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Vassar Temple  
12 Days | Israel Tour  
March 10 – 21, 2007

#### **TOUR FEATURES:**

- Flights: New York -Tel Aviv Tel Aviv- New York 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
- Flight to Eilat
- Private motor coach featuring large panoramic windows, reclining seats and foot rests
- Friendly and professional English speaking tour educator
- 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 portage 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:**

- Jeep trip driving off the beaten track through the Eilat Mountains, including a ride along the ridge of the Red canyon and an outward bound drive into the wilderness
- Walk through the Wilderness of Zinn to the Ein Avdat Spring in the heart of the Negev.
- Visit the Western Wall Tunnel, the underground continuation of the Western Wall along the Temple Mount.
- Experience the sites, smells, and tastes of Jerusalem while walking through the Mahaneh Yehuda Market, as Jerusalemites hurriedly prepare for Shabbat.
- 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 Safed, a center of Jewish mysticism for hundreds of years, and a contemporary artists' colony
- Experience the story of Israel's pre-state elite fighting force, The Palmach, while meandering through an interactive maze that allows a glimpse into the lives of extraordinary people at Beit Hapalmach.



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**HOTELS:**

DATES	NIGHTS	HOTEL	CITY	CATEGORY
MARCH 11–13, 2007	2	DAN PANORAMA	EILAT	MODERATE DELUXE
MARCH 13–14, 2007	1	LE MERIDIAN	DEAD SEA	MODERATE DELUXE
MARCH 14–18, 2007	4	DAN PANORAMA	JERUSALEM	MODERATE DELUXE
MARCH 18–19, 2007	1	KIBBUTZ HOTEL	UPPER GALILEE	FIRST CLASS
MARCH 19–21, 2007	1+LCO	DAN PANORAMA	TEL AVIV	MODERATE DELUXE

**DISCOUNTED GROUP RATES:**

	COST
AIR & LAND – ADULT	3,055
AIR & LAND – CHILD <sup>^</sup>	2,649

- For single occupancy room please add \$675 to the above group rates
- Rates are per person based on double occupancy and a minimum of 20 full paying participants

<sup>^</sup> *Child (ages 2-18): Sharing room as third*

\*Notes:

- 1) *Our rates include a late check out on the day of departure.*
- 2) *Prices reflect a 3% discount for purchases 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
10 MAR 07	LY26	EWR	TLV	11:50P – 5:20P +1
21 MAR 07	LY27	TLV	EWR	12:05A – 5:55A

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.



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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 \$220 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.

**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.



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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, cabs, telephone calls, postage, etc.), tips to drivers, guides, tour escorts and other services not indicated above.



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## VASSAR TEMPLE, POUGHKEEPSIE, NY

LED BY RABBI PAUL GOLOMB

MARCH 10 – 21, 2007

PROPOSED ITINERARY BY ARZA WORLD TRAVEL

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### DAY ONE: Saturday, March 10, 2007

- Depart U.S.A.

**Overnight: Flight**

### DAY TWO: Sunday, March 11, 2007

- Arrive at Ben Gurion International Airport.
- Welcome by our representative and assistance with arrival formalities.
- Transfer to the Domestic Terminal for the flight to Eilat.
- Arrive in Eilat and transfer to the hotel for check-in.
- Welcome dinner in Eilat.

**Overnight: Dan Panorama, Eilat**

### DAY THREE: Monday, March 12, 2007

- Breakfast at the hotel.
- Jeep trip driving off the beaten track through the Eilat Mountains, including a ride along the ridge of the Red canyon and an outward bound drive into the wilderness.
- Visit the Eilat Underwater Observatory and experience the wonders and mysteries of the world beneath the Red Sea.
- Enjoy other water sports on own.
- Dinner and evening on own.

**Overnight: Dan Panorama, Eilat**



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**DAY FOUR: Tuesday, March 13, 2007**

- Breakfast at the hotel.
- Check out of the hotel and depart Eilat.
- Visit Kibbutz Yahel, a unique communal settlement in the Arava Valley near Eilat, affiliated with the Reform Movement.
- Walk through the Wilderness of Zinn to the Ein Avdat Spring in the heart of the Negev.
- Visit the home and gravesite of Israel's first Prime Minister, David Ben Gurion, located at Kibbutz Sde Boker overlooking the Wilderness of Zinn in the Negev Desert.
- Continue to the Dead Sea and check into the spa hotel, with time to experience the weightlessness of the Dead Sea as you float in its waters.
- Dinner at the hotel.

**Overnight: Le Meridian, Dead Sea**

**DAY FIVE: Wednesday, March 14, 2007**

- Breakfast at the hotel.
- Visit Masada, Herod's mountain palace and site of the Jewish Zealots' last stand against the Roman Legionnaires. Discuss Masada's role as a symbol of Jewish defense and the current meaning and significance in modern Israel.
- 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.
- Ascend to Jerusalem.
- Stop at the Haas Promenade to say the traditional "shehechyanu" blessing, recited upon entering Jerusalem.
- View Jerusalem from various vantage points around the city, for an appreciation of its size and glory.
- Check into the hotel.
- Dinner and evening on own.

**Overnight: Dan Panorama, Jerusalem**



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**DAY SIX: Thursday, March 15, 2007**

- Breakfast at the hotel.
- 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.
- Guided visit to the Davidson Archaeological Park with a special visit to the Davidson Center, to view the new three-dimensional computer generated presentation of *Life During the Time of the Temple*, followed by a guided visit to the Southern Wall Excavations.
- Visit the Western Wall Tunnel, the underground continuation of the Western Wall along the Temple Mount.
- ‘*An Inside View into Israel*’ Dialogue with Dr. Reuven Hazan of the Political Science Department of Hebrew University.
- Dinner on own.

**Overnight: Dan Panorama, Jerusalem**

**DAY SEVEN: Friday, March 16, 2007**

- Breakfast at the hotel.
- 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.
- Visit the graves of Theodor Herzl and Yitzhak Rabin at Mt. Herzl in Jerusalem.
- Experience the sites, smells, and tastes of Jerusalem while walking through the Mahaneh Yehuda Market, as Jerusalemites hurriedly prepare for Shabbat.
- Optional Kabbalat Shabbat services at one of the following Reform Synagogues: Kol Hanesama, Mevakshei Derech, Har El or Mevasseret Zion
- Shabbat dinner at the hotel.

**Overnight: Dan Panorama, Jerusalem**

**DAY EIGHT: Saturday, March 17, 2007**

- Breakfast at the hotel.
- Optional Shabbat services.



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- Walk along the rooftops of the Old City for a behind the scenes look at the various communities in Jerusalem and how they live together.
- Guided walk through the streets of Jerusalem using the writings of Israel's Nobel laureate in literature, S. Y Agnon as a guide.
- Havdalah in Yemin Moshe, facing the Old City.
- Free evening to stroll through the Ben Yehuda and Nachalat Shiva Pedestrian Mall, joining the many Israelis for a night out on the town.

**Overnight: Dan Panorama, Jerusalem**

**DAY NINE: Sunday, March 18, 2007**

- Breakfast at the hotel.
- Check out of the hotel and depart Jerusalem for the North.
- Visit the archaeological excavations at Beit Shean, one of the largest Roman-Byzantine cities uncovered in Israel.
- Drive to Tiberias, located on the shores of the Kinneret, one of the four holy Jewish cities in Israel and where Rachel the Poetess is buried.
- 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.
- Drive to the kibbutz and check into the hotel.
- Dinner at the kibbutz hotel.

**Overnight: Kibbutz Hotel, Galilee**

**DAY TEN: Monday, March 19, 2007**

- Breakfast at the kibbutz hotel.
- Jeep tour climbing to the Golan Heights in the footsteps of IDF soldiers and their battles in the Six Day War, to enjoy the beautiful natural scenery and gain an insight into the strategic complexity of the Golan.
- Visit the Golan Heights and explore its natural beauty from the volcanic mountains to the deep gorges.
- Observe a scenic overlook of Haifa Bay from Mount Carmel.



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- Tour Caesarea, one of the Land of Israel's most important cities during the Roman Empire; visit the Herodian Theater and new excavations along the Mediterranean shore concluding with a visit to the 900-year-old crusader city built on the same site.
- Drive to Tel Aviv.
- Drive through the exciting city of Tel Aviv, known as the "City That Never Sleeps."
- Check into the hotel.
- Dinner and evening on own in Tel Aviv.

**Overnight: Dan Panorama, Tel Aviv**

**DAY ELEVEN: Tuesday, March 20, 2007**

- Breakfast at the kibbutz hotel.
- Visit to Independence Hall where the Declaration of Independence of the State of Israel was signed in 1948.
- Experience the story of Israel's pre-state elite fighting force, The Palmach, while meandering through an interactive maze that allows a glimpse into the lives of extraordinary people at Beit Hapalmach.  
OR Visit the Ayalon Institute, near Rehovot, site of a clandestine munitions factory during the British Mandate.
- Visit the Old City of Jaffa and stroll through the renovated artists' colony and the ancient port.
- Farewell dinner.
- Transfer to Ben Gurion International Airport
- Departure flight to the USA

**Overnight: Flight**

**DAY TWELVE: Wednesday, March 21, 2007**

- Arriving back to the US

t- Itinerary is tentative and subject to change.

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