

Bet Israel Congregation: 3-day trip to the South -- October 28-30, 2019



The Human Mosaic – Zionism then and now

After our very successful tiyul to Ramat HaGolan last year, people repeatedly asked when the next tiyul would be – so here it is: **Monday to Wednesday, October 28-30, 2019**

We will place the spotlight this time on development towns, visiting Kiryat Gat and Dimona and get a taste of the Ethiopians march to Israel and their absorption in the country.

We will learn about the process of change in women's status in Bedouin society. We will discover a new way of settlement for students, get a taste of the Black Hebrews community in Israel and take a look at lone settlers way of life in the area.

Naturally, part of the tiyul will focus on our military history as well. We will learn more about the War of Israel's Independence through the heroic fight at Kibbutz Negba, the Faluja Pocket and "the monster", Iraqi Suidan police station.

Along our way, we will pause for explanations on various sites as we pass them.

Itzhik Efron will again be our guide for the three days. We will be lodging at the *Drachim* ("On the Way") Hotel in Dimona for two nights.

What should we bring with us? Comfortable walking shoes, a hat, suntan cream, water bottle, a light jacket, bathing suit and most important – good spirits and cooperative mood!

The walking bits are short and suitable for all of us.

Registration is through Sara in the office: 09 8624345 or 09 8622633

The trip is open to your friends if they wish to join us.

The Events Committee wishes all participants an enjoyable trip

Prices are based on a half-board stay at the hotel

Double room	NIS 1600
Single room	NIS 1280
Bus, site guides, entrance fees & tip per person	NIS 640
Total for a couple	NIS 2880
Total for a single participant	NIS 1920

Trip Schedule

First day: October 28, 2019:

08:00 Departure from synagogue, 19 Yehuda Hanassi Street to Kiryat Gat in the south.

First stop: Atachlit farm in Kiryat Gat. Guided tour of this Ethiopian farm, including a taste of Ethiopian bread, their Bono ritual and a shot at building mud bricks!

Guided tour of Intel visitors center.

Short break for lunch at Bet Kamah junction.

Visit to the Bedouin Rikmat Hamidbar visitors center in Lakiah.

Travel to our hotel in Dimona for overnight stay at Drachim Hotel.

Dinner, followed by evening activity – a talk about Dimona.

Second day October 29, 2019

Breakfast

A tour of Dimona including Dimona park and lake and Ben Gurion forest.

Visit Ayalim student village to hear about their life and see breathtaking views of the desert.

Guided tour in the Black Hebrews neighborhood to hear and see how they live.

Discover a new form of settlement – the lone farm. We will visit Orly Cactii (Sabras) farm and have a sabras tasting experience.

Break for light lunch

Back to the hotel to rest and use of the spa (free entrance). You can order a massage against payment.

Dinner, followed by birthday celebration for both Sara and Natalie.

Third Day October 30, 2019

Breakfast

Depart from the hotel with our luggage on our way north.

Visit the Faluja Pocket and hear its story during the War of Independence.

Tour the memorial in memory of the 87 religious company members of the Alexandroni Brigade who fought at Faluja. At the same site we will see a memorial to the Ethiopians who never made it to Israel and died on the arduous journey to get here.

Visit Givati Museum and Iraq Suidan police station

Tour the open museum in Negba

Stroll through the Tom and Tomer ecological garden, established in memory of two of the victims of the infamous helicopter crash disaster.

Back to the bus to start the journey home with a possible stop at *Ad Halom* junction on the way.