

BJ Women's Trip to Israel: Preliminary Schedule

Wednesday, April 22-Thursday, April 30, 2020

Note: The schedule details below are not confirmed and are subject to change

Wednesday, April 22—Opening night

Opening dinner and program

Overnight in Jerusalem: Leonardo Plaza hotel (*please note the change from a three-star to five-star hotel*)

Thursday, April 23—The Changing Story of Orthodox and ultra-Orthodox Women

Overview of women's rights in Israel

Panel with Orthodox women

Conversation on women's rights in the Ultra-Orthodox community

Food tour of the Maḥane Yehuda Shuk with local chef

Overnight in Jerusalem

Friday, April 24—Progressive Religious Voices

Joint service with Women of the Wall for Rosh Ḥodesh

Jerusalem as a Microcosm of Israel: learn about the relationships between the city's three main populations (Secular, Orthodox, and Palestinian)

Lunch and shopping at the Maḥane Yehuda Shuk

Meet with Rabbi Leora Ezrachi Vered of the Nigun Halev community

Shabbat Service with Kehilat Zion

Overnight in Jerusalem

Shabbat, April 25—Jerusalem

Shabbat Services (a list of options will be given)

Shabbat lunch

Free time

Text study

Bat Kol: LGBTQ in the Orthodox Jewish world

Seudah Shlishit

Processing session and Havdalah

Cultural night (show/concert)

Overnight in Jerusalem

Sunday, April 26—Yom Ba’Darom (a day in the south)

Depart for the Joe Alon Center in Lahav

Meet with “Desert Stars”, an organization training a cadre of future Bedouin leaders to help advance their tribal communities

Traditional Bedouin Lunch

Meet with Bedouin attorney and activist Rawya Aburabia, Israel’s premier expert on polygamy in Negev Bedouin society

Depart for Beer Sheva

Visit Shaar La’Negev Center and meet with Or Movement

Meet with Hashomer Hadash organization’s President/CEO

Monday April, 27—West Bank, Palestinian Women

Depart for Gush Eztion

Meet with Roots, a grassroots movement of understanding, nonviolence, and transformation among Israelis and Palestinians

Visit village of Jubbet ad-Dib and its women leaders

Visit Jub-El-Thib school

Depart for Tel Aviv

Participate in the Israeli-Palestinian Alternative Yom Hazikaron ceremony

Processing session

Overnight in Jerusalem

Tuesday, April 28—Jerusalem, Yom Hazikaron

Meet with The Parents Circle – Families Forum (PCFF), a joint Israeli-Palestinian organization of over 600 families, all of whom have lost an immediate family member to the ongoing conflict

Free time

Evening program with Zion Community:

- Community dialogue for adults and youth
- Transition Ceremony and a festive musical Hallel
- A communal meal and celebration for the entire community

Overnight in Jerusalem

Wednesday, April 29—Tel Aviv, Yom Ha'atzmaut

Check out of hotel

Depart for Tel Aviv

Visit Independence Hall

Lunch together: Israeli Yom Ha'atzmaut BBQ

Tel Aviv, check into hotel

Free time in Tel Aviv

Cultural activity

Overnight in Tel Aviv

Thursday, April 30

Check-out

Meet with representatives from Elifelt—the largest volunteer-based charity that works for asylum seekers' rights

Meet with Safa Younes, whose grassroots organization in Jaffa, Arus El-Bahar (Bride of the Sea), builds Arab-Israeli women's economic empowerment

Tour of the Neve Sha'anani neighborhood, home of the African Asylum Seeker community in Israel

Closing session