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Rabbi Leon and Bnai Zion Congregation

Invite you to a unique trip to

ISRAEL

And 8th Annual Anousim Conference

August 1 - 11, 2011

Day 1, Monday, Aug 1* **El Paso - Israel.** We depart from El Paso for a transatlantic flight to Israel. Dinner, breakfast and in-flight entertainment on board.

**This information was current prior to June 1st, for trip participants departing with the group from El Paso, TX. Please contact Bnai Zion Congregation or aviatours for updated information and to find available flights from your nearest airport. See bottom of flyer for phone numbers.*



Day 2, Tuesday, Aug 2 **Arrival to Ben Gurion Airport.** Assistance by aviatours staff. We meet our tour guide and together proceed to **our hotel in Tel Aviv.** We meet for dinner and tour briefing.

Day 3, Wednesday, Aug 3 - Enjoy a panoramic tour of **Tel Aviv- Jaffa** and a visit to the **Diaspora Museum.** Proceed to Netanya Academic College with Gloria Mound of Casa Shalom. Continue to visit **Caesarea by the sea** – the port city built by King Herod. Dinner and overnight at our Galilee hotel. Dinner and overnight in Tel Aviv.

Day 4, Thursday, Aug 4 - Visit the **Dona Gracia Museum** - the story of a daughter of the Marano family Miguis, who was born in Lisbon, baptized in 1510 and named Beatrice de Luna, but later became known as Dona Gracia. She fled to live as a Jew in London, Antwerp, Venice, Thessalonica and Istanbul. Through her wealth she helped many Jews throughout Europe. One of her amazing initiatives was the rehabilitation of Tiberias. More than 300 years before Theodore Herzl's vision of the Jewish State, she succeeded in obtaining autonomy for the Jewish people in Tiberias. We will have a guided tour in the museum built to commemorate Dona Gracia and watch a movie about the expulsion of the Jews from Spain and Portugal. Continue to the **Rambam's Tomb, Rabbi Akiva's Tomb and King Solomon Springs.** We take a boat ride on the **Sea of Galilee.** We return to the house of Dona Gracia for dinner with a guest speaker and an art show.

Day 5, Friday, Aug 5 – Today we visit **Tzfat** – the “capital of Kabbalah”. Proceed to the new city of Modiin and from there to Jerusalem. We start the visit to this glorious city by standing on **Mt. of Olives** overlooking **Mount Moriah** where the First and Second Temples were built. We then enter the **Old City** and pass through the **Jewish Quarter** until we reach the most sacred spot for Jews – **the Western Wall**, a remnant of the wall that surrounded the temple built by King Herod. **Kabalat Shabbat at the Kotel.** We reach to our hotel for Erev Shabbat dinner at our hotel. **Services at Conservative Synagogue or Great Synagogue.**

Day 6, **Shabbat**, Aug 6 - **Shabbat services at Italian Synagogue or Great Synagogue.** Lunch at the hotel. The rest of the day on your own. Havdalah. Dinner on your own. Evening stroll on Ben Yehuda Pedestrian Street.

Day 7, Sunday Aug 7 - **07:30 – Temple Mount tour with Rabbi Chaim Richman.** Visit the **Temple Institute and the Rabbis Tunnel**, which brings us as close as possible to Kodesh Hakodashim. Proceed to **King David tomb. Visit Hadassah hospital and the Yad Vashem Museum.** Dinner at our hotel. A guest speaker and an art show.

Day 8, Monday, Aug 8 – After an early breakfast we head south towards the **Dead Sea**, the lowest point on earth, rich with minerals, God's gift to your skin. Have a short dip in the Dead Sea. Climb **Masada** to visit the impressive fort built by King Herod and the last stronghold of



the Jewish rebellion against the Romans. Here 700 Jews preferred to kill themselves rather than fall into Roman hands. We will arrive at the hotel for an **early dinner** and go to the **Conservative Yeshiva at the Kotel to observe Tisha Be'Av**. Our bus will bring us back to the hotel. Overnight in Jerusalem

Day 9, Tuesday, Aug 9 – **Tisha Be'Av. Morning Services at the Spanish Portuguese Synagogue, then tour of four Sephardic synagogues with Rabbi Halevy. Visit the Israel Museum** where the original Dead Sea scrolls are displayed. **Havdalah**. Dinner. **Guest speakers and a Ladino Concert**. Overnight in Jerusalem.

Day 10 – Wednesday Aug 10 - **“While the Jerusalemite exile community of Sepharad shall possess the towns of the Negev”** (Obadiah 20). We visit **Rachel Tomb near Bethlehem** and head to **Beer Sheva**, the city of Abraham and the biggest city of the Negev (Israel's desert). If time permits - on the way back we visit the underground pre-state ammunition factory recently discovered at **Givat Hakibutzim**.

A farewell dinner and transfer to the airport for our flight back home.

Day 11 – Aug 11 - Flight back home. Arrival on same day.
Welcome back, you have just returned from a journey of a lifetime.

General Information (IMPORTANT, PLEASE READ):

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The price includes: First class hotels: based on double occupancy. Single supplement \$720. **Meals:** Daily buffet breakfast. Daily dinner except for one dinner in Jerusalem. Shabbat meal (lunch) is included. **All excursions** detailed in the itinerary, with a licensed guide and deluxe air-conditioned vehicle. **Entrance fees** to all religious and historical sites visited. **Baggage handling** at hotels and airports in Israel. **Transfers** to/from airports in Israel. The price is based on minimum of 20 participants. **Passports and Visas:** YOUR PASSPORT MUST BE VALLIED AT LEAST UNTIL FEB 1 2012. American citizens do not need a visa to travel to Israel (please check with us for other nationalities). **Reservations and payment:** A \$250 deposit is required at time of registration. Additional \$500 no later than 15FEB 2011. **Final payment is due no later than June 15 2011, to avoid a \$49 late payment fee.** Please make check payable to AVIATOURS. **Cancellations and insurance:** Up to 6 months prior to departure = \$75. Between 6 to 4 months - a \$275 fee; between 119-60 days prior to departure - a \$475 fee; between 59-15days - the fee is \$575 plus the value of a non refundable airline ticket; Between 14 days to day of departure 100% total cost of package. Only written cancellations will be considered. **We highly recommend obtaining travel insurance to cover the cancellation fees for medical reasons, as well medical expenses overseas, lost or damaged luggage, etc.** More information please check with your group leader. **Responsibility:** Aviatours of Freeport, NY and/or its agents only represent the passenger concerning the hotels, transportation (air, sea, or motorized) trips and other services, and it declares free of liability for any loss, damages or delays incurred by sickness, strikes, war, quarantine or any other cause out of control. We reserve the right to change/alter the itinerary without including a penalty, when it is in the interest of the pilgrimage. We reserve the right to accept/decline any member of the pilgrimage at any moment. In addition, the airlines utilized with connection to this pilgrimage, are not liable/responsible of any act, omission or event during the time that the passengers are not on board the airline equipment. Aviatours does not assume responsibility for errors or omissions contained in the brochure. Price and taxes are guaranteed only upon receiving full payment and issuing airline tickets. Airlines involved may impose a fuel surcharge due increase in fuel cost until tickets are issued

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Deposit of \$250 must be paid by a check.

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