



## Beth El – Durham/Chapel Hill Israel Community Experience

February 16-26, 2014 / Led by R. Daniel Greyber  
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### ABOUT THE EXPERIENCE

Beth El and the Israel Center of the Jewish Federation are teaming up on an Israel mission in February, 2014. We invite everyone to join a traveling *Living and Learning Community*. Led by Rabbi Daniel Greyber, we will experience the sights, sounds, and tastes of Israel like never before!

Upon arrival, we travel to the Negev and our base at the Ramon Inn & Spa at the edge of the Ramon Crater (Israel's Grand Canyon). There we explore Israeli agriculture, renewable technology, a contemporary approach to Succah living, and an open-air Bedouin market. We will perform mitzvot in innovative ways, challenge ourselves physically and spiritually (and maybe get a massage or two), explore culinary passions, and learn about modern approaches to pioneering in the desert. After leaving the Negev, we head north to Jerusalem and Tel Aviv to engage multiple perspectives of learning and living in Israel (and visit our community's sister city Hadera). We will study ancient and modern social issues with leading rabbis and scholars from multiple diverse viewpoints.



This trip is perfect for those returning to Israel for a new perspective or for adults looking for a first experience in a supportive group. We look forward to deepening our relationships with the people and land of Israel, creating new friendships and strengthening our own community.



**Our travel partner.** Authentic Israel is a Tel Aviv-based organization with three decades of experience in the field of educational travel. They specialize in custom experiences for groups of all backgrounds. Learn more at [www.authenticisrael.com](http://www.authenticisrael.com)

### PROGRAM ITINERARY

*The following is our projected Community Israel Experience program itinerary. An updated itinerary will be distributed about two months prior and is subject to some change. Meals Included: B = Breakfast, L = Lunch, D = Dinner*

#### Sunday, February 16

- Depart from Raleigh on self-booked flights

#### Monday, February 17

- Arrive at Tel Aviv's Ben Gurion Airport between 12:00pm and 5:00pm (see note below)
- Meet Israeli guide and travel to the Negev Desert
- Check-in and dinner at accommodations
- Overnight: Ramon Inn, Mitzpe Ramon [D]

#### Tuesday, February 18

- Desert wandering – Hike to Ein Avdat desert pools <http://mosaic.lk.net/g-einavdat.html>

- Sde Boker – <http://www.boker.org.il/english/> Ben Gurion's vision for settling the desert and tour of solar farm
- The Ayalim Youth Village – Contemporary approach to desert pioneering
- Evening: Bedouin dinner feast at Chan HaShayarot
- Overnight: Ramon Inn, Mitzpe Ramon [B/D]

#### Wednesday, February 19

- Off-road jeep tour in the Ramon Crater
- Shvil HaSalat – Desert greenhouse and lunch
- Free time at hotel spa; dinner at Pangea restaurant
- Overnight: Ramon Inn, Mitzpe Ramon [B/L/D]



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### Thursday, February 20

- Begin travel northwards to Jerusalem
- Explore open air Bedouin market in Beer Sheva
- Leket – Harvesting service project  
<http://www.leket.org.il/>
- Sataf Springs and Shai Zeltzer’s Goat Cheese Farm
- Arrive in Jerusalem - Welcome at Haas Promenade
- Dinner at Eucalyptus Restaurant in Jerusalem
- Overnight: Prima Royale Hotel, Jerusalem [B/D]

### Friday, February 21

- *Learning at Pardes Institute* [www.pardes.org.il/](http://www.pardes.org.il/)
- Revisiting the Old City – Rampart Walls, Jewish Quarter, and Davidson Center
- Kabbalat Shabbat experience at Yakar
- Shabbat dinner included at accommodations
- Overnight: Prima Royale Hotel, Jerusalem [B/D]

### Saturday, February 22

- Shabbat davening options and lunch at hotel
- Optional walking tour of Jerusalem neighborhoods
- Havdalah and dinner with Israeli mitzvah heroes
- Overnight: Prima Royale Hotel, Jerusalem [B/L]

### Sunday, February 23

- *Learning at Yakar Center* [www.yakar.org/english/](http://www.yakar.org/english/)

- Geo-political tour of Jerusalem (incorporating Ir Amim and/or Ateret Kohanim)
- Tzurim Valley – Archeological sifting project
- Dinner at Anna Ticho House Restaurant & Museum
- Overnight: Prima Royale Hotel, Jerusalem [B/D]

### Monday, February 24

- *Learning at Schechter Institute* [www.schechter.edu/](http://www.schechter.edu/)
- Mahane Yehuda shopping and culinary experience
- Options – Supreme Court, Israel Museum, Yad VaShem, or Begin Center
- Overnight: Prima Royale Hotel, Jerusalem [B/L]

### Tuesday, February 25

- Travel to Tel Aviv and Hadera-Mitzvah project
- *Learning at BINA –Tel Aviv’s secular yeshiva*  
<http://www.bina.org.il/english>
- Nahalat Binyamin Street Festival
- Midreshet Iyun - Rabbi Roberto Arbiv and the *Masorti Movement in Israel*  
<http://www.masorti.org/about/adult.php>
- Dinner at Lilit – A restaurant with a social mission
- Return to airport for late night flights [B/D]

### Wednesday, February 26

- Arrive back to USA in the morning

## TRAVEL PACKAGE

### SERVICES INCLUDED:

- VIP Airport greeting in Israel
- Accommodations according to itinerary (or similar)
- Meals, activity costs & entrance fees as per itinerary
- Licensed Israeli guide/educator with group daily
- Deluxe motor coach daily (except Shabbat)

### SERVICES NOT INCLUDED:

- Flights to/from Israel
- Guide/driver gratuities
- Meals not listed in the Itinerary
- Hotel incidentals

**AIRFARE TO AND FROM ISRAEL:** Participants are responsible for arranging their own air travel to/from Israel. Participants should arrive at Ben Gurion International Airport on Monday, February 17 between 12:00pm and 5:00pm local time. Participants arriving within this time frame will be met in the airport on a VIP basis prior to driving to the Negev. An activity will be arranged for those arriving on the earlier side of this arrival window. At the end of the program, participants will be escorted back to Ben Gurion Airport on the evening of Tuesday, February 25 to catch overnight flights back to North America (departing between 10:30pm and 1:00am the next day). Participants on return flights outside of this window can be accommodated with an airport transfer by special arrangement, and additional fees will apply.



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**REGISTRATION INFORMATION**

**Participant #1 (Primary Contact)**

First Name\*: \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

DOB: \_\_\_\_\_ Passport #: \_\_\_\_\_ Exp Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Tel (Cell): \_\_\_\_\_ Tel (Other): \_\_\_\_\_

**Participant #2 (if applicable)**

First Name\*: \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

DOB: \_\_\_\_\_ Passport #: \_\_\_\_\_ Exp Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Tel (Cell): \_\_\_\_\_ Tel (Other): \_\_\_\_\_

**Participant #3 (if applicable)**

First Name\*: \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

DOB: \_\_\_\_\_ Passport #: \_\_\_\_\_ Exp Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Participant #4 (if applicable)**

First Name\*: \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

DOB: \_\_\_\_\_ Passport #: \_\_\_\_\_ Exp Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Mailing Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

*\*If your passport info is not currently available, it can be submitted at a later date. Please note that according to Israeli customs regulations, your passport must be valid for at least six months after your travel.*

**ROOMING NOTES:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Medical & Dietary Notes:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Emergency Contact:** Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Relation: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Tel (Cell): \_\_\_\_\_ Tel (Other): \_\_\_\_\_



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**PROGRAM SELECTION & PAYMENT**

*Please indicate number of applicable travelers*

\_\_\_\_\_ Land Program [**\$1,885/p**] \_\_\_\_\_ Supplement Single Room [**\$500/p**]  
*Based on double room hotel occupancy*

Limited financial supplements are available [up to \$360 per person or \$720 per family] for those needing partial financial assistance. Check the box if you are interested.

**Terms of Participation.** A \$250/person deposit is due with registration and is fully refundable through November 10, 2013. The balance of program costs is due by November 10, 2013. Following November 10, 2013 participants are entitled to a refund, minus a \$750 cancellation fee. Participants canceling after January 20, 2014 are not entitled to a refund. All cancellations must be made in writing, and participants are encouraged to take out trip cancellation insurance. Registration is subject to a minimum of 20 participants and a maximum of 40.

**Deposit Due (\$250/Person):** \$ \_\_\_\_\_ **Payment:** Visa/MC/Amex: \_\_\_\_\_ Check: \_\_\_\_\_

*Unless otherwise instructed, your credit card will be charged the deposit, and you will be send a confirmation message with an itemized receipt. Balance will be charged within 60 days of arrival*

Credit Card #: \_\_\_\_\_ Security Code: \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name on Card: \_\_\_\_\_ Billing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Payment Notes:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Completed forms should be sent by fax to 1-202-315-3269 or by mail to:**

Authentic Israel / 5185 MacArthur Blvd NW, #640 / Washington, DC 20016

**For program questions, contact Adam Goldstein at [aog@med.unc.edu](mailto:aog@med.unc.edu).**

**For registration questions, contact our travel partner, Authentic Israel, at [info@authenticisrael.com](mailto:info@authenticisrael.com).**

**STATEMENT OF UNDERSTANDING.** Except for the willful negligence of its direct employees or representatives, Authentic Israel and the Beth El of Durham assume no liability or responsibility for any injuries, inconvenience, illness, theft, property damage, irregularity, or incidental damages occasioned by circumstances beyond the control of the tour operator or by any person or reason whatsoever including but not limited to events such as strikes, revolts, wars, natural disasters, closures of airports and/or hotels, default or omission of any common or private carrier or the default, negligence or omission of and by any third party providing services or facilities to or included in this tour or any part thereof. Enrollment in and payment for the tour constitutes your acceptance of the program conditions and this Statement of Responsibility. The program conditions become a binding contract when your enrollment and payment are received.



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## GROUP TRAVEL INSURANCE

Authentic Israel has partnered with Travel Insurance Israel to provide an optional travel insurance package.

BENEFITS	MAXIMUM LIMITS
Pre-Departure Trip Cancellation	Trip Cost
Post-Departure Trip Interruption	Up to 150% of Trip Cost
Travel Delay/Missed Connection	\$500 Maximum
Medical Expense/Emergency Evacuation	\$50,000/\$500,000 (\$50 deductible)
Baggage and Personal Effects	\$1,000 (\$250 per article limit)
Baggage Delay	\$300
Pre-Existing Medical Conditions	Covered (if purchased w/in 14 days of trip deposit)
Cancel For Any Reason (Optional)* <i>Not available to residents of Washington St.</i>	75% of non-refundable Trip Cost

The above table is a summary of benefits. Please see the policy wording for a complete description. All benefits subject to plan exclusions.

**Cancel For Any Reason.** This supplemental coverage can be selected provided the plan is purchased within 14 days of initial trip deposit or airfare payment and the appropriate additional premium is paid. Cancellation must be made at least two days or more prior to departure.

**Optional Medical Upgrade:** \$25/Person

*Applies to all travelers on same policy and adds the following additional benefits provided the plan is purchased within 14 days of initial trip deposit or airfare payment and the appropriate additional premium is paid:*

- Additional \$50,000 Emergency Accident and Sickness Medical per person
- Additional \$500,000 Emergency Evacuation and Repatriation of Remains per person
- \$0 deductible
- Primary medical coverage

**Children under the age of 18 traveling with parent(s) are covered for FREE**

DELUXE PLAN						DELUXE PLAN + CANCEL FOR ANY REASON				
AGE	COVERED AMOUNT PER ADULT (18+)*					COVERED AMOUNT PER ADULT (18+)*				
	\$1,501-\$2,000	\$2,001-\$2,500	\$2,501-\$3,000	\$3,001-\$3,500	\$3,501-\$4,000	\$1,501-\$2,000	\$2,001-\$2,500	\$2,501-\$3,000	\$3,001-\$3,500	\$3,501-\$4,000
<b>18-35</b>	\$79	\$99	\$119	\$138	\$155	\$115	\$145	\$175	\$203	\$229
<b>36-60</b>	\$102	\$125	\$146	\$154	\$169	\$149	\$184	\$215	\$227	\$250
<b>61-70</b>	\$131	\$161	\$190	\$220	\$249	\$193	\$238	\$281	\$326	\$370

*\*All trip costs must be included as part of your coverage including flight costs not booked through Authentic Israel.*

**Order online at [www.grouptravelinsuranceisrael.com](http://www.grouptravelinsuranceisrael.com)**

**Questions?** Please contact Dani Eisenstock at [dani@travelinsuranceisrael.com](mailto:dani@travelinsuranceisrael.com) or 1-888-747-3773.