

Jewish National Fund President's Society Mission

November 8 – 12, 2015
*Optional Pre-Mission to
Budapest, Hungary:
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Leadership

Ben Gutmann, *Mission Chair*

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Itinerary is Subject to Change.



David Citadel Hotel

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 8 • ARRIVAL / JERUSALEM

Welcome to Israel! Upon arrival, transfer to the luxurious **David Citadel Hotel** in **Jerusalem**. This evening, the mission will officially commence at an **opening dinner** with a special **guest speaker**.

Overnight, David Citadel, Jerusalem



Ammunition Hill

MONDAY NOVEMBER 9 • JERUSALEM

Following a delicious Israeli breakfast at the hotel, partake in a fun outdoor activity with members of **LOTEM**, the leading organization in Israel and JNF partner offering field trips, extracurricular activities, and creative workshops for people with special needs.

Later this morning, visit **Ammunition Hill**, site of the famous battle during the Six-Day War. During a tour, follow in the footsteps of the soldiers who fought here. Watch the new “Seam-Line” multimedia show about the Six-Day War and reunification of Jerusalem; See the **JNF Wall of Honor**, which honors Jewish veterans from around the world; and visit the new **Commemoration Hall** memorializing the lives of the brave soldiers that fell in battle.

Enjoy a catered **lunch** at Ammunition Hill before heading to the **Begin Museum**, which highlights the life and work of Prime Minister Menachem Begin.



Begin Museum

Afterward, proceed to the historic **Gush Etzion**, site of one of the deadliest battles during the War of Independence. Visit the promenade and **Gush Etzion Visitor Center**, home to a new memorial which commemorates the heroic men and women who gave their lives to protect the communities of the Etzion Bloc- strategically located between Jerusalem and Hebron.

This evening, enjoy **dinner** at a local restaurant with invited guest **Seth Davis**,



Gush Etzion Visitors Center

Overnight, David Citadel, Jerusalem

TUESDAY NOVEMBER 10 • JERUSALEM / NEGEV

Following breakfast and hotel checkout, depart south for the **Negev**.



Aleh Negev Rehabilitative Village

This morning, 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. A revolutionary facility that has changed the face of rehabilitative care in Israel, Aleh Negev is home to over 500 residential adults with disabilities and serves more than 12,000 children and young adults with disabilities each year on an outpatient basis.



Sderot Playground

Afterward, proceed to **Sderot** for a tour of the **Sderot Indoor Recreation Center**, the largest indoor playground in Israel and a JNF signature project. See how this fortified facility provides Sderot's youth with a safe, secure place to spend their time. Enjoy **lunch** at the playground with local residents before a drive-through tour of Sderot to see the new communities, local park, and hear about development plans for the future.



Halutza greenhouse

Continue on to **Halutza**, where several communities have been established for the Gush Katif evacuees. Meet Halutza residents who will share their experiences and stories of rebuilding their lives. During a tour of the community, see Halutza's organic vegetable farms and greenhouses that are flourishing in their desert surroundings.



Beresheet Hotel

Later this afternoon, check into the luxurious **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.

This evening, enjoy **dinner** in a private room at the hotel with a **special guest**.

Overnight, Beresheet Hotel, Mitzpe Ramon

WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 11 • ARAVA



Vidor Center

Following breakfast, depart for **Yerucham**, a small municipality in the northeastern Negev beautifully situated on a ridge between the large Yerucham Lake Park and the Big Crater. Here we will gain a better understanding of the critical future needs of this city.

Afterward, proceed to the **Central Arava** and see first-hand how JNF is transforming the region by revolutionizing the land and the lives of residents. Gain insight into the complex challenges and obstacles facing the Arava; hear updates on JNF's work to attract new residents and visitors; and see the overall progress and development.



Central Arava Medical Center

Visit the new **Visitors Center**, which acts as a "tourism anchor" for the region, for a multi-sensory tour featuring a 3D film screening, a glimpse into the greenhouses, and a journey into an interactive museum. Afterward, enjoy a catered **lunch** at the center.

Continue on to the **Central Arava Medical Center** in Sapid. In partnership with the Central Arava Regional Council and the Israeli government, JNF has built a world-class medical center to provide quality care to local residents and replace the dilapidated clinic.



AICAT Students

Afterward, visit the **Arava International Center for Agricultural Training (AICAT)**. Learn about how JNF is expanding this agriculture work-study program by helping to build a new onsite campus.

Following our return to the hotel, enjoy some free time. Consider an **optional spa treatment** and enjoy **dinner** at your leisure this evening.

Overnight, Beresheet Hotel, Mitzpe Ramon

THURSDAY NOVEMBER 12 • NEGEV / EN ROUTE



Avdat ruins

Following breakfast and hotel checkout, head to **Ein Avdat National Park**, a UNESCO World Heritage Site that encompasses the remains of one of the famed ancient Nabatean cities.



Be'er Sheva River Park

Later this morning, visit the **Tze'elim Tactical Training Center**. Enjoy an exclusive tour of this IDF base, followed by a demonstration and lunch with IDF soldiers. Learn about JNF's **Special In Uniform** program, which aims to integrate youth with disabilities into the Israel Defense Forces, as well as assist them in preparing for careers following army service.



Abraham's Well

Continue to **Be'er Sheva**, the capital of the Negev. Visit the **Lauder Employment Center** for a networking and brainstorming session with members of the **OR Movement**, a JNF partner that works to build new communities and populate the region, as well as **Tor HadMidbar**, a promising new organization that focuses on supporting the growth of social businesses in the Negev.

Afterward, drive-through through the Old City and hear updates on **Be'er Sheva River Park**, the centerpiece of JNF's efforts to provide a renaissance for the region. Proceed to the **Abraham's Well Visitor Center**, which features a multimedia museum for visitors to walk through history in Abraham's footsteps.



Earth's Promise

Conclude with a visit to **Earth's Promise**, a local community that works to promote urban agriculture and economic development through sustainable solutions.

This evening, enjoy a special **farewell dinner** before transferring to the airport for return flights to the USA.

Overnight, En Route