We are very excited to announce the latest Temple Emek Shalom journey to Israel. This Spring’s trip will focus more on the North of the country, and we have specifically geared the itinerary to not only work for first time visitors, but also for those who have traveled with us in the past. As always, we approach the two weeks we will spend together as much as an inner journey as an outer one. We will have a roster of special guests/speakers (past friends who have joined us include Peacemaker's Eliyahu MacLean, author Yossi Klein HaLevi, leaders of Women at the Wall, environmental experts, Knesset member Amir Ohana, and many more), as well as "between the lines of the itinerary" events – moments of prayer and meditation, special sunrise hikes, and moments where we facilitate discussions amongst our group and make room to explore multiple viewpoints and process what we are experiencing.

This year’s trip will be $3299, per person, double occupancy (single supplements are an additional fee of $1400 as extra rooms are in short supply), plus $100 tips, plus airfare. The increase from previous years is a function of a very busy tourist market in Israel, plus we are going during the exciting Jerusalem Marathon.

FLIGHTS: As of right now, there are very affordable flights that go directly from San Francisco to Tel Aviv. We recommend using our travel agent, Shana Brewer at Travel Leaders in Medford at 541-772-9744 when booking these flights. Remember that we lose a day traveling to Israel, so be sure to give yourself that extra day to get there (leave on or before the 14th of March), and be vigilant booking your return flight to coincide with the tour as well (your flight should be on the 27th of March).

DEPOSITS: Let us know as soon as possible if you are interested, and/or if you have any questions, by contacting Rabbi Jackie at lachayyim@yahoo.com. To secure your spot, please send in a deposit of $600 per person (see “Deposit Information” below), which will be fully refundable up until November 1, 2019, and send it in with the completely filled-out application below.

Please check out the rough itinerary below, with just some of the highlights from each stop. FYI: On some days there will be multiple activities, often one being more active/strenuous, and the other being less so! In between stops, we will be doing some volunteer mitzvah work as we’ve done in the past – we are not just tourists or pilgrims, but also giving back as part of our receiving. A more detailed itinerary will be forthcoming before the High Holidays.

TES 2020 ISRAEL TOUR MARCH 14-27, 2020

TRAVEL PACKAGE

• Included: Hotel accommodations 11 nights per itinerary; breakfast daily and group meals per itinerary; licensed guide for 10 days; deluxe motor coach and driver 10 days; activity and entrance fees per itinerary; hotel porterage; restaurant tips
• Not Included: Airfare; Staff gratuities (~$100-125 pp); travel insurance (see below); hotel incidentals; and meals not listed in the itinerary
• Double Occupancy: All land prices are based on double occupancy. If a roommate is needed, we will try to accommodate you; however, if none is available, you will be responsible for the single supplement.
• Pricing Base of 30 Persons: If there are less than 30 full paying adults, pricing will be adjusted accordingly.

TES ISRAEL 2020 TOUR ITINERARY

March 14 Fly to Israel

March 15-17, 2020: Zichron Ya’akov (2 nights Beit Maimon Hotel) – We will be staying on Mount Carmel in one of Israel’s first modern settlements 35 kilometers South of Haifa, a charming small city in its own right, and a perfect jumping-off point to explore more of the Northwest coast. We will explore the Roman archeological site/ruins of Caesarea, and other stops include: horseback riding on the beach, lunch in a Druze village, Hannah Senesh Memorial Museum, Ein Hod Artists Village, Aliyah Museum.

March 17-19 Tsfat (2 nights Canaan Spa) – We will climb and wind up into this jewel of a city, home to mystics and artists. As part of our time here, we will pass through Akko, the Dalton Winery, Mount Meron, have an Israeli-Arab...
artists. As part of our time here, we will pass through Akko, the Dalton Winery, Mount Meron, have an Israeli-Arab culinary experience at the shores of the Galilee, meet with kabbalistic artists, and have time to explore the artisans in Tsfat's marketplace.

**March 19-22 Jerusalem (3 nights Mamilla Hotel)** – Here in the ancient heart of Israel, we will tour the Old City and experience the layers and sensations of a city sacred to Judaism, Christianity, and Islam. We will experience Shabbat with deep and lively prayer, and ample time on our own to each do what we like. We’ll visit the Supreme Court, Mahane Yehuda, Yad b’Yad Co-existence School, and a special site commemorating the Ethiopian Jews who fell during their epic voyage to Israel.

**March 22-23 Judean Desert (1 night Ein Gedi Kibbutz Hotel)** – As we begin to travel into the Judean Desert, we first visit the springs of Ein Gedi, where we will have a Dead Sea spa experience, hike the springs of Ein Gedi, visit the Orly Cactus Farm, and learn about kibbutz life and history.

**March 23-25 Mitzpe Ramon (2 nights Ramon Suites)** – We will journey to one of the most spectacular natural sites in Israel – the Ramon Crater. Over these two days, we will hike in the Ramon Crater, have a Jeep tour in Wadi Tzin, plus visit Ben Gurion’s hut and kibbutz, the Salad Trail Desert Farm, the Agam Museum of Art, and Machon Ayalon.

**March 25-26 Tel Aviv (1 night Orchid Hotel)** – We conclude our trip in the contemporary, Mediterranean city of Tel Aviv, where we will walk the beautiful neighborhoods, go on a special graffiti tour of South Tel Aviv, visit the Sholem Asch Museum in Beit Yam, and have time on our own before we leave for home early Friday morning.

**PROGRAM SELECTION & COSTS**

“p” = per person; “do” = double occupancy*; please indicate # of travelers below

___ Land-Only Package $3,299/ppdo* if received before Oct. 10, 2019 (after Oct 10, price goes up $100)

___ Tips for guide and driver: $100 (to be collected right before departure)

___ Supplement for Single Room [$1,400/pp]

**DEPOSIT/FINAL PAYMENT/CANCELLATION INFORMATION:**

- To secure your tour reservation, send in your registration and a deposit of $600/ per person. **Your deposit check should be payable to: TES.** Please put “TES Israel trip” in the memo area of your check. Only checks (no credit cards) are accepted for the deposit.

- Checks should be sent to Temple Emek Shalom, c/o TES Israel Tour 2015, Attn: Rabbi Jacqueline Brodsky, 1800 E. Main Street, Ashland, OR 97520.

- The trip deposit is fully refundable up until Nov.1, 2019 – after which it is non-refundable. Participants who cancel after Jan. 3, 2020 are not entitled to a refund. **Participants are encouraged to purchase travel insurance accordingly (see below) prior to making the final payment.**

- The balance of payment is due no later than Jan. 3, 2020, and will be payable to our tour company, **Authentic Israel** (payment information to follow in future mailings). If a credit card is used for this balance of payment, there will be an additional 3.5% convenience fee.

**TRAVEL INSURANCE:** Travel insurance must be purchased **PRIOR** to making the final payment. Before purchasing insurance please wait to get information on our recommended insurance carriers. Information will be sent to you in a future mailing. For airline cancellation policies, additional airline rules may also apply to cancellations.

**SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION:** Only for those who have been TES members for at least one year, some small partial scholarships **may** be available, especially for (but not necessarily limited to) families of 3 or 4 traveling together. Please note below if you are interested in a partial scholarship or if you are interested in donating to the TES Shalom Israel Tour Scholarship Fund.

___ I am interested in receiving a partial scholarship   ___ I am interested in donating to the Israel Tour Scholarship Fund.
STATEMENT OF UNDERSTANDING. Except for the willful negligence of its direct employees or representatives, Authentic Israel and Temple Emek Shalom 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.

REGISTRATION APPLICATION-TES ISRAEL 2020 TOUR

Enter your first and last name as it appears in your passport. *Passport numbers can be given at final payment. Note that according to Israeli regulations, your passport must be valid for at least six months after your arrival date in Israel.

PARTICIPANT #1 (primary contact)
First Name: _______________________ Last Name: ______________________ DOB: ______________
Tel (Cell): _______________________ Tel (Other): ______________________
Email address: ___________________________ Passport #:Exp date
Mailing Address: ____________________________________________________________

PARTICIPANT #2 (if applicable)
First Name: _______________________ Last Name: ______________________ DOB: ______________
Tel (Cell): _______________________ Tel (Other): ______________________
Email address: ___________________________ Passport #:Exp date

PARTICIPANT #3 (if applicable)
First Name: _______________________ Last Name: ______________________ DOB: ______________

PARTICIPANT #4 (if applicable)
First Name: _______________________ Last Name: ______________________ DOB: ______________

ROOMING NOTES: ____________________________________________________________

MEDICAL NOTES*: ___________________________________________________________
(*group health precautions require that a doctor’s note approving travel is required for everyone over 65)

DIETARY: (MEAT OR VEGETARIAN options only--circle one): MEAT VEGETARIAN

EMERGENCY CONTACT: Name: _______________________ Relation: ______________________ Phone(s)________________