

OLD NEW LAND

HERZL'S DREAM REVISITED

A TEXAS MELTON SEMINAR IN ISRAEL

Almost 120 years ago, Herzl visited Palestine, and was inspired to envision what could be built in the ancestral homeland of the Jewish People. Join fellow-Texans from Houston & Dallas on a fascinating journey into the OldNewLand which Herzl could never have imagined.



SEMINAR INCLUDES

- 10 nights accommodation at selected hotels (B&B)
- 11 additional meals, Shabbat inclusive
- Educational programming throughout
- Touring in a luxury, air-conditioned bus
- Portage at hotels

PRICE (Land cost, incl. shared accommodations) \$4,200



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A Melton Travel Seminar accompanied with students and graduates from across Texas

DECEMBER 3 - 13, 2018

MONDAY, DECEMBER 3

2:00 p.m. Introduction to seminar (hotel)
Points of Arrival: Earliest Tel Aviv and the Zionists (Field trip to Jaffa port)
Candle lighting and opening dinner
Overnight: Carlton Hotel, Tel Aviv

TUESDAY, HANUKKAH 2

a.m. Tel(s) of Spring: 100 Years Ago...
The View From Above (T.A. from the rooftop)
Study session: The City in Zionist Thought
"The stranger among you..." (Field trip to southern Tel Aviv)
Discussion: *Challenges to Israeli Society*
Lunch at leisure in the Hatikvah Quarter
p.m. ...and 3800 Years Back:
Field trip to Tel Beer Sheva
Travel to Mitspeh Ramon
Group dinner at hotel and debriefing
Overnight: Mitspeh Ramon

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 5

Of Cosmic Beginnings & Visionaries
a.m. *Pre-dawn Desert Encounters*
Breakfast at the hotel and morning to rest
Lunch at leisure
p.m. At Kibbutz Sde Boker:
BG's Vision of the Negev & Israeli Society
Yeruham: Redeveloping Development Towns
Meeting with community builders
Group Dinner with *The Chefs of Yeruham*
Summary Discussion
Overnight: Mitspeh Ramon

THURSDAY, HANUKKAH 4

Taming the Southern Frontier: BG's Dream
a.m. *The Challenge: Taming the Desert... or Adapting to it?* Visit Midreshet Sde Boker
Brief stop at BG's graveside
Lunch at Ben Gurion University
p.m. *The Bedouin: The Challenges of Integration in Contemporary Israeli Society*
(Visit a school and discussion OR Meet students at Ben Gurion University)
Proceed to Jerusalem
Check in and group dinner
Overnight: Inbal Hotel, Jerusalem

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 7

Likrat Shabbat Lechu Ve'Nelcha...
a.m. *Shabbat Shalom? Jews vs. Jews in Jerusalem and Israel* (Study session; Self-guided field trip exploring Haredi neighborhoods)
(Optional) Exploration of Machaneh Yehuda market and neighborhood
p.m. Afternoon free

EREV SHABBAT

Shabbat Dreams
Introduction to service options
Attend various minyanim in area
Shabbat dinner and reflections

SHABBAT MIKETZ

Vayinafash...
a.m. Free time to rest, pray, eat...
(list of synagogues provided)
Noon: Parashat Hashavua study session followed by lunch and rest
p.m. Neighborhood walk:
Exploring Komemiyut
Snacks and discussion:
On Jerusalem, Jews and Shabbat
Havdalah; Free evening
Overnight: Inbal Hotel, Jerusalem

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 9

A Land of Many Voices
a.m. *The Battle to Build a Nation* (Field visit to Ayalon Institute or Palmach Museum)
Travel North along the Coastal Road;
Lunch on own in Zichron Yaakov
p.m. *Ein Hod vs. Ayn Houd: The Art of Symbols*
(Tour of the village; study session)
Check in at hotel in Haifa
Dinner and debriefing session
Overnight: Dan Carmel Hotel, Haifa

MONDAY, LAST DAY HANUKKAH

Jews and Arabs Together... and Apart
a.m. Study session: *Jews and "the Other" - The Arab in Israeli Literature*
Haifa: A Mixed City
Introduction; Meeting with social activist and Field Trip in Wadi Nisnas
Lunch at leisure

p.m. *Carmiel: Who Lives in God's Vineyard?*
(field activity)
What Role Does the IDF Fulfill in Building the New Israel? Meet with soldiers or with pre-IDF Mechina program
Group Dinner
Overnight: Kibbutz Lavi

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 11

Galilee models of "Newer Jews" - Shaping Contemporary Jewish Self-Expression
a.m. *Still Building an Ideal Society?*
A short tour of Kibbutz Lavi
Field trip: *"From Beit Alfa to Nahalal" - Connecting over eighty years*
(1) Beit Alfa Synagogue:
What is Cultural Continuity?
(2) Mt. Gilboa - Site and Text in context:
The Deaths of Saul and Yonatan
Break for lunch
p.m. (3) Field trip to Nahalal cemetery:
Whatever Happened to "The Blue Mountain"?
Dinner en route to Jerusalem
Overnight: Inbal Hotel, Jerusalem

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 12

Is Jerusalem "as a city joined together"?
a.m. Study session: *Palestine and Israel in Mirror Verses*
Jerusalem - The View Along the Seam
(Field trip)
Group Lunch
p.m. *Voices in Dialogue:*
An Encounter with Jerusalemites
Debriefing Session and Free Evening
Overnight: Inbal Hotel, Jerusalem

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 13

Pulling It All Together: Visions of Zion in Zion
a.m. *The Whole Megilla - What Vision of Zion Does The Declaration of Independence Represent?* (Study session)
Justice in Jerusalem: Visit the Supreme Court
Visit The Hebrew University and meet with scholar
p.m. Lunch at leisure and free time
Summary Session: *The Old-New Homeland: Modern Israel and the Jewish People*
Festive Farewell Dinner