



**FRIENDS OF ISRAEL DEFENSE FORCES  
LEADERSHIP MISSION TO ISRAEL**

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**Welcome**

**to**

**ISRAEL**

**Monday, Jan 24 through Monday, Jan 31, 2011**

**TENTATIVE LEADER'S ITINERARY**

# DAY ONE: Sunday, January 23, 2011

## DEPART THE USA

Depart USA on various flights.

Overnight: Flight

# DAY TWO: Monday, January 24, 2011

## ARRIVE IN ISRAEL

1:15pm to 6:00pm	Driver/Guide picks up participants at airport. He will have a sign WITH MISSION-NAME AND FIDF LOGO ON IT so participants can identify him.
Upon Arrival	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Exit Customs, after passing through passport-control and getting your passport stamped, and immediately after collecting your luggage.</b></li><li>• <b>Walk into the arrival hall and exit into the awaiting crowd through the pathway on the RIGHT (there are only 2 pathways).</b></li><li>• <b>Keep walking to the right toward the coffee shop, book store, and Cellcom mobile communications store.</b></li><li>• <b>Guide/Driver will be holding a sign w/ the name of the Mission on it.</b></li></ul> <p>Transfer to Hotel by Guide/Driver.</p> <p>Check into the hotel, unpack, and freshen-up!</p>
8:00pm	<p><b>Welcome reception</b> at the Hilton Hotel.</p> <p><b>Special Guest: Lt. Gen. Gabi Ashkenazi, IDF Chief of Staff.</b> Lt. Gen. Gabi Ashkenazi has served with great distinction in a series of senior positions in the IDF, including Commander of the Golani Infantry Brigade, Commander of an Armored Division, Operations Directorate Chief and General of the IDF's Northern Command. He serves currently the Chief of the General Staff of the IDF – the highest ranking officer and the Commander of the IDF.</p>
	<p><b>Overnight: Hilton Hotel, Tel Aviv</b></p>

# DAY THREE: Tuesday, January 25, 2011

## Perspectives on Israel's Security: IDF Trainees, Intelligence Threat Assessments, & A Diplomatic Overview

7:30am	Breakfast in Main Dining Room
8:15am	Meet in lobby for departure
8:30am	Depart hotel
9:00am	<p><b>Visit Golani Brigade Training Base:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Observe basic-training regiments</b> of IDF Golani recruits during Basic Training.</li><li>• <b>Meet with Lone Soldiers</b> to learn first-hand of their special contribution to the IDF &amp; Israeli society &amp; of their unique needs.</li><li>• <b>Meet with IDF Officers / Social Workers</b> who serve to ensure that Lone Soldiers and indigent soldiers and their families receive the assistance they need.</li><li>• <b>Lunch</b> with Soldiers and Officers.</li></ul>
1:00pm	<p><b>Security Briefing in Alfei Menashe</b>, a Jewish town located in the <b>seam zone</b> on the south-western edge of <b>Samaria</b> (Shomron), in the central area of the country, located just over the "green-line." The visit will include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Guided observation of central Israel</b> and the coastal-plain from the vantage-point of the unique lookout atop the mountain in Alfei Menashe.</li><li>• <b>Security-Briefing</b> regarding the various terror groups in Judea, Samaria, Gaza and otherwise threatening groups Israel (including Hamas, Islamic Jihad, Al Quaida and Hezbollah). Briefing conducted by <b>Yael Shahar, a Fellow at the IDC's Institute for Counter-Terrorism.</b></li><li>• Visit the fence's control room.</li></ul>
7:00pm	<b>Depart</b> for dinner from hotel-lobby.
7:30pm	<p>Dinner at Maganda Restaurant, the home of Israel's finest Yemenite cuisine.</p> <p><b>Special Guest: Danny Ayalon, Deputy Foreign Minister</b> and Former Ambassador of the State of Israel to the United States. Deputy Minister Ayalon will address the topic:</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>MAKING THE CASE FOR ISRAEL</u></b> <b>THE FOUR MOST IMPORTANT TALKING POINTS</b> <b>FOR AMERICAN JEWISH LEADERS</b></p>
	<b>Overnight: Hilton Hotel, Tel Aviv</b>

# DAY FOUR: Wednesday, January 26, 2011

## Defending Israel Against Hamas' Reign of Terror in Gaza

6:45am	Breakfast in Main Dining Room.
7:30am	Depart hotel.
9:30am	Meetings with the <b>Municipal Leadership of the Gaza Region: Visit w/ Mayor of S'derot</b> and leaders and civilians of other communities in range of Palestinian missile and rocket fire from Gaza. Learn first-hand how everyone - shop-keepers to school-children - copes with constant threat of terror.
11:30am	<b>Depart</b> to Gaza.
12:00pm	Travel to Gaza Border Region:
12:30pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Visit Re'im Base</b>, new home of Gaza Division Headquarters. <b>High-level briefing</b> by the Commander of the Division, <b>Brig. Gen. Eyal Eisenberg</b>.</li><li>• <b>Lunch</b> w/Soldiers and Officers.</li><li>• Round-table meeting w/ <b>Lone soldiers and IDF Social Workers</b> to gain a greater depth of insight into the unique challenges they each face in their IDF service.</li></ul>
2:30pm	Depart to Eilat.
5:30pm	Travel to Eilat.
7:00pm	Dinner at Denis restaurant.
9:00pm	Enjoy a relaxing evening!
	<b>Overnight: Hilton "Queen of Sheba" Hotel, Eilat</b>

# DAY FIVE: Thursday, January 27, 2011

**PIKUD EDOM - Edom Command:  
The Peaceful Borders w/ Egypt & Jordan.  
&  
KARAKAL - The Desert-Cats:  
Women on Border Patrol? - Only in the IDF!**

9:00am	Breakfast in Main Dining Room.
9:30am	Depart hotel.
10:30am	<p><b>Arrive at PIKUD EDOM</b>, the general command of the Edomite Region of Southeastern Israel. Pikud Edom's charge is to coordinate and execute the defense of the Eastern (south) border with Jordan and the Southern (East) border with Egypt. It's assignment has now been increased to include the area along the Southern border with the Sinai peninsula adjacent to the Gaza Strip.</p> <p>The visit will include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>A High Level Briefing</b> regarding the work of the Pikud Edom.</li><li>• <b>Meetings with soldiers</b> from different countries who serve in the IDF (in this Unit).</li><li>• <b>Observation</b> of a live-ammunition training exercise.</li><li>• <b>Lunch</b> with soldiers and officers.</li></ul>
2:00pm	Depart to visit <b>Karkal infantry regiment</b> .
3:00pm	<p>Arrive at Karkal, an elite infantry regiment established in 2000. It is pioneer combatant regiment in that it is the first infantry regiment to incorporate women combatants.</p> <p>The visit will include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Briefing and observation.</b></li><li>• <b>Meeting with soldiers</b> at the field.</li><li>• <b>Equipment display.</b></li></ul>
6:00pm	Return to the hotel.
7:00pm	<p>Dinner at Angelina Italian Restaurant.</p> <p><b>Special Guest(s):</b> IDF Social Workers.</p>
	<b>Overnight: Hilton "Queen of Sheba" Hotel, Eilat</b>

# DAY SIX: Friday, January 28, 2011

## WELCOME TO JERUSALEM!

### Strategic and Political Insights Into The Reunification of the Jewish People's Eternal Capital

7:00am	Breakfast in Main Dining Room.
8:00am	Checkout and Depart hotel.
9:00am	Fly back from Eilat to Tel-Aviv.
11:00am	<p>Drive to Jerusalem.</p> <p><b>Welcome to Jerusalem!</b> Enter the vibrant and colorful 3,000 year-old city of Jerusalem and experience the convergence of the old and the new. Upon entering Jerusalem stop at the Haas Promenade for a group-picture and to recite the “Shehechyanu” blessing upon entering Jerusalem.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Visit to the <b>Ammunition Hill</b> with a special guest - Colonel (Res) Shimon Kahanar (Ketche), the Chairman of Ammunition Hill Association Site.</li><li>• Visit the <b>Begin Museum</b>. The museum is an experiential, multimedia exhibit telling the story of one of the most important chapters in the history of the State of Israel through the life of Menachem Begin.</li></ul>
2:15pm	Check-in at hotel. Refresh, relax, and get ready for Shabbat.
6:30pm	Depart by bus to <b>Western Wall</b> (Kotel) for unforgettable <b>Shabbat experience!</b>
7:45pm	Depart by bus or by feet to the hotel.
9:30pm	<p><b>Private Shabbat Dinner</b> at the hotel.</p> <p><b>Special Guest: Maj. Gen (Res) Moshe Kaplinsky, former Deputy Chief of Staff and the CEO of Better Place Israel.</b></p>
	Shabbat Shalom!
	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Overnight: Inbal Hotel, Jerusalem</b></p>

# DAY SEVEN: Saturday, January 29, 2011

## SHABBAT IN JERUSALEM

8:00am	Breakfast in Main Dining Room.
9:30am to 1:00pm	<b>OPTION #1</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Attend Saturday seminar at Beit Morasha together with the IDF soldiers.</li></ul> <b>OPTION #2 - (10:00am)</b> <b>(as much of the following as time allows for)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Guided visit to the Museum of the History of Jerusalem at David's Citadel, for a walk through the history of Jerusalem from the time of Abraham 4,000 years ago to the end of the British Mandate over Palestine.</li><li>• Guided Ramparts walk along the walls of the Old City.</li><li>• Guided walk along the Rooftops of the Old City for a behind the scenes look at the various communities in Jerusalem and how they live together.</li><li>• Guided visit to the Hurva Square, the central square of the Jewish Quarter.</li></ul> <b>OPTION #3</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Shabbat Morning Services at a variety of different locations.</li></ul>
1:30pm	<b>Shabbat Lunch</b> en route in the Old City.
2:30pm	Enjoy a relaxing Shabbat Afternoon (this is a wonderful time to host relatives and friends whom you might wish to see).
5:45pm	<b>Meet Rabbi Jeret</b> in the lobby. <b>Havdallah</b> thereafter overlooking Jerusalem.
8:00pm	<b>Evening in Jerusalem</b> on Ben Yehuda Pedestrian Mall. Take in the people of this glorious city and stimulate Israel's economy at some of Israel's best shopping spots!
	<b>Overnight: Inbal Hotel, Jerusalem</b>

# DAY EIGHT: Sunday, January 29, 2011

## The Ethics and Motivation of IDF Soldiers and Officers & Keeping Jerusalem Safe and Peaceful

7:30am	Breakfast in Main Dining Room.
8:30am	Depart hotel to Beit Morasha.
9:00am	Visit <b>Beit Morasha, an IDF educational facility</b> in Jerusalem. <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Overview of IDF education programs for soldiers in training and service, for Officers, and for Senior IDF Staff. High-Level briefing regarding IDF's range of educational objectives, including those related to the core values, skills, and capacities of the next generation of Israelis.</li><li>• Joint participation in education seminars (conducted in English) with IDF soldiers and officers.</li><li>• Joint participation w/ Officers in high-level session (in English) regarding moral &amp; ethical issues facing soldiers and officers in the field.</li></ul>
11:30am	<b>Lunch</b> at Beit Morasha.
12:40pm	Depart to <b>Jerusalem Old City Border Police</b> .
1:30pm	<b>Jerusalem Through the Eyes of the Border Police:</b> Soldiers serving in Israel's Border Police units balance the imperative to protect Israeli citizens from terror with ensuring that Palestinians are treated fairly. This visit will include a tour of the Boarder Police's patrol-facility, understanding the unique methods and technologies deployed to secure the Old City while avoiding as much as possible confrontation with Palestinians
4:10pm	Return to the hotel.
6:30pm	<b>CHAIRMAN'S DINNER</b> at Darna Restaurant - <i>Home of Israel's best Moroccan cuisine</i> Hosted by: Rabbi Isaac Jeret, Chairman <b>Special Guest: Moshe (Bugie) Yaalon, Israel's Minister for Strategic Affairs.</b> Maj. General Yaalon served as Commander of the IDF's Paratroopers Brigade, Head of IDF Intelligence, and IDF Chief of Staff in the course of a distinguished career in the IDF. General Yaalon will address the topic:  <b>Beyond The Politics of Negotiations: What are Israel's real prospects for peace with the Palestinians? .</b>
9:00pm	Lilah Tov!
	<b>Overnight: Inbal Hotel, Jerusalem</b>

# DAY NINE: Monday, January 31, 2011

## Briefings With Israel's Political and Military Leadership

6:45am	Breakfast in Main Dining Room.
7:30am	Check-out of the hotel.
9:30am	Visit the <b>Knesset</b> , the legislature of Israel, including meeting with <b>Israel's Prime Minister, <u>Benjamin Netanyahu</u></b>
11:45am	Lunch en route
1:00pm	Depart to the Kirya
2:00pm	Arrival at the Kirya (Israel's Pentagon). Meeting and briefing with the IDF's <b>Deputy Chief of Staff, Maj. Gen Benny Gantz.</b>
4:30pm	Freshen up at the hotel
5:45pm	Early <b>Farewell Dinner</b> at Little Jerusalem - Ana Ticho House
7:30pm	Transfer to the hotel for those who are continuing to the extension trip. Transfer to the airport to those who are returning to the USA

**\*All IDF visits and all guests/presenters on this itinerary are subject to change.**

## RETURN TO THE USA

### HOTELS

#### Hilton Hotel (Tel Aviv)

Independence Park  
Tel Aviv, Israel  
63405

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Calling within Israel: 03-520-2222  
Calling from the USA: 011-972-3-520-2222

#### Inbal Hotel (Jerusalem)

Liberty Bell Park 3 Jabotinsky Street  
Jerusalem 92145

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Calling within Israel: 02-675-6666  
Calling from the USA: 011-972-2-675-6666

#### Hilton "Queen of Sheba" Hotel (Eilat)

8 Antib Road  
North Shore Eilat  
Eilat, Israel 88121

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Calling within Israel: 08-630-6666  
Calling from the USA: 011-972-8-630-6666