

## **ITINERARY: SHAVUOT (PENTECOST) PINKSTER: OPTION I**

### **Day 1**

Arrival to Ben Gurion airport. Meeting and assistance. We will drive to *Caesarea* – the remnants of the city and ancient port built by Herods the Great, we will continue to *Zichron Yakov* – one of the first Jewish cities of Eretz Israel, Tomb and *park of Edmond Binyamin Rothschild*. In the early afternoon we will arrive to *Haifa*, stop for a panoramic view on Haifa Bay from the *Carmel Mountain*.

Continue for a visit at “*Beit Hagefen*” for a special meeting with Arabs and Jews who live in *Coexistence in Haifa*, continued by the coexistence walk - route of works of art - exhibiting sculptures, paintings and installations, by 100 Arab and Jewish artists, in the *Wadi Nisnas alleys* and unconventional spaces.

Overnight: Kibbutz hotel on The Sea of Galilee

### **Day 2**

Excursion to *Galilee*, drive to *Safed* – birthplace of Kabala – Jewish mystic teachings, Old city, the Ancient synagogues, and continue to the *Golan Heights* and *Banias*.

In the early afternoon we will visit an army base to *meet with soldiers*, see and explore an *army base* of the Israeli IDF

Special evening – Home hospitality at the *Kibbutz members homes*.

Overnight: Kibbutz hotel on The Sea of Galilee

### **Day 3**

Drive to *Mt. Scopus* for a great panoramic view, we will have a *shehecheyanu service* upon entering the holly city of Jerusalem, Visit *Yad Vashem*, proceed to the hotel in Jerusalem, dinner at the hotel.

Overnight: Jerusalem.

### **Day 4**

Excursion to *Jerusalem Old City*. *Jaffa gate*, *The Jewish quarter*, the *Cardo* – remnants of ancient Roman street, *The Square of Four Synagogues* To the *Wailing wall* and the *Kotel tunnels*. *Mt. Zion*.

We will drive to visit to the *Mevasseret Zion* absorption center, where the group will sit in on an *Ivrit (Hebrew) Lesson* for newly arrived immigrants from Russia, after the lesson, meeting with their families to hear about their new life in Israel.

Overnight: Jerusalem.

### **Day 5**

Visit to the *Knesset* – home of Israeli Parliament to meet with *Knesset members* to help inform about Israel — its achievements and the complicated situation in the Middle East.

Stop at the *Menora* – Symbol of Israel. Panorama of Jerusalem from *Mount of Olives*, Go to *bookshop in Old city*, near *Dung Gate*.

Overnight: Jerusalem.

### **Day6 - Friday**

Walk *Hezekiah's tunnel*. We will get back to the hotel to get ready for Shabbat, before dinner we will go to a special *Shabbat candle lighting by the western wall* and join the prayers next to the wall for Shabbat.

Overnight: Jerusalem.

### **Day 7 - Shabbat**

**“Night Walk” to Cotel”. Walking Tour in Jerusalem – Visit the Special *Neighborhoods of Jerusalem* and hearing the great stories of the people who decided to get out of the walled city in the early days of Israel.**

**Free evening.**

**Overnight: Jerusalem.**

### **Day 8**

**Excursion to the *Dead sea*. We will drive to *Massada*, take the cable car to the mountain fortress, View the remains of Herod's fortress, fully excavated. A beautiful *hike at Ein Gedi, David Spring*. We will end our day *flouting on the Dead Sea*. (If you don't want to go up Masada enjoy Dead Sea until we will join you.)**

**After dinner *meet with young Israelis* to talk about the life in Israel through their eyes and take the opportunity to meet new friends for the future.**

**Overnight: Jerusalem.**