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Date	Program	Meals/Overnight
Sunday June 3	Departure from RSW on US Air Flight 1932 at 4:00pm. Transfer in Philadelphia to US Air 796.	
Monday June 4 <i>Bruchim Haba'aim!</i>	Arrival at Ben Gurion airport at 3:15pm. Check-in at hotel followed by welcome dinner in Tel Aviv's Yemenite Quarter followed.	<u>Welcome Dinner at Maganda</u> Overnight: Carlton Hotel, Tel Aviv
Tuesday June 5 <i>Exile and Return</i>	Visit the multi-media Palmach Museum or Rabin Museum. Visit Rabin Square. Enjoy the weekly arts & crafts fair in the historic Nahalat Binyamin neighborhood. "Sculpture in the Dark" workshop at the Na Lagaat Theater followed by dinner at Kapiche Café, where all the waitstaff are deaf. Evening at leisure to stroll along the beach promenade.	Lunch-on own in Tel Aviv <u>Dinner at Kapiche Café</u> Overnight: Carlton Hotel, Tel Aviv
Wednesday June 6 <i>This Year in Jerusalem!</i>	Visit the Ayalon Institute, a secret underground bullet factory from the Mandate Period. Visit the Armored Corps Museum and Memorial at Latrun. Continue to Jerusalem to the Haas Promenade. Say the <i>Shehechyanu</i> while overlooking the Old City. Adults-Did Abraham pass the test? Kids-Jerusalem Panorama Activity. Check-in at the hotel. Hands-on art program for the whole family with Kol HaOt: Illuminating Jewish Life through	<u>Picnic Lunch</u> Dinner-on own in Jerusalem Overnight: Inbal Hotel, Jerusalem

	Art. Dinner and evening at leisure.	
Thursday June 7 <i>Jerusalem Through the Ages</i>	Participate hands-on at a unique rescue dig, sifting through archaeological remains excavated illegally from the Temple Mount. Descend to the City of David. Discussion on Jewish Political Morality in light of the story of David and Bathsheeba. (Parallel programming for adults & kids). Then everyone grabs a flashlight to wade through Hezekiah's Water Tunnel, built 2700 years ago to protect Jerusalem's water supply from invading armies. (or walk through the Canaanite "dry tunnel"). Lunch break and shopping time in the Jewish Quarter and Cardo. Adults-Visit the Israel Supreme Court Kids-pool time at the hotel. Dinner and evening at leisure.	Lunch-on own in Jewish Quarter Dinner-on own in Jerusalem Overnight: Inbal Hotel, Jerusalem
Friday June 8 <i>From Out of the Crucible</i>	We learn and remember at Yad Vashem, including the historical museum, Children's Memorial, and our own <i>tekes</i> (ceremony). (Young children will visit the Biblical Zoo.) Meet Ethiopian families who crossed the desert to Sudan to wait for months in refugee camps before being airlifted to Israel by the Mossad. Explore the Machaneh Yehuda fruit & vegetable <i>shuk</i> as Jerusalemites prepare for Shabbat. Kabbalat Shabbat at the Kotel or with the Reform community of Har El followed by festive Shabbat dinner with community members (or at hotel).	Lunch-on own at Givat Ram <u>Shabbat dinner with community members or at hotel</u> Overnight: Inbal Hotel, Jerusalem
Shabbat June 9 <i>Shabbat in Jerusalem</i>	<i>From the Four Corners of the Earth</i> : "Shul hopping" to different synagogues representing various ethnic and liturgical traditions. Rendezvous at Hebrew Union College to enjoy lunch at Bet Shmuel. Afternoon at leisure to enjoy the hotel pool or visit the Israel	<u>Shabbat lunch at Bet Shmuel</u> <u>Seudah Shlishit picnic</u> Dinner-on own Overnight: Inbal Hotel, Jerusalem

	<p>Museum. Late afternoon sudah shlishit picnic and group Havdalah followed by free evening.</p>	
<p>Sunday June 10 <i>Political Seminar</i></p>	<p>Today, the adults will explore the current political situation including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Political Briefing • “Palestinian Political Culture” with Khaled Abu Toameh, an Arab-Israeli journalist • Survey the separation barrier with a representative from Rabbis for Human Rights or Ir Amim. • Field trip to the Etzion Bloc to meet with Jewish residents in the West Bank. <p>Kids Program: Hands-on activities at the Ein Yael Living Farm, hiking at the Sataf in the Jerusalem Hills, and pool time at the hotel. Evening at leisure.</p>	<p>Lunch-on own Dinner-on own Overnight: Inbal Hotel, Jerusalem</p>
<p>Monday June 11 <i>The Judean Desert</i></p>	<p>Visit Yad L’Kashish-Lifeline of the Elderly, where shopping is a true mitzvah! Crawl through the Bar Kochba caves. Depart for the Judean Desert. Sunset camel ride followed by Bedouin “Hafla” dinner. Later the younger set, and those who wish to join them, will sleep in a Bedouin tent (bathrooms and showers available). The rest will return to Arad for overnight at the hotel.</p>	<p>Lunch-on own en route <u>Bedouin Dinner</u> Overnight: Kfar Hanokdim Camel Ranch or Inbar Hotel, Arad</p>
<p>Tuesday June 12 <i>What Price Freedom?</i></p>	<p>Early morning ascent of Masada by the Roman Ramp in time for sunrise. Shacharit service. Explore why the Jewish rebels chose to live here after the destruction of Jerusalem by the Romans. Descend by cable car. Light breakfast in the air-conditioned Masada youth hostel. Hike to the Nahal David waterfall at the Ein Gedi nature reserve. Float in the Dead Sea and enjoy lunch at the Ein Gedi Spa. Travel north along the Jordan</p>	<p><u>Breakfast at Masada Youth Hostel</u> <u>Lunch at Ein Gedi Spa</u> <u>Dinner at hotel</u> Overnight: Kibbutz Hagosherim</p>

	River Valley to Kibbutz Hagosherim. Check-in and dinner in the kibbutz dining room.	
Wednesday June 13 <i>The Golan Heights</i>	Meet IDF soldiers serving along the Lebanese border. Ascend the Golan Heights. Outlook from Mt. Bental over Syria. Adults-Meet with Elaine Hoter, who wrote a children's book after her son was killed in a terror attack. Kids-Hands-on chocolate workshop at the De Karina Boutique chocolate factory. Exciting hike to the Jilaboun waterfall at Nahal Devorah. (Non-hikers will visit the Golan Heights winery). Return to hotel for dinner and overnight.	<u>Picnic Lunch</u> <u>Dinner at hotel</u> Overnight: Kibbutz Hagosherim
Thursday June 14 <i>Bashana Haba'ah!</i>	Travel to the mystical city of Zefat. Explore the synagogues of the mystics. Art & Kabbalah program with local artist. Shopping time in the Jewish Quarter. Visit the Nisco Museum for Mechanical Music which was damaged during the Carmel Forest Fire. Swimming at the ancient port of Caesarea (and chance to freshen up). Summary discussion and farewell dinner. Transfer to airport for departing flight on US Air 797 at 11:55pm.	Lunch-on own en route <u>Farewell Dinner</u>
Friday June 15	Arrival in FL at 1:05pm.	

Program will be staffed by senior tour educator, youth counselor to allow age appropriate learning and security escort (for touring day in Gush Etzion).

All breakfasts plus underlined meals are included in the package price.

Listed speakers' participation and programs subject to confirmation.

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