



2020 VISION: *Jewish Women* PAST, PRESENT & FUTURE

Join Ellyn Hutt in Israel for a unique boutique journey.

- ✧ Explore the rich tapestry of the women who are the foundation of our people.
- ✧ Discover the bounty created by today's women entrepreneurs.
- ✧ Refresh yourself at the luxurious Carmel Forest Spa & Resort.



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(subject to modification)

Sunday, April 26 - Leave Denver

Monday, April 27 - Welcome Home!

Land at Ben Gurion (hopefully no later than noon) and be welcomed by Patrick Amar, our personal tour guide.

Board our private mini-bus, enjoy snacks, catch our breath, and take in the scenery on the way up to Jerusalem. Check into the Herbert Samuel Hotel, centrally located on Ben Yehuda Street and Jaffa Road. Head into the Old City for opening program and dinner. Join in the solemn national observance of Yom Hazikaron, Israel’s Memorial Day for fallen soldiers. The city will be mostly shut down and in a reflective mood. Sirens will sound at 8 pm.

Tuesday, April 28 - Jerusalem and Yom Hazikaron (Remembrance Day)

Breakfast at the hotel.

Walking tour of the Old City including the Kotel Tunnels (or other sites), the Jewish Quarter and the Aish building. We will have time to visit the Kotel in time for the 2nd Yom Hazikaron siren. Break for lunch in the Jewish Quarter. Class with Rav Gav or another Aish teacher and then an engaging and meaningful Chesed project with Yad I’Kashish <https://www.lifeline.org.il/index.aspx?lang=2>

The end of this day brings us to Yom Haatzmaut, Israel Independence Day, and we move from mourning to celebration. It’s a free night to enjoy the festivities, and most of the group will be going to the First Station (The Old Train Station) to join with hundreds of Jewish people, young and old, for music and more with the OU Israel Center.

Wednesday, April 29 - Gush Etzion and Yom Haatzmaut

Breakfast at the hotel.

Visit Rachel’s Tomb, a must for any Jewish person visiting the Land of Israel. What was Rachel’s secret? We will have time to learn more about Rachel and pray at her ancient burial place as well as learning how this site was saved for the Jewish people in a last-minute effort. Meet with and visit one of the local businesses with www.levhaolam.com that has been targeted by the BDS Movement. We are arranging a number of different opportunities to meet with and enjoy the delightful and delicious products being created in Yehuda & Shomron, e.g. chocolates, cosmetics, liqueurs, and other goodies.

In the afternoon, we'll join in on the traditional Yom HaAtzmaut BBQ with Jolie and Brett Eisen (formerly of Denver) in Efrat. Then, we will connect to one of the most ancient, intense, and sacred sites in Israel: Hebron and Ma'arat Hamachpela, the family tomb of our Matriarchs and Patriarchs (Sarah, Avraham, Yitzchak, Rebecca, Jacob and Leah). We will also meet with dynamic local Jewish women who will share the passionate story of the Hebron Jewish community's commitment and courage.

Following, we will explore the mystical and medicinal side of the seven fruits of the Land of Israel with Rebbetzin Chana Bracha Siegelbaum, Bat Ayin, Midreshet B'erot Bat Ayin. Author of *The Seven Fruits of the Land of Israel with their Mystical and Medicinal Properties*. Bat Ayin also has an ancient Wine Press and Mikveh that have been discovered. Then, we will meet Shlomit Cohen, creator and producer of "Gift of Nature Cosmetics" (part of the Lev HaOlam group).

Return to Jerusalem for a fun and fabulous dinner at Piccolino.

Thursday, April 30 - Shomron and Shilo

Breakfast at the hotel

Tap into the holiness of Shilo, the first capital of Israel and the location of the Mishkan/Tabernacle for almost 400 years. Shilo is a quiet, yet powerful place of prayer as this is where Chana prayed for the birth of a child. This will be a time for our own personal prayers as well. Winemaking has an ancient history in the Land of Israel. We will visit the Shilo Winery and hear how the land has come back to life with the Jewish people.

Lunch on the road. After, we will express your inner artist with Shira Haivri, Jewish artist, who will guide us in creating our very own Miriam's Redemption Tambourine.

Return to Jerusalem for a free evening to enjoy the town. This will be a good time to meet up with friends or relatives who want to see you in Jerusalem.

Friday, May 1 - Jerusalem

Breakfast at the hotel

Visit Hatzalah, the unique and renowned volunteer medical emergency response organization and hear about the amazing life-saving work they do. We will then explore how we can deepen our most important relationships in a special class with Ilana and Jamie Cowland from Aish HaTorah.

Everyone's at the Shuk and on Ben Yehuda Street on Friday afternoon. Be part of the bustling scene, buy some halavah, or just enjoy the people shopping and getting ready for Shabbat.

After, prepare for Shabbat and meet at the home of former Denverites, Vera and Marvin Kark, who will host us for a festive Shabbos dinner and services for those who wish to attend.

Shabbat, May 2 - Shabbos!

Breakfast at the hotel and a well-deserved sleep in!

We start the morning with a class with Ellyn. You can attend Shabbos services (TBD), walk to the Kotel or simply relax. We will share a shabbos lunch with a family TBD (in years past, we have had many an enjoyable and learned feast).

Afternoon to rest or walk, then we will gather to walk over to Yemin Moshe and the home of Ellyn's sister for 3rd meal and Havdalah. After Shabbat, it's time to join the crowd and be part of the Motzei Shabbat (Saturday night) nightlife. Stores and restaurants are open.

Sunday, May 3 - Be Like Ruth

Breakfast at the hotel

Today, we will fulfill the mitzvah of providing food for those in need, or as we say, our deserving brothers and sisters. We'll go into the fields and pick vegetables with Leket Israel www.leket.org

After working in the fields, we'll travel to enjoy a homemade lunch with Binyamin and Dalya Hutt at Yeshivat Shaalvim. On the way back to Jerusalem, we may visit other local businesses with Lev Haolam (food, jewelry, art etc) or have a speaker share insights with us.

Return to Jerusalem for our final evening in Jerusalem (free night).

Monday, May 4 - Heading North

Breakfast at the hotel and checkout, load the bus, and climb on board as we head north for a full day of touring. We'll go up to the Galilee and Golan Heights including a visit to a Kibbutz where they build furniture for synagogues, check out a newly excavated ancient synagogue and much more!

Check into the beautiful Carmel Forest Spa for dinner and relaxation.

Tuesday, May 5 - Letting it all soak in so we can take it home

Breakfast at the hotel and morning of relaxation, spa-ing (is that a verb ??) and treatments. Pack up as well. Late check out and travel to the picturesque town of Zichron Yaakov to meet with Dr. Devorah Kiesz who will speak to us about her work in teaching empathy to medical students — and life lessons for us as well.

Travel to Tel Aviv for our grand finale banquet, and then head to the airport for our return flights (midnight or close to then).

L'hitraot!

Return to Denver with beautiful memories, deep inspiration, and lovely new friends!

Can't wait to have you join us!!

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