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Chizuk Amuno Congregation and Schools Family Trip to Israel led by Rabbi Moshe Schwartz, Head of School at Krieger Schechter Day School

DECEMBER 2018

Note: Itinerary is subject to change based on time, weather, security and other considerations.

Family Aliyah at Chizuk Amuno Congregation -Saturday December 15, 2018
Shabbat morning services begin at 9:15am. Please arrive no later than 9:45am.

Thursday December 20th

Morning Departure via coach bus from Chizuk Amuno Congregation to Newark Airport
Anticipated flight departure in the early or mid-afternoon

DAY ONE – FRIDAY, DECEMBER 21st – ARRIVAL- TEL AVIV -PREPARE FOR SHABBAT

- **Welcome to Israel!!!** Arrival at Ben Gurion airport on flight # ? where you will be met by our representatives & escorted through passport control, baggage claim & customs
- **Plant trees with** at Neot Kedumim. Welcome ceremony, Goals for the trip and introductions, leaving something for future generations
- Continue to Jerusalem
- **Welcoming Ceremony at the Haas Promenade** – overlooking the Old City!
- Check into hotel- rest and prepare for Shabbat
- Kabbalat Shabbat in Yemin Moshe, overlooking the old city walls
- Shabbat dinner at hotel with Baltimore kids who have made Aliyah!

Overnight: Dan Panorama Hotel, Jerusalem

DAY TWO – SHABBAT, DECEMBER 22nd - SHABBAT IN JERUSALEM

- Full Israeli breakfast at hotel
- Morning at leisure - option to **visit different synagogues** in the vicinity
- Enjoy Shabbat lunch at the hotel together with **Lone Soldiers from the IDF**
- Optional **walking tour:** Jerusalem outside the Old City wall- walk through the beautiful neighborhoods of **Yemin Moshe & Talbieh**
- Shopping time on Ben Yehuda Street & dinner *on own*
- **Graffiti tour** of the shuk garage doors, led by the artist Solomon Souza

Overnight: Dan Panorama Hotel, Jerusalem

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DAY THREE – SUNDAY, DECEMBER 23rd – OLD CITY OF JERUSALEM

- Full Israeli breakfast at hotel
- Explore the **City of David** and the first steps of Jerusalem at the Capital of Israel
- **Wade through the water tunnel** erected by King Hezekayah as he prepared for the siege by the Assyrians – *bring water shoes and flashlights (option for dry tunnel depending on weather)*
- **Time for reflection at the Kotel**
- Lunch in Jewish Quarter
- Walk through the small alleyways of the **Jewish Quarter**- including the Cardo and the Synagogues
- **Camel riding, hospitality and dinner at Genesis Land- Abraham's Tent** (included)

Overnight: Dan Panorama Hotel, Jerusalem

DAY FOUR – MONDAY, DECEMBER 24th – JUDEAN DESERT

- **Ascend Masada** for sunrise via the Roman Ramp and Tfila at the **ancient synagogue** and hear the amazing story of the Jewish rebels and their battle against the Roman army – including bar/bat mitzvah ceremony
- Breakfast on own at the footsteps of Masada
- **Nature walk** in the springs of **Nachal David** where David fled from King Saul
- **Float** on the **Dead Sea** and cover yourself with mud at Neve Midbar beach
- *Return to Jerusalem*
- Dinner in Jerusalem (on own)

Overnight: Dan Panorama Hotel, Jerusalem

DAY FIVE – TUESDAY, DECEMBER 25th – COASTAL PLAIN

- Full Israeli breakfast at hotel
- Check out and depart
- Visit the ruins of the **City of Caesarea** built by Herod the great including the Theater and Hippodrome
- Enjoy authentic **Druze Lunch** and meet with Druze family and hear about their religion (included)
- **Descend down by cable car** to the beautiful grottos of **Rosh Hanikra**
- *Travel to hotel*
- Dinner at hotel (included)

Overnight: Maagan Hotel, North



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DAY SIX - WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 26th - GOLAN HEIGHTS

- Full Israeli breakfast at hotel
- **Ascend the Golan Heights** and visit the Old Israeli outpost of **Mount Bental** and receive a security briefing on the relationship between Israel and Syria
- Explore the Golan Heights off-road in a fun and exciting **jeep ride**
- **Chocolate workshop** at the **De Karina Chocolate factory**
- Dinner in Teveria (not included)

Overnight: Maagan Hotel, North

DAY SEVEN - THURSDAY, DECEMBER 27th - GALILEE

- Full Israeli breakfast at hotel – check out
- **Nature walk** in the beautiful **streams of Tel Dan**- including the ancient City of Dan and the Lebanon overlook
- Explore the small alleyways of the **Mystical City of Tzfat** including the synagogues, artist colony and candle factory
- Meet with **Kabbalistic glass-blower** at Sheva Chaya studios and watch a live demonstration
- *Travel to Tel Aviv*
- **Culinary tour** and tasting of the **Levinsky Market** in Tel Aviv

Overnight: Dan Panorama Hotel, Tel Aviv

DAY EIGHT - FRIDAY, DECEMBER 28th - TEL AVIV

- Full Israeli breakfast at hotel
- Discover the historic Old Port of Jaffa, the ancient gateway to the Holy Land
- Visit **Independence Hall**, the site where the State of Israel was declared or Learn about the early steps of the IDF at the **Palmach Museum**
- Travel to Jerusalem
- Check in to hotel, prepare for Shabbat
- Join thousands as they bring in Shabbat at the **Kotel- the Western Wall!**
- Shabbat dinner hosted by family with **Shabbat of a lifetime**

Overnight: Dan Panorama Hotel, Jerusalem



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DAY NINE – SHABBAT, DECEMBER 29th – SHABBAT IN JERUSALEM

- Full Israeli breakfast at hotel
- Morning at leisure - option to **visit different synagogues** in the vicinity
- Shabbat lunch at hotel
- Shabbat afternoon rest and fun at Gan Ha'apamon park (weather pending)
- **Musical Havdalah** at Yemin Moshe overlooking the Old City
- Shopping time on Ben Yehuda Street & dinner (on own)
- Enjoy the spectacular **sound and lights show** at the **Tower of David Museum**

Overnight: Dan Panorama Hotel, Jerusalem

DAY TEN – SUNDAY, DECEMBER 30th – NEW JERUSALEM

- Full Israeli breakfast at hotel
- Visit the **Kastel** – where one of the significant battles in the establishment of the State
- Nature walk through the beautiful springs of Sataf
- Visit the Spectacular audio-visual encounter with the Visionary of the Jewish State at the **Herzl Center**
- Walk through the emotional **Mount Herzl** and hear the stories of the brave people who changed the face of the State of Israel
- Final Banquet dinner with Shul and school Alumni and families who now live in Israel
- **Hapoel Jerusalem basketball game** at the new basketball Arena– *schedule pending*

Overnight: Dan Panorama Hotel, Jerusalem

DAY ELEVEN – MONDAY, DECEMBER 31st – PAST, PRESENT & FUTURE

- Pay tribute to the Six Million Jews who perished in the Holocaust at **Yad Vashem memorial Museum**. Hear stories about leadership and heroism during the most difficult times for the Jewish people. **Children will go to Ein Yael for activity or to Biblical Zoo**
- **Volunteer project** packing food boxes for the needy at "Pantry Packers" OR "Mapping our Journey" - **special hands-on art project for families together with Kol Haot**
- *Travel to Ben Gurion Airport*
- Depart for the US on Flight

Arrival at Newark Airport on January 1, 2019

Transportation via coach bus to Chizuk Amuno Congregation (approximate arrival 10am)

NEXT YEAR IN JERUSALEM!!!

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August 22, 2017

TO: Rabbi Moshe Schwartz

RE: Chizuk Amuno Congregation and Schools Family Trip to Israel - 2018- COSTING

Dear Rabbi Schwartz,

We are pleased to present to you the itinerary and tour package for your Israel trip. These have been carefully crafted to provide an experience that is engaging, fun, uplifting, informative and inspirational for the participants. All of our tours adhere to the highest standards of professionalism and you can be sure to expect the friendly, warm & dedicated service that have endeared us to thousands of satisfied clients.

The tour package includes the following items:

- VIP Meet & Greet at Ben Gurion Airport upon arrival for group arrival
- North- 2 nights' accommodation at the Maagan Eden Hotel (**Double rooms**)
- Jerusalem- 7 nights' accommodation at the Dan Panorama Hotel, Jerusalem (**Superior rooms**)
- Tel Aviv- 1 nights' accommodation at the Dan Panorama Hotel, Tel Aviv- **Deluxe rooms**
- Full buffet breakfast every day at hotel
- Porterage in all hotels
- Professional, Licensed tour guide for the entirety of the trip
- Overnights for the guide and driver when necessary
- Transportation in fully-air-conditioned luxury bus for 9 days (no transportation on Saturday, December 22 or 29)
- **4 lunches** on days TWO, FIVE, NINE and boxed lunch on day TEN
- **5 dinners** on days ONE, THREE, FIVE, EIGHT, TEN
- Entrance fee into all sites & attractions as per itinerary
- Speakers and group activities based on the itinerary
- 11 days with an armed medic
- Tips for guide and bus driver
- Bottled water daily on the bus
- 1 US-staff member included in the price, including cost of flight in single accommodations
- Special website for the trip- for registration, updates and payment
- Full backing Israel Maven support staff to ensure smooth running of the trip

The cost for the trip is as follows: **Prices are based on 30 paying participants.**

- **Double Occupancy - \$3,433 USD per person**
- **Single Occupancy Supplement - \$1,138 USD**
- **Child sharing with 2 adults (12) \$2,532 USD**
- **3rd person sharing (from age 13) \$2,984 USD**



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PLEASE NOTE:

- The above cost is subject to change at any time as per notice from hotels and other suppliers of services.
- If number of participants and/or rooming arrangements are changed the price will have to be revised.
- The itinerary is subject to change based on weather, security, time and other considerations
- There is no refund for sites not visited or activities not done, for any reason.

CHANGE IN NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS:

Should the number of participants change- the cost of the trip will adjust accordingly (double-occupancy)

- For 20-24 participants: \$3,720
- For 25-29 participants: \$3,547
- For 35-39 participants: \$3,352
- For 40-44 participants: \$3,291

EXTENSION OPTIONS:

- Additional nights at Dan Panorama Hotel, Jerusalem (pending availability)

Cost per night (double occupancy)- \$339

Child (under 12) as a 3rd in room- \$47

THE PRICE DOES NOT INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING:

- Cost for round-trip airfare from country of origin to Israel.
- Any expenses of a personal nature.
- Any meals other than specified.
- Any guests at meals other than the participants of the party.
- Insurance for baggage, personal items, trip cancellation or interruption. We recommend that all insurance be arranged through your travel agent in U.S. If claims have to be made, it is much easier dealing with a local insurance company upon your return, rather than having to collect refunds from an insurance company in Israel.
- Anything not mentioned above

TERMS OF PAYMENT:

1. All prices and payments are in US DOLLARS
2. Deposit of \$500 US per participant to confirm reservations
3. Final and full payment is required 60 days before arrival.
4. Payment should be made:
 - a. Via credit card using Israel Maven website
 - b. Via bank transfer in US Dollars to Israel Maven Tours LTD, Bank Leumi, 21 Ramban st, Rechavia, Jerusalem, Branch # 912, Account # 249300/80, Swift: LUMILITXXX, Code IL010912 IBAN IL640109120000024930080

CANCELLATION POLICY:

If cancellation is received in our office:

- More than 60 days before arrival - full refund less \$500 US per person
- Between 60-30 days before arrival - \$500 US per person plus any hotel cancellation fees
- Between 29-15 days before arrival - \$750 US per person plus any hotel cancellation fees
- Within 14 days of arrival - full payment for the entire program will be charged.



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WE STRONGLY RECOMMEND THAT YOU PURCHASE COMPREHENSIVE TRAVEL INSURANCE IN THE EVENT THAT YOU NEED TO CANCEL YOUR TRIP FOR PERSONAL, MEDICAL OR OTHER REASONS.

New VAT tax regulations

Please be aware that according to the new Israeli tax laws, being strictly enforced by all hotels, all guests holding Israel citizenship, even those with dual citizenship/passports both for individual travelers and guests part of a group, or invited local guests, will be charged VAT tax. Therefore we need to receive this information in advance in order to finalize the bill. Should we not get this information in advance, and hotels charge us VAT tax, be aware that we will charge you with this extra amount retroactively.

PASSPORT VALIDITY:

As is customary for international travel, your passport should be valid for a minimum of 6 months from your date of entry to Israel or you may not be permitted to fly.

RESPONSIBILITY:

Israel Maven Tours Ltd., (hereinafter called the Tour Operator), acts only as an agent for the various companies, owners or contractors providing the means of transportation, accommodation and other services. All exchange orders, coupons and tickets are offered subject to the Terms and Conditions under which such services are offered or provided. The issuance and acceptance of such tickets shall be deemed to be consent to the further conditions that the Tour Operator shall not be in any way liable for injury, damage, loss, accident, delay or irregularity in any vehicle, or through the acts or defaults of any company or person engaged in conveying the passenger/s or of any hotel proprietor, personnel or servant otherwise in connection therewith.

The airline and transportation companies concerned are not to be held responsible for any act, omission or event during the time passengers are not on board their planes or conveyances. The right is reserved to withdraw any tour announced in this program and to make such alterations to the itineraries as may be found desirable for the proper carrying out of the tours. In the event it becomes necessary or advisable in the Tour Operator's discretion to alter the arrangements or itineraries for the passenger/s comfort or welfare or for any reason whatsoever, such alterations may be made without penalty to the Operator.

The Tour Operator reserves the right to change any hotel/s listed with one of a similar category if circumstances necessitate. Additional expenses, if any, shall be borne by the passenger/s. The right is reserved to decline to accept or retain any person as a member of any group at any time.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any queries.

Yours sincerely
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