



"For the sake of Zion I will not be silent,
for the sake of Jerusalem I will not be still."

(Isaiah 62:1)

See, Meet,
Experience
Israel as Never
Before





Extraordinary Experiences in the Holy Land

From Jerusalem to the Galilee, Masada to Nazareth, Megiddo to Capernaum, the Land of Israel is a rich mosaic of ancient history and modern nation-building. It is the land that G-d gave to Abraham 3,000 years ago, and the place where an ancient people has been reborn.

Visiting the Holy Land is an extraordinary experience that is never forgotten. Travelers walk in the footsteps of the patriarchs, explore the biblical heartland and see the words of Scripture come alive.

The Jewish Agency for Israel offers trip planners a number of truly unique site visits and programs for every visitor to see, meet and experience Israel like never before. Trip participants will feel the biblical prophesy of the "Ingathering of the Exiles" as they interact with new immigrants the world over; meet with Israeli soldiers and see how these brave young men and women defend their nation; and engage in activities with modern-day pioneers and children in youth villages who are succeeding against all odds.

All of the programs and activities offered in this booklet are flexible, and can be tailored to your groups both in terms of time and location – from the North to the South. They are all free of charge, unless otherwise noted.

Our Missions Department looks forward to working with you to develop unforgettable programs.

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**"And behold, the Lord stood above it and said, "I am the Lord, the God of your father Abraham and the God of Isaac; the land on which you lie, I will give it to you and to your descendants."
(Genesis 28:13)**

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The Ingathering of the Exiles

The miracle of the rebirth of the State of Israel brought about the prophetic fulfillment of the "Ingathering of the Exiles". The Jewish people, dispersed for thousands of years, returned to their homeland. From the ashes of the Holocaust, Morocco, Iraq, Iran, Yemin, Australia, North and South America and most recently the former Soviet Union and Ethiopia, the descendents of Abraham have reclaimed their birthright as written in Genesis 17:8, "And I will give unto thee, and to thy seed after thee, the land wherein thou art a stranger, all the land of Canaan, for an everlasting possession..."

We offer a number of exciting programs to share in the joy of the Ingathering.

1. Absorption Centers – A New Beginning

The Jewish Agency has been instrumental in bringing home and absorbing some three million new immigrants since Israel's establishment in 1948. For vulnerable new immigrants from around the world, Jewish Agency Absorption Centers help them to realize their dream to become part of the Jewish State. These Centers provide a supportive, sheltered first home during the difficult transition period following arrival in Israel.

**“And He shall set up an ensign for the nations, and shall assemble the outcasts of Israel, and gather together the dispersed of Judah from the four corners of the earth.”
(Isaiah 11:12)**

Options for absorption center visits include: participating in an ulpan (Hebrew language class) with new immigrants, taking part in afternoon enrichment activities, meeting and interacting with people from different cultures and hearing their amazing stories, engaging in arts and crafts projects together.

Different absorption center populations: Families, Ethiopian new immigrants, young adults who come to Israel on their own from all over the world.

Locations from North to South: **Ayelet HaShacher**, Nahariya, **Safed**, Carmiel, Kiryat Yam, **Tiberias**, Haifa, **Upper Nazareth**, Afula, Ra’anana, Lod, **Mevasseret Zion**, **Jerusalem**, Ashdod, Ashkelon, Kiryat Gat, Sderot, Beer Sheva and the Negev.

2. Kibbutz Experience – Realizing the Dream

In the early pioneering days of pre-State Israel, the kibbutz was the symbol of the new Jewish settler spirit – working the land of Israel, turning marshland into fertile land, developing agricultural innovations and creating an equal society based on the needs and abilities of each individual.

Today, the kibbutz still retains its pioneering spirit, and new immigrant families are welcomed into these warm agricultural communities. The Jewish Agency provides transformative absorption opportunities for young adults on kibbutz, where they work and learn Hebrew, as well as a program for families, “First Home in the Homeland”.

Options for kibbutz visits include: Tour of a kibbutz and learning about this unique way of life, participating in an ulpan class with new immigrants, experiencing kibbutz work with new immigrants, hearing incredible stories of the realization of a dream in the Holyland..

Locations from North to South: Near Haifa, Yokneam, Zichron Yaakov, **Megiddo**, Netanya, Lod, **Jerusalem** (Judean Hills), Na’an, Ashdod, Ashkelon, Northern Negev, Beer Sheva and Eilat.

3. Share the Journey – Faces of Aliyah

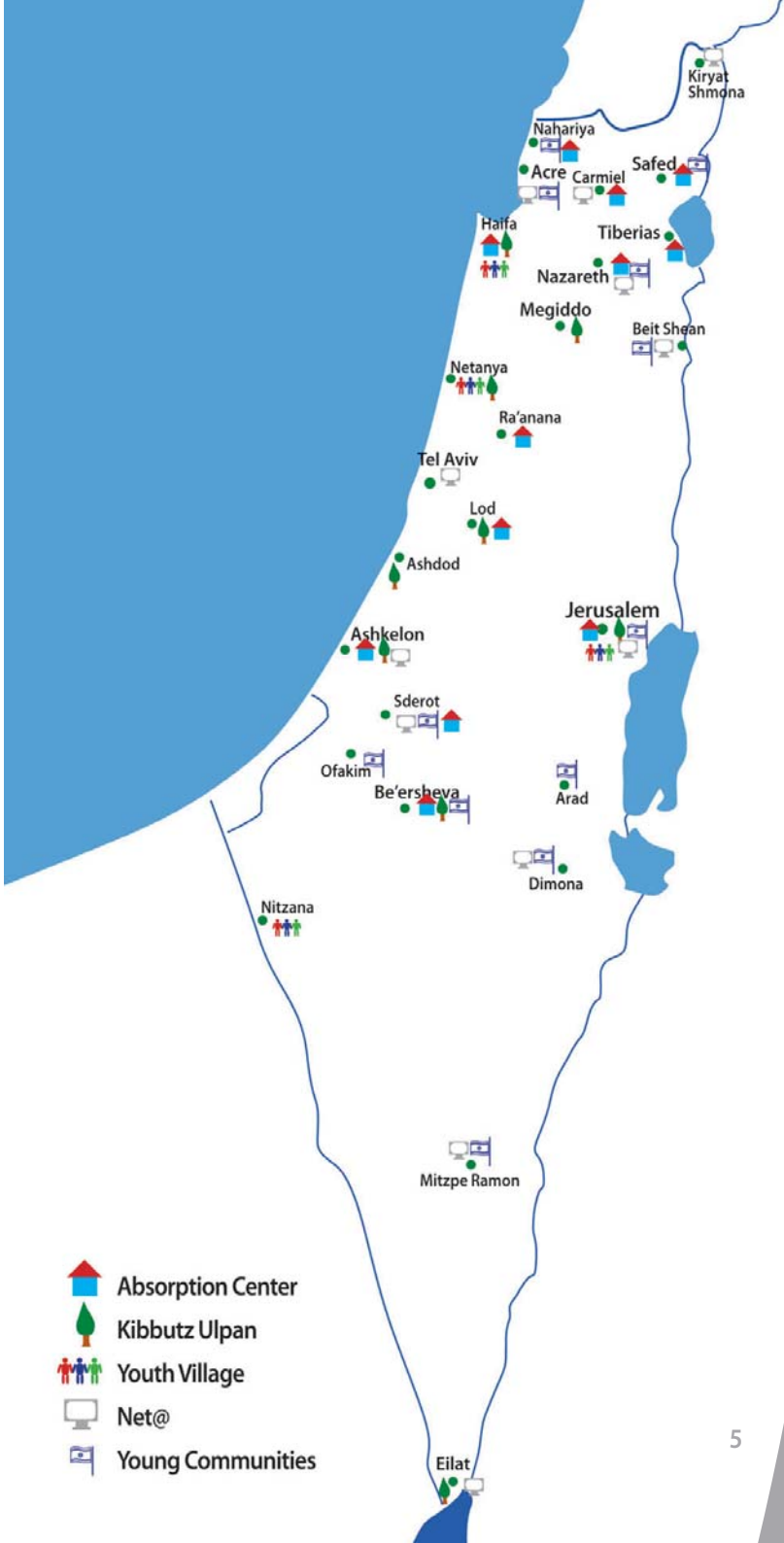
A Jewish Ethiopian man was tortured in the desert and almost died in a disease-infected refugee camp on his journey to his homeland. Russian young adults had no idea they were Jewish until the Jewish Agency came to their cities and helped them return to their people. Yugoslavian youngsters were rescued from the country’s bloody civil war and brought to Israel. Some 14,000 Ethiopian Jews were airlifted to Israel in 36-hours in one of history’s most daring rescue missions, “Operation Solomon”, in 1991.

These are just some of the fascinating Jewish Agency tales of new immigrants. There are so many stories to share. Wherever your group is in Israel, we can arrange for Faces of Aliyah speakers to share their inspiring stories and in turn give inspiration to those who love Israel.

*Places in bold are in close proximity to popular Holy sites



The Land of Israel





60 שנים ל"עצמאות"
אורחים

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**“God will give
might to His
nation, God will
bless His nation
with peace.”
(Psalm 29)**

Defending the Homeland

Thousands of Jewish young people from around the world have bravely left their families and friends to build their future in Israel. Many of these young people are determined to join the Israeli army to defend their country. “This is the land of my forefathers, my nation, my people, and I want to do everything I can so that we can live in peace,” says one young lone soldier from France.

The Jewish Agency gives support to lone immigrant soldiers in Israel during their army service. From telephone cards to call their families weekly, to gift certificates to buy appliances and financial support when necessary, the Jewish Agency is by their side.

Your group can meet, interact and show their support for these brave young people who have left everything to protect the people and the land of Israel.

1. The Wings Program

Many lone soldiers came home to Israel as teenagers and have never experienced civilian life as adults in Israel. The Jewish Agency’s Wings program offers these soldiers a weeklong course to learn about national insurance, medical insurance, taxes, the rights of discharged lone soldiers, college scholarships for new immigrants and entering the job market. Your group can participate in one of the workshops and get to know these wonderful young people.

Opportunities are available to invite a lone soldier to speak at a meal, an event or on-site.

2. Care Packages for Soldiers

Families of Israeli soldiers regularly send care packages to their sons and daughters in the army. These packages cheer up the soldiers and bring tender loving care from home. But lone immigrant soldiers without family in Israel are not as fortunate. Your group can work together to make lovely care packages for Israel’s soldiers and bring a smile to the faces of these dedicated defenders of Israel. There is a small fee for this activity.

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I Will Bless Those That Bless You

Israel's children are the future of the Jewish nation. For those growing up in difficult socio-economic situations, basic needs like a warm, loving family, a hot meal every day, and a good education are only a dream.

With the generous support of Friends around the world, the Jewish Agency is giving these children the chance for a better life. Against all odds these wonderful kids, many of whom are children of new immigrants, rise above their circumstances and begin to believe in themselves and in their ability to succeed.

1. Youth Villages

Since the first Jewish children were rescued from the Holocaust and cared for at Youth Villages in the "Promised Land", hundreds of thousands of vulnerable, at-risk children have found a safe, normative, environment at a Jewish Agency Youth Village. It is here that they receive both the academic and emotional intervention needed to heal and flourish, ultimately taking their place in Israeli society.

The successful Youth Village model and its innovative educational and therapeutic approaches have been adopted by countries around the world.

Options for Youth Village visits include: Tour of a Village to learn about this innovative approach, meeting the children to hear incredible stories of how risk has been transformed into opportunity, engaging in activities with the children, learning about different therapeutic methods such as horseback riding, art and drama.

Locations from North to South: Near Haifa, Netanya, **Jerusalem**, and the Negev desert, on the Egyptian border.

2. Net@

Through the Net@ program the Jewish Agency is bringing teens from high risk to high tech. Net@ is an exciting after school initiative that trains high school youth in the periphery of Israel to become internationally certified advanced network technicians, while developing a sense of volunteerism and community leadership. Net@ puts the spark of learning back into the lives of youth and gives them the motivation and opportunity to get on the fast track to a high tech future.

Options for Net@ visits include: Meeting with the Net@ students and hearing their fascinating stories, sitting in on a Net@ class and participating in community service activities with the students.

Locations from North to South: Kiryat Shmona, Carmiel, **Acre, Western Galilee, Nazereth, Beit Shean**, Hadera, Tel Aviv, Ramle, Beit Shemesh, **Jerusalem**, Sderot, Ashkelon, Beer Sheva, Dimona, Mitzpe Ramon and Eilat.

3. Young Communities – A New Kind of Zionism

Young Israelis who care about others less fortunate than themselves and about social justice are creating a social revolution in Israel. These 21st century pioneers are building new community settlements with their own hands in the Negev desert and the mountains of the Galilee. They inspire these underdeveloped regions with their innovative social programs for vulnerable populations and their work in underprivileged communities. They are motivated to make a difference and are bringing a new spirit of collective social activism to Israel.

Options for Young Communities visits include: Visiting a new community and feeling the challenge and excitement of this exceptional undertaking, speaking with motivated young people who are committed to social change and hearing about the wonderful volunteer work these pioneers are doing with senior citizens, youth and children at risk, and special needs people.

Locations from North to South: Nahariya, **Safed, Acre, Upper Nazareth**, Midgal Haemek, Yokneam, Beit Shean, **Jerusalem**, Ashkelon, Sderot, Netivot, Ofakim, Arad, Beer Sheva, Dimona, Yerucham and Mitzpe Ramon.

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**“I will make you into a great nation and I will bless you; I will make your name great, and you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and whoever curses you I will curse; and all peoples on earth will be blessed through you.”
(Genesis 12:2-3)**

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