



The Schechter Institutes, Inc.

SCHECHTER INSTITUTES' 40TH ANNIVERSARY MISSION

Celebrating Pluralistic
Jewish Education in Israel

November
18-23, 2024

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Itinerary

Please note that the itinerary is not final and is subject to change based on time, weather, security and other considerations.



DAY 1

Monday,
November 18,
2024

WELCOME TO ISRAEL! OPENING DAY

- **Welcome to Israel!!** Arrive at Ben Gurion Airport where you will be met by an Israel Maven representative and transportation
- **Transfer to Jerusalem** - pick up participants at hotel and continue to the Haas Promenade
- **Welcome to Jerusalem!** Enjoy a spectacular vista over Jerusalem from the **Haas Promenade**. Make a Lechayim. Welcome by **Rabbi Matt Berkowitz**, Vice President, Schechter Institutes, Inc.
- Check into Hotel- settle in and relax
- **Opening dinner** at the hotel (included)- Opening Remarks by **Rabbi Professor David Golinkin**, President and **Saul Sanders**, Chairman of the Board, Schechter Institutes, Inc.

— Overnight: **Inbal Hotel - Jerusalem**

- Full Israeli breakfast at hotel
- Morning session at hotel with **Prof. Ari Ackerman**, President of Machon Schechter, Graduate School. Chaired by **David Kekst**, Vice Chairman of the Board, Schechter Institutes, Inc.
- Travel to **TALI School** in Jerusalem, Mevasseret or Maaleh Adumim - With **Dr. Peri Sinclair**, Scott and Susan Shay Director General of TALI. The TALI Educational Fund is dedicated to enriching & deepening pluralistic Jewish studies in secular Israeli schools
- Lunch at the TALI School (included)
- Afternoon in the **Old City** with **Professor Doron Bar**, Former President, Machon Schechter. Topic: Dedications and Reconstructions in the Old City of Jerusalem; tour will close at Egalitarian Kotel for special Mincha service led by **Rabbi Chaya Rowen Baker**, Dean, Schechter Rabbinical Seminary, and rabbinical students.
- **Dedication and Grand Opening** – Attend the dedication of the newly renovated Harvey L. Miller Family Library and Administration Building at the Schechter Institutes Campus in Jerusalem; learn with Schechter Faculty in study group options in locations throughout the newly renovated building
- Festive dinner at Schechter

— Overnight: **Inbal Hotel - Jerusalem**

DAY 2

Tuesday,
November 19,
2024

DEDICATION AND RECONSTRUCTION- JERUSALEM



DAY 3



Wednesday,
November 20,
2024

CULTURE, CUISINE & CONNECTION

- Full Israeli breakfast at hotel
- Meet with **President Herzog** at his residence and discuss his Zionist vision of unity, dialogue, and renewal. (confirmation pending)
- Visit the new building of the **National Library** - The National Library as Resource for Schechter Scholarship, with **Schechter Faculty**, Professor Renee Levine-Melamed, Dr. Sarah Schwartz and Professor Moshe Benovitz (showcasing their research); special curator's tour by Dr. Raquel Ukeles, Head of Collections
- Enjoy a delicious culinary tour in the colorful **Machane Yehudah Outdoor Market**
- Lunch on own at Machane Yehudah Market
- Encounter the leaders and heroes who are interred at the **Mount Herzl National Cemetery (with Professor Doron Bar)**. Visit the new graves since October 7th and hear some of the heroic stories of our soldiers. Hear from **Dr. Eyal Kaminka**, the former Director of the International School for Holocaust Studies at Yad Vashem who lost his son, **Yannai**, on the 7th of October or **Anati and Shimon Alkabetz**
- Group Dinner
- **Ordination Ceremony of the Schechter Rabbinical Seminary** (including musical performance by Ashira Faculty)

— Overnight: **Inbal Hotel - Jerusalem**

- Full Israeli breakfast at hotel
- Check out and depart
- Travel to the **town of Ofakim** and visit **Midreshet Schechter** to hear more about The Schechter Israel Emergency Campaign. Hosted by **Rabbi Irina Gritsevskaya**, Executive Director, Midreshet Schechter
- Lunch in Ofakim or Sderot to support the local economy (not included)
- Visit to **Beeri or Kfar Aza** – either with Inbal Sitbon, Schechter Rabbinical student or Alkabetz Family
- **Jeep tour in the Beeri Forest** - hearing more about the region, its history and understanding the events of October 7th, 2023
- **BBQ Dinner with soldiers** on one of the local bases in the south (included)
- Continue to Tel Aviv for check in to hotel

— Overnight: **David Intercontinental - Tel Aviv**

DAY 4



Thursday,
November 21,
2024

THE GAZA ENVELOPE- TO TEL AVIV



DAY 5

Friday,
November 22,
2024

**BUILDING A
COMMUNITY-
PREPARATION
FOR SHABBAT**

- Full Israeli breakfast at hotel
- Literary and historical walking tour of **Neve Tzedek neighborhood & Yafo** with Abraham Silver or Muki Yankelevich (Schechter Alum)
- Explore the vibrancy of Jewish Life at **Neve Schechter** and be treated to a musical performance by Maureen Nehedar, a talented performer specializing in Persian Jewish music. Hosted by **Romina Reisin**, Director, Neve Schechter
- Lunch on own in Tel Aviv - **Sarona Market** (time permitting)
- Prepare for Shabbat
- Musical Kabbalat Shabbat and Friday night services at the hotel
- Shabbat dinner at the hotel (included); Friday night Torah study & Tisch with **Reb Mimi Feigelson**

—— **Overnight: David Intercontinental - Tel Aviv**

- Full Israeli breakfast at hotel
- Shacharit services at **Neve Schechter - Masorti Synagogue** in Neve Tzedek with **Rabbi Roberto Arbib**
- **Shabbat Torah study** with two of the following **Schechter Faculty: Prof. David Golinkin, Prof. Ari Ackerman, Rabbi Chaya Rowen Baker, Rabbi Matt Berkowitz, Rabbi Irina Gritsevskaia and Dr. Gila Vachman**
- Lunch at the hotel (included)
- **Musical Havdalah at Neve Schechter** along with dinner and a time to reflect about our journey with **Rabbi Professor David Golinkin**
- Bus to Ben Gurion Airport for evening flights



DAY 6

Saturday,
November 23,
2024

**SHABBAT IN
TEL AVIV**



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Cost: \$4,500 per person (includes 3 nights accommodation at the Inbal Hotel, Jerusalem- Deluxe rooms · 2 nights accommodation at the David Intercontinental Hotel, Tel Aviv- Classic rooms. Late check out from hotel after Shabbat (pending authorization) · Full buffet breakfast every day at hotel. · Porterage at hotels · 6 days with professional English-speaking licensed tour-guide · Transportation in fully-air-conditioned luxury bus for 5 days · Transfer to the airport on the day of departure (Saturday night) · Activities and entrance fees based on the itinerary. · 6 dinners based on itinerary. Note: BBQ with soldiers is pending authorization and number of soldiers. · 2 lunches based on itinerary · Bottles of water daily on the bus and snacks on the bus upon arrival (day 1) · Organizing and full backing of Israel Maven support staff to ensure smooth running of the trip)

Single Supplement: \$1,180

Registration requires a \$500 USD deposit; full balance must be paid THREE WEEKS before the mission

For any questions

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For registration & payment

Please go to the Schechter Institutes, Inc. website: **<https://schechter.edu/delegation/>**

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