

EXCITING ORAYNU TRIP FOR MEMBERS & FRIENDS TURKEY WITH ISRAEL ADD-ON

Led by Rabbi Eva Goldfinger & Ken Smookler

Optional Israel Conference/Rabbinic Ordination

TURKEY: DEC. 1-11, 2008



ITINERARY (CWT Travel Source, Toronto)

- 1 Dec. Depart Toronto for your international flight to Istanbul.
- 2 Dec. Arrive in Istanbul and transfer to your hotel
Welcome briefing. Overnight in Istanbul.
- 3 Dec. Tour of Jewish Heritage sites, Galata neighborhood and Galata Tower, Neve Shalom Synagogue. Visit the Jewish Museum of Turkey, known as Zulfaris Synagogue. Visit Ahrida Synagogue in Balat another Jewish district along the Golden Horn.
Overnight Istanbul B
- 4 Dec. Istanbul – Nicea - Bursa. Morning departure for Bursa, cross the Sea of Marmara by ferry. Visit Nicea, drive to Bursa and visit the highlights of this city. Overnight Bursa B, D
- 5 Dec. Bursa – Sardis – Izmir. After breakfast drive to Izmir. On the way we drive to Sardis, the ancient capital of Lydia. You will visit the remains of one of the world's oldest synagogues, the Sardis Synagogue, first built in the 3rd century BC. Later we continue to Izmir, a city that has a 400 year old Jewish community with many synagogues. We will visit the most important one, the Beth Israel. Overnight Izmir B
- 6 Dec. Izmir - Pamukkale. In the morning we drive through fertile farm lands to Pamukkale and enjoy the thermal springs.
Overnight in Pamukkale B
- 7 Dec. Pamukkale - Aphrodisias – Kusadasi. Morning visit to the white lime stone terraces and the ruins of ancient Hierapolis, drive to Aphrodisias, the city of Aphrodite which has the best preserved Roman Stadium, before continuing to Kusadasi.
Overnight Kusadasi B, D
- 8 Dec. Kusadasi – Ephesus - Sirince. Morning drive to Ephesus to visit the ruins. Ephesus is a beautiful ancient city. We will visit the Temple of Artemis, the Ephesus Archeological Museum and Sirince village before returning to Kusadasi B, D
- 9 Dec. Kusadasi – Pergamum – Troy – Canakkale. After breakfast we drive along the shore of the mythical coast of the Aegean Sea. We visit the capital city of the Pergamum Kingdom. Pergamum, where parchment was invented, has a famous library and healing centre. After visiting Akropol, the Healing Center of Asklepion and a local museum we continue to the legendary city of Troy. Overnight in Canakkale B, D
- 10 Dec. Canakkale – Gallipoli – Istanbul. In the morning we cross the Dardanelles by ferry to Gallipoli. After visiting the Gallipoli Battlefield we drive through beautiful farmlands along the shore of the Marmara Sea to Istanbul.
Overnight in Istanbul B
- 11 Dec. Early morning transfer to Istanbul International Airport for your return or Israel flights.
If you choose to add the Optional Tour of Israel we will organize appropriate airport transfers.

Includes: Return Airfare Toronto-Frankfurt-Istanbul
9 nights First Class Hotel Accommodation
Meals as indicated (8 breakfasts, 5 Dinners)
Jewish and Turkish history/culture lectures (Rabbi Goldfinger, Ken Smookler)
Tours with English speaking driver/guide
All entrance fees to places of interest
Return transfer to/from airport
Porterage at airport and hotels
All hotel taxes and service charges
Visa for travel to Turkey
\$150 donation to Oraynu Congregation (tax-receiptable)

Excludes: Gratuities to tour guide and driver; Insurance (strongly recommended)

ISRAEL ADD-ON: DEC. 11-18



ITINERARY (Routes Travel & Tours, Jerusalem)

- 11 Dec. Arrive at Ben Gurion Airport from Istanbul. Meet your Routes Representative upon arrival and receive assistance at Passport Control and other formalities. Meet Your Educator and Depart the Airport. Program Opening at Independence Hall. Early opening dinner at Maganda. Evening Theatre " Not By Bread Alone" - The 12 blind-deaf actors of Nalaga'at ("Please Touch") offer the audience a glimpse of their reality via the kneading, rising and baking of bread. Overnight: Tel Aviv – Dan Panorama – or similar D
- 12 Dec. Visit Rabin Square. Visit and Tour Ancient Caesarea and/or Tzipori. Late lunch and Unique Pioneers Program at Moshav Nahalal, Israel's first moshav settlement. We will then enjoy a view of the entire Jezreel Valley and a chance to visit the cemetery where Moshe Dayan and Ilan Ramon are buried. Kabbalat Shabbat in Nature. Shabbat dinner Overnight: Hacienda Forestview Hotel, Western Galilee – or similar B, L, D
- 13 Dec. Short walk and overview of the Incredible Montfort Crusader Castle in Park Goren. Visit to Akko and Free Time to Explore the Arab Market- Lunch on Own (Uri Buri, Sayid Humus...) Late Afternoon in Haifa Touring and Sightseeing. Druze Hospitality and Dinner in Ussifyia Overnight: Hacienda Forestview Hotel, Western Galilee – or similar B, D
- 14 Dec. Visit to the Mystical City of Tzfat. Depart to the Golan Heights. Overview of Syria from Mt. Bental. Tour and Wine Tasting at the Golan Heights Winery. Drive to Jerusalem. Overnight: Prima Royale Hotel, Jerusalem - or similar B, D
- 15 Dec. Land of Three Religions – Tour the Old City of Jerusalem through the holiest sites in Judaism, Christianity and Islam. Visit to the Temple Mount. Tour the Davidson Center and the Southern Wall. After a falafel lunch in the Old City, continue Touring and Exploring the Old City of Jerusalem. Late Afternoon Tour of the Western Wall Tunnels. Free Time for Shopping and Dinner on own in Downtown Jerusalem. Overnight: Prima Royale Hotel, Jerusalem - or similar B, L
- 16 Dec. Visit Yad Vashem, the Holocaust Martyrs' and Heroes' Remembrance site. Lunch at Yad VaShem. Visit the New Herzl Museum and Military cemetery to pay our respects to the fallen IDF soldiers and to some of Israel's most influential personalities; Theodore Herzl, Yitzhak Rabin, Gold Meir, Hanna Senesh. Israel Update with Noted Political Speaker. Free time to Relax and Dinner on your own. Overnight: Prima Royale Hotel, Jerusalem - or similar B, L
- 17 Dec. Overviews of the Judean Desert from Mt. Scopus. Short Hike at Ein Gedi. Cable Car to the Top of Masada. Tour of Masada. Lunch and Time to Relax at the Dead Sea Spa Hafla. Biblical Banquet Dinner and Hospitality at Eretz Beresheet. Overnight: Prima Royale Hotel, Jerusalem - or similar B, L, D
- 18 Dec. Transfer to airport for Flight home or Tmura Conference begins. B
Itinerary subject to minor changes.

- Includes:** 7 Nights Hotel Accommodation
- 1 night at Dan Panorama Tel Aviv in Deluxe Sea View Rooms (standard)- or similar
 - 2 nights Hacienda Forestview in Standard Rooms- or similar
 - 4 nights Prima Royale in Standard Rooms- or similar

All Breakfasts (Full Israeli Buffet Breakfast at each of the hotels), 4 Lunches, 5 Dinners
 *Meals do not include alcoholic beverages, wine, gratuities, unless specified otherwise.

7 days Transportation in deluxe air-conditioned midibus including transfer from airport.

7 days High Quality English Speaking Guide including land costs.

Entrances: Independence Hall, Caesarea/Tzipori, Golan Winery, Davidson Center, Yad Vashem, Herzl Museum, Kotel Tunnels, Masada (cable car), Ein Gedi, Dead Sea Spa

Porterage at airport and all hotels

Theatre presentation "Not by Bread Alone", Political Speaker

- Excludes:** Gratuities to tour guide and driver; Insurance (highly recommended)

For an inspiring intellectual and cultural experience, join us for

THE TMURA CONFERENCE: DEC. 18-21

TOPIC: Can You be Jewish and Happy?

- 18 Dec. Opens in Jerusalem. Sessions deal with ethics and happiness in education, economy, politics, public service. Lunch and dinner included with conference. L, D
- 19 Dec. Conference continues in Tel Aviv for half-day. Kabbalat Shabbat, Dinner, Ordination Celebration D
- 20 Dec. University-on-Wheels Tour with Tmura graduates — not your usual Tel Aviv/Jaffa cultural experience!
- 21 Dec. Transfer to airport for flight home

- Includes:** Conference, Ordination Celebration, Tel-Aviv/Jaffa Tour, 2 Dinners, 1 Lunch

- Excludes:** Hotel accommodations in Tel Aviv (Must be booked independently. Includes Israeli buffet breakfast daily)

PRICING **

| TURKEY ONLY 12/01-12/11 | TURKEY + ISRAEL 12/01-12/18 | CONFERENCE ADD-ON 12/18-12/21 |
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| Land: \$1,720 CAD Air: 1,150 CAD* | Turkey Land: \$1,720 CAD Air: \$1,900 CAD* Israel Land: \$1,860 USD | \$518 CAD |
| Single Supplement Add: \$600 CAD | Single Supplement Add: \$600 CAD + \$395 USD | Add: Tel Aviv Hotel (3 nites) NOT Included *** |
| Incl. Air, Tour, Hotels, Some Meals, Donation, Turkey Visa | Same as Turkey Only PLUS air to/from Israel, Israel Tour, Hotels, Most Meals | Incl. Conference, Ordination Celebration, Tour, 3 Meals |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All trip costs in Canadian Dollars for the TURKEY ONLY or the TURKEY+ISRAEL trip are to be paid either by cheque or credit card payment to CWT Travel Source. • All payments in US Dollars for the TURKEY+ISRAEL trip are to be paid by credit card <u>only</u> to Routes Travel & Tours. • Conference fee to be paid by credit card, cheque or bank draft in Canadian Dollars to Oraynu Congregation. • As number of registrants increase, costs for the land tours may go down incrementally, e.g. on the Israel land portion, 15+ drops to \$1560 USD pp | | |

* Airfare price quoted on Aug. 27/08; subject to change on booking date

** Traveller is responsible for any fuel surcharges added by the airline.

*** For conference hotel information, contact Eva Goldfinger: 416-494-7450 or evagoldfinger@rogers.com

**Note: Canadian citizens require a passport valid at least 6 months
beyond period of intended stay and a visa for travel to Turkey.**

MINIMUM PARTICIPANTS REQUIRED: 15

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT:

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HERE'S WHAT TO DO NEXT:

- 1) To reserve your spot(s), please call or email Eva NOW!
- 2) Eva will email a Registration Form OR
You may download and print it from our website: www.oraynu.org
- 3) Complete form, sign it and fax to 416-494-5013 OR
Scan and email to keymos@sympatico.ca OR
Mail to: Ken Smookler, 30 Wellington St. E. Suite 901, Toronto ON M5E 1S3

BOOKING DEADLINE: Friday, Sept. 26, 2008