

JCCMW VOLUNTEER MISSION TO ISRAEL



ITINERARY

Saturday, Feb. 10, 2024 (or sooner): Fly to Israel

- Plan to arrive at Tel Aviv Ben Gurion Airport no later than the afternoon of Sunday, Feb. 11.

Sunday, Feb. 11, 2024: Arrive in Israel

- Group transfers from Ben Gurion Airport to David Citadel Jerusalem; check in to your hotel accommodations. If you plan to arrive in Jerusalem on your own, meet in the lobby of David Citadel Jerusalem at 7 PM.
- Have dinner at the hotel with **Gil Hoffman** who will provide us with an overview of what is happening behind the scenes on the military, media, and political fronts. Hoffman is a renowned Israeli-American journalist and political correspondent who serves as the executive director of *HonestReporting* and who previously served as the *Jerusalem Post's* chief political correspondent.

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Monday, Feb. 12, 2024: Help Where it's Needed Most

- Breakfast at the hotel.
- **Volunteer** today. Activities—based on immediate needs—might include:
 - *Picking and packing fruits and vegetables with Leket Israel and/or HaShomer HaChadash*
 - *Helping Achim B'Neshek package essentials for soldiers*
 - *Volunteering in a local Chamal (a war room where donations of items and goods are sorted, packaged, and distributed to those in need).*
- Lunch to be provided.
- Drive to the nearby village of Ma'ale Hachamisha and meet **evacuated families** from Netiv Ha'asara and Kibbutz Zikim.
- Return to Jerusalem.
- Rest, relax, and prepare for evening.
- This evening, have dinner with **Col. (Ret.) Miri Eisin**, a former IDF intelligence officer and incoming chair of the board of the prestigious Taub Center to hear about the socio-economic implications of the war on Israeli society.

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Tuesday, Feb. 13, 2024: IDF**Volunteerism**

- Breakfast at the hotel.
- **Volunteer with Sar-El** at an army base. This unique program contributes to the security of Israel by offering logistical support to soldiers in the field.
- Lunch to be provided.
- Return to Jerusalem.
- Rest, refresh, and prepare for the evening.
- Have dinner at the hotel, joined by **lone soldiers** from your community (subject to availability).

Wednesday, Feb. 14, 2024: Solid Impacts

- After breakfast at the hotel, depart from Jerusalem.
- Visit **Hadassah Hospital** at Mt. Scopus. Meet injured patients and IDF soldiers.
- **Volunteer** today. Activities—based on immediate needs—might include:
 - *Picking and packing fruits and vegetables with Leket Israel and/or HaShomer HaChadash.*
 - *Helping Achim B’Neshek package essentials for soldiers.*
 - *Volunteering in a local chamal (a war room where donations of items and goods are sorted, packaged, and distributed to those in need).*



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Wednesday, Feb. 14, 2024 (continued)

- Lunch to be provided.
- Rest, relax, and prepare for evening.
- Have dinner at the hotel. Meet with
- **Tali Levanon**, director of the **Israeli Trauma Center** (ITC), an organization that envisions a society where individuals impacted by trauma find comprehensive support and healing. Under her leadership, the ITC strives to provide specialized care, counseling, and resources to empower those affected by trauma, fostering resilience and rebuilding lives throughout Israel, especially today, after the October 7 attack and massacre.

**Thursday, Feb. 15, 2024: Kol Yisrael
Erevim Zeh L'Zeh**

- After breakfast, meet in the lobby and depart the hotel.
- This morning, meet with **Rabbi Chaya Rowan Baker** of Masorti (conservative) Kehilat Ramot Zion in Jerusalem's French Hill neighborhood for a discussion about the spiritual side of the current war and its effects on society (subject to availability).

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**Thursday, Feb. 15, 2024 (continued)**

- Volunteer at the Fuchsberg logistical command center in Jerusalem, an ad-hoc civil command center assisting soldiers, the bereaved, and the displaced, and packing boxes of needed supplies for evacuees from the Gaza perimeter and Upper Galilee regions.
- Lunch to be provided.
- Return to the hotel to refresh and pack for the journey home.
- Late afternoon hotel check-out.
- Drive to **Tel Aviv**.
- Visit **Kikar Hahatufim** (Hostage Square) outside the Tel Aviv Museum of Art. View the powerful art on display.
- Visit the headquarters of the **hostage victims' families** and hear from family members of hostages in Gaza.
- Enjoy a **farewell dinner** in Tel Aviv. As a group, reflect upon the powerful experiences shared and discuss how to continue making a difference at home.
- Transfer to Ben Gurion International Airport. There, our representative will assist with flight check-in procedures.
- Return to the United States.

SUMMARY

THANK YOU.

YASHER KOACH TO YOU!

WE WISH YOU LUCK ON THIS
VERY IMPORTANT MISSION.

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN
JOINING THE JCCMW
VOLUNTEER MISSION TO
ISRAEL, PLEASE CONTACT
RABBI DAHLIA BERNSTEIN
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FOR A ONE-ON-ONE INFO
SESSION AND INTERVIEW TO
MAKE SURE THIS TRIP IS A
GOOD FIT FOR YOU.

THE TRIP ITINERARY
INCLUDES 6-8 HOURS PER
DAY OF PHYSICALLY
INTENSIVE VOLUNTEERING.

עם ישראל חי!!!