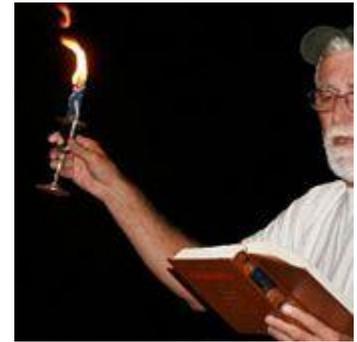




Israel Tour 2018

The teachings of Joseph and Debbie Good based on extensive study of
Hebraic Roots, Torah, Classic Jewish Texts, and New Testament Sources



April 15-29, 2018, 15 days
\$4424 from JFK (\$3210 land only)



Magdala Stone



Dead Sea from Scroll Cave



Sailing Sea of Galilee



Temple Mount, Jerusalem, from Mt of Olives

Please note: Hatikva travelers have two options for getting to Israel.

(1) Fly to Israel on your own and pay the \$3210 land-only price. To connect from your home airport with the group flight from JFK, connect to Delta 468 from JFK to TLV on April 15 and Delta 469 on the return to JFK late night April 28 (arriving JFK April 29). You do NOT have to use Delta flights if another airline works out better for you for schedule and/or price (see note on Day Two below).

(2) Make your own way to JFK airport in New York City at your own expense and then fly with the group on the above Delta flights. (Also possible to fly into LaGuardia (LGA) or Newark (EWR) or Islip (ISP for Frontier and Southwest), then transfer to JFK by cab or train or shuttle—but leave plenty of time.

In either case, (1) or (2) above, Hatikva tour operator Ron Cansler will be happy to consult and assist in making flight reservations as necessary (ron.cansler@yahoo.com, 417-499-8685).

If anyone flying on his or her own wishes to arrive in Israel earlier or stay later than the group, tour organizer Ron Cansler will assist with additional transportation and hotel nights as necessary.

Day one, Sunday, April 15: depart USA to Israel.

Day two, Monday, April 16: the group flight from JFK is scheduled to arrive in Israel at 4:15PM. People who make their own flight arrangements from the USA to Israel can arrive at any time during the day or night. If they arrive near the group arrival time, they can ride with those on the group flight to the hotel; if not, the tour operator can arrange transportation at nominal additional cost. Overnight and dinner at a deluxe hotel right on the Mediterranean seacoast. Full buffet breakfast and dinner included each day at hotels.

Day three, Tuesday, April 17: start touring with a remembrance of the May 14, 1948, founding of Israel as a nation among the nations of the world at **Independence Hall**, where it happened. Then by deluxe air-conditioned, Wi-Fi equipped coach up the Mediterranean seacoast to **Caesarea Maritime**, the artificial harbor and city created by Herod the Great and named for his Roman patron. View a short film on the history of the site, then explore the actual palace layout for Herod Agrippa, before whom the Apostle Paul declared the truth of the Resurrection until Herod was “almost persuaded” before sending Paul on to Rome for trial and martyrdom. Sit for teaching in the restored Roman theater. Walk the track of the hippodrome where chariot races just like from *Ben Hur* were run. Explore the Crusader fortress protected by moat and portcullis from invading Muslims—not enough to stop the invading horde from sacking the city and driving the Christians protecting the Holy Land back across the sea (until the Holy Land was liberated again by General Allenby in 1917). On to the pinnacle of **Mt Carmel (Muhraqah)**, for an astounding 360-degree view over the sea and lush Jezreel valley from where Elijah challenged Queen Jezebel’s pagan priests

of Baal and ran the Brook of Kishon red with their blood. Check in for three nights at the entirely kosher experience of Kibbutz Hotel Lavi in the green Galilean hills.

Day four, Wednesday, April 18: into the **Golan Heights**, at once fertile (see Amos on the “fat cows of Bashan”) and strategic. Study **Hazor**, the largest archaeological site in Israel where Joshua defeated the Canaanites at “the head of all those kingdoms” and was later a Solomonic fortified city. At the base of **Mt Hermon**, where the headwaters of the Jordan River bubble up from snow-melt springs, walk the remains of **Caesarea Philippi** where Yeshua led His disciples when it was the center of Roman political might in the Galilee as well as the pagan worship of Pan; from there, having asked “Who do men say that I am?” and rejecting Peter’s admonition that the Messiah would not be killed, Yeshua resolutely set His face toward Jerusalem. On the camel-backed hill of **Gamla**, often known as the “Masada of the north” explore where zealous Jews threw themselves off the cliffs rather than submit to slavery and idolatry (except for Josephus, who turned traitor and propagandistic historian).

Day five, Thursday, April 19: study war some more at **Mt Arbel**, from whose peak the Sea of Galilee and the Galilean hills are in dramatic display . . . and where Roman soldiers with grappling hooks flushed out Jewish resisters from their bluff side caves. At the more tranquil **Sepphoris**, see ancient mosaics including the often-called “Madonna of the Galilee” and an ancient early fifth-century synagogue with its puzzling, apparently-pagan zodiac. Sepphoris was a Decapolis city built in the time of Yeshua’s youth—many experts believing the carpenter Joseph and his young son apprentice would have

been hired as builders. Study prophecy at the ruins of **Chorazim**, where Yeshua prophesied the city's doom for unbelief. Walk the streets of the recently-uncovered city of **Magdala** (home of Mary the Magdalene) with the unique synagogue stone that appears to bear carved representations of the Second Temple. Enjoy a boat ride on the **Sea of Galilee** on an enlarged representation of the boats Yeshua's fishermen disciples used, based on an actual boat from Second Temple times raised from the bottom of the lake by marine archaeologists, which you will study in its unique museum setting on the Sea of Galilee shore.

Day six, Friday, April 20: it's "Up to Jerusalem," arriving before Shabbat begins and on the way first stopping at **Bet Shean**, first known as the city where Saul and his sons were hung on the walls by the Philistines and later a Decapolis city that was destroyed by earthquake and now nearly miraculously restored by archaeologists. Also stop while driving down the Jordan Valley at **Bethabara**, which many experts believe is the spot "beyond the Jordan" where John baptized Yeshua. In Jerusalem, beat a path to the **Kotel or Western Wall**, original retaining wall of the Second Temple and now where Jews study Torah, celebrate Bar Mitzvah, and watch pilgrims leave prayers in the crannied wall of megalithic stones.

Day seven, Saturday, April 21: Shabbat

Day eight, Sunday, April 22: start the day atop the **Mt of Olives** with a panoramic view over **Temple Mount**—and actually go under the Temple Mount complex exploring the Rabbis' Tunnel. Lunch on your own in the **Jewish Quarter** with Judaica shopping at **Shorashim** and the restored Roman shopping street named **The Cardo**. Study the 1st Temple model in Jerusalem before going outside the city to the **Israel Museum** for a teaching walk around the immense outdoor scale model of Second Temple Jerusalem and viewing the artifacts from the Dead Sea Scroll discoveries.

Day nine, Monday, April 23: fascinating day at archaeological sites so impressive they are now national parks: the Levitical city of **Gezer**; **Lachish** as destroyed by Sennacherib in the 701 revolt led by Hezekiah; **Maresha-Beit Guvrin** with its bell caves and curious burial monuments.

Day 10: Tuesday, April 24: drive to the lowest spot in the world with the saltiest water in the world at the **Dead Sea**. Ascend by cable car to

Masada overlooking the Dead Sea to explore Herod the Great's multi-purpose winter palace and fortress against Queen Cleopatra's raids from Egypt—and where zealous Jews fled after the 70AD destruction of the Temple and held out till 73AD against the might of Rome. See the oasis of **En Gedi**, where David spared the life of his persecutor King Saul, and view the caves of **Qumran**, where the Dead Sea Scrolls were discovered.

Day 11, Wednesday, April 25: stand on the actual **Southern Steps** to the Second Temple where Yeshua watched and taught, then ascend **Temple Mount** for on-site study of current knowledge about Mt Moriah, the First and Second Temples, and the ugly Dome of the Rock and Al Aqsa mosques squatting there now. More time under Temple Mount at "**Zedekiah's Cave**," also known as "Solomon's Stables," actually an Herodian quarry for Temple building materials. Study the detailed scale model of the Second Temple at the Schmitt College.

Day 12, Thursday, April 26: full exploration of the ongoing excavations of the original **City of David** as captured from the Jebusites when David's men ascended the "water shaft." Those who wish should bring water shoes and a small flashlight to wade Hezekiah's hand-chiseled tunnel from the **Gihon Spring to Pool of Siloam** that brought precious water into Jerusalem in time of siege (dry passageway available for others).

Day 13, Friday, April 27: outside the city, spend time at **Yad V'shem**, the Holocaust Memorial. Time permitting before Shabbat, experience the vibrant sights and fragrances of the **Mahane Yehuda** outdoor market.

Day 14: Saturday, April 28: day of rest before Shabbat dinner at hotel. Hotel check-out is 8:00PM unless otherwise arranged and paid for, then to airport to check in for the late-evening group flight (or other individual flight arrangements as necessary with transfers to airport on own).

Day 15: Sunday, April 29: the group flight is scheduled to arrive back in JFK at 5:00AM. Those flying back to other airports from JFK should leave *minimum* of three hours before connecting flights.

Registration details on back of brochure

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

U.S. passport valid through end of November, 2018, is required; anyone with non-U.S. passport, please contact tour operator.

Payment schedule: Of the \$4424 total price, \$400 first payment is required to guarantee a place on the tour. Second payment of \$1600 is due January 10. Final payment of \$2424 is due February 28. \$1214 credit for arranging own air is deducted from final payment. Credit cards may be used for second and final payments with a non-refundable 5% processing fee, which will show up on credit card statements from Rafi Shelef Tourism, Tel Aviv.

Tour price includes . . .

Group air transportation currently scheduled on Delta can be on any regularly-scheduled airline, economy class. Cancellations after the air tickets have been issued are subject to a cancellation penalty as imposed by the airline. Current air fuel charge and taxes/fees of are included and no change is anticipated. Please note: frequent flyer miles or credit card points cannot be used to purchase or upgrade air tickets; however, if you arrange your own airfare, deduct \$1214 from final payment.

Accommodations in superior and deluxe hotels, private bath. Cost for anyone staying in a single room \$1154.

Meals daily buffet breakfasts and dinners in hotels.

Sightseeing in the itinerary including entrance fees and services of English-speaking guide.

One regular-sized suitcase, maximum 50 pounds, is currently allowed free of charge plus one personal item and one “carry-on” that will fit under the seat ahead or in the overhead bin. Tour organizers accept no liability for loss or damage to any baggage.

All tips to guide, driver, hotel and restaurant personnel, and porters are included.

Tour price does not include beverages not on regular menu; sightseeing or services not specifically mentioned or noted as optional; baggage charges that may be implemented by airlines (none as of this printing).



Temple Mount with Dome of the Rock above the Western Wall of The Temple from Yeshua's Time

Cancellation policy: No penalty for written cancellations received before December 31, 2017. Written cancellations received January 1-31 are subject to a \$400 per person cancellation fee. Written cancellations received February 1-28 subject to \$2000 cancellation fee. No refund for written cancellations received after February 28. No refund made for missed services while on tour.

In addition to the above cancellation fees, airline tickets are not refundable once issued. We recommend the purchase of travel insurance, which covers medical expenses as well as cancellation penalties and other eventualities. Please note: Healthcare and Medical Costs outside the USA are not covered by basic Medicare; information on travel insurance available on written request to tour organizer ron.cansler@yahoo.com.

Brochure price based on minimum 26 total travelers and VAT policy and shekel/dollar exchange rate of August 15, 2017.

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