

Jewish National Fund
JNFuture Volunteer Vacation

May 28th -
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SATURDAY, MAY 28- DEPART NEWARK

Meet fellow participants at Newark Airport for flight to Israel and embark on a journey to do your part in building the Land of Israel.

Together you will learn about the challenges of creating sustainable settlements in Israel's northern regions, the issues that face Israeli "development towns" on the periphery, environmental issues and - with JNF - take real steps toward continuing the reality of a Jewish State.



Northern Israel

SUNDAY, MAY 29 - ARRIVAL/DRIVE NORTH

Welcome to Israel! After a brief snack and refreshment, travel North to the Carmel to begin your seven-day adventure on this incredible JNFuture Volunteer Vacation!

Travel North where we will begin our program in Kibbutz Nir Etzion

Check in and join fellow group members for a welcome dinner at the Kibbutz's restaurant. Following dinner, proceed to the community space for orientation. Spend the next few hours getting to know your peers, enjoying dessert and reviewing the itinerary for the exciting week ahead.

Overnight: Kibbutz Nir Etzion.



MONDAY, MAY 30TH - AKKO



Kibbutz Nir Etzion

After breakfast travel to meet HaShomer HaChadash to help work the land. HaShomer HaChadash is a young, grassroots volunteer organization established in 2007 to help farmers and ranchers in the Negev and the Galilee who administer vast tracts of state-owned land to deal with the threat of illegal seizure of their land. Like the original Guardsmen who protected remote Jewish settlements 100 years ago, HaShomer HaChadash works to ensure a stronger Jewish presence in the Negev and the Galilee and uphold the Zionist ideals on which the State of Israel was founded.



Hashomer Hachdash

Enjoy a picnic lunch with HaShomer HaChadash and then spend the next few hours completing the project started in the morning.

Following a beautiful morning volunteering the group will travel to Akko.

Continue north to Akko, an underground crusader city and a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Akko has a fascinating history, with a rare blend of influence from both the east and west and also serves as a unique meeting place of art and religion, as well as contemporary living cultures and communities. Take a tour through the Old City and explore the gates, towers, tunnels and secret passageways of this ancient city. Check out the Crusader fortress, stroll through the shuk and witness the impressive remains built by the Hospitaller Order of Knights in the 12th and 13th centuries.



Hashomer Hachdash Bonfire

Visit the Western Galilee Now Visitors Center and learn about why Akko is the new gateway to Tourism. Hear from Michal Shiloah Galnoor, Executive Director of Western Galilee Now (WGN). WGN is aimed at promoting awareness and appreciation for the region's boutique wines, beers, food, and produce, along with its cultural diversity, its historic traditions. Following the visit to the Visitors Center, enjoy free time in the famous Shuk of Akko.



Akko

Enjoy dinner at Alto Dairy with local business leaders and learn about JNF's partnership with the Western Galilee Now. After a yummy dinner return to Kibbutz Nir Etzion for a group activity.

Overnight: Kibbutz Nir Etzion.

TUESDAY, MAY 31st BEIT SHE'AN



Beit She'an

After breakfast the group will proceed to Beit She'an for a morning of volunteering and an opportunity to check out the work being done on a new local community center.

Following an awesome morning the group will visit the famous Beit She'an National Park, the second largest national park in Israel. Established in the 5th century B.C. on a hilltop south of Nahal Harod, this park is one of the world's largest archaeological sites containing an entire Roman-Byzantine city. Climb atop the high mound that provides a breathtaking view of the Beit She'an Valley landscape.



Ruins in Beit She'an

Afterward, enjoy a picnic lunch at the Valley of Springs, home to numerous historical sites including Shlafim, a new joint secular/religious community. Take a tour of the first Tower, the Wall settlements, or the exciting "Trail in the Valley", which stretches out to 20 km of a walking trail in 32 sections, circumnavigating the entire Valley of Springs.

Next, visit Sde Trumot, located in the Beit She'an Valley. Founded in 1951 by Jewish immigrants, the moshav is one of four moshavim in the "Bikurah" bloc. Wrap up the day with dinner and folklore with a Kurdish family in Moshav Rehov, also part of the "Bikurah" bloc. Moshav Rehov is a modern community situated in Tel Rehov, a large mound located in the Beit She'an Valley with deep archeological and historical ties.



Valley of the Springs

After leaving the Sachne-natural pools travel to Arnold's for an unforgettable dinner. Hear from another member of WGN and learn why the partnership with JNF has helped his business and taste amazing food and wine from the region.

Overnight: Kibbutz Nir Etzion

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 1ST

Following a yummy breakfast the group will travel to LOTEM, a national organization in Israel that offers nature activities to people with special needs. Learn about how LOTEM maximizes its impact by offering a variety of services such as field trips, extracurricular activities, and creative workshops for people of all ages with physical, mental, and emotional disabilities.

After a fun and rewarding morning volunteer at Lotem, enjoy lunch in the beautiful Lotem gardens. Following lunch, join Lotem participants on a hike in Nachal Hashofet.



Lotem

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 1ST CONTINUED



Atlit

Following the hike, we continue to Atlit Illegal Immigration Camp, which JNF helped restore in partnership with the Society for the Preservation of Israel's Heritage Sites (SPIHS). Converted into a detention camp during the British Mandate, Atlit imprisoned thousands of Jewish immigrants upon their arrival into Israel. During a tour, see the newly restored Galina ship, a replica of a ship that carried 122,000 "illegal" immigrants in defiance of the British blockade to Israel.

After a riveting day enjoy a relaxing and enjoyable visit to Yiftachel Winery followed by dinner and a group activity at the Kibbutz.

Overnight: Kibbutz Nir Etzion



Leket

THURSDAY, JUNE 2ND JERUSALEM/ TEL AVIV

Enjoy breakfast at the Kibbutz and then travel to Leket Nahal and volunteer for a few hours. Leket Israel volunteers rescue thousands of tons of agricultural crops every year that are left to rot at the end of each season. Produce is collected from hundreds of farms and packing houses around the country and is temporarily stored in refrigeration rooms of the organization. The produce is subsequently transported to hundreds of organizations serving those in need throughout the country.

Visit **Ammunition Hill** which was a fortified Jordanian military post in the northern part of Jordanian-occupied East Jerusalem. It was the site of one of the fiercest battles of the Six-Day War and is now a national memorial site and symbol of the reunited Jerusalem. Following the visit enjoy a delicious lunch in the Ammunition Hill Reception Hall.



Jerusalem

Then drive to the old city for a visit at the Kotel. Following the visit to the Jerusalem travel to Tel Aviv to check-in to the Hotel.

After checking-in and getting changed, the group will have dinner at the famous Dr. Shaksuka followed by a free evening in Tel Aviv.

Overnight: Metropolitan Hotel



Ammunition Hill

FRIDAY, JUNE 3RD TEL AVIV



Graffiti in Florentin

After a relaxing breakfast at Bnei Dan, start the day with the option of a **graffiti tour** of the Florentin neighborhood or join some of the group at the world famous Pride Parade in Tel Aviv.

For those who participate in the graffiti tour you will be joining Niro Taub, Bezalel Academy for Art and Design graduate, tour guide and educator for a fascinating tour of Tel Aviv's street art. Discuss the difference between vandalism and art, and explore the ways in which Israeli street art differs from street art anywhere else in the world!



Sarona Market

Following the graffiti tour and a short ride the group will have a free afternoon for lunch in **Sarona**, a newly renovated complex in the heart of Tel Aviv, originally a German Templar Colony, in which 33 original Templar buildings dating up to more than 140 years have been restored, and today house boutique stores, artist galleries, quaint cafes, and some of the city's hottest restaurants and bars.

After free time the group will participate in Kabblat Shabbat and Shabbat Dinner with **White City Shabbat** and **JNFuture Tel Aviv**. White City Shabbat is the portal for Jewish Life in the White City. Bringing the concept of non-denominational Shabbat dinner parties to a wider community, the organization hosts its own private, warm, welcoming, pluralistic, all-inclusive Shabbat meals every month. White City Shabbat also hosts holiday celebrations and meals, Jewish learning series, beginners learning minyan, and inter-community programming.



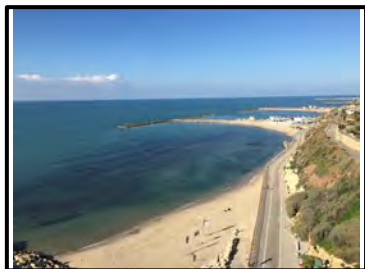
Tel Aviv Skyline

Overnight: Metropolitan Hotel

SATURDAY, JUNE 4TH TEL AVIV

After a free morning join the group for Text Study and lunch to learn about the weekly Torah reading and explore its relevance to the work you've done and the contribution you have made to the communities in the North.

After lunch join the group members at the pool or the beach. As the sunsets enjoy a beautiful Havdalah service and a free dinner in Tel Aviv. Following dinner check-out of the hotel and travel to the Airport.



Tel Aviv

SUNDAY, JUNE 5TH

Departure on EIAI Flight 27 at 12:30AM

