



“The LORD bless thee and keep thee. The LORD make his face shine upon thee and be gracious unto thee. The LORD lift up his countenance upon thee and give thee peace. And they shall put my name upon the children of Israel and I will bless them.” Numbers 6:24-27

SHOFAR MINISTRY TRIP May 9-23, 2011



Monday, May 9: Travel to Philadelphia for 6:15pm flight via London to Israel. Leave Lancaster by 1:30pm.

Tuesday, May 10: Ariel, TelAviv & Ramat Gan Arrive in Tel Aviv at 8:00am. After coming through customs we will travel to our lodging place Beit Immanuel in Joppa and get settled in. Beit Immanuel is the site of the first outreach of the Mennonites in Israel with Roy Kreiders and Paul Swarrs. It is where Israel College of the Bible began and where a thriving messianic congregation meets. David and Michaela Lazarus will be our hosts. We will take a walking tour around Tel Aviv and Jaffa including the Dugit outreach center and MAOZ ministry. Hopefully we will have time for a dip in the Mediterranean in the afternoon. Tonight we rest up from the flight, anticipating an early start in the morning and dreaming of the Promised Land.

Wednesday, May 11: Joppa & TelAviv

After a delightful breakfast, a time of worship and prayer on a rooftop overlooking the Mediterranean Sea and Tel Aviv, we will travel to Ariel where Brent & Abby Boll live. We will see their home and also visit with the Ami Ortiz family. On the way back we may visit congregation Adonai Roi and the Baptist Village in Petah Tikva where Brent used to work and perhaps the school where Abby teaches. We stay at Beit Immanuel again tonight.

Thursday, May 12: Fire from Heaven

After breakfast we will travel to Ceasarea, capital of the Roman procurators of Judea that was built by Herod the Great. Pontius Pilate had his base here, Cornelius lived and was baptized here (Acts 10), Paul was here often on his way to and from Tarsus and was held in custody here and defended himself before Felix, Festus and Agrippa prior to going to Rome (Acts 9:30-27:5), Philip also preached here (Acts 8:40). Here the Holy Spirit was first poured out on the Gentiles. Then we go to the top of Mt. Carmel where Elijah confronted the prophets of Baal and the Lord answered with fire from heaven. After viewing the Jezreel Valley (Armageddon), we will stop at Messianic congregation Ha'Carmel. We may visit at Garry & Ruth Denlinger's home in Haifa before stopping at the Abundant Hope International guest house across the bay in Akko. We will arrive at our lodging place for the next 4 days, Beit Bracha, a prayer retreat center in Migdal, and settle in for the night after a meal.

Friday, May 13: The People Walking in Darkness

Our focus today will be the life and activities of Jesus along the Sea of Galilee and the North. We will enjoy the sunrise over the Sea of Galilee (read Mark 1:35-39). We will visit Bethsaida where Jesus healed a blind man (Mark 5:1-20) and the synagogue and Peter's House in Capernaum where Jesus healed Peter's mother-in-law (Mark 1:29-31). Tabgha, the church of the loaves and fishes (Mark 6:31-44) and the area of Jesus' post resurrection appearance (John 21), Chorazin and Baniyas, the site of Ceasarea Philippi where Peter made his great confession, 'You are the Messiah, the Son of the Living God!' (Mark 16:13-20). We will pass through the Golan Heights marking the border with Syria. We finish the day visiting the Mount of the Beatitudes where Jesus proclaimed the Sermon on the Mount (Matthew 5-7) and return for a lovely Shabbat dinner with our friends.

Saturday, May 14: "The Spirit of the Lord is on Me"

After another wonderful Israeli breakfast, we will join the gathering of believers in Tiberius at the congregation Peniel. Afterwards there will be time to converse over lunch. We hope to have the opportunity to visit with David and Sharon Swarr in their home at Porriya and hear what God is doing in the land. On the way back to our home we will browse the Galilee of the Nations shop and see the multimedia production "The Galilee Experience" describing the history of the region. We will enjoy an evening meal and the wonderful view of the Kinneret from Beit Bracha.

Sunday, May 15: "Who Do Men Say That I Am"

Each day we will participate in prayer and intercession lead by our hosts, Ted & Linda Walker. Today we begin with a boat ride on the Sea of Galilee and then travel to Megiddo (from which Armageddon gets its name), Gideon's spring, Naboth's Vineyard at Jezreel and perhaps Mt. Gilboa. We will stop for a hike to the breathtaking view of the Galilee from Mt. Arbel and return to a meal of St. Peter's fish at our lodging place Beit Bracha for a fourth night at our home near Tiberius.

Monday, May 16: A prophet except in his home town.

After a delightful Israeli breakfast, we will travel to Nazareth where Jesus spent his boyhood. We will see Cana before stopping at the Basilica of the Annunciation, which sits over the site of Mary's home if time permits. Under the church are the actual remains of New Testament Nazareth. Then we will explore the nearby Nazareth Village, a recreation of the 1st century town. We will share a 1st century meal together for lunch. Then we will visit Nazareth Hospital and continue to Mt. Tabor, thought by most scholars to the Mount of Transfiguration. We then travel the Jordan valley on the way up to Jerusalem where we will see the spectacular view of the city of Jerusalem in the evening on the Mt. of Olives. We lodge at the Jerusalem House of Prayer on the Mount of Olives overlooking the city. We will join the Prayer Watch for several days with Tom Hess, a native of Lancaster County, who along with his wife Kate, directs this vital ministry of intercession.

Tuesday, May 17: Our Feet are Standing Within Your Gates, O Jerusalem

Today we examine the city of Jerusalem as it existed in the times of Jesus. We will stop at the Garden of Gethsemane first. The Temple Mount will become our focus as we attempt to visually reconstruct how the area would have looked during the times

of Solomon and Jesus. We begin with the Herodian remains at the foot of temple mount (Davidson Center). Afterwards we will examine the Herodian remains uncovered at the foot of the Temple Mount. Here we will stand on the stairs that allowed access into the Temple Mount. It was these very stairs that Jesus himself would have used. We will visit the pools of Bethesda where Jesus healed a lame man and Caiphas's house and the Upper Room. We will follow Jesus' footprints along the Via Dolorosa and visit the Holy Sepulcher, the City of David and the pool of Siloam and Hezekiah's tunnel. In the evening, we will explore the Western Wall tunnel, a tunnel that winds along the old temple wall.

Wednesday, May 18: Rachel Weeps for Her Children

We begin the day by visiting the International Christian Embassy and the Knesset. Then we proceed to Yad Vashem, the Holocaust Memorial that remembers the murder of six million Jews by the Nazis. After that we will visit the campus of Israel College of the Bible for a PowerPoint presentation about the college and the Messianic Jewish Body in Israel. We then experience the quiet peace and joy of the resurrection with a guided tour of the Garden Tomb.

Thursday, May 19: Free Day in Jerusalem/Bethlehem

Free day to visit a congregation or any other place one wishes such as the Israel Museum/Shrine of the book or the Western Wall. Visit one of the Messianic congregations in Jerusalem, or help with the Jaffa Street Ministries where Cathy Stoltzfus is serving. An option also exists to visit Bethlehem. This is your last chance to make purchases. Transportation and meal costs, except for breakfast, are covered individually on that day and vary according to the choice of venue. Assistance will be available for traveling to the site of your choice. Finally we will enjoy a Shabbat meal at our home in at Jerusalem House of Prayer in the evening..

Friday, May 20: Better to die as freemen

Dead Sea trip including Masada, Qumran, Ein Gedi, Bethany. After exploring the site of the discovery of the Dead Sea scrolls and David's hiding place when he was chased by King Saul and taking a dip in the Dead Sea, we will settle in at the Ezra House our lodging place in Arad for the night after a Shabbat meal together with our hostess Karen Faulkner and other believers.

Saturday, May 21 - Sunday, May 22: Arad & Beersheva – The Negev

In Arad we will help with the ministry of the congregations in the cities of the Negev. We will share in the outreach at the King's Men chess club and visit Holocaust survivors. We will visit the Fountain of Tears and meet the artist and his wife. There may be time to experience a Bedouin encampment. We will also see the archeological site of Beersheva where Abraham & Sarah raised Isaac and Isaac & Rebekah were parents to Jacob and Esau.

Monday, May 23

Early Monday morning we travel to Lod airport to fly home leaving Tel Aviv at 8:00 am. We arrive in Philadelphia at 3:30pm and are back in Lancaster by early evening.

Blessing Israel: The main purpose of our trip is to bless and discover what God is doing in Israel and to meet those who are working and praying for His purposes to be accomplished. We want to encourage and support Garry & Ruth Denlinger, Brett & Abby Boll, Miike & Alis Neibur, Avi Schwartz, David & Karen Davis and Tom & Kate Hess and the others with whom they work. We will also be blessing Yakim & Devorah Fiqueras and the congregations of believers in Arad. We are bringing them material aid and encouragement in the battle against the powers of darkness.

The Lord has restored Israel with a plan to bring all nations to acknowledge that He is the one true and living God. We will be on location praying for the Lord's will to be done on earth in Israel as it is done in heaven.

Here are phone numbers and other contact information about the four places we will be staying. The phone or fax numbers can be dialed directly from the US as listed below. Any email should be addressed with a note about the Shofar Ministry team traveling in Israel and staying at this location.

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