

# Join Rabbi Evan Jaffe on FLEMINGTON JEWISH COMMUNITY CENTER'S



## Israel March 3 - 13 2011

Prague Extension: March 13 - 17, 2011

**Welcome orientation in Israel**, New Yitzhak Rabin Center, a state-of-the-art presentation on the history of the State of Israel and the life of this special leader, Walk through modern Tel Aviv, including the colorful, open-air Nachalat Binyamin, Kabbalat Shabbat on the beach with Rabbi Jaffe, Shabbat services at a local synagogue or at Masorti Kehillat Sinai, Shabbat walking tour to a Tel Aviv art museum, Havdalah on the beach, Independence Hall, Multi-media Palmach Museum or Eretz Yisrael Museum, Old Jaffa, Na Laga'at, Acco, Crusader Fortress, Turkish Baths, British prison, Tunisian Synagogue, Rosh Hanikra, Haifa, Bahai Gardens, Mystical city of Tzefat, Tzefat kabbalistic artist, Beit Shean Valley, Beit Shean, or Ancient city of Tzipori, Mount of Olives, David's City, Kotel Tunnels, or Via Dolorosa, Church of the Holy Sepulcher, Yad Vashem or Walking tour Har Herzl Military Cemetery, The Night Spectacular, Tower of David Museum, Israel's Airforce Museum near Beersheva, Jo Alon Museum of Bedouin Culture Moshav Nevatim, Cochini Jews from India, Dead Sea Region - or Remain in Jerusalem, Kabbalat Shabbat at Robinson's Arch, Shabbat afternoon walking tour through a choice of fascinating Jerusalem neighborhoods  
Havdalah with Rabbi Jaffe, ITC source book.

Our adventure continues to the magical city of **Prague**,

Strachov Observation Point, Unique library, Hradchany (Prague) Castle, St. Vitus Cathedral, Charles Bridge, Old Town Square, Prague's Masorti community, Prague's Jewish Quarter, Althneushul, Maisel, Pinkas, Klaus, Spanish synagogues, Old Jewish Cemetery, Unique Black Theatre Prague's jazz clubs "  
Ghetto villages of Kaseovice and Breznice, City of Plzen, Great Synagogue of Plzen, Lidice, the Czech town destroyed by Hitler, Terezin "Model Concentration Camp", Recently discovered Holocaust era secret synagogue of the Danish Jews

**Israel Package land only \$2755 land and air\* \$3995 per person in double room, Single supplement \$885**

\*Fuel surcharge is subject to change - added to above price is tips for guide, driver and restaurants \$150 per person

**Prague land and additional air package in addition to Israel tour \$995 per person - Single sup \$215**

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Down load itinerary and application at [www.israeltour.com/rjaffe2011.php](http://www.israeltour.com/rjaffe2011.php)

Tour arranged by ITC Tours llc 973 535 2575

**Thursday, 3 March - USA Departure** Afternoon flight to Israel

**Friday, 4 March - When You Come Into the Land (Deut 26:1)** Morning arrival at Ben Gurion Airport to be met by your ITC representative (today's program depends on arrival time) Visit the new Yitzhak Rabin Center, a state-of-the-art presentation on the history of the State of Israel and the life of this special leader. Walk through modern Tel Aviv, including the colorful, open-air Nachalat Binyamin market. Hotel check-in to rest, prepare for Shabbat. Kabbalat Shabbat on the beach with Rabbi Jaffe

Shabbat dinner at the hotel Overnight: Carlton Hotel, Tel Aviv [D]

**Shabbat, 5 March - Shabbat in Tel Aviv** - Parashat Pekudei; Shekalim

Shabbat services at a local synagogue or at Masorti Kehillat Sinai

Spend the day and evening at leisure enjoying Shabbat in Tel Aviv, including (free) Israeli dancing on the beach. **Optional:** Shabbat walking tour to a Tel Aviv art museum, with tickets purchased before Shabbat OR Tour Old Jaffa, where many early immigrants began their lives in Israel. Shabbat lunch at the hotel. Havdalah on the beach. Free evening in Tel Aviv OR Cultural event (based on availability; not included in tour price) O/N Carlton Hotel, Tel Aviv [B, L]

**Sunday, 6 March - Foundations of the Modern State**

I Rosh Hodesh Adar II. At Independence Hall, relive Ben Gurion's moving declaration of the State Group may split: Enjoy an impressive presentation of the amazing achievements of the Palmach at the recently opened multi-media Palmach Museum (if available; with local guide) OR Visit the Eretz Yisrael Museum for a colorful, tactile encounter with local life and culture in this region during earlier historical periods. Tour Old Jaffa, where many early immigrants began their lives in Israel, including browsing through the colorful outdoor mid-eastern market, shuk hapishpishi. Evening: Enjoy dinner at Café Kappish, served by deaf waiters who will teach you sign language during your meal, followed by Na Laga'at, a unique play performed by actors who are both deaf and blind Overnight: Carlton Hotel, Tel Aviv [B, D]

**Monday, 7 March - Varieties of Religions Expression - II Rosh Hodesh Adar II**

- Depart for Israel's north. Visit historic Acco, a city of three religions, including your choice of: a "cool and creepy" Crusader Fortress; a multi-media exhibit about Acco's years of Muslim rule at the Turkish Baths; the beautiful Mosque of Jazzar; the British prison, where Jewish freedom fighters were incarcerated; the unique Tunisian Synagogue, which is completely decorated with mosaics depicting stories from Jewish history and traditional texts (number of stops depends on time available) . Take the cable car to the mesmerizing ocean grottos of Rosh Hanikra, at Israel's border with Lebanon. Evening: Visit the very active Masorti community, Hakehillah Masortit Hakrayot, and meet with Rabbi Mauricio Balter about the many and varied activities staffed by hundreds of volunteers from this congregation in both the Jewish and Arab local communities, including a light dinner. Overnight: Dan Carmel Hotel, Haifa [B, D]

**Tuesday, 8 March - Varieties of Religions Expression**

Take a guided walk down through the spectacular Bahai Gardens Tour the synagogues, courtyards, and alleyways of the mystical city of Tzefat

Meet with a Tzefat kabbalistic artist in his gallery to explore Jewish mysticism through the prism of his creations. Free time for shopping and lunch (on one's own) in Tzefat. Travel to the Beit Shean Valley; tour the remarkable excavations of the ancient Roman city of Beit Shean, including a magnificent Cardo, Roman baths, residences, and amphitheatre (time permitting) OR Explore the magnificently excavated ancient city of Tzippori, home to Rabbi Judah the Prince; discover ancient beauty and evidence of a community in which Jews and Romans coexisted peacefully. Travel south for the ascent to Jerusalem Take in a breathtaking view of the Temple Mount from the Mount of Olives Hotel check-in followed by a group dinner at Anna Ticho House (dairy) Overnight: Leonardo Plaza Hotel (formerly Sheraton), Jerusalem [B, D]

**Wednesday, 9 March - Jerusalem Then and Now**

Tour David's City, the most ancient section of Jerusalem, built by King David, including recent excavations and a special 3-D presentation. Group may split: In the Kotel Tunnels, walk alongside the Western Wall's massive foundation stones (with local guide) OR Take a walking along the Via Dolorosa to the Church of the Holy Sepulcher; visit the Coptic Village, Armenian Quarter, and Arab Market. Group may split: Visit the new state-of-the art Memorial Museum and the Children's Memorial at Yad Vashem (touring on one's own) OR Take a sobering walk through the history of the Jewish State at the Har Herzl Military Cemetery (with our guide) Evening: Attend The Night Spectacular, the fabulous new sound and light show at the

Tower of David Museum, followed by free time for dinner (on one's own) at the new Mamilla Mall Overnight: Leonardo Plaza Hotel, Jerusalem [B]

**Thursday, 10 March - The Negev Desert** - Please choose three Beersheva area visits for today. Visit Israel's Airforce Museum near Beersheva to view the planes and equipment and to hear the story of this brave fighting force

Visit the fascinating Jo Alon Museum of Bedouin Culture near Lahav for an in-depth introduction to this desert culture and some Bedouin hospitality Visit a center for traditional Bedouin weaving done in women's homes in the village of Lakiya. Learn about Bedouin culture and see their traditional hand-weaving process demonstrated. At Moshav Nevatim, home to Cochini Jews from India, visit their impressive synagogue, brought over from India, and their small ethnic museum. Return to Jerusalem for a free evening Overnight: Leonardo Plaza Hotel, Jerusalem [B]

**Friday, 11 March - The Amazing Dead Sea** - Early departure for the Dead Sea

Region (or remain in Jerusalem to explore places like the newly reopened Israel Museum, Ammunition Hill Museum, Herzl Museum, Mahane Yehuda on one's own) Spend today at a Dead Sea resort hotel enjoying its pool, spa facilities, a buffet lunch and the amazing Dead Sea. Optional morning excursion: Ascend Masada by cable car; tour this impressive excavation and discuss the terrible dilemma faced by its Jewish population during Roman times

Optional early afternoon excursion: Enjoy a walk through the beautiful Ein Gedi Nature Reserve and review the biblical story of kings David and Saul "on site" Return to Jerusalem to prepare for Shabbat. Kabbalat Shabbat at Robinson's Arch OR a choice of nearby synagogues. Festive Shabbat dinner at the hotel Overnight: Leonardo Plaza Hotel, Jerusalem [B, L, D]

**Shabbat, 12 March - Shabbat in Jerusalem** - Parashat Vayikra

Shabbat services at a synagogue of your choice (suggestions, walking instructions to be provided) Shabbat lunch at the hotel Shabbat afternoon walking tour through a choice of fascinating Jerusalem neighborhoods. Optional excursion: Guided tour to a choice of Jerusalem churches and Christian Holy sites (separate guide/vehicle needed; this excursion not included in tour price) Havdalah with Rabbi Jaffe, followed by a farewell dinner at Little Italy Restaurant (dairy) or at the hotel. Depart for the airport tonight) [B, L]

**Sunday, 13 March - A Temporary Departure Return to USA**

Begin planning your next Israel trip with Rabbi Jaffe and ITC Tours!

**Prague Extension: 13 - 17 March 2011 - Sunday, 13 March -**

Welcome to Prague - Mid-morning arrival in Prague, to be met and assisted by your ITC representative. Take in an overview of the city from the Strachov Observation Point. Visit the unique library, first established in the 12th century Tour the Hradchany (Prague) Castle and St. Vitus Cathedral Proceed to the Charles Bridge and the Old Town Square with its medieval City Hall Tower and astronomical clock. Hotel check-in, rest. Dinner at the Jewish Community, to be joined by members of Prague's Masorti community Overnight: President Hotel, Old City of Prague

**Monday, 14 March- The Rich Jewish Heritage of Prague.** breakfast at the hotel

After a briefing about Prague's Jewish community, spend the morning in Prague's Jewish Quarter seeing the many Judaica artifacts, saved from Nazi plunder, that are housed in the synagogues that make up the Jewish Museum: Althneushul, Maisel, Pinkas, Klaus, and Spanish synagogues - walk through the unique Old Jewish Cemetery.- Stop for a vegetarian lunch (on one's own) Afternoon free for shopping and dinner (on one's own) Evening: Attend a performance of Prague's unique Black Theatre and then take a stroll among Prague's many jazz clubs. Overnight: President Hotel, Old City of Prague

**Tuesday, 15 March - Jewish History in Central Bohemia**

Depart Prague to explore the small ghetto villages of Kaseovice and Breznice with preserved synagogue structures tracing 500 years of Jewish life Continue to the City of Plzen (famous for Pilsner Beer), with its three centuries of synagogues: 18th c., now a Holocaust Memorial; 19th c., now a museum; and 20th c, now the Great Synagogue of Plzen (2nd largest synagogue in Europe) Free evening in Prague - Overnight: President Hotel, Old City of Prague

**Wednesday, 16 March - Terezin- Depart Prague for Lidice,** the Czech town destroyed by Hitler, and visit the extraordinary new multi-media museum and children's monument. Travel to Terezin to visit what the Nazis called the "Model Concentration Camp" tour the fortress and the recently discovered Holocaust era secret synagogue of the Danish Jews (if available)

Return to Prague for a farewell dinner at a kosher restaurant

Depart for the airport

**Itinerary Subject to Change**