

## **SEC JERUSALEM UNITED 50 ITINERARY – May 17-28, 2017**

### **Wednesday May 17 – Welcome to Israel!!**

Welcome to Jerusalem!

**Mount of Olives** – Panoramic view of Jerusalem

Check into SEC's Sephardic House, dinner, orientation

### **Thursday May 18 – Ancient Jerusalem: 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Temple Periods (Old City)**

**City of David Excavations**

**Davidson Archaeological Park**

**Kotel Tunnels**

Special Prayers @ the Kotel

### **Friday May 19 – Ancient Jerusalem: 2<sup>nd</sup> Temple Period (Old City)**

**The Burnt House** (Actual home of 2<sup>nd</sup> Temple Priestly Family)

**Herodian Quarter** (Beneath the Old City)

**Hurva Synagogue**

**Cardo Roman Quarter**

**Shuk Mahane Yehuda Open Market** (Jerusalem shops & prepares for Shabbat)

**Friday Night Prayers at the Kotel**

*Shabbat Dinner @ SEC*

### **Shabbat May 20 – Theme: The Spiritual Story of Jerusalem**

Various Shabbat Prayer Options

**“The Story of the Kotel”** (short walking tour with Rabbi Bouskila)

*Shabbat Lunch @ SEC*

**Jaffa Gate, Tower of David, Mount Zion and King David's tomb**

Saturday night in Jerusalem Center of Town

### **Sunday May 21 – Sephardic Jerusalem**

**Sephardic Jerusalem “Within the Walls”** (Old City – includes Ramban Synagogue, Sephardic Courtyard/SEC, 4 Sephardic Synagogues, Misgav Ladach, Historic Sephardic Family Homes, Old Yishuv Court Museum)

**Sephardic Jerusalem “Beyond the Walls”** (Nahalaot Neighborhood, Sephardic Synagogues, Sephardic Family Homes)

*Accompanying us will be a Sephardic musician*

### **Monday May 22 – Modern Jerusalem**

**Ben Zvi Institute/Special Sephardic Collection**

**Knesset – VIP Reception with Member of Knesset Professor Manuel Trachtenberg**

**Ammunition Hill (The Heroic Story of the Paratroopers in 1967/how they liberated Jerusalem)**

**Mount Herzl Military Cemetery**

**Tuesday May 23 – Jerusalem Museum Day**

**Agnon House – Nobel Prize Stories of Jerusalem**

**Armon Ha-Natsiv (pre-1967 viewpoint of Old City)**

**Israel Museum/Shrine of the Book**

***Erev Yom Yerushalayim Banquet & Concert in SEC Courtyard/Kotel Ceremony***

**Wednesday May 24 – Yom Yerushalayim – 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Reunification of Jerusalem**

**Celebratory Yom Yerushalayim Prayer Service with Hallel**

***Dedication Ceremony for Newly Remodeled SEC Campus***

**Celebrations throughout the day at the Kotel & in the Old City**

**Thursday May 25 – A Day in the North: Golan Heights &**

**Early Morning Departure to North (Jordan Valley Road)**

**Stop to View Kinneret/Sea of Galilee**

**Kibbutz El Rom (Yom Kippur Tank Battle)**

**Ben Tal Bunkers from YK War/View of Kuneitra**

**Golan Winery Tour and Wine Tasting**

**Tzfat/Safed (Artist's Quarter, Kabbalist's Synagogues, Dinner)**

**Friday May 26 -- A Day in Tel Aviv (Modern Israel's First New City)**

**Neve Tsedek – Tel Aviv's First Neighborhood**

**Tahana Rishona (First Tel Aviv Train Station)**

**Shuk Ha-Carmel Open Market (Tel Aviv shops & prepares for Shabbat)**

**Nahalat Binyamin Artists Lane**

Return to Jerusalem/SEC for Shabbat

**Friday Night Prayers at Kotel**

*Shabbat Dinner @ SEC*

**Shabbat May 27 Theme: 50 Years Ahead -- Where is Modern Jerusalem Heading?**

Various Shabbat Prayer Options

**“Jerusalem in the Prayerbook” (short spiritual walking tour with Rabbi Bouskila)**

*Shabbat Lunch @ SEC*

**Walking tour to Yemin Moshe (Montefiore Neighborhood)**

Discussion with Rabbi Bouskila & Special Guests (TBA): *The Future of Jerusalem*

Saturday night in Jerusalem Center of Town

**Sunday May 28 – Masada, Dead Sea Scrolls, Jerusalem, Airport**

**Early Morning visit to Masada/Qumran-Dead Sea Scrolls/Dead Sea**

Return to SEC

Packing, shopping, free time

**Closing banquet at SEC/Closing Prayers at Kotel**

Bus to Airport