



Jewish Federation
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**2024 Fall Mission to Israel
September 16- 21, 2024**

Co-Chairs: Raquel Flatow Haas and Michael Haas

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

- Dates:** The mission begins after-lunch on Monday, September 16, 2024. Please plan to leave the United States on or before Sunday, September 15 to arrive on the 16. The mission ends with dinner on Saturday, September 21, 2024.
- Sequencing:** September 16 – 18: Tel Aviv
November 18 - 21: Jerusalem
We can assist with pre-arrival and post-mission needs.
- Group size:** Up to 25 people including Federation President Erika B. Rudin-Luria. Participants are encouraged to register early to secure your spot.
- Itinerary/Themes:** The mission co-chairs are committed to creating a meaningful, interesting, and powerful itinerary. The **mission themes** will focus on the wonders and complexities of Israel, specifically on the aftermath of October 7 and its impact on the future of the country. The week will include meeting the survivors and hearing their stories, connecting with our partners, and seeing firsthand our dollars at work in the South and North. The Federation has access to insider experiences and top Israeli leaders.
- Flights:** **Many airlines fly to Israel.** The most popular flights from the USA are on **El Al**, United, Delta; other options are Air Canada and American. We recommend booking on El Al as it is the National Airline of Israel and has multiple flights a day from the United States. They have not cancelled any flights since October 7. El Al is a Delta partner and flies from Newark, Kennedy, Boston, Ft. Lauderdale, Maimi, and San Francisco. Consult the airlines regarding change fees and/or consider purchasing a refundable plane ticket.
- Arrival:** We recommend an afternoon flight on Sunday, September 15, which lands the morning of September 16. You will have time to relax before the mission begins at 1:00 pm on September 16.
- Departure:** We recommend a late-night/early morning flight September 21/22 as the mission ends with dinner on September 22.
- Passports:** **Passports must be valid for 6 months AFTER the date of return to the United States, through May 1, 2025.**

Insurance: If interested in purchasing travel insurance, please contact your travel agent or contact Shelley Marcus for a recommendation.

Mission Cost: **Cost will be determined once the itinerary and the size of the group** is finalized. The price will include five-star accommodations, an expert guide, security, transportation, program costs, and most meals. **Cost does not include airfare, tips, or pre- or post-travel needs.** Cancellation fees apply within 30 days of departure.

Campaign: **\$10,000 suggested minimum gift to the 2025 Campaign for Jewish Needs.**

Weather: **September is a nice time to be in Israel.** The temperature is between 70-80 degrees during the day and between 60-70 degrees at night with little rain.

Time Difference: Israel is **7 hours ahead** of Cleveland.

Registration: **Please complete the reservation form and return it with a \$1,000 deposit** by July 19, 2024. Make checks payable to the Jewish Federation of Cleveland and send to 25701 Science Park Drive., Cleveland OH 44122, attention Shelley Marcus.

We will ask you to upload the picture page of your passport, and flight details once available.

More Information: Please contact **Shelley Marcus**, Assistant Vice President of Development and Missions, Jewish Federation of Cleveland, smarcus@jewishcleveland.org or 216-593-2847.