Kfar Yona Israel, Merage JCC of Orange County, CDI Mexico

Program Itinerary
June 26th – July 3rd

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Monday, June 26: **Arrival and Orientation**

- **4:00 pm** | OC teens arrive at Ben Gurion airport
- **4:20 pm** | CDI teens arrive at Ben Gurion airport
- **6:00 pm** | Meet JCC Maccabi Israel staff and head to Kfar Yona
- **7:30 pm** | Welcome to Kfar Yona! Enjoy a festive Amitim opening dinner at Amir School with Israeli families and teens.

**Overnight: Home hospitality**

Tuesday, June 27: **Jerusalem**

**Breakfast with host families**

- **07:00 am** | Meet at Kfar Yona matnas, head to Jerusalem
- **08:30 am** | Welcome to Jerusalem! Shehecheyanu ceremony at the Haas Promenade overlooking Jerusalem
- **09:15 am** | Meet Avraham Infeld at Kiryat Moriya "Making sense of Israel!" A special opening lecture by one of Israel’s profound scholars
- **10:30 am** | Yad VaShem prep with tour educators
- **11:15 am** | Pizza lunch
- **1:30 pm** | Visit Yad VaShem, the Central Holocaust Museum in Israel. Hear a story from a survivor and get a strong understanding of the importance of the State of Israel
- **5:30 pm** | Jerusalem’s Old City tour / snacks will be provided. Walking tour of the old city, explore the Jewish and Christian Quarters to get a glimpse of the complexity of Jerusalem through history. End the Old City tour by the Kotel
- **7:00 pm** | Head to Kfar Yona
- **9:00 pm** | Estimated arrival at Kfar Yona, meet host families at the matnas

**Dinner with host families**

**Overnight: Home Hospitality**
Wednesday, June 28: Connecting to the Desert

Breakfast with host families
08:30 am Meet at Kfar Yona matnas, head to Sde Boker
11:15 am Visit Ben Gurion’s grave; discussion on leadership and vision
12:40 pm Lunch in Sde Boker
2:00 pm Continue to Ein Ovdat – short beautiful hike
5:00 pm Head to Kfar HaNokdim
5:40 pm Buckle up! Camel riding to be followed by a Bedouin “Hafla” followed by an evening program – prepare for Masada

Camp-style bonfire under the stars and drummer’s circle

Overnight: Kfar HaNokdim Bedouin tents

Thursday, June 29: L’dor v’ Dor: Masada, a story of Jewish heroism, dilemmas and leadership

05:00 am early wake up (tea/coffee and snack)
05:45 am Masada – a climb up via the roman ramp
Descend via the snake path
09:00 am Breakfast at the Masada
10:30 am Float in the healing water of the Dead Sea
12:15 pm Packed lunch
1:00 pm Nachal David (Ein Gedi) – walk through the largest oasis in the Judean Desert, joining the ibex and the mountain goats.
2:45 pm Head back to Kfar Yona
6:00 pm Estimated arrival to Kfar Yona. meet host families at the matnas

Dinner with host families

Overnight: Home Hospitality
Friday, June 30: **Tel Aviv: the first Hebrew City**

**Breakfast with host families**

08:45 am  Meet at Kfar Yona matnas, head to Tel Aviv

11:00 am  Independence Hall – visit the site where the state of Israel was declared. Learn about the complexity of the team “Democratic and Jewish State”

12:30 pm  Visit the Nachalat Binyamin arts fair / Pizur lunch in the Carmel Market, to be followed by a tour of Jaffa, Neve Tzedek and free time in the flea market

4:00 pm  Head back to Kfar Yona

5:30 pm  Festive Amitim Kabalat Shabbat at the Kfar Yona matnas

**Friday night dinner with host families**

**Overnight: Home Hospitality**

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**Shabbat, July 1: Shabbat with host families**

Spend the day with host families

**Overnight: Home Hospitality**
Sunday, July 2: **Family trees**

Breakfast with host families
09:00 am  Meet at Kfar Yona matnas  
          Full day of activities in Kfar Yona: The Amazing Race  
          Packed lunch  
Continue  Amitim activities in Kfar Yona  
5:00 pm  Head to Jaffa  
6:00 pm  Dinner in Dr. Shakshuka in Jaffa  
8:30 pm  Na Laga’at in Jaffa a special show led by blind and deaf actors.  
11:00 pm  Estimated arrival to Kfar Yona. Meet host families at the matnas  

**Overnight: Home Hospitality**

Monday, July 3: **Tikun Olam: making this a better world**

Breakfast with host families
08:30 am  Meet at Kfar Yona matnas, head to Tel Aviv area  
**BUS #1**  
10:00 am  "Save a child’s heart” – meet a local NGO that provides open heard surgeries to children from all over the world (regardless of race, color or religion).  
12:30 pm  Pizza lunch  
2:45 pm  Dialog in the Dark- the Children’s museum in Holon  
**BUS#2**  
10:00 am  Dialog in the Dark- the Children's museum in Holon  
12:30 pm  Pizza lunch  
3:30 pm  "Save a child’s heart” – meet a local NGO that provides open heard surgeries to children from all over the world (regardless of race, color or religion).  
5:00 pm  Both buses head back to Kfar Yona  
6:00 pm  A special Amitim farewell party and dinner at Kfar Yona's pool  

**Overnight: Home Hospitality**
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