

YJ Discovery Israel Program  
Summer 2011  
(Itineraries subject to change)

**Week 1**

**Wednesday, June 29  
US, Airport**

- Depart for Israel

**Thursday, July 30  
Jerusalem**

- Arrive in Israel!
- Icebreakers, Orientation
- Learn your first "Hebrew word of the day"
- Accommodations: Ana Rabin

**Friday, July 1  
Negev, Mitzpe Ramon**

- Sataf hike in the Jerusalem mountains
- Opening Ceremony
- Preparation for a YJ Shabbat
- Shabbat services, Oneg Shabbat
- Accommodations: Mitzpe Ramon

**Saturday, July 2  
Negev, Mitzpe Ramon**

- Shabbat Services
- Jewish Identity Peula (activity)
- Get to know each other more
- Expectations for the summer
- Havdalah
- Accommodations: Mitzpe Ramon

**Week 2**

**Sunday July 3  
Negev, Mitzpe Ramon**

- Ein Ovdad Canyon
- Ben Gurion's Tomb: learn about Israel's first prime minister
- Visit in Sderot near the Gaza strip and learn about the political situation there
- Zionism peula
- Accommodations: Mitzpe Ramon

**Monday, July 4  
Kibbutz Ktura, Eilat**

- Drive south
- Ktura seminar: learn about Kibbutz Ktura which was founded by Young Judaea, learn about the kibbutz life style, pool time
- Kasui sand dunes for Desert Solo Experience
- Dinner and kumsitz (bonfire)
- Accommodations: Ana Eilat

**Tuesday, July 5  
Eilat**

- Hike Tzfachot Mountain during sunrise: can see 4 countries from the top!
- Snorkeling in the red sea
- Free time in Eilat mall
- Rest and shower
- Night out in Eilat
- Accommodations: Ana Eilat

**Wednesday, July 6  
Negev, Bedouin tent**

- Prep for volunteering – who are we volunteering with and how?
- Leave Eilat, drive to the dead sea
- Flow over the Dead sea
- Volunteering with Ethiopian immigrants (Olim)
- Camel Ride
- Bedouin Hospitality: learn about the Bedouin culture
- Preparation for Massada
- Accommodations: Kfar Hanokdim Bedouin tent

**Thursday, July 7  
Jerusalem Mountains**

- Climbing Massada to see the Sunrise
- tour at Masada
- Ein Gedi waterfalls
- Drive to Jerusalem
- Haas promenade lookout - opening for Jerusalem
- Rest
- Accommodations: Ma'ale Hachamisha

**Friday, July 8  
Old City of Jerusalem**

- Kotel (Western Wall)
- City of David and ancient water tunnel
- Jewish Quarter
- Preparations for Shabbat

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- Kabbalat Shabbat, Shabbat Services, Oneg Shabbat

**Saturday, July 9**  
**Jerusalem Mountains**

- Shabbat Services
- Peula about Israeli society
- shabbat tranquility and pool time
- Havdalah
- Israeli Music Workshop: learn about Israeli culture
- Accommodations: Ma'ale Hachamisha

**Week 3**

**Sunday, July 10**  
**Jerusalem**

- 3 religions in the old city of Jerusalem (Mount. Zion): Last Supper site, a mosque and King David's tomb
- Kotel Tunnels
- Free time in Ben Yehuda Street
- Preparation for Yad Vashem Museum
- Family Visit
- Accommodations: Ma'ale Hachamisha

**Monday, July 11**  
**Jerusalem**

- Yad Vashem: Holocaust museum and survivor testimony
- Visit the Young Judaea home: Beit Ar-El in Jerusalem

- Israel Update
- Family visit
- Accommodations: Ma'ale Hachamisha

**Tuesday, July 12**  
**Tel Aviv**

- drive to Tel Aviv
- Jaffa tour and flea market
- Free time in Tel Aviv: Shenkin St. and Nachalat Binyamin.
- Independence Hall: visit the place where Israel was established
- Rabin's square: learn about the assassination of Itzhak Rabin
- Drive to Jerusalem
- Accommodations: Ma'ale Hachamisha

**Wednesday, July 13**  
**Jerusalem**

- Tour in Hadassah hospital
- Herzl Museum – learn about Binyamin Ze'ev Herzl
- Tour in Mount Herzl, Israel's National Cemetery
- Machane Yehuda market
- Meeting a speaker who leaves outside the green line – learn more about the Israeli Society
- Accommodations: Ma'ale Hachamisha

**Thursday, July 14**

- Archeological digging
- Go to Family Weekend

**Family Weekend: Thursday evening, July 14- Sunday morning, July 17**

- Accommodations for the participants who stay with YJ: Kibbutz Almog near the Dead Sea

**Week 4**

**Sunday, July 17- Thursday, July 21**

- Special Interest Week

**Thursday, July 21**  
**Jerusalem**

- End of Special Interest Week
- Get together group activity
- Accommodations: Agron

**Friday, July 22**  
**Jerusalem**

- Security Fence tour: seeing and talking about the most urgent political issues in Israel
- Prep for shabbat
- Shabbat Services in the Kotel
- Oneg Shabbat
- Accommodations: Agron

**Saturday, July 23**  
**Jerusalem**

- Shabbat services
- Israel-Diaspora relationships peula
- Shabbat relaxation in the park

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- Free time in Ben Yehuda St.

**Week 5**

**Sunday, July 24**  
**Shetach (outdoors), Park Goren**

- Drive north
- Bahai Garden in Haifa: Get to know the Bahai religion
- Lunch in Haifa center: street survey – get to know Israelis
- Beach time in the Mediterranean sea
- Park Goren campsite
- Bonfire
- Accommodations: Outdoors

**Monday, July 25**  
**North, Ma'ayan Charod**

- Nachal Kziv hike
- Rosh Hanikrah Grottos
- rest
- Macabbia preparation
- Accommodations: Shlomi

**Tuesday, July 26**  
**North, Ma'ayan Charod**

- Mount. Bental lookout on the Golan Heights and on Syria: talk about Israeli wars / visit IDF base
- Lookout on the border with Lebanon: talk about the Lebanon second war
- Hatzbany water hike

- Kayaking
- macabbia prep
- Accommodations: Ma'ayan Charod

**Wednesday, July 27**  
**Kinneret beach, Macabbia**

- Maccabiah: a two day festival where groups come together for games, competitions, disco, performances and fireworks.

**Thursday, July 28**  
**Kinneret beach, Macabbia**

- Maccabiah!
- rest
- Accommodations: Amiad

**Friday, July 29**  
**Galilee, Amiad Hostel**

- Tzfat tour: learn about spirituality and Kabala
- Preparation for Shabbat, Kabbalat Shabbat
- Shabbat services, Oneg Shabbat
- Accommodations: Amiad

**Saturday, July 30**  
**Galilee, Amiad Hostel**

- Shabbat Services
- Peula – taking YJ Discovery home with us
- Preparation for last volunteering

- Havdalah
- Disco with YJ Italy

**Week 6**

**Sunday, July 31**  
**Galilee, Shlomi Hostel**

- Volunteering with sick children in Nahariyah hospital
- Coexistence Seminar in the Galilee: meeting an Arab speaker
- Prepare goodbye party
- Accommodations: Shlomi

**Monday, August 1**  
**Jerusalem, Agron**

- Mount. Meron hike
- Druze Hospitality: get to know the Druze culture
- drive to Jerusalem
- Goodbye Party with group
- Sikum talk

**Tuesday, August 2**

- The Jerusalem Archeological Park (Davidson Center) + Goodbye Kotel
- closing peula for the summer
- Half a day for all YJ summer programs + ending ceremony
- Departure
- Flight home

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**Wednesday, August 3**  
**NY**

- Arrive home
- Miss Israel and your friends