

Many Roads Not Taken: Broad Perspective, Depth and Reflection

Four Virtual days of Travel throughout Israel

Lead by Israeli tour guide Uri Feinberg

Thursdays: Noon – 1:15 p.m. Nov. 4, 11, 18, Dec. 2, 2021

Tuition - \$60 for Temple Sholom Member, \$75 for non-members

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Meet Israelis, encounter the landscape, revive memories, touch the past and explore the present. Join us on four very different experiences as we virtually explore the State of Israel. We will travel the country and realize that every ridge and every hill has a story. We will engage on very different levels, as each journey will provide another layer of Israeli identity, past and present. Visiting south Tel Aviv, the writing on the wall will leave no doubt as to the state of the nation. Mt. Herzl in Jerusalem will provide a window to the pain and memory of that very same nation. Personal stories of Aliya (immigration) will open the convergence of the personal with the communal, and pivotal moments from the days of the Maccabees will be coupled with those of modern-day Israel. All these and much more will be part of our experience together.

November 4, 2021

1. The Writing is on the Wall: Tel Aviv and its Watershed Moments of the Jewish People

Join us as we land in the ancient port of Jaffa and then follow the gaze of the early pioneers towards the sand dunes of Tel Aviv. We will walk in the footsteps of those who birthed a city and those who willed a State into being. The Nachum Guttman million tile mosaic and Independence Hall will pave the way as we continue to explore the words of the prophets, written on the Florentine walls. The vibrancy of the ‘city that never sleeps’ will be felt through our conversation with one of its most vibrant street artists and we will find ourselves filled with pride as we experience what a hand on the pulse of a city feels like. We will also be filled with pain as we visit the site of what could have been the end, and in many ways was, at Rabin Square. Perhaps our most important question will be - how does all this affect me?

November 11, 2021

2. Memorials and Memory in the State of Israel:

Memory is fluid. It inhales and exhales. Memorials found in Israel reflect this dynamic ability and say a thing or two about Israelis. Join us on a visit to Mt. Herzl, Israel's national military cemetery, including the new national memorial hall. The adjacent Yad Vashem, national Holocaust Museum and Memorial, will provide another lens into the evolution of the elasticity of Israeli collective *zikaron*, memory. We will experience the convoys up to Jerusalem and meet entire units who fought together, remember and mourn together. Lastly, we will recognize that the stone and steel, only tell part of the story. Memory and memorials are reflected in the powerful words that are said, the quiet moments of grand vistas the lives that are loved and lost- but also the lives that are lived.

November 18, 2021

3. The Ethiopian Aliyah

The State of Israel is the sum total of all of its parts. It stands on the shoulders of those who stood in the breach and defended it at all cost. No less so, it stands within the burning embers of generations who fanned the memory of the land, long before the realization of a state. And it stands because of those who harnessed that memory, and through their own faith and strength, and partnership with the state itself, willed themselves to return. Join us on a visit to the city of Beer-Sheva, the capital of the Negev. We will meet Naftali Aklum who immigrated from Ethiopia when he was just a toddler in the early 1980's. Naftali will share with us his journey, to Israel but as important- in Israel, as we learn of his own Israeli story. As we take a walk through his early stomping grounds, we will also meet his brother Farede, a real life, modern Moses.

Dec 2, 2021

4. Chanukah in Modiin: An Origin Story, then and now

The City of Modiin is one of the oldest and one of the newest cities in the world. We will peel back its ancient layers, visit its more than 2000-year-old sites and share some of its most sacred secrets. The Chanukah story definitely, may have happened here! Wait, what do I mean? You will have to join us to find out. Ancient graves and caves, and the oldest synagogue you've ever seen, will serve as the perfect mirror to reflect a modern, green city, fast growing to become one of Israel's largest, with a vibrant Reform Movement, carrying on the torch of change. Lighting the holiday candles will never be the same after our visit together.

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