

# Chai Centre Canada Israel Trip

## Monday, November 20, 2023

**Arrive in Israel!**

**Meet your GoInspire Madrich and Load the Bus**

**Travel North to Caesarea**

**Lunch en Route**

**Tour the Ancient City of Caesarea**

Caesarea is an ancient port city with a long history. It was the capital of Roman Palestine named by King Herod in honor of Caesar. It is one of the most well preserved ancient cities in Israel with fascinating archaeological sites and the restored Caesarea amphitheater.

**Continue North**

A region rich in natural beauty and history, home to the Sea of Galilee, the Golan Heights, and historic cities such as Tiberias, Acco and Safed.

**Dinner at the Hotel**

**Overnight: Kibbutz Lavi Hotel**

The hotel is located in Kibbutz Lavi, an area of lush vegetation surrounded by green fields and a magnificent view of the region of the Sea of Galilee and the Golan Heights. The hotel boasts suites, deluxe rooms a spacious lobby and pool all for your enjoyment.

## Tuesday, November 21, 2023

**Breakfast**

**Depart for Tel Saki**

Meet with Yakov Selevan, a former IDF Major, and hear the unbelievable story of Tel Saki.

**Bunker Challenge**

Delve into the heart of history as you navigate through underground passageways and solve intricate puzzles, discovering the secrets of this ancient stronghold while testing your teamwork and wit.

**Lunch**

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## Visit Ein Kshatot

Immerse yourself in the rich tapestry of history at the Old Synagogue in Ein Kshatot, where ancient stones whisper stories of faith and community. This beautifully preserved archaeological gem offers a glimpse into the vibrant past of Jewish life in the Golan Heights, inviting visitors to connect with the heritage and spirituality that have echoed through its halls for generations

## Mount Ben Tal Lookout

Mount Bental is one of Israel's favorite mountain peaks to visit, partly due to the magnificent panoramic views of the Golan and even Syria but also because Mount Bental was the site of a courageous battle fought during Israel's war for the Golan. A short drive up, the mountain-top provides both scenic beauty and a glimpse back at the past – with bunkers open to visitors.

## Return to the hotel with time to freshen up

## Dinner at Hotel

## Kumsitz with Heshy Kuhnreich and Simply Tzfat

Simply Tzfat consists of 3 Breslev Chassidim - 2 guitars and one violin. They aim to spread the joy and inspiration of Breslev Chassidim.

## Ovenight: Kibbutz Lavi

## Wednesday, November 22, 2023

### Breakfast

### Depart for Tzfat

### Tour the Old City of Tzfat

Tzfat, perched on a mountaintop in the Upper Galilee is known as the mystical city of Israel and was home to many famous kabbalists and scholars. It still retains those mystical and magical qualities, and it is now home to many artists and artisans.

### Visit the Candle Factory

Step into the captivating world of craftsmanship and illumination with a visit to a candle factory in Tzfat. Marvel at the hands-on process of creating exquisite candles, from melting vibrant wax to shaping intricate designs, and immerse yourself in the age-old artistry that has made Tzfat a hub of creativity and cultural significance.

### Lunch on your Own

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## The Underground Tunnels of Tzfat

Unearth the secrets of Tzfat's history by venturing through its underground tunnels, an intricate 16th-century complex that lay dormant since the 1837 earthquake. As you traverse these hidden passages, you'll be transported back in time, discovering the remnants of a bygone era and experiencing the intriguing legacy of the city's past.

## Hike Mount Arbel

To the east side of the Kinneret stands the mountain of Arbel. The moderate uphill hike includes a beautiful view of the Kinneret and the surrounding region. It was here that Nitai Ha'arbeli mentioned in Pirkei Avos, once lived. In the face of its cliff is a four-tiered fortress which was used by the Jews as a hideout during the time of Hordus.

## Depart for Jerusalem

## Check in to Hotel

## Free Evening

## Overnight: Cassia Hotel, Jerusalem

The Cassia Hotel is located in the historic center of Jerusalem, close to many of the city's famous religious and cultural sites. The hotel offers comfortable guest rooms, on-site dining options, and a rooftop terrace with views of the city.

## Thursday, November 23, 2023

## Breakfast at Hotel

## Take a Cable Car up Masada

The incredible fortress of Masada is located in the astonishing Judean Desert. When you reach the top, explore Herod's palace fortress with its amazing ancient bath houses and mosaics as well as remnants of Roman encampments, synagogues and homes.

## Float in the Dead Sea

Take a dip in the Dead Sea a salt lake with natural healing properties. Don't worry if you don't know how to swim - nothing can sink in this salty water! At this beach, you're standing at the lowest elevation of the earth's surface on dry land—1,385 ft below sea level.

## Packed Lunch

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## Hike Nachal David In Ein Gedi

Nachal David has several waterfalls that cascade out from the desert hills with scenic paths. You can hike to the beautiful waterfalls and explore the fascinating Dudim cave at the top. A great way to experience first hand the nature and spectacular scenery of the area!

## Dinner and Camel Rides at Eretz Breishit

Eretz Breishit is a tent modeled after that of Avraham Avinu. There you can enjoy dinner and a camel ride all in the spirit of years gone by.

## Return to Jerusalem

Overnight: Cassia Hotel, Jerusalem

## Friday, November 24, 2023

### Breakfast at Hotel

### Depart for the Old City

### Visit Aish Hatorah World Center and Hall of Notes

Aish is a state of the art facility directly opposite the Western Wall. It hosts thousands of visitors annually for a variety of educational programs. Take a few quiet moments to reflect, and write your prayers and wishes to be placed in the Kotel stones.

### Visit the Western Wall

The Western Wall, also known as the Kotel, is a powerful and moving experience. It is considered the holiest site in Judaism, and it is where Jews have been coming to pray and leave written prayers for centuries. The Western Wall visit is a must for anyone visiting Jerusalem because of its great religious significance, history and cultural heritage.

### Western Wall Tunnel Tour

Go back over 2,000 years of Jewish History. Walk beneath the Western Wall and see the hidden layers come alive to tell the story of ancient Jerusalem.

### Walk Through the Geula Neighbourhood

As locals throng local shops to purchase the Shabbat necessities.

### Continue to the Machane Yehuda Shuk

Join the bustle as Jerusalemites prepare for Shabbat at this astounding and authentic Middle Eastern open air market.

### Lunch on your Own

### Free Time to Prepare for Shabbat

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## **Kabbalat Shabbat at the Western Wall**

Combine the holiness of space and time for a magical Kabbalat Shabbat at the Western Wall. Witness throngs of Jews from around the world joining at the epicenter to welcome the Shabbat Queen in joyous song and dance.

## **Shabbat Dinner at Hotel**

**Overnight: Cassia Hotel, Jerusalem**

## Saturday, November 25, 2023

### **Breakfast**

### **Optional Shabbat Morning Daveing**

### **Shabbat Lunch At Hotel**

### **Walking Tour of the Old City and Western Wall**

Walk in the footsteps of our ancestors through the ancient holy city surrounded by almost 4000 years of history. Visit the Cardo, Herodian Street, the rebuilt Hurva Synagogue and hear about the excavations for remnants from the Second Temple Period.  
David Solomon

### **Havdallah and Motzoei Shabbat Kumsitz**

Heshy Kuhnreich & Yochanan Chait

**Overnight: Cassia Hotel, Jerusalem**

## Sunday, November 26, 2023

### **Breakfast**

### **Class at the Hotel**

Rabbi David Aaron

### **Experience the World Famous Yad Vashem Museum**

As the Jewish People's living memorial to the Holocaust, Yad Vashem safeguards the memory of the past and imparts its meaning for future generations.

### **Depart for Chessed**

### **Volunteer at Pantry Packers**

Take part in an exciting hands-on opportunity to pack commodity food staples for Israel's neediest families. With the provided gloves, aprons, and caps, you will fill bags of rice, beans, and other commodities. These bags are later included in large food baskets destined for needy families throughout the country.

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## **Kever Rochel**

At Kever Rochel, you can pray at the grave of the mother of our nation. Buried at the side of the road so she could pray on behalf of her descendants leaving for exile, our mother Rochel never stops praying for us when we cry to her.

## **Free time for last minute shopping**

## **Meet back at the hotel and depart for Tel Aviv**

## **Blind Museum - Dialogue in the Dark**

Located within the Israel Children's Museum Aviv, Dialogue in the Dark is a unique opportunity to "see" the world through blind eyes. The guided tour is not an exhibition about blindness, but rather a journey that promotes non-visual awareness.

## **Farewell Banquet**

## **Depart for Ben Gurion**