

Solidarity Mission to Israel

with Rabbi Jonathan Lubliner

December 24–29, 2023

DAY 1 SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24

Departure

- Depart the United States

DAY 2 MONDAY, DECEMBER 25

Arrive in Israel

- Arrive in **Israel** to be met and assisted at **Ben Gurion International Airport** (Programming may begin earlier depending on arrival time).
- Transfer to hotel in Jerusalem and check in
- **Israel After October 7th**, Dinner and discussion with **Haviv Rettig Gur**, Political Correspondent and Senior Analyst at the Times of Israel at hotel.
- **Overnight: Dan Panorama Hotel, Jerusalem**

DAY 3 TUESDAY, DECEMBER 26

The Western Negev

- Breakfast at the hotel.
- **The Gaza Story**, with **Colonel Reserve Grisha Yaakubovitch**, who served in the IDF Civil Administration in the Gaza region.
- Depart for the **Western Negev** and visit a **Kibbutz**, which was devastated Hamas' brutal October 7 attack, in conjunction with the IDF and residents. (pending approval and confirmation).
- Continue to **Kibbutz Alumim**, where a heroic defense by the kibbutz's emergency response team prevented held off Hamas terrorists, including hearing a first-hand account of the battle by a member of the Emergency Response Team.
- Packed lunch enroute.
- Visit **Netivot** – A town at the entrance to the War Zone to visit a 'special kitchen' set up to serve thousands of soldiers serving in the region, with an opportunity to pack provisions for

soldiers and meet with local social workers.

OR

Continue to the town of **Sderot**, a symbol of Israel's longstanding conflict with Hamas, to drive through the town, stopping at its **Police Station**, which was demolished in order to rout terrorists who had taken over the building, followed by a meeting with **Mayor Alon Davidi** at **City Hall**.

- Travel to the **Jerusalem Corridor**.
- Visit evacuee families, together with **Tali Levanon**, **Director of the Israel Trauma Coalition**, at a hotel where they are being housed in the **Jerusalem Corridor**.
- Free evening, dinner on own.
- **Overnight: Dan Panorama Hotel, Jerusalem**

DAY 4 WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 27

Tel Aviv

- Breakfast at hotel
- Visit the **Hamal Hayerushalmi (Jerusalem Civil Society Coordination Center)** on the campus of the **Nissan Netiv Drama School**, for a briefing with **Adir Schwartz**, a Jerusalem community leader and a founder of the center, followed by an opportunity to engage in hands-on volunteer work.
- Drive to **Tel Aviv**.
- Continue to **Ichilov Hospital** to meet with medical staff and injured soldiers.
- Lunch on your own in Tel Aviv.
- Walk from **Ichilov** to the **Tel Aviv Art Museum Plaza**, now re-named **Hostage Square**, which is the focal point of the families' efforts to **BRING THEM HOME**.
- Conclude at the **Hostages and Missing Families Forum Headquarters**, the center of efforts to raise international awareness to plight of the hostages. The visit will include meetings with volunteer organizers, media specialists, therapists and family members of

hostages still in Gaza.

- Return to Jerusalem
- Free evening with dinner on own.
- **Overnight: Dan Panorama Hotel, Jerusalem**

DAY 5 THURSDAY, DECEMBER 28

- Breakfast at hotel and check out of hotel.
- **Briefing on U.S.-Israel Relations** by an **AIPAC Israel representative** at hotel.
- Guided tour of Israel's new **National Library** and see the **Hostages Reading Circle**.
- Travel to the Old City of Jerusalem.
- Discover the archaeological story of the **Western Wall** and episodes of Jewish life in Jerusalem 2,000 years ago at **Robinson's Arch** and the **Southern Wall Excavations**.
- Visit the traditional prayer area of the **Western Wall**.
- Lunch on own and free time in the **Jewish Quarter**.
- Concluding discussion, followed by farewell dinner at a local restaurant.
- Transfer to **Ben Gurion International Airport** for U.S. bound flight.
- **Overnight: In Flight or midday flight depending on availability**

DAY 6 FRIDAY, DECEMBER 29

- Arrive in U.S.A.

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Please Note: Due to changing realities on the ground, the above itinerary is tentative. The final itinerary will be confirmed by December 19th.

