

JERUSALEM

BASES

Agron Guest House- Located in the heart of Jerusalem, and part of the Fuchsberg Center for Conservative Judaism, Agron is the home of “Nativ” – The United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism’s College Leadership Program in Israel.
Tel: 02-6217555

Rabin Guest House- Located in the Givat Ram neighborhood of Jerusalem, which is a short ride from the city center, Rabin Guest House is very conveniently situated for exploring the incredible city. It is also near Hebrew University and the Israel Museum, the largest cultural institution in the country.
Tel.: 02-678-0108

Prima Park Hotel- Conveniently located at the city’s entrance, Hotel Prima Park Jerusalem is an ideal starting point for touring and exploring Jerusalem and its surrounding sites.
Tel: 02-658-2222

Kiryat Moriah Hostel- A short walk from the beautiful Haas Promenade (the “*tayelet*”), this hostel is located in the neighborhood of Arnona, with many synagogues within a short walking distance.
Tel: 02-6216363



SITES

Kotel- The Western Wall of the Temple Mount, is a place where all visitors, no matter their origin or religion, can come to pray. USY Israel Pilgrimage groups will visit the Kotel early on during their stay in Jerusalem.

Yemin Moshe/Mishkenot Sha’ananim - Built in the 19th century by Sir Moses Montefiore, it was the first of Jerusalem's neighborhoods built outside the Old City walls.

David Citadel- Called the "Tower of David" even though it was actually built by King Herod, this tower, which stands at the Western gate of the Old City (the Jaffa Gate), is the centerpiece of a "living museum" depicting 3000 years of Jerusalem's history.

Southern Wall Excavations- One of the most amazing sites in Jerusalem, you can see actual remnants of the Destruction of the 2nd Temple here, as well as the main entrance to the Temple

itself. The attraction also includes the “Davidson Center,” a visitor’s center with a multimedia presentation and original artifacts.

Herodian Mansions- This museum preserves discoveries made during excavations in the Jewish Quarter that reveal remains of magnificent buildings from the time of the Herodian dynasty period (37 B.C.E.-70 C.E.).

City of David- The City of David is Jerusalem’s original city from the time of King David. It lies in south of the Temple Mount and is surrounded by hills on all sides. The water source of First Jerusalem Temple, the Gihon Spring, lies here.

Hezekiah’s Tunnel- The tunnel is an underground channel erected during the reign of King Hezekiah in the 8th century B.C.E in Jerusalem. Visitors can even walk through the channel, which is still filled with water.

Mount Herzl- Israel’s deceased presidents and prime ministers, and many of the country’s founders and heroes can all be found in this cemetery. It is a place respected by modern Israelis and is the focal point of commemorative and celebratory proceedings related to the State of Israel.

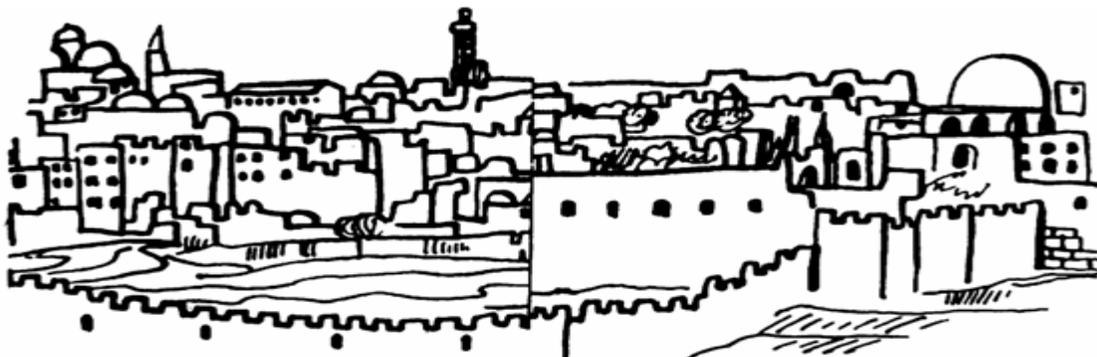
Ammunition Hill- Known in Hebrew as “*Givat Hatachmoshet*,” Ammunition Hill was the site of fierce fighting during the 1967 Six-Day War. Israel’s victory here enabled its troops to enter the Old City of Jerusalem. Today visitors can walk along old Jordanian bunkers and visit the museum onsite.

Har Hatzofim- Called Mt. Scopus in English, Har Hatzofim houses the new campus of Hebrew University and is a great observation point from which to see East Jerusalem.

Promenade- The Haas *Tayelet* (promenade) provides a view of southern Jerusalem in all of its glory. The area is beautifully landscaped and includes many walking paths. It is also a great place to watch as the sunset turns the city to gold - *Yerushalayim Shel Zahav*.

Yad Lekashish- Translated as *Lifeline for the Old* in English, this is an innovative center with programming for Jerusalem’s elderly community that runs several creative workshops and social activities.

Beit Guvrin - Dig for a day with “Archaeological Seminars” in *Maresha*, the site of the Second Temple. Pilgrims will visit this site and crawl through the ancient tunnels used by the Jews to hide from the Romans.



Biblical Zoo- This zoo is unlike any other. It is home to numerous animals mentioned in the Bible and each exhibit highlights quotes in which they are mentioned.

Knesset- The Israeli Parliament is a very famous Israeli landmark where Pilgrims will learn how Israel's democracy works.

Yad Vashem- Israel's national Holocaust museum is a moving site that also includes the Children's Memorial and the Valley of the Destroyed Communities.

Avshalom Stalagmite Cave- This stalagmite cave located near Beit Shemesh is only 82-meters long and 60-meters wide, but what it lacks in size, it makes up for in beauty.

Sataf Spring- Hike through beautiful Sataf Springs located in the Judean hills outside Jerusalem.

Latrun- The Armored Corps Commemorative Center (*Latrun*) is dedicated to the thousands of fallen tank corps soldiers who died in Israel's battles. Visit the "Wall of the Fallen," see the tank exhibition, and learn about its history with audio-visual presentations.

Ayalon Weapons Factory- Located on Kibbutz Ayalon in Rehovot, this hidden weapons factory was constructed during the British occupation. Masquerading as a laundry where the British soldiers brought their uniforms to be cleaned, beneath the building was a secret sub-level ammunitions factory set up by the Jewish underground.

SPEAKERS

Rabbi Paul Freedman- Rabbi Freedman is the Director of Israel Outreach at the Center for Conservative Judaism in Jerusalem and was formerly the Director of USY until making aliyah in 1990. He will visit with each of the Pilgrimage groups and teach a "Page of Talmud" about Eretz Yisrael.

Danny Siegel- Poet, lecturer and *Ziv Tzedaka* founder. Danny will serve as a teacher and as a guide during the stay in Jerusalem.

Neil Lazarus- An Israeli *hasbara* (hands-on educator) and communications consultant. Neil Lazarus will facilitate a seminar about the Arab-Israeli conflict and Israel's current political situation.

SOUTH - NEGEV

BASES



Chan Hashayarot- Located near *Sde Boker*, this base is a camel ranch built in the Bedouin style. USYers will enjoy a *haflah* (feast), camel ride, and night in a Bedouin tent.
No telephone number

Eilat Youth Hostel- This newly renovated youth hostel/guest house is located in a resort town on the coast of the Red Sea.
Tel: 08-6372358

Arad- Pilgrims will visit Arad, the modern city located in the North-Eastern Negev. They will stay in one of two hostels, the Arad Youth Hostel or the Inbar Hotel, which is walking distance from a shopping area.
Arad Youth Hostel Tel: 08-997-3303
Inbar Hotel Tel: 08-997-3303

Chavat Hanokdim (Roded)- Located between Arad and Masada, this base is a camel ranch built in the Bedouin style. USYers will enjoy a *haflah* (feast), camel ride, and a night in a Bedouin tent.
No telephone number

Mitzpe Ramon Guest House- The Mitzpe Ramon Guest House is located in one of Israel's most spectacular landscapes, at the northern edge of the Ramon Crater.
Tel: 08-6588443

SIGHTS AND PROGRAMS

Masada- The rock fortress built by Herod was the Jewish people's stronghold during their heroic, yet tragic battle against Rome. USYers will climb the Roman Ramp at sunrise, pray in the ancient synagogue, and learn about Masada's glory and its destruction.

Ein Ovdar- In Hebrew, Ein means water spring. These miraculous, beautiful springs are found in the middle of the desert, where they serve an important purpose in the ecological structure.

Machtsh/Crater- A moon-like scene with its unique earth formations, colored sands, and minerals, Machtsh is a sight to behold.

Coral Reef, Eilat- Swim and snorkel in Eilat's coral reef, enjoying the most beautiful fish and coral in the world.



Timna Park- Israel's Timna National Park is notable for its prehistoric rock carvings, some of the oldest copper mines in the world, and a cliff called King Solomon's pillars.

Yotvata- This kibbutz helps the desert flourish, and serves the best milk products in the world!

Ein Gedi- A modern kibbutz on the edge of the Dead Sea, Ein Gedi is located near an ancient oasis known of the same name.

Nahal David- Not far from Ein Gedi, this river is famous for its lush foliage and the ibex which inhabit its banks. A hardy climb leads to the mystical cave where King David is said to have hid from King Saul.

Sde Boker- The late David Ben Gurion's (founding father of the State of Israel) "dream come true," this thriving kibbutz helped contribute to his vision of "greening of the desert." Today, in addition to being a fully functional kibbutz, it is a center for education and desert research and houses Ben Gurion's cabin and grave.



Rappelling- Live on the edge! Rappel down an Israeli cliff side by rope after learning the basics on the ground.

Dead Sea- Here at the lowest place in the world, 1,200 feet below sea level, USYers can swim, float, and cover themselves with special therapeutic mud.

Outdoor Desert Experience- Get the 24-hour desert experience next to the Ramon Crater. Activities include navigating the desert in the dark, star gazing, preparing meals, sleeping outdoors, rappelling cliff sides, and more.

NORTH - GALIL

BASES

Hanaton- Kibbutz Hanaton, the Conservative/Masorti kibbutz in Israel, was founded by *olim* (people who made Aliyah) from North America and members of the Masorti (Conservative) youth movement in Israel. It is part of the landscape of the lower Galilee. USY Pilgrimage groups stay in the Educational Center and enjoy the kibbutz's modern facilities, while living alongside the kibbutz families.

Tel: 04-9059605

Poria Youth Hostel- This hostel is situated on top of Mt. Bariniki, near the city of Tiberius, overlooking the Sea of Galilee and the Golan Heights.

Tel: 04-6750050

Peki'in Guest House- Located in the Druze village of Peki'in (also Peki'in or Peqi'in), a unique village offering an eye-opening perspective on northern Israel, the Peki'in Guest House brings high-end accommodations to the multicultural melting pot at the northernmost extreme of the Upper Galilee.

Tel: 02-5945677

SITES AND PROGRAMS

Bahai Gardens- The world center of the Bahai sect, a monotheistic religion that emphasizes the spiritual unity of all human kind, this site is located in the city of Haifa.

Haifa Panorama- This vantage point overlooks the Haifa Bay.

Druze Hospitality- The Druze, a unique Arab tribe with a secret religion, live in picturesque villages and serve in the Israeli armed forces. Pilgrims will be hosted at the Usafia village and enjoy a kosher Druze meal.

Kfar Kedem- Pilgrims, just as during biblical times, will ride a donkey in the hills around the ancient city of Tzipori. In the time of the Mishnah, this city was a center of learning and home to the Sanhedrin (the Jewish High Court).

Golan Heights- While visiting the northern-most part of Israel, Pilgrims will become familiar with its history, importance, and the Syrian conflict, as well as get the chance to hike and travel through its breathtaking sights.

Oz 77- USYers will visit the Oz 77 monument on the very battlefield where tanks clashed in during the Yom Kippur War 1973. They will learn about the history of the battle by watching a short film about the heroic Oz 77 Tank Brigade who fought against overwhelming odds to successfully defend the Golan during the war.

Tzfat (Safed)- The mystical city of Tzfat is the birth place of Kabbalah and was the home of Rabbi Joseph Karo, the author of the Shulchan Aruch. Today an impressive artists' colony can be found in this hilltop city.

Arbel Mountain- The cliff-side fortress was once used by ancient day Jews during their battles with Rome. USYers will follow the winding path that the Romans had to climb in order to conquer it.

Mount Miron- The highest mountain in Israel pre-1967, this short and beautiful hike includes observation points that overlook Upper Galilee and Tzfat.

Nachal Snir- Enjoy a hike through this gorge, which is one of the three major sources of water in Israel.

The Cemetery of the Kinneret- The graves of the poets Naomi Shemer & Rachel are located here on the shores of the Sea of Galilee, along with graves of Zionist founders, A.D. Gordon, Moshe Hess, Berel Katzanelson, and Dov Borochoy.

Acco (Acre)- A port city on the Mediterranean which has had many rulers, Acco is home to crusader halls, a famous mosque, and a fort once used by the British to imprison and execute Jewish freedom fighters.

Rosh Hanikra- Visit the magnificent grottos formed by water that has hit the sea-side cliffs for thousands of years.

Manara Cliffs- USYers will visit this beautiful site overlooking the Hula valley and the Golan Heights.

Tveriah (Tiberias)- Explore the ancient and modern sides of this holy city, which sits on the shores of the Sea of Galilee.

Blue Beach (*Hof Hachelet*)- Take a break from touring at this fun-filled water park in Tiberias, on the shores of the Kinneret.

TEL AVIV

BASES

Tel Aviv B'nei Dan Hostel - The B'nei Dan Guest House is situated in northern Tel Aviv next to the Yarkon River and Tel Aviv Port. Whether you feel like going to the beach or seeing the city's sights, this hostel is ideally situated, as it is within walking distance of both the seashore and the cultural and entertainment attractions at the heart of Tel Aviv.

Tel: 02-5945655

Mishkenot Ruth Daniel Guest House- Ideally located, this high-quality guesthouse is close to the Mediterranean Sea and promenade, as well as to the ancient historical Yaffo.

Tel: 03-5264526

SITES AND PROGRAMS

Kikar Rabin - Visit and hold a group memorial ceremony at the site of the assassination of Former Prime Minister Yitzchak Rabin z"l.

Hall of Independence- This is the site where Israel's Declaration of Independence was signed by David Ben Gurion in 1948.

Old Jaffa - USYers will stroll through the quaint alleyways of Old Jaffa and to try to bargain for goods and souvenirs in the flea market.

The Tel Aviv Olympic Experience- One of twelve Olympic museums in the world, experience the Olympic spirit of excellence, perseverance, and an overwhelming ambition to achieve and reach ever faster, higher and stronger here. The Olympic Experience boasts state-of-the-art high-tech imaging and illustrations, audio-visual presentations, holograms, interactive screens, hands-on trials and more.

Dialogue in the Dark – In complete darkness, blind individuals lead small groups of guests through a series of ordinary situations, which are suddenly experienced in an extraordinary, radical news way—without eyesight. Dialogue in the Dark is a platform for communication and a close exchange, provoking a change in perspectives. The exhibit has been presented in over 30 countries and 110 cities throughout Europe, Asia, the Middle East and America since opening in 1988.

Invitation to Silence - In this unique experience one does not speak nor hear, yet discovers a new world of communication through hand movements and body language. An interactive

exhibition about communication, Invitation to Silence is guided by deaf individuals and brings out the non-oral communication skills that exist in every one of us.