

Friends of JNF Canada

DRAFT ITINERARY

Mission Name: **Solidarity Mission to Israel**

Mission Dates: **October 18-26, 2026**

Draft itinerary

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Day 1 – Sunday, October 18: Arrival and welcome in Jerusalem

- Check in, Jerusalem
- Orientation session – Welcome dinner with overview of trip highlights and insight into the upcoming Israeli election with a guest speaker.

Overnight: Orient Hotel, Jerusalem

Day 2 – Monday, October 19: Security, history, and community learning

- Breakfast at hotel
- Morning briefing with former IDF Spokesman Jonathan Conricus – Strategic session on Israel's security landscape.
- Mt. Herzl visit – Explore Israel's national military and civilian memorials.
- Packed Lunch
- Volunteer Activity – Hands-on community engagement project.
- Dinner at leisure – Free evening to enjoy Jerusalem.

Overnight: Orient Hotel Jerusalem

Day 3: Tuesday, October 20: Rebuilding the Northof Israel

- Travel north to Tzfat.
- Visit Friends of JNF Tzfat project – Family and Child Rehabilitation Home.
- Lunch & wine tasting at Galilee winery – Culinary experience highlighting local produce.
- Galilee Culinary Institute tour – Explore JNF-USA regional food innovation and education.
- Druze traditional dinner at Noor restaurant – Cultural experience of local Druze cuisine.

Overnight: Orient Hotel, Jerusalem

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Day 4 – Wednesday, October 21: Explore the Eternal Capital of the Jewish people

- Pilgrimage Road at City of David tour – Explore Jerusalem’s historical and archaeological heritage at a newly discovered historical road.
- Experience the new Western Wall Tunnel excavations.
- Lunch at leisure in Old City – Free time to experience local cuisine.
- Meeting with Jerusalem District Archeologist Amit Reem, at the new, state-of-the-art campus of the Israel Antiquities Authority. Learn about Antiquity Authority’s efforts to preserve Jewish (and non-Jewish) heritage sites.
- Dinner with Fleur Hassan-Nahum, Deputy Mayor of Jerusalem – Conversation on civic leadership and development.

Overnight: Orient Hotel, Jerusalem

Day 5 – Thursday, October 22: Sderot and southern resilience

- Travel to Sderot; meet Mayor Alon Davidi – Discussion on regional challenges and development.
- Visit Friends of JNF projects in Sderot, including Dedication Ceremony of Bervin JNF Canada House and the Bervin Hadar Special Needs School.
- Packed Lunch
- Nova Festival memorial – Personal testimony of resilience and memory.
- Kibbutz Holit tour: Meet with Elan Isaacson and Michal Uziyahu, Eshkol Regional Council – Learn about regional community development & JNF project.
- Reflective Private Dinner at hotel

Overnight: Dan Hotel, Tel Aviv

Day 6: Friday, October 23: Tel Aviv culture and Shabbat traditions

- Morning session with Mark Regev – Insights on Israel’s diplomacy and communications.
- Rachshei Lev visit, Tel Hashomer – Engage with medical support and rehabilitation programs.
- Levinsky Market food tour – Experience Tel Aviv’s vibrant culinary scene.
- Personal time in Tel Aviv – Optional shopping or leisure activities.
- Kabbalat Shabbat ceremony participation – Participate in local Shabbat traditions.
- Traditional Friday night dinner – Celebrate Shabbat with guest speaker.

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Day 7 – Saturday, October 24: Shabbat rest and reflection

- Shabbat day of rest - Enjoy a day of relaxation and reflection

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Day 8 – Sunday, October 25: Innovation & Resilience

- AP Partners session: Entrepreneurship in times of war – Insights from resilient business leaders.
- "Remilk" food tech tour – Witness cutting-edge developments in sustainable food technology.
- Packed lunch
- Healing Trails: therapeutic farm tour for IDF veterans – Witness innovative veteran rehabilitation programs.
- Hostage Square: meet released hostage and family – Personal meeting to understand resilience and recovery.
- Concluding dinner with Glenn Cohen Discussion on mental health support to released hostages

Overnight: Dan Hotel, Tel Aviv

Day 9: Monday, October 26: Farewell

- Breakfast at hotel
- Check out from hotel