

*Tentative Itinerary FIDF Young Leadership's
National Mission 2008
August 20th- September 1st*

Wednesday - August 20th

Leaving from New York: LY #008 departs JFK 11:50 p.m.

Leaving from LA: LY #6H departs Lax 14:50 p.m.

Thursday - August 21st

2:10 p.m. LA Party arriving at TLV

5:15 p.m. NY Party arriving at TLV

8:00 p.m. Dinner at Hotel with guest speaker from the IDF to introduce the structure of the army and what we are to expect while visiting the bases on the mission.

Overnight: King Solomon Hotel Jerusalem

Friday - August 22nd

7:30 a.m. Breakfast

8:30 a.m. Tour of "**Mt. Herzl**" one of Israel's most beautiful and respectful sites a cemetery where the most influential of Israel's leaders are buried from Golda Meir to Yitzhak Rabin and more, several brave soldiers are buried in this cemetery which will emphasize the importance of our brave soldiers.

12:00 a.m. Visit Shuk "**Machne Yehuda**"- a very famous flea market selling anything and everything from Authentic food to clothing to stationary and more. The Shook is a great place to meet a hustling and bustling Israeli community shopping for Shabbat and to taste the exotic tastes of Yemenite food, Falafel, Shawarma and more... Snacks will be purchased for soldiers to be visited.

12:30 p.m. Lunch at Shuk machine Yehuda

2:00 p.m. Return to hotel.

3:00 p.m. Arrive at hotel for free afternoon

7:00 p.m. Shabbat Dinner will be at; **Yeshivat Netiv Aryeh**- overlooking the "Kotel"- the western wall gaining both the spiritual feel of Shabbat as well as a wonderfully hosted evening together with guest speaker

9:00 p.m. An evening out in the beautiful Jerusalem, enjoying the famous Ben Yehuda walk way "Midrahov", enjoying the magical feeling of being in Jerusalem on a Friday night.

Overnight: King Solomon Hotel Jerusalem

Saturday - August 23rd

Breakfast on your own free time

12:30 p.m. Assemble at hotel

- 1:30 p.m. Lunch in the old city
- 3:00 p.m. Guided Tour of “**Old City**” walls. This is an expanded tour visiting the quarter of the old city of Jerusalem having the chance to experience the three monotheistic religions living close together. We will have the opportunity to see the Western Wall from several different points of view with the most important one being at the “Kotel” itself and having the chance to slip a small note between the cracks...
- 4:30 p.m. Back to hotel
- 7:00 p.m. Seuda Shlishit
- 8:00 p.m. **Havdala** services with guest soldiers/speakers
- 9:00 p.m. An evening out in Jerusalem.

Overnight: King Solomon Hotel Jerusalem

Sunday - August 24th

- 7:00 a.m. Breakfast
- 8:00 a.m. Our first base visit to see the soldiers in their day to day activities, being welcomed into Tzahal territory to get the inner most feeling of what happens behind the scenes. Army base TBD
- 12:30 p.m. lunch with soldiers at base
- 1:00 p.m. Heading south to visit army bases in the south on the way to the dead sea
- 2:00 p.m. Visit at base TBD
- 4:00 p.m. Depart for a **Bedouin experience**
- 5:00 p.m. Arrive at **Kfar HaNokdim** for an experience like no other, experience the world known hospitality of the Bedouin people, taste the wonderful Bedouin food, get the feeling of a “Bedouin chafla” around a bonfire, camel ride and Tarbuka drumming into the night. The night will be spent in an unforgettable way under the Negev sky in the Bedouin tents.

Overnight: Kfar HaNokdim Bedouin Experience

Monday - August 25th

- 8:00 a.m. Breakfast at the hotel
- 9:00 a.m. Visit at **Baad 1**- one of the biggest training schools for the infantry units. We will get a chance to meet those soldiers who have chosen the path of continuing with the army, these soldiers undergo a few months of severe training and learning and become our very own IDF commanders.
- 11:00 p.m. Depart Baad 1 to spend time, dipping our feet (or the whole of our bodies) in the Dead Sea, experiencing the unforgettable feeling of floating on the salted water, rub mineral mud on our bodies and enjoy the beauty of the Negev region.
- 1:00 p.m. Lunch at the Dead Sea spa resort.
- 3:00 p.m. Depart for Tiberius
- 6:00 p.m. Arrive at hotel in Tiberius
- 7:00 p.m. Depart Hotel for a wonderful evening in the Golan heights, surrounded by the green mountains and the valleys.

Overnight: Sheraton Tiberius

Tuesday - August 26th

All day visit at various units in the northern part of Israel- TBD

Outdoor excursions from Kayaking to rafting to tubing down the Jordan river TBD

Overnight: Sheraton Tiberius

Wednesday -August 27th

7:00 a.m Breakfast

8:00 am Depart for a base in the north TBD with a visit to the exotic and spectacular Bahaiian gardens while there.

11:00 a.m. Arrive at Wingate

12:30 p.m. lunch at base with soldiers

3:00 p.m. Depart Wingate for Ashkelon

4:30 p.m. Arrival at the **Rest & Recreation centre in Ashkelon**. The R&R facility provides the “**SPIRIT**” weeks for combat soldiers who get the chance to “get away” to paradise, for a full week of fun, relaxation and rejuvenation. At this night a special party will be help for the mission participants and the IDF soldiers. Here a leisurely afternoon can be spent with the soldiers at the pool, by the sea or simply relaxing together with them as they share their unique and inspiring stories with us.

07:00 p.m. Dinner at the R&R facility with the soldiers followed by a night of entertainment.

Overnight: Ashkelon Rest & Recreation Centre

Thursday – August 28th

7:00 a.m. breakfast

8:00 a.m. Depart for the Gaza bases to visit **battalion 414** a battalion of combat soldiers securing the southern border of Israel.

9:00 a.m. Visit at base

11:00 a.m. Depart for **Palmachim** base- one of the biggest Air force bases to meet the soldiers serving in one of the leading air force units in the world, get a chance to view the air crafts and the various army equipment that civilians don't get a chance to see.

12:30 p.m. Lunch at Palmachim with soldiers

1:30 p.m. Tour of base

4:00 p.m. Depart for Tel-Aviv

6:00 p.m, Arrive in Tel-Aviv

8:00 p.m. Dinner in Tel-Aviv for the first night out in one of the more exciting cities in the word, absorb the energy and excitement of the Tel-Aviv night life as we dance at one of the clubs over looking the ocean.

Overnight: David Intercontinental hotel Tel-Aviv

Friday- August 29th

Breakfast on your own

10:00 a.m.- Following breakfast we will be leaving for an optional guided tour of **Tel-Aviv and Yaffo** visiting places with wonderful views overlooking the sea. The tour will end at the famous flea markets of “**Shook Ha Carmel**” where we will have a chance to shop for Middle Eastern ornaments. For those interested there will be a chance to visit “**Nahalat Binyamin**” and “**Shenkin**” other very famous streets in Tel-Aviv where young artists present their art on the street selling various modern & stylish designs.

7:30 p.m. Shabbat Dinner at hotel with Kaballat Shabbat

Overnight: David Intercontinental hotel Tel-Aviv

Saturday- August 30th

Breakfast on your own at the hotel

Free day in Tel-Aviv- shopping, sunbathing, relaxing and soaking in Israel...

Overnight: David Intercontinental hotel Tel-Aviv

Sunday- August 31th

Late breakfast

9:00 a.m. Free morning to pack and enjoy the last minute shopping Tel Aviv has to offer.

12:00 a.m. Depart for a final visit to “**Adam base**” to breathe in the experience and bid farewell to the brave soldiers. “Adam Base” is the premier anti-terror training base of the IDF, in it elite IDF units undergo intense training of all aspects of terrorism prevention including urban & guerilla warfare as well as special tactics, equipment and weapons. Adam Base is an exciting base to visit bringing us close to a large group of soldiers in the heart of their training.

1:00 p.m. Lunch with soldiers at the base

3:00 p.m. Visit the Lotar within “Adam” base a special part oof the “Adam base”

5:00 p.m. Final **Farewell dinner** at a restaurant along the way, a chance to share the experience of the incredible week, to share thoughts and feelings and realize that lifetime friends have been made, that views like non other have been seen and an experience you will cherish for life has been gained.

9:00 p.m. Depart for Ben-Gurion airport for the flight back to New York and LA after a life changing experience of a **MISSION TO ISRAEL!**

Flight:

Departing to NY: September 1st #001 departs TLV 01:00 a.m. arrives JFK 5:30 a.m.

Departing to LA: September 1st LY #5H departs TLV 2:40 a.m. arrives LAX 6:10 a.m.

*** Please note this is a Tentative IT and will be updated on a regular basis, feel free to check the website to be most updated. www.israelsoldiers.org**

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General Information

Guide: Gill Hoffman

Gill is 30 years old, speaks excellent English, is charismatic and full of energy, and has a rich and interesting army career. He is an Officer in Tzahal from a fighting unit and also has a lot of experience in army units dealing with educational aspects.

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