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Temple Beth Shalom (Arnold, MD) - 2013 Tour
14 Days/13 Nights – High 4 Star/5-Star Hotels

Led by: Rabbi Ari Goldstein

June 15th – 30th, 2013

Tour Organizer: Ari Goldstein

All-inclusive Rates Per person	With roundtrip airfare from Newark	<u>Without</u> airfare	<u>Type of Accommodation</u>
Per person in a shared Deluxe room	\$5058.00	\$3726.00	Jerusalem: Mt. Zion (Deluxe) Haifa: Crown Plaza (Executive Rooms) North: Ramot Nofesh Resort (Nature Cabins) Dead Sea: Daniel (Classic Rooms) Eilat: Hilton's Queen of Sheba (Deluxe) Tel Aviv: Hilton (Refurbished Rooms)
For 3rd person (age 13+) in a shared room	\$4561.00	\$3234.00	(Same as Above, but 2+1).
For 1st child (2-12) in a shared room with adults	\$3758.00	\$2431.00	Jerusalem: Mt. Zion (Citadel/Deluxe Family Room with view – 2+1) Haifa: Crown Plaza (Executive Rooms 2 +1) North: Ramot Nofesh Resort (Nature Cabins 2 +1) Dead Sea: Daniel (Classic Rooms 2 +1) Eilat: Hilton's Queen of Sheba (Junior Suite 2 +1) Tel Aviv: Hilton (Refurbished Rooms 2 +1)
For 2nd child (2-12) in a shared room with adults	\$4066.00	\$2739.00	Jerusalem: Mt. Zion (Citadel/Deluxe Family Room with view 2+2) Haifa: Crown Plaza (2 Side-by-Side Rooms)

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			North: Ramot Nofesh Resort (Deluxe Cabin 2 +2) Dead Sea: Daniel (Classic Rooms 2 +2) Eilat: Hilton's Queen of Sheba (Junior Suite 2 +2) Tel Aviv: Hilton (Refurbished Rooms 2 +2)
Other Supplements			
Single Room Supplement	\$1885.00	-	
Petra Option (Adult)	\$299.00	-	1 Day Tour; Includes border fees, transportation, guide, tips (lunch on your own).
Petra Option (Child, 12 & under)	\$245.00	-	1 Day Tour; Includes border fees, transportation, guide, tips (lunch on your own).
Deductions			
Check/Money Order/Cash Payments	Deduct 2% from total cost.		
Downgrading rooms at all hotels to Standard Class (applies only to Shared 2-Person Room and 2+1 accommodations)	Deduct -\$280.00 per person.		Jerusalem: Mt. Zion (Standard) Haifa: Crown Plaza (Standard Rooms) North: Ramot Nofesh Resort (Hotel Deluxe) Dead Sea: Daniel (Classic Rooms) Eilat: Hilton's Queen of Sheba (Standard) Tel Aviv: Hilton (Standard, non-refurbished Rooms)

- ✓ Price is based on a minimum of 30 participants.
- ✓ Base-price is based on double-occupancy, and for payment via credit card.
- ✓ **Deduct 2% if paying by check/cash/money-order.**
- ✓ Price (Land & Air) includes roundtrip airfare via El Al Airlines (from Newark) & taxes and fuel charges amounting to \$700.00.
- ✓ 3rd Person sleeps either on a cot or pull-out couch.

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What's included?

- Round-trip airfare/transportation from Newark, NJ to Tel Aviv, Israel
- Airline fuel surcharges and taxes amounting to **\$700.00**
- Transfer to and from Tel Aviv's Ben Gurion International Airport
- VIP luggage & Airport services upon arrival/departure
- **14 days** of nice air-conditioned tour bus & driver
- **14 touring days** with licensed English-speaking Tour Guide
- **13 nights** in **High 4- Star to 5-Star Accommodations**
- **Full Buffet Breakfast each day** (soft drinks & alcohol not included).
- **4 Full Buffet Dinners at Hotels**
- **1 Dinner out at Abraham's Tent (hafla-style)**
- **1 Farewell Dinner at quality Restaurant in Tel Aviv**
- All park fees & scheduled activities and entertainment (kayaking, camel rides, ATV/Jeep rides, and more...)
- Personal Head-Set (Whisper system)
- Traveler's Kit (hat, map, water bottle)
- Credit card fees via website, fax or phone.
- All Visa & Border Fees (if needed)
- Gratuities for Guide & Driver throughout (valued at \$130.00 per person)
- Gratuities for baggage handlers and hotel staff.

What's *not* included?

- All lunches and *some* dinners
- Traveler's Insurance (not required, but highly recommended)
- Any additional fuel surcharges or tax increases for airfare
- Personal expenses such as telephone calls from room, mini bar, room service, etc.

Traveler Insurance

Samson Tours partners with **Travel Guard** to provide a customized optional travel insurance group package for our clients.

- Price is based on group of 10 or more who purchase traveler insurance to cover the entire tour package.
 - **For ages 0-59 : \$205.00**
 - **For ages 60+ : \$343.00**

Coverage Benefit Amount

Trip Cancellation **100% of insured Trip Cost**
 Trip Interruption **150% of insured Trip Cost***

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Trip Interruption- Return Air Only.....	\$750*
Trip Delay (\$150 max/day)	\$750
Missed Connection.....	\$250
Baggage & Personal Effects Loss (Secondary)	\$1,500
Baggage Delay.....	\$250
Medical Expense (Secondary).....	\$25,000
Dental.....	\$500
Emergency Evacuation & Repatriation of Remains.....	\$250,000
Accidental Death and Dismemberment	\$25,000

*Coverage for Trip Interruption and Trip Interruption-Return Air Only cannot be combined

*For further details about coverage, request the **Group Protection Plan Description of Coverage***

Policies

Refund & Other Policies (Samson Tours)

- **Group Minimum:** This program is based on an absolute minimum of **30** participants. If the group minimum is not met within 4 months of departure, a new pricing structure may be applied.
- **Your Health:** All participants must be in good health and walking condition. This program is active and involves a lot of walking over uneven surfaces and climbing stairs. All locations may not be accessible for the disabled. Any condition that may require special accommodation must be reported at the time of your reservation.
- **Group Airfare:** Samson Tours works alongside the tour leader to find the best airfare and best price for the group. In order to request a group airfare price, there must be at least 10 passengers on the group flight. The airfare will be paid to the airline in full upon their request and subject to their cancellation/refund policies. We are holding **37** coach tickets with El Al for this group.
- **Deposit for Land:** To ensure your spot on the tour, we request a **\$500.00 deposit PER PERSON** be paid **upon signup. Final registration cutoff is 4 months before departure date.** The deposit is fully refundable up to 4 months before departure. After that, the deposit is non-refundable, but transferable to another passenger (provided that the group minimum is met). If the group minimum is not maintained, then the deposit can be used as a future credit with Samson Tours. The deposit can be paid by cash, check, money order, bank transfer, debit or credit card.
- **Final Payments:** The final payment will be made 3 months before departure. Payments made by check or cash will be made in US\$ to Samson Tours, Inc. Payments made by debit or credit card to Samson Tours, Inc. will be charged the full balance. If there are any unpaid fuel surcharges for the group flight, they will be billed to you at cost per the group airline contract at a later stage.
- **Diversions:** If you arrive either before or after the recommended group departure/arrival time, or if your flight is delayed beyond a reasonable waiting period, or if you elect to divert or add-on additional days to the trip, then it is understood that you will arrive at the hotel or to the airport at your own expense.
- **Refunds (Land):** The following refunds for the **land portion** (less deposit) of the price will apply to non-insured travelers: Full refund if cancelled 90+ calendar days before departure. 75% refund if cancelled 89-60 days before departure. 50% refund if cancelled 59-40 days before departure. 25% refund if cancelled 39-15 days before departure. 0% refund if cancelled 14-0 days before departure. **ALL land-payments are transferable to another new passenger up to 40 days before departure,** provided that the group minimum has already been met.
- **Refunds (Air):** Per group contract with airline.
- **Travel Insurance** – Samson Tours does not require travel insurance. It is, however, strongly advised that **all travelers** equip themselves with a comprehensive travel insurance plan through a private carrier, like Travel Guard or through your credit card company. Samson Tours is a licensed

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reseller of Travel Guard insurance. A group quote can be provided upon request, or can be purchased individually via [our website](#). See the Group Leader or the Group section of our website for more details.

- **Single Supplement:** For single travelers, a single supplement fee for the hotels is required. This usually amounts to around 90% of the Double Room cost. If a person has ordered a double room and his or her roommate cancels his or her tour, then the individual holding a double room must find a new roommate or pay the single supplement.
- **Exchange Rate:** The current exchange rate is 3.9 shekels to the dollar. Samson Tours, Inc. reserves the right to charge a supplement to the price if the dollar falls below the 3.5 threshold. Note: Samson Tours will only do this if the hotels and other agents require it to do so. As of September, 2012, we have never yet had to charge an exchange rate surcharge.
- **Responsibility** - Samson Tours, Inc. and or its agents and representatives shall be, in no way, liable or responsible for any personal or property loss, damage or injury howsoever caused.
- **Update** – These policies may be updated from time to time. Upon update, you will be notified by Samson Tours, Inc. or its group leader.

Itinerary

* Final Itinerary: This itinerary is subject to minor changes. Most tour days will require an 8 am departure with a return to the hotel by 6pm. A final itinerary will be provided no later than 2 months before departure.

** Flight Times: We are holding **37** coach tickets with El Al for this group.

*** Hotels: Alternative hotels of similar or better class may be substituted. Final hotel arrangements will be posted no later than 4 months before departure.

B = Breakfast only

B/D = Breakfast & Dinner included

Saturday, June 15th - Departure Day

- We recommend taking the high-speed Amtrak train to Newark Airport. Total travel time around 2 hours 20 minutes from Baltimore Penn Station or BWI.
- 23:35 (11:35pm): Depart from Newark, NJ on El Al Airlines LY 026

Sunday, June 16th (B/D)

- 17:05 (5:05 pm) - arrival at Ben Gurion International Airport, Israel
- **VIP** Airport Service and Baggage Handlers
- Drive **UP to Jerusalem** and raise a glass of wine overlooking the Old City
- Check-in to our hotel
- Welcome “Home” Dinner

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Monday, June 17th – (B/D)

- Optional **Bnei/Bnot Mitzva ceremonies** at the Hebrew Union College.
- Relax at the hotel or have an option to visit the **Israel Museum** or Bible Lands Museum.
- 14:00 – Depart from the hotel and enjoy a nature hike and refreshing swim in **Ein Perat**, where the prophet Jeremiah is from.
- 17:00 - Have fun on a camel ride, a pita-bread making contest and eating dinner, biblical style, at **Abraham's tent**.
- Overnight: [Mt. Zion Hotel](#) (Deluxe 'Citadel' & Family Rooms)

Tuesday, June 18th – (B)

- Walk onto the **Temple Mount** to see the site of the former temple and today's Dome of the Rock and Al Aqsa Mosque
- Visit the **Western Wall/Wailing Wall**
- Journey through the **Western Wall Tunnels**
- Enjoy **lunch** and some shopping time on your own in the **Jewish Quarter**.
- Visit the **Southern Wall Excavations** & the Davidson Center and see a **3D Virtual Model** of the former Temple
- Experience the **City of David** (3D Movie, Warren's Shaft, Hezekiah's Tunnel)
- Enjoy dinner out on your own
- Overnight: [Mt. Zion Hotel](#) (Deluxe 'Citadel' & Family Rooms)

Wednesday, June 19th – (B)

- Visit **Mt. Herzl** & Experience the life of Theodore Herzl through a **Multimedia Experience**.
- Have your choice of visits: **Yad vaShem Holocaust Memorial** OR the **Israel Museum** or **The Bible Lands Museum**
- Choose to return to the hotel or continue on to the **Machane Yehuda Market** and **Ben Yehuda Street**.
- **Optional:** Visit a firing range where you can shoot Israeli-made weaponry like the Uzi, Galil & Jericho rifles at the [Caliber 3 Shooting Range](#) in Gush Etsion.
- Enjoy dinner out on your own
- Overnight: [Mt. Zion Hotel](#) (Deluxe 'Citadel' & Family Rooms)

Thursday, June 20th – (B)

- Depart Jerusalem for Haifa
- Visit **Mei Kedem**, the aqueduct that brought water to Caesarea

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- Stop for lunch in **Zichron Ya'akov**
- Enjoy a multimedia experience about the Ma'apalim at the **Atlit Detention Center**
- Visit the **Bahai Gardens**
- Enjoy dinner out on your own
- Overnight: [Crown Plaza](#) (Executive Rooms), Haifa

Friday, June 21st – (B/D)

- **Akko** (Knights' Halls, Templar Tunnel, Ancient Port)
- **Tsfat**, city of Kaballah (tour of Old City and shopping time in the galleries)
- Time permitting, we'll visit **Tel Hazor**, the capital of the Canaanite Kingdom and the destroyed city of Joshua 11
- Enjoy a full-buffet dinner at the hotel
- Overnight: [Ramot Nofesh](#) (Nature Cabins)

Shabbat, June 22nd – (B/D)

- Visit **Gamla** ('the Masada of the North') and see the Griffin Vultures
- Visit a **military base** in the Golan Heights (security permitting)
- **Ride ATVs OR horseback ride** along the Syrian border at Kibbutz Marom HaGolan and see the former Syrian Headquarters.
- Have fun **rafting** on the source of the Jordan River from **Kibbutz HaGoshrim**
- Enjoy a full-buffet dinner at the hotel
- Overnight: [Ramot Nofesh](#) (Nature Cabins)

Sunday, June 23rd – (B/D)

- Visit the ancient city of **Beth Shean** (Roman Theatre, Hypodrome, Bathhouse)
- Drive into the Judean Desert to the site of **Qumran**, where we'll have lunch and see where the Dead Sea Scrolls were discovered
- Experience the desert of **Ein Gedi** and enjoy a refreshing swim in the natural spring water OR have the option to visit Kibbutz Ein Gedi's botanical garden.
- Enjoy a full-buffet dinner at the hotel
- Overnight: [Daniel, Dead Sea](#) (Classic Rooms)

Monday, June 24th – (B)

- **Masada** (Alternative Bnei/Banot Mitzva Ceremonies can be held here). Have the option to hike up for sunrise or take the cable car up at 08:00.
- Drive down the **Aravah valley**
- Visit **Ein Yahel**, a Reform Kibbutz, for a tour of the kibbutz and its agricultural fields (pomelo fruit) along the Jordanian border.

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- **Check-in early** to our hotel in **Eilat, Red Sea**
- Have **dinner out** on your own at any of the nearby restaurants
- Lodging: [Hilton Queen of Sheba](#) (Deluxe Rooms)

Tuesday, June 25th – (B)

- Enjoy a **FREE DAY** on your own in Eilat
- In the morning you'll have the option to go snorkeling in the Red Sea and/or a desert hike led by Rabbi Goldstein
- Enjoy **dinner out** on your own at any of the nearby restaurants
- Lodging: [Hilton Queen of Sheba](#) (Deluxe Rooms)

Wednesday, June 26th – (B)

- Option #1: ► Wake up early to cross the Aravah Border Crossing and make your way to the Nabataean city of Petra and back. (**MUST BRING PASSPORTS, SUNSCREEN & HATS. Recommended: Change of Clothes. Lunch on your own.**)
- Option #2: Enjoy a 2nd free day on your own in Eilat
- Dinner out on your own
- Lodging: [Hilton Queen of Sheba](#) (Deluxe Rooms)

Thursday, June 27th – (B)

- Drive northward through the Negev, via the Ramon Crater and around Beersheva.
- Experience hands-on an **archaeological excavation** at **Beit Guvrin**. Those who do not want to dig can have a walking tour of the site.
- Experience the Tel Aviv night-life and have **dinner out on your own**
- Overnight: [Hilton, Tel Aviv](#) (Refurbished Rooms)

Friday, June 28th – (B)

- Yitzhak Rabin Center
- Rabin Square
- Independence Hall
- Visit the [Mosaics House](#) in Jaffa
- Enjoy the rest of the afternoon perusing through the Jaffa Flea Market or on the beach!
- Enjoy dinner out on your own
- Overnight: [Hilton, Tel Aviv](#) (Refurbished Rooms)

Saturday, June 29th – (B/D)

- Optional Early Morning 2-hour walking tour of Tel Aviv (see Trumpledore Street & Cemetery, Bialik Street, Nachalat Benyamin, Nave Tsedek)

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- Experience the **Ayalon Institute** in **Rehovot**
- Return to hotel for showers and preparation for flight.
- Enjoy a Farewell Dinner out in Tel Aviv
- 21:00 – Transfer to Airport

Saturday, June 30th – (B/D)

- 00:40 – Depart on El Al Airlines (LY 027)
- 05:40 – Arrive to Newark

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For manual signup via fax or email [contact us](#) and request the Signup Form.

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