and how seemingly conflicting visions of tradition and progress, religion and secularism, converged into the small streets of the burgeoning city.

Lunch on own

On May 14<sup>th</sup> 1948, hundreds of men and women converged on a small house on Rothschild Boulevard and changed the future of the Jewish people. The house became known as **Independence Hall** which tells the story of the events that preceded and followed this historic moment.

Visit Carlsberg brewery Beer Developments Ashkelon (2 Academic hours)

*Overnight: Ashkelon*

Wednesday, January 8th

*THE RESILIENCE OF DREAMER AND DREAMS*

Guided visit through **Sderot** for a glimpse at the resilience and creativity of the community that has paid a heavy price for its location near the **Gaza Strip**.

Lunch on own

*Green Activity:* Visit **Shvil Hasalat (the Salad Way)** in Talmei Yosef, for a taste of the connection between agriculture, environmental innovation and fun.

Training-end & Course Conclusion (2 Academic hours)

Dinner at hotel.





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Closing Conversation and written feedback

*Overnight: Ashkelon*

Monday, January 9<sup>th</sup>

DEPARTURE

Breakfast and check out of the hotel.

Drive south along Israel's cross-country high way.

Lunch on own.

Drive to Ben Gurion Airport.

Depart on flight AC 85 11:55 a.m.

