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*Itinerary is Subject to Change.*



Carlton Hotel

## SUNDAY NOVEMBER 30 • ARRIVAL /TEL AVIV

Welcome to Israel. Upon individual arrivals, transfer to the Carlton Hotel in Tel Aviv. The program will officially commence this evening with a **welcome dinner** at a local restaurant. Top neurological pediatrician and author, **Dr. Gary Diamond**, will join the group as a special guest speaker.

**Overnight, Carlton Hotel, Tel Aviv**

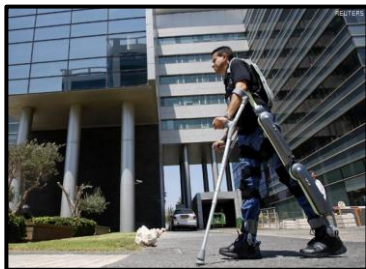


LOTEM

## MONDAY DECEMBER 1 • HAIFA / TEL AVIV

Following a delicious breakfast, depart the hotel and drive north along the scenic coastal route. Stop at an ecological farm in Emek HaShalom to learn about **LOTEM Integrated Nature Studies**, the leading organization in Israel offering field trips, extracurricular activities and creative workshops to people with special needs. During a tour along an inclusive trail and through the inclusive park, see LOTEM's accessible wine and olive presses and the future site of an accessible "bakery."

Continue to the nearby **RamBam Medical Center**, the premier medical institution in Haifa, which combines 3 world-class facilities and a focus on nine major disciplines in one place. Join several resident physicians on a tour of the center's trauma center, ranked as one of the best in the world, which cares for accident victims in peacetime, injured soldiers and civilians in war-time and mass-trauma casualties due to terrorism. Continue the underground parking lot, which transforms into a 2000 bed fortified emergency hospital within 72 hours in response to the exigencies of conventional, chemical or biological warfare.



ReWalk™

Following **lunch**, learn more about Israel's innovations and high-tech contributions to the medical field. Visit **Argo Medical Technologies** to learn more about the ReWalk™ exoskeleton suit, which has fundamentally changed the health and life experiences of individuals with spinal cord injuries. Meet injured IDF soldiers who will share their personal stories. See them use the exoskeleton suit to sit, stand, walk and climb stairs and understand how this technology has transformed their lives.

Later this afternoon, return to the hotel to relax and freshen-up before enjoying a special **home hospitality dinner** at the homes of local doctors and medical professionals.

**Overnight, Carlton Hotel, Tel Aviv**



Tel Aviv

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## TUESDAY DECEMBER 2 • NEGEV



Aleh Negev Rehabilitative Village

Following breakfast, depart the hotel and head south to the Negev. Visit **Aleh Negev**, a state-of-the-art residential facility that provides people with severe cognitive and developmental disabilities with high level medical and rehabilitative care. Join several doctors, physical therapists and other medical professionals on a tour of the state-of-the-art facility that provides occupational therapy, medical facilities and vocational training.



Be'er Sheva River Park

Enjoy **lunch and home hospitality** at the home of a local resident. She will prepare a delicious meal with authentic Israeli food.

Proceed to **Be'er Sheva**, the capital of the Negev. Visit the **Be'er Sheva River Park**, the centerpiece of JNF's efforts to provide a renaissance for the city. During a tour, hear an update on the project's amazing progress as well as plans for its continued development.



Ramon Crater

Afterward, continue to **Saroka Medical Center** for a tour. Meet several doctors and learn how this hospital treats profoundly diverse society of Jews, Arabs, Bedouins and others.

Later this afternoon, check into Beresheet Hotel in **Mitzpe Ramon**. Situated on the edge of a cliff overlooking the Ramon Crater, the hotel offers breathtaking views of this unique geological phenomenon. After checking-in, take advantage of the hotel facilities, rest, relax or indulge in an **optional spa treatment** at the hotel spa\*. Enjoy **dinner** at the hotel.



Beresheet Hotel

**Overnight, Beresheet Hotel, Mitzpe Ramon**

*\*additional cost*

## WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 3 • ARAVA / JERUSALEM



Park Yahel

This morning, consider an **optional spa treatment** at the hotel spa. Afterward, begin today with a visit to **Park Yahel**, a five-acre tourist complex and park at the entrance to Kibbutz Yahel in the Central Arava. Learn how the park is creating scores of jobs for kibbutz members and local residents, as well as impacting the Arava's economy.



Central Arava Medical Center

Continue to the new **Central Arava Medical Center** in Sapir. In partnership with the Central Arava Regional Council and the Israeli government, JNF has built a world-class medical center to replace the dilapidated clinic and provide quality care to local residents and workers. Meet **local doctors** who will explain how the medical center is improving the quality of life and care for those who need it most. Discuss the medical challenges of communities who live in the periphery.

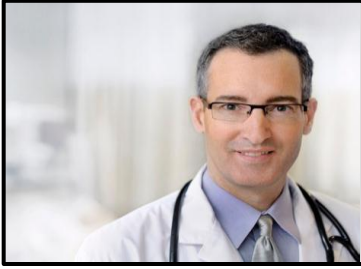
Following **lunch** in Sapir, visit the **Yair Research and Development Station** to learn how scientists and farmers are working together to find solutions to the challenges of desert agriculture. Meet with **Dr. Rivki Ofir**, lead researcher at the Arava Center for Drug Discovery, which is affiliated with Ben Gurion University in the Negev. She will discuss her research, which includes exploring the use of desert plants to fight cancer and neurological diseases.



Jerusalem

Continue to **Jerusalem** and check into the hotel. Enjoy **dinner** at a local restaurant with **Israel's Minister of Health** as a special guest speaker (*pending confirmation*).

**Overnight, David Citadel Hotel, Jerusalem**



Doctor

## THURSDAY DECEMBER 4 • JERUSALEM

This morning, visit **Herzog Hospital**, Israel’s foremost center for geriatric and psychiatric health care. Afterward, attend a **speaker panel** featuring several top Israelis doctors who will discuss the challenges they face treating a diverse group of patients, such as Palestinians, Bedouins and Israelis living on the West Bank.

### TRACK 1: SPEND A DAY WITH MEDICAL OLIM

Meet top **doctors who made Aliyah** from the United States to Israel. Each participant will be matched with another medical professional who shares the same (or similar) specialty. Each participant will have the opportunity to spend the day shadowing their corresponding doctor. Hear their personal and professional stories, watch them in action, share knowledge and gain insight in the daily lives of these doctors in Israel.



Old City of Jerusalem

### TRACK 2: JERUSALEM HIGHLIGHTS

Take a **walking tour** through the **Old City** of Jerusalem. Begin at the **Southern Wall Excavations** to see the original steps that lead to the Temple Mount. Proceed to the **Western Wall** and listen to the soft sounds of prayer and contemplation. Next, take an exciting tour through the **Western Wall Tunnels**, an incredible labyrinth of tunnels, arches and passageways that expose Jerusalem’s rich history, archeology and topography. Afterward, take a stroll down the **Cardo**, Jerusalem’s main street more than 2,000 years ago.



Yad Vashem

Afterward, take a solemn visit to **Yad Vashem Holocaust Museum & Memorial**. A sprawling complex of tree-studded walkways leading to museums, exhibits, archives, monuments, and memorials, Yad Vashem tells the story of the Holocaust from a uniquely Jewish perspective, emphasizing the experiences of victims through original artifacts, survivor testimonies & personal possessions.

Proceed to **Ammunition Hill**, site of the famous battle during the Six-Day War. During a tour, follow the footsteps of the soldiers who fought here and see the new “Seam-Line” multimedia show about the Six-Day War and the reunification of Jerusalem. Afterward, continue to JNF’s **Wall of Honor**, which honors Jewish veterans from around the world.



Ammunition Hill

Early this evening, both tracks will reunite for a special **farewell dinner** in Jerusalem before transferring to the airport for return flights to the USA.

### **Overnight, En Route**