

Open Eyes, Open Heart: A Pilgrimage of Wonder & Blessing ALEPH's 2012 Jewish Renewal Pilgrimage to the Land of Israel

One's destination is never a place, but a new way of seeing things. - Henry Miller

When the heart is open, one sees differently. - Rebbe Zvi Elimelekh of Dynov, the B'nei Yissaskhar

Join us as we journey as Pilgrims to The Holy Land, to drink the Milk and Honey, feel the "sting and the sweetness" that is our inheritance. We will walk, pray, dance, learn, be challenged and explore the sights, sounds, fragrances, textures, peoples of Israel and Palestine. We will learn new ways of stretching to hold the multi-tiered legacy of the land and its peoples. We will bring our own blessing for peace and healing, receiving in turn the blessings of our ancestors.

In addition to the activities identified in the draft itinerary below, expect Rabbis Elliot Ginsburg and Shefa Gold to lead you through glorious text study, daily spiritual practice and powerful meetings with Israeli peace activists, cultural innovators and spiritual teachers.



About Our Group Leaders



Rabbi Shefa Gold and her husband, Rachmiel, are the co-directors of C-DEEP: The Center for Devotional, Energy and Ecstatic Practice in Jemez Springs, New Mexico. She teaches chanting, devotional healing, spiritual community building and meditation at congregations and retreats around the globe. She has produced ten albums and her liturgies have been published in several prayer books. She trains chant leaders in Kol Zimra, a two year program for rabbis, cantors and lay leaders and is on the faculty of the Institute for Jewish Spirituality. She published "Torah Journeys: The Inner Path to the Promised Land" in 2006 and "In The Fever of Love: An Illumination of the Song of Songs" in 2008.



Rabbi Elliot K. Ginsburg is Associate Professor of Jewish Thought and Mysticism at the University of Michigan, and rabbi of Pardes Hannah in Ann Arbor. He has written two books on the kabbalistic celebration of the Shabbat and is currently working on a scholarly study of Jewish mystical prayer and meditation and a multi-tiered study of Judaism as spiritual practice. He has published widely and has taught in synagogues, universities, and spiritual retreat settings throughout the United States, Israel, Australia and New Zealand. Elliot lives in Ann Arbor with his wife, Linda Jo Doctor, their three wonderful children, and their two mostly wonderful cats.

TRAVEL PACKAGE DETAILS

SERVICES INCLUDED:

- VIP airport greeting in Israel on February 23rd
- Hotel accommodations according to itinerary
- Licensed Israeli guide and deluxe bus daily
- All entrance fees and activity costs
- Most meals – as noted in itinerary

SERVICES NOT INCLUDED:

- Flights to/from Israel
- Meals not listed as included
- Travelers insurance
- Guide/driver gratuities (suggested \$100)

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PROGRAM ITINERARY

The following is a project program itinerary. A confirmed itinerary will be distributed approximately two months prior to the program and is subject to reasonable change.

Thursday, February 23 / Arrival to Israel

- Arrive to Israel in the morning or afternoon
- Travel southwards to the Negev Desert
- Program intro at the edge of the crater
- Check-in to hotel with dinner included
- Overnight: Ramon Inn & Spa, Ramon Crater
[Meals Included: Dinner]

Friday, February 24 / Community in the Desert

- Adama – Movement workshop in the desert
- Neot Smadar – Desert ecology and community
- Kabbalat Shabbat overlooking the Crater
- Overnight: Ramon Inn & Spa, Ramon Crater
[Meals Included: Breakfast & Dinner]

Saturday, February 25 / Shabbat at the Crater

- Shabbat services and lunch at hotel
- Optional nature walk along the Crater rim and relaxed afternoon to enjoy hotel facilities
- Evening: Bonfire dinner party in the desert
- Overnight: Ramon Inn & Spa, Ramon Crater
[Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner]

Sunday, February 26 / The Judean Desert

- Travel eastwards to the Judean Desert
- Ascend Masada via the Roman Ramp and explore the desert mountaintop fortress
Descend Masada via the cable cars
- Explore the desert waterfalls at the Ein Gedi Nature Reserve and float in the Dead Sea
- Travel to the Galilee via the Jordan Valley
- Wildflower tour in the Gilboa Mountains
- Check-in & dinner at kibbutz accommodations
- Overnight: Kibbutz Gonen Guest House, Galilee
[Meals Included: Breakfast & Dinner]

Monday, February 27 / Sacred Galilee

- Walking tour of mystical Tsfat, explore the artists quarter, and meet with David Friedman
- Traditional Druze lunch in the village of Peki'in
- Sacred sites of the Galilee – Rashbi's Cave, Mt. Meiron, Amouka, and Luzato's Grave
- Sunset cruise on the Kinneret and dinner on own in Tiberias on the lakefront promenade
- Overnight: Kibbutz Gonen Guest House, Galilee
[Meals Included: Breakfast & Lunch]

Tuesday, February 28 / Water and Israel

- Hula Valley Lake - Migratory bird refuge
- Nature walk to Banias River and Temple of Pan
- View of the region from Nimrod's Castle
- Guided kibbutz tour with dinner included
- Overnight: Kibbutz Gonen Guest House, Galilee
[Meals Included: Breakfast & Dinner]

Wednesday, February 29 / The Mediterranean

- Travel west towards the Mediterranean Coast
- Bahai Temple and Gardens on Mt. Carmel
- Explore Acco Seaport – The Crusader Castle, Tunisian Synagogue, and Zoharic map
- Descend into the Rosh Hanikrah ocean caves
- Overnight: Hofit Guest House, Mediterranean
[Meals Included: Breakfast]

Thursday, March 1 / The Old City of Jerusalem

- Ein Hod – Artist colony in the Carmel
- Ascend to Jerusalem – Panoramic intro and *shecheyanu* prayer at the Haas Promenade
- Walking tour of Jerusalem's Old City
- Overnight: Little House in Bakaa, Jerusalem
[Meals Included: Breakfast]

Friday, March 2 / Preparing for Shabbat

- View from the Mount of Olives

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- The Museum on the Seam in Jerusalem – Coexistence through Art
- Tree planting in Jerusalem's Bird Observatory
- Pre-Shabbat shopping at Mahane Yehuda
- Community Kabbalat Shabbat service and festive dinner included at hotel
- Overnight: Little House in Bakaa, Jerusalem
[Meals Included: Breakfast & Dinner]

Saturday, March 3 / Shabbat in Jerusalem

- Community services and lunch at hotel
- Walking tour of Jerusalem neighborhoods
- Evening: Free night out in Jerusalem
- Overnight: Little House in Bakaa, Jerusalem
[Meals Included: Breakfast & Lunch]

Sunday, March 4 / In the Jerusalem Hills

- Nature walk to the Sataf – Ancient cisterns, springs and contemporary organic farm
- Lunch at Lebanese Restaurant in the village of Ein Karem outside Jerusalem
- Overnight: Little House in Bakaa, Jerusalem
[Meals Included: Breakfast & Lunch]

Monday, March 5 / Contemporary Tel Aviv

- Travel to Tel Aviv in the morning
- Encounters with local social activists & leaders
- Bauhaus architecture tour in the "White City"
- Sunset walking tour of old Jaffa seaport
- Dinner in the dark at Blackout Restaurant
- Return to Ben Gurion Airport in the evening for late night flights back to North America
[Meals Included: Breakfast & Dinner]

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

PARTICIPANT #1

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____ DOB: _____

Phone #: _____ Email address: _____

Mailing Address: _____

PARTICIPANT #2 (if applicable)

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____ DOB: _____

Phone #: _____ Email address: _____

ROOMING NOTES: _____

Requests for roommate will be accommodated where possible

MEDICAL & DIETARY NOTES: _____

EMERGENCY CONTACT

Name: _____ Relation: _____ Tel: _____

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PROGRAM SELECTION & COSTS

Please indicate the number of travelers and package details that you are selecting

____ Program Cost [\$2,850] ____ Single Supplement Fee [\$600]

Interested in travel insurance? Go to www.GroupTravelInsuranceIsrael.com for details.

Terms of Participation. A \$250/person deposit is due with registration. The balance of program costs is due 90 days before the trip. Participants canceling within 90 days of the program start date will receive a refund, minus the \$250/person deposit. Participants who cancel between 90 and 45 days before the program will be eligible for a refund, minus a \$1,000 cancellation fee. Participants who cancel within 45 days of the program start date are not eligible for a refund. All cancellations must be made in writing. Program is subject to a minimum of 20 participants and a max of 32.

PAYMENT DETAILS

Total Amount Due: \$ _____ **Total Deposit Due with Registration:** \$ _____

Payment Method (check one): Check _____ Visa/Mastercard _____

If paying by credit card, please complete the following section. Unless otherwise noted, credit cards will be charged deposit upon receipt and balance 90 days prior to the start of the program.

Credit Card #: _____ Exp. Date: _____ Security Code: _____

Name on Card: _____ Billing Address: _____

Signature: _____ Name: _____ Date: _____

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