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**Congregation Beth El
 11 Day | Trip to Israel
 March 8 – 19, 2007**

TOUR FEATURES:

- Flights: Dallas - Tel Aviv Tel Aviv - Dallas as listed in the "air routing" paragraph of this proposal
- 9 nights accommodation using the hotel plan listed below
- Arrival & departure transfers
- 14 meals: 9 Israeli buffet breakfasts and 5 dinners
- Private motor coach featuring large panoramic windows, reclining seats and foot rests
- Friendly and professional tour director/licensed English speaking guide
- An educational coordinator who will ensure that you will have "A fabulous Israel Experience"
- All program and entrance fees
- Restaurant tipping in hotels included
- All hotel and airport portorage and tipping included
- Each participant will receive a guide book titled "The Spiritual Guide to Israel" by Rabbi Lawrence A. Hoffman
- Arza World neck cushions luggage straps and name tag

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS:

- The Christian Quarter of the Old City of Jerusalem, including the Via Delarosa, the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, the Lutheran Church of the Redeemer and other Christian sites.
- Take a walk through the Arab market.
- Walking tour through the Jewish Quarter of the Old City of Jerusalem
- Jeep tour climbing to the Golan Heights in the footsteps of IDF soldiers and their battles in the Six-Day and Yom Kippur Wars, to gain an insight into the strategic complexity of the Golan
- Caesarea, one of the Land of Israel's most important cities during the Roman Empire
- Take part in an active dig at the Beit Guvrin caves and prepare to get your hands dirty as you uncover pottery from the Hellenistic period, 2,300 years ago
- Experience the weightlessness of the Dead Sea as you float in its waters
- Masada, Herod's desert retreat and site of the Jewish Zealots' last stand against the Roman Legionnaires

HOTELS:

DATES	NIGHTS	HOTEL	CITY	CATEGORY
09 MAR – 12 MAR 2007	3	SHERATON PLAZA	JERUSALEM	DELUXE
12 MAR – 14 MAR 2007	2	PASTORAL KFAR BLUM	UPPER GALILEE	FIRST CLASS
14 MAR – 18 MAR 2007	4 + LCO	SHERATON PLAZA	JERUSALEM	DELUXE



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DISCOUNTED GROUP RATES:

	COST
AIR & LAND – ADULT	\$3,369
AIR & LAND – CHILD [^]	\$2,895

- For single occupancy room please add \$785 to the above group rates
- Rates are per person based on double occupancy and a minimum of 15 full paying participants

[^]Child(ages 2-18): Sharing room as third

*Notes:

- 1) Our rates do include a late check out on the day of departure.
- 2) Prices reflect a 3% discount when purchases are made by cash/check

AIR ROUTING:

All air rates and schedules are subject to change prior to ticketing. Please note the flights listed below are not confirmed at this juncture, air fare is subject to the carrier’s confirmation and subject to change. Airline utilization and deposit deadlines will be advised upon confirmation of space.

DATE	AIRLINE	FROM	TO	ROUTING
08 MAR 2007	AA	DFW	JFK	10:40A - 2:56P
08 MAR 2007	LY2	JFK	TLV	7:30P - 12:45P + 1
18 MAR 2007	LY 8863	TLV	ATL	10:30P - 05:45A
19 MAR 2007	AA 2263	ATL	DFW	08:40A - 10:14A

Note: +1 Indicates next day arrival

A SAFE AND SECURE TOUR WITH ARZA WORLD:

ARZA World follows the events in Israel very closely. For the many years that we have been organizing trips to Israel, safety and security have always been our number one priority. We review our schedules on a daily basis and maintain ongoing contact with government and security offices. While you may be concerned about travel during this volatile time, you can be certain that we will take every safety and security precaution necessary on our trip.

In addition to refraining from entering unsafe areas, we never intentionally bring groups to any site or area that we feel is unsafe. We have staff in Jerusalem, and before and during the trips, our plans are monitored continuously, in case any changes are needed. Our tours do not travel to the West Bank or Gaza. Throughout each day, itineraries are cleared by our Jerusalem office. All of our guides carry cell phones, and we would not hesitate to move groups in a moment's notice. We use private bus companies, and instruct our participants to stay off of public transportation. Medics and guards are available at an additional cost of \$200 per day and can travel with the group at all times.

Please know that no one will go to Israel unless your leadership and ARZA World feel that it is appropriate and that we can provide the highest standard of safety and security which we always try to attain. We hope and pray for peace and wish you an amazing program in Israel.



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HOW DOES ARZA WORLD DESIGN ITS PROGRAMS?

ARZA World Travel plans the perfect Israel experience by listening to your expectations and needs and then facilitating them. We are committed to using a holistic approach to the educational experience. Our programs are designed thematically, combining educational and geographical considerations while in Israel. Introductory sessions, usually in the form of interactive programs, (discussions, workshops and presentations) precede most topics of study, and site visits are conducted with text in hand, always connecting the various sites to the specific daily and weekly themes.

Having said all that, we also believe it is essential to allow enough time for relaxation and personal exploration. We take care in designing programs that contain a successful balance between more “active” and recreational components and those that are more “content-oriented” in nature. Essentially, our views on educational programming motivate us to create programs that are wholly “experiential”, in which ALL components are “fun” and educational.

EXPERIENCED, PROFESSIONAL AND RESPONSIBLE TOUR EDUCATORS:

ARZA World Travel only works with tour educators who are licensed by the Ministry of Tourism and who are experienced, professional and responsible. Tour educators working with Jewish trips have all had a great deal of experience with guiding Jewish tours in the past, and are experts at activating participants and making the history and reality of Israel “come alive”. All educators are “fixtures” in the local field of Jewish education and have experience teaching in formal as well as informal frameworks. Needless to say, they all speak perfect English.

The tour educator is an integral part of the group staff. This means that in addition to the overall implementation of the program, he/she is involved in all other aspects of the trip, whether they be interpersonal issues, group dynamics, or problem-solving on any and all levels.

PEACE OF MIND TRAVEL PROTECTION:

Peace of Mind Travel Protection: Cancel for any Reason - Choose to protect yourself with our 'Peace of Mind-Cancel For Any Reason' waiver program: should you cancel your trip in writing up to 72 hours before your departure for any reason, you will receive a full refund equal to the cost of your trip less the cost of your registration deposit and the cost of the 'Peace of Mind-Cancel For Any Reason' waiver program. The cost of the program is \$178 per person and will only be added to participants invoice upon their request.

IMPORTANT NOTE: 'Peace of Mind-Cancel For Any Reason' waiver program can be purchased up to 46 days before departure and does not apply to 'Cruise Programs'.

NOT INCLUDED:

US and foreign airport taxes, passport and visa fees, border taxes when applicable, items not listed on standard group menus, mineral water, tea, coffee, after meal beverages, personal expenses (i.e. laundry, valet service, cables, telephone calls, postage, etc.), tips to drivers, guides, tour escorts and other services not indicated above.



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CONGREGATION BETH EL

11 DAY | TOUR TO ISRAEL

LED BY RABBI NEAL KATZ

MARCH 8-19, 2007

PROGRAM BY ARZA WORLD

DAY ONE: THURSDAY, MARCH 8, 2007

- Depart the U.S.A

Overnight: Flight

DAY TWO: FRIDAY, MARCH 9, 2007

- Early arrival at Ben Gurion International Airport.
- Welcome by our representative and assistance with arrival formalities.
- Drive to Jerusalem ascending through the Jerusalem hills.
- Stop at the Haas Promenade to say the traditional “shehechyanu” blessing, recited upon entering Jerusalem.
- Check your bags into your hotel and time to freshen up.
- Late afternoon at leisure.
- Welcome in Shabbat with Congregation Kol Haneshama.
- Festive Shabbat dinner at the hotel.

Overnight: Jerusalem

DAY THREE: SHABBAT, MARCH 10, 2007

- Breakfast at hotel.
- Shabbat services at HUC, followed by a tour of the campus.
- Guided visit to the Museum of the History of Jerusalem at David’s Citadel, for a walk through the history of Jerusalem from the time of Abraham 4,000 years ago to the end of the British Mandate over Palestine.
- Visit the Christian Quarter of the Old City of Jerusalem, including the Via Delarosa, the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, the Lutheran Church of the Redeemer and other Christian sites.
- Take a walk through the Arab market.



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- Later afternoon walk through Yemin Moshe and Mishkanot Sha'ananim, two of Jerusalem's oldest neighborhoods outside the city walls.
- Havdallah.
- Dinner and evening at leisure.

Overnight: Jerusalem

DAY FOUR: SUNDAY, MARCH 11, 2007

- Breakfast at the hotel.
- *'Israeli Society @ 2007,' dialogue with scholar Paul Liptz of the Tel Aviv University and the Hebrew Union College.*
- Walking tour through the Jewish Quarter of the Old City of Jerusalem, for a guided visit to the Western Wall, the Herodian Mansions and the Southern Wall excavations and the new Davidson Center.
- Visit the Western Wall Tunnel, the underground continuation of the Western Wall along the Temple Mount.
- Lunch on your own en route.
- Guided visit through the newly renovated Yad Vashem complex, the Jewish National Memorial to the six million Jews who perished in the Holocaust, including: the new Historical Museum, and the Children's Memorial, with a memorial service.
- Dinner and evening at leisure.

Overnight: Jerusalem

DAY FIVE: MONDAY, MARCH 12, 2007

- Breakfast at the hotel.
- Depart Jerusalem and drive north along the Trans-Israel Highway for a close up view of the 'Security Fence' along the separation zone between Israel and the Palestinian Territories.
- Visit Zichron Ya'acov, one of the first communities established by the early Zionist pioneers and the home of the famous Carmel Winery and lunch on your own in this picturesque village.
- Visit Zippori, site of the post-Second Temple Jewish settlement and the codification of the Mishna by Rabbi Yehudah Hanassi approximately 1800 years ago. Today it is a national park housing a beautifully reconstructed villa and the "Mona Lisa of the Galilee" mosaic floor, with mosaic and pottery shard repair workshop.



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- Drive to the Upper Galilee and check into your kibbutz guesthouse.
- Dinner at the kibbutz.
- Meet with kibbutz members for an opportunity to learn more about the communal lifestyle of the modern day kibbutz, and the challenges facing the various kibbutz movements.

Overnight: Upper Galilee

DAY SIX: TUESDAY, MARCH 13, 2007

- Breakfast at the hotel.
- Walk through the Tel Dan Nature Reserve located on the largest tributary of the Jordan River and near the Biblical settlement of Dan.
- Jeep tour climbing to the Golan Heights in the footsteps of IDF soldiers and their battles in the Six-Day and Yom Kippur Wars, to gain an insight into the strategic complexity of the Golan; explore Israel's security situation on the Golan Heights; view the Hula Valley from former Syrian fortifications and cross the Golan Plateau bordering with Syria.
- Lunch on your own in Katzrin, the capital of the Golan and then tour the reconstructed Talmudic Village.
- Visit Safed, a center of Jewish mysticism for hundreds of years, and a contemporary artists' colony; visit the many unique synagogues, stroll through the quaint art galleries and shop in the artists' colony.
- Return to the kibbutz for dinner.

Overnight: Upper Galilee

DAY SEVEN: WEDNESDAY, MARCH 14, 2007

- Breakfast at the hotel.
- Depart the Upper Galilee.
- Drive to the Western Galilee and visit Visit Acre (Akko) and explore the newly renovated underground crusader city now listed on the UNESCO Heritage List and the famous British prison.
- Take a panoramic tour of Haifa, including a view of the Haifa Bay, and visit with Rabbi Edgar Nof and congregants at Congregation Or Hadash.
- Lunch on your own en route.
- Tour Caesarea, one of the Land of Israel's most important cities during the Roman Empire; visit the Herodian Theater and new



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excavations along the Mediterranean shore concluding with the new interactive audio/visual program *'The Stars of Caesarea,'* located in the 900-year-old crusader city built on the same site.

- Visit to Kibbutz Tzora and home hospitality with some of the members.
- Return to Jerusalem and dinner on your own.

Overnight: Jerusalem

DAY EIGHT: THURSDAY, MARCH 15, 2007

- Breakfast at the hotel.
- *"The Reform Jewish World"*, for a glimpse at the critical role the Reform Movement is playing in Israel and countries around the world.
- Depart Jerusalem for Nes Ziona and tour the Ayalon Institute, near Rehovot, site of a clandestine munitions factory during the British Mandate.
- Lunch on your own en route.
- Drive to Tel Aviv, known as the "city that never sleeps," and pass by centers of culture and recreation, from the Mann and Habima Theaters to sprawling beaches and Dizengoff Street.
- Visit to Independence Hall where the Declaration of Independence of the State of Israel was signed in 1948.
- Free time in Tel Aviv, or visit the Diaspora Museum.
- Visit to the Old City of Jaffa and dinner on your own.
- Return to Jerusalem.

Overnight: Jerusalem

DAY NINE: FRIDAY, MARCH 16, 2007

- Breakfast at the hotel.
- Depart for the Beit Guvrin Caves and take part in an active dig at the Beit Guvrin caves and prepare to get your hands dirty as you uncover pottery from the Hellenistic period, 2,300 years ago.
- Return to Jerusalem and free time to prepare for Shabbat.
- Drive to Modi'in for Kahbalat Shabbat with Congregation Yuzma, followed by home hospitality Shabbat dinner (if not possible, dinner will be at the hotel).

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DAY TEN: SATURDAY, MARCH 17, 2007

- Breakfast at the hotel.
- Depart for the Dead Sea region.
- Tour Masada, Herod's desert retreat and site of the Jewish Zealots' last stand against the Roman Legionnaires. Discuss Masada's role as a symbol of Jewish defense and its current meaning and significance in modern Israel.
- Experience the weightlessness of the Dead Sea as you float in its waters with lunch on your own.
- Short hike to "Nahal David" the freshwater spring at the Ein Gedi Nature Reserve, a lush oasis in the Judean Desert overlooking the Dead Sea.
- Return to Jerusalem via Qumran, walk through the impressive Dead Sea Sect community area, see the caves where the Dead Sea Scrolls were found and view the new interactive audio visual program (time permitting).
- Havdallah
- Farewell dinner

Overnight: Jerusalem

DAY ELEVEN: SUNDAY, MARCH 18, 2007

- Breakfast at the hotel
- Day at leisure for shopping and to relax before the flight.
- Transfer to the airport for departure flight to the USA

Overnight: flight

DAY TWELVE: MONDAY, MARCH 19, 2007

- Arrive home in the USA

t- Itinerary is tentative and subject to change.

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