

## *A Musical Journey Across Israel*

*with*

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**October 25 – November 6, 2022**

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*Experience Israel and explore its history and age-old traditions through the universal language of music. Connect with Israel's people, meet modern-day heroes who are working to bridge the gap between Israelis and Palestinians. Celebrate Israeli culture in this musical adventure through Jerusalem, Tel Aviv and Haifa and savor the rich flavors of Israeli cuisine in bustling markets and quaint cafés.*



***During our tour we will:***

- *Welcome our first sabbath with a musical Kabbalat Shabbat at Jerusalem's first train station built in 1892, now the city's exciting urban cultural and entertainment center.*
- *Perform a mitzvah. Join TBE's Sharim singers and perform Broadway tunes at Yad L'Kashish, an artisan workshop known as the Lifeline for the Aged that empowers and supports hundreds of elderly and disabled Jerusalem residents.*
- *Hear from an awarding-winning journalist as he shares a "Snapshot on Palestinian Society" and discusses the current Israeli/Arab situation.*
- *Walk through Nachalat Binyamin, one of the oldest art fairs in Israel, where artisans showcase their art in every imaginable medium.*
- *Attend a special performance by members of Heartbeat, a group that unites Israeli and Palestinian Youth Musicians.*
- *Participate in musical activities and get to know members of our sister congregation Or Chadash as we enjoy a musical Shabbat celebration together.*



### Day 1: Tuesday, October 25, 2022: DEPARTURE

- We depart Boston on our overnight flight to Israel.
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### Day 2: Wednesday, October 26, 2022: WELCOME TO ISRAEL!

- We arrive in Israel and are met by our Ayelet Tours guide.
- We transfer from the airport to **Jerusalem**.
- Upon arrival in Jerusalem, we stop at the **Haas Promenade** to recite a special musical “Shehecheyanu!” blessing while overlooking the **City of Gold**.
- We check into our hotel and have time to refresh before our **welcome dinner** this evening.

### Overnight in Jerusalem

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### Day 3: Thursday, October 27, 2022: BRINGING PEOPLE TOGETHER THROUGH MUSIC

- Breakfast at our hotel.
- Visit the remarkable **Yad L’Kashish**, known as *The Lifeline for the Aged*, an artisan workshop that empowers and supports hundreds of elderly and disabled Jerusalem residents. Hear stories from Jewish immigrants from the former Soviet Union, Ethiopia, South America and Iran, many of whom survived the Holocaust, others who walked across the Sudan to save their families from war and famine. You are welcome to sing Broadway tunes for the residents with TBE’s Sharim Singers.
- We continue to **Hadassah Hospital** to view the amazing **Chagall windows**.
- This afternoon/evening, a chef leads us through the popular **Machane Yehuda market** for a sensual immersion, engaging with the vibrant colors, smells and flavors that will be found in this bustling marketplace. We wander through the pyramids of spices, bright-colored exotic vegetables, nuts, olives, and delicious halva creations. Our **chef** will introduce us to the most characteristic ingredients of the local cuisine and to the Israeli food habits, while we prepare **dinner** together with our purchases.
- We view the beautiful street portrait art on the closed stall shutters.

### Overnight in Jerusalem

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### Day 4: Friday, October 28, 2022: HEALING THROUGH SONG

- Breakfast at our hotel.
- This morning, we visit **Yad Vashem**, Israel’s memorial to the Holocaust. Here we experience the Holocaust in a new and different manner through Art and Music. We explore the many moving exhibitions with a focus on Yiddish Music, and end at the exhibit on [Holocaust Art](#).
- We continue to the Valley of Nations for a short musical memorial service in honor of those lost.
- We continue our pre-shabbat day exploring the power of Jewish ideas, texts and values during a hands-on **music & art workshop** with **Rabbi Matt Berkowitz** of **Kol HaOt**.
- Welcome our first sabbath with a **musical Kabbalat Shabbat** at **HaTachana**, the rejuvenated Jerusalem train station built in 1892, an urban meeting place where all walks of life come together



to mark the beginning of Shabbat.

- We enjoy **Shabbat dinner** together at our hotel.

### Overnight in Jerusalem

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#### Day 5: Saturday, October 29, 2022: SHABBAT SHALOM!

- Breakfast at our hotel.
- This morning, we will tour through the **Old City of Jerusalem** focusing on the art that the different societies have brought to this vast city. We begin in the **Armenian quarter** where we see the gorgeous tiles and special crosses. We continue through the Jewish quarter where we stop at the **Hurva Synagogue** as we view the beauty of this monumental building.
- From the Armenian tiles to the Mamluk stone arches, and from the beautiful Dome of the rock to the unbelievable dome of the Hurva Synagogue, we will deep dive into over 3,000 years of architectural history that makes the Old City of Jerusalem so special.
- We enjoy lunch on own in the Old City.
- This afternoon, we tour the renovated **Israel Museum**, and enjoy the exhibit focusing on Jewish art and music throughout the ages.
- Dinner on own this evening.

### Overnight in Jerusalem

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#### Day 6: Sunday, October 30, 2022: HIGH-TECH & HAUTE ARTS

- Breakfast and check out of our hotel.
- This morning, we travel to **Tel Aviv**, the exciting metropolis on the Mediterranean Sea.
- Upon arrival in Tel Aviv, we tour the **Israeli Innovation Center** at the **Peres Center for Peace and Innovation**, founded by the late President Shimon Peres. The Center is a non-political, non-governmental organization focused on building a more prosperous Israel and a more peaceful Middle East, through innovation, technology and cutting-edge coexistence programs.
- Following lunch on own, we join **Scholar Rachel Korazim** at her Jaffa home exploring themes in Israeli poetry. Possible topics: Women in Israeli poetry, Israeli identity – Jewish identity, Viewing the other and other.
- Time to relax (and enjoy the beach!)
- We enjoy a night out at **Dinner in the Dark**, an experience that will tantalize all of your senses, followed by a performance of *Not by Bread Alone*, at the **Nalagaat Center**, whose actors are both visually and hearing impaired.

### Overnight in Tel Aviv

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#### Day 7: Monday, October 31, 2022: TEL AVIV

- Breakfast at our hotel.
- This morning we visit a local nursing home before continuing to the **Museum of the Jewish People**. You are welcome to sing Broadway tunes with TBE's Sharim Singers or explore the city



on your own.

- Tour **ANU: Museum of the Jewish People** (formerly the **Diaspora Museum**), recently renovated and featuring interactive audio-visual exhibits that bring life and color to the vibrant history of the Jewish people outside the land of Israel following the destruction of the Second Temple. The Exhibit focuses on the unique music, melodies, art and food of the different communities.
- Following lunch on own, we meet with Jerusalem Post Palestinian Affairs correspondent, **Khaled Abu Toameh**, for a lecture entitled “*A Snapshot of Palestinian Society*”
- We continue to the house of Israel’s National poet, **Haim Nachman Bialik**.
- On our way to our hotel, we walk through **Bialik Street**, part of the White City, to see the **Bauhaus architecture** and get a peek into the lives of some of Tel Aviv’s most significant residents of years gone by, including Nachum Gutman and Reuven Rubin.
- This evening, we enjoy dinner on own.

### Overnight in Tel Aviv

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#### Day 8: Tuesday, November 1, 2022: ISRAEL’S TECHNICOLOR TAPESTRY

- Breakfast and check out of our hotel.
- This morning, we stroll along **Nachalat Binyamin**, where the artists and entertainers bring the streets of Tel Aviv to life.
- We visit [Elifelet - Citizens for Refugee Children](#), a volunteer organization dedicated to supporting the children of asylum seekers from Africa, to hear about their amazing work.
- While here, we visit the **Elifelet Daycare Center**, where we bring gifts for the children.
- We continue to **Haifa** to check into our hotel, followed by practicing our arrangements.
- Dinner on own this evening.

### Overnight in Haifa

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#### Day 9: Wednesday, November 2, 2022: ART, SINGING & CHANTING

- Breakfast at our hotel.
- This morning, we enjoy a tour of the **Haifa Art Museum**, one of the oldest and most established museums in the country.
- We enjoy a **graffiti tour** through the **Wadi NisNas neighborhood**, one of the city’s oldest neighborhoods and most intertwined, where the colorful and edgy street art brings the fringe into the forefront.
- This afternoon, we visit [Beit HaGefen](#), where we tour the **Arab-Jewish Cultural Center** and get an insider's look into the diverse community of Haifa, as well as the various projects, both musical and otherwise, that are in place to bring Arabs and Jews together.
- Dinner on own.

### Overnight in Haifa

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#### Day 10: Thursday, November 3, 2022: ISRAEL’S HUMAN MOSAIC

- Breakfast at our hotel.



- This morning, we travel to **Atlit**, site of the British Internment camp for thousands of Jewish refugees, who were caught attempting to immigrate to Israel during the British Mandate period.
- Next, we meet with leaders of the **Muslim Achmedim**, a sect that believes in peaceful living.
- We perform a selection of songs for an area **nursing home**, fulfilling the mitzvah of *bikur cholim* and bringing music and brightness to their day.
- We enjoy a panoramic view from atop **Mt. Carmel**, including the **Bahai Temple** and **Persian Gardens**.
- We visit **Umm el Fahem Art Gallery** and meet with founder and director, **Said Abu Shakra**, for a glimpse into the world of Palestinian-Israeli art at a unique institution which serves as a bridge between Arabs and Jews.
- We return to our hotel and enjoy dinner on own.

### Overnight in Haifa

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#### Day 11: Friday, November 4, 2022: THE PULSE OF THE NATION

- Breakfast at our hotel.
- This morning, we enjoy a special performance by members of [Heartbeat](#). Heartbeat unites Israeli and Palestinian youth musicians to build critical understanding, develop creative nonviolent tools for social change, and amplify their voices to influence the world around them. As a positive alternative to the normalization of segregation, violence, and racism, Heartbeat creates spaces and opportunities for Palestinian and Israeli youth musicians to build critical awareness, respect, and trust while harnessing creative nonviolent tools for self-expression and social change. Engaging in a sustained music, dialogue, and empowerment process, Heartbeat youth musicians become agents of change; harnessing the tools of creativity to imagine possibilities, ask questions, and publicly address systemic problems such as violence, oppression, and inequality — partnering to create a safe, equitable future for all.
- Afternoon at leisure for shopping, individual activities and to prepare for Shabbat.
- We participate in musical activities and get to know members of our sister congregation **Or Chadash** as we enjoy a musical **Shabbat celebration together**.

### Overnight in Haifa

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#### Day 12: Saturday, November 5, 2022: SHABBAT SHALOM/DEPARTURE

- Breakfast and check out of our hotel.
- We begin with a visit to **Ein Hod**, an artist's village located at the foot of Mt. Carmel. We enjoy a special workshop, where we create a piece of art under the auspices of a resident artist.
- We continue to a **Druze village**, where community representatives will offer us insight on their unique culture and how they fit into the Israeli mosaic. We enjoy **lunch** together here.
- Stop at the **Ralli Art Museum**, focusing on Latin American art and dedicated to the memory of Jews expelled during the Spanish Inquisition and the later destruction of the Thessaloniki Jewish community.



- View the dramatic **Birds Mosaic**, the stunning remains of a **Roman-era villa** on the outskirts of Caesarea. Admire the incredible artisanship so well-preserved in the modern day.
- We continue to **Old Jaffa**, an ancient port city, where we learn about the story of Jonah and his whale, Andromeda, Napoleon and others. We explore the cobblestone alleyways and art galleries and take in the beautiful views of the sea.
- This evening, we enjoy a festive **farewell dinner** at **Haj Kahil**, as we recall all that we have experienced together on this journey of discovery, music, cuisine, and art.
- We transfer to Ben Gurion Airport for our overnight flight back to the United States.

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**Day 13: Sunday, November 6, 2022: WELCOME HOME!**

- We arrive back in Boston this morning.

**The Memories Last Forever!!**

*\*itinerary subject to change*

