

CAMP SUKKOT SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER 2011 JERUSALEM

Note: Avinoam's Coming Home Study Tours Torah outreach ministry observes the Chagim (festivals) of the Torah based on the biblical calendar of physical observation of Barley (Se'orah) in Eretz Israel and not based on the Rabbinic system of mathematical calculation of the sun and the moon.

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As a result, at the writing of this program information, we do not know the exact beginning date for the start of Sukkot 2011. The Rabbinic system of mathematical calculation places Sukkot between October 12-19, 2011; however, since our method of determining the festivals is based on physical observation, we must wait until late February/Early March 2011 before we can definitively set the start of Camp Sukkot 2011. Nonetheless, we have opened up registration. A date-specific fifteen-day itinerary will be posted in early March 2011.

Program: Camp Sukkot 2011 - Two Options to Choose from: "A" and "B"

OPTION A: (Projected Range in USD: \$3,500 - \$3,900)

Package Price: Not yet definitively determined but somewhere in a range between \$3,500.00 and \$3,900.00 USD, **per person, all-inclusive fifteen (15)-day air and land package. Also available to USA registrants: attractive domestic air options to gateway city available. Do inquire!**

Program Length Details: Fifteen (15) days total means seven (7) nights of camping in Sukkot in the Jerusalem Wilderness Hills and eight (8) nights in four-star hotel accommodations - two or three nights before Sukkot and five or six nights after Sukkot.

Program Length Notice: Fifteen days program total means = from the day of your arrival into and departure from Eretz Israel

Camping Location: Genesis Land, 7 miles east of Jerusalem's City Center at Moshav Alon (www.genesisland.co.il)

Sukkot Festival Dates: To be determined in early March, 2011. (Anticipated Date: around the same time as the Rabbinic calendar in mid October, 2011)

Price Includes:

- ◆ Group economy-class air tickets departing from a selected USA gateway city to Tel Aviv and return to that same departure gateway city
- ◆ Seven nights of camping at Genesis Land
- ◆ Eight nights of four-star hotel accommodations**
 - **Two or three nights before Sukkot and five or six nights after Sukkot
- ◆ Daily Breakfast, Lunch, and Dinner. Breakfast and Dinner provided at hotel; Lunch in the field, provided on-location at a restaurant or picnic style
- ◆ Motor Coach transfer from Ben Gurion international airport to Jerusalem and motor coach transfer back to Ben Gurion Airport at the end of the program
- ◆ Transportation to study tour sites via motor coach
- ◆ All hotel, airport, guide, and transportation tips, taxes, and portorage fees
- ◆ All national parks entry fees and Israeli guide services
- ◆ All special activities and group restaurant engagements
- ◆ Bottled water as needed daily

Price DOES NOT Include:

Domestic air travel from your home city to the departure gateway city, personal food, snacks, and beverages (e.g. soft drinks, ice-cream); hotel room service and gratuity; personal accident, baggage, and/or medical insurance; luggage fees; reimbursement for paid currency exchange fees; personal gifts that you wish to buy for yourself or others. Questions? Please ask!

OPTION B (Projected Range USD: \$2,200 - \$2,800)

Package Price: Not yet definitively determined but somewhere in a range between \$2,200.00 and \$2,800.00 USD. This is a per person, all-inclusive ten (10) day air and land package for SUKKOT ONLY. If you wish to participate in any of the study tours during this ten (10) day program, you will be able to purchase each study tour separately and individually - a la carte, based on space availability. Cost per study tour will likely be somewhere in the projected range of \$135.00 - \$185.00 US Dollars, per person, per numbered study tour.

Program Length: Ten (10) days total with seven (7) nights of camping in Sukkot in the Jerusalem Wilderness Hills and three (3) nights in a four-star hotel accommodation. This means one or two nights before Sukkot and one night after Sukkot.

Program Length Notice: Ten day program total means = from the day of your arrival into and departure from Eretz Israel.

Special Provision for Study Tours: You choose -- a la carte -- exactly which study tours you wish to join in and participate with, on a space availability basis only. This program is for you **ONLY IF** you plan on obtaining your own ground transportation and you want to have complete freedom to come and go as you please, independent of our group movements.

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Price Includes:

- ◆ Group economy-class air tickets departing from a selected USA gateway city to Tel Aviv and returning to your departure gateway city
- ◆ Seven nights camping at Genesis Land
- ◆ Three nights of four-star hotel accommodations**
 - **One or two nights before Sukkot and one night after Sukkot
- ◆ Daily Breakfast and Dinner ONLY. You will be responsible for your lunch
- ◆ All hotel, airport, guide, and transportation tips, taxes, and portorage fees
- ◆ Bottled water as needed daily

Price DOES NOT Include:

Domestic air travel from your home city to the departure gateway city, personal food, snacks, and beverages (e.g. soft drinks, ice-cream); hotel room service and gratuity; personal accident, baggage, and/or medical insurance; luggage fees; reimbursement for paid currency exchange fees; personal gifts that you wish to buy for yourself or others, transfer to and from Ben Gurion Airport on your arrival to Israel or at the conclusion of your ten day program, daily study tours and transportation to the study sites.

*****Study tours.** If you wish to participate in any of the study tours during this ten (10) day program, you will be able to purchase each study tour separately and individually - a la carte, based on space availability. Cost per study tour will likely be somewhere in the projected range of \$135.00 - \$185.00 US Dollars, per person, per numbered study tour. Determine which study tours you might like to join and let us know as far in advance as possible. See the available programs below:

Tentative Selection of Available Study Tours and Topics (subject to change with notice). This numbered list is NOT in any special chronological touring order. This list is simply what we are making available for early registration. The actual scheduled times and dates for the programs below will be posted in March of 2011.

1. **Gamla and Nature Reserve Study Tour (Full Day).** Finding archaeological evidence for a strong Jewish presence on the Golan in the Second-Temple period. Events for the day include a several hour moderate day hike in and around the Gamla Nature Reserve in the Golan along with a visit to the Golan Archaeological Museum.

- ◆ Golan Archaeological Museum: actual finds from the Gamla excavation
- ◆ Evidence of the Golan's real "movers and shakers": tilted blocks and old volcanos on the Golan Heights
- ◆ Dolmens: mysterious Bronze-Age burial tombs
- ◆ Gamla as Jewish Galilean Commander Josephus described the Roman/Jewish wars in his books on Jewish history
- ◆ Roman General Vespasian commands three legions to attack and destroy the town with its stronghold of Jewish Zealots
- ◆ Gamla and Nazareth of the Galilee: is there any possible connection?
- ◆ "On the Wings of Eagles": a return of the massive End Times Griffin Vultures

2. **Galilee of the Nations Study Tour (Full Day).** Highlights in the life and works of the Galilean Preacher, Teacher, Prophet, and Messiah - Yeshua ben Yosef

- ◆ Tzippori: Greek and Roman culture and its influences on ancient Jewish law and custom
- ◆ Yodefat of Zevulun: The Art of War and how to fight a military battle of bravery, Jewish style
- ◆ The Horns of Hattin: re-enacting the teaching of Yeshua's "Sermon on the Mount" and a later historical and definitive battle between the Crusaders and Sultan Saladin of Egypt on July 4, 1187 - a battle that totally changed the course of religious history for the next one-thousand years in Eretz Israel, between the Christians and the Muslims

- ◆ Triangle of Woes: Chorizim, Bethsaida, and Capernaum. What did repentance mean to the Jewish people of these Galilean towns?
- ◆ Chorizim and the Chair of Moses: How was it used? What was its purpose?
- ◆ Kursi - of men and swine: the miracles of Yeshua against the demons of darkness (Matthew 8)
- ◆ Bethsaida: Yeshua's disciples Peter, Andrew, and Philip born in a Roman city under Jewish ideology
- ◆ Capernaum: a fifth-century synagogue that Yeshua did not preach in.
- ◆ Leave Tiberius and return to Tiberius boat excursion: riding the waves of the Kinneret: how to sail and fish like the ancients

3. Antipatris and Caesarea Maritima Study Tour (Full Day). In the footsteps of Paul from Acts 23:23-35 to Acts 25:1- 26:32 (Jerusalem to Antipatris to Caesarea Maritima).

- ◆ Antipatris/Rosh HaAyin: retelling the story of the military victory of the Philistines against the Israelites at Afek (I Samuel 4)
- ◆ Sha'ul (Paul) finds safety in the Roman fort of Antipatris on his way under Roman armed guard to Caesarea
- ◆ Caesarea-the Saculum and the Gladiatorial arena: when the splash of human blood became the highlight of Roman entertainment
- ◆ Geek of high technology and genius of Roman engineering: a glimpse into the megalomaniac builder and architect Herod, King of Judea

4. Jezreel and Jordan Valley Study Tour (Full Day). Castles and Kings, prophecies and preachers: he who controls the road, controls the region

- ◆ Muchraka: retelling of the story of Elijah the Tishbite in 1 Kings 18
- ◆ Tel Qasis (Qashish) and the Brook Kishon: where Jezebel's prophets of Ba'al lost their lives
- ◆ Megiddo: what are those palm trees doing up there?
- ◆ Jezreel Valley at the ancient Jewish village of Othenai: when Pharaoh Neco pays a visit to the Land of Israel and King Josiah picks a fight with the wrong man (2 Kings 23)
- ◆ Ma'ayan Harod: grasping hold of the ancient courage and leadership of Gid'on (Judges 6) who becomes the inspiration for the modern courage and leadership of HaYadid (Orde Wingate) between 1936-1939

- ◆ Tel Jezreel: personality clashes and unsustainable kingdom politics - a look into the lives of Jezebel, Ahab, Elijah, Yehoram, and Jehu
- ◆ Gilboa: when King Saul and his sons fell in their defeat against the Philistines (1 Samuel 27 and 31). Why did it happen and where exactly did it happen?
- ◆ Kohav HaYarden (Belvois). From Healers to Warriors: the meaning and purpose of the Crusaders in the Holy Land and how they have directly influenced 1,000 years of our recent history
- ◆ Crusader architecture and the construction of Crusader forts in the Land of Israel using a barbican, basalt walls, dry moats and secret exits (posterns).

5. Samaria Study Tour (Full Day). "...To the Uttermost Parts of the Land...": tracing some highlights of the Messianic prophecy of Acts 1:6-8

- ◆ Wadi Michmas: where Jonathan's name first appears as an expression of the character of the Divine Name (1 Samuel 14)
- ◆ Bethel: the reality of Jacob's ladder and what it meant to Jacob in Genesis Chapter 28
- ◆ Shilo and the tabernacle of Israel: Hannah's answered prayer for a boy who becomes one of Israel's greatest prophets (1 Samuel 1 & 2)
- ◆ Mount Gerizim (John 4:5; 19-20) and examinations into the source texts that explain the reason why its temple was built in Samaria (Josephus Antiquities 5.69; 11.310; 12.257; Wars 3.307)

6. Judean Wilderness Study Tour (Full Day). From one despised to one beloved: David's rise to power and flight from Israel's King Sha'ul into the Shephela and Wilderness of Judea

- ◆ Tel Beit Shemesh: what happened when two milk cows wandered into the field of Joshua (1 Samuel 6:1-18)
- ◆ Valley of the Giants: David and Goliath (1 Samuel 17)
- ◆ Gath's Philistine Nobles and Mighty Men of War: the day David made a covenant with Achish (1 Samuel 27:2)
- ◆ Carmel of Judea (overlook atop Avigail): the story of Nabal and Abigail - when David listened the wisdom of a woman and later took her as a wife (1 Samuel 25:40)

- ◆ Tel Ziph (1 Samuel 23-26): David's politics and Saul's treachery
 - ◆ ***Special Study Tour - Ancient health and modern science: new discoveries in the organic healing plants of the Judean Wilderness (www.herbsofkedem.com)
 - ◆ Ein Gedi and the Dodim Cave**: where Saul could have met his end but was spared for his future by the trusting and gracious David (1 Samuel 23)
- **only if there is available and remaining time in the day**

7. Valley of Siddim Study Tour (Full Day). The teachings of Scripture from the Flora, Fauna, Geology and History of the Dead Sea Region

- ◆ Ein Mishmar: selected plants and animals of the Bible including Torah lessons from the Rotem (Broom Tree), the Shitah (Acacia), and the Ibex
- ◆ The ancient Dead Sea: visual images of the NT book of Revelation and its expression, "the Lake of Fire" (Revelation 19:20; 20:10-15)
- ◆ Hickory Dickory Dock: ancient shipping lanes and modern sink holes
- ◆ Masada: Last stand for the Jewish revolt against Rome; learning about ancient methods of food storage and how water was collected and greatly preserved in a hot and dry climate; how a Jewish motivation for pride was nothing less than a Romish motivation for victory; how two ideologies were in collision one with another and yet both live to tell their stories; one in speech and one in silence.

8. Goldman Promenade at Armon HaNatziv Study Tour (Half-Day Shabbat/Holy Day Study). Jewish historian Josephus gives us a glimpse into the last days of Jerusalem before year 70 and the destruction of the Jerusalem Temple of YHWH.

- ◆ The British Mandate and the Commissioner's Palace in Israel's 1930s
- ◆ The Ram and the Akeida: when Abraham and Isaac and the Mashiach came to the Land of Moriah (Genesis 22 and John 8)
- ◆ Yeshua's prophecy of the destruction of the Temple of Jerusalem
- ◆ From the book of Genesis to the book of Zechariah: the Mount of Olives in Messianic history (Zechariah 12 and 14)
- ◆ The Roman siege on Jerusalem through the eyes of Josephus Flavius
- ◆ An engineering lesson in the construction and preservation of Jerusalem's ancient waterworks

9. **Ancient City of David Study Tour.** Lessons in law and grace from King Hezekiah to HaNavi Yeshua

- ◆ "As the mountains surround Jerusalem, so YHWH surrounds His people from this time forth and forever" (Psalm 125:2)
- ◆ The Royal Quarter, House of the Bullae, the Burnt Room, Nehemiah's Wall: a study in the historical events leading up to and including the sacking of ancient Jerusalem in the days of Nebuchadnezzar, King of Babylon. Biblical passages of study include - Jeremiah 38:1-4; 1 Chronicles 15:1; 2 Kings 25:8-9; Jeremiah 32:14; Nehemiah 3:33-35.
- ◆ The Warrens Shaft Water System, the Secret Tunnel of the Jebusites, and the Water Pipe ("the Tzinor") that David's men used to conquer the Jebusite city and its fortress - 2 Samuel 5:6-8
- ◆ Water preservation and protection in the days of King Hezekiah - 2 Chronicles 32:4 and the Gihon Spring - John 7:37-39
- ◆ The Anointing of King Solomon at the Gihon and the Healing of the blind man at the Shiloach (1 Kings 1:38-45 and John 9:1-7)

10. **Roman Jerusalem Through the Ages Study Tour.** A look at one of Jerusalem's greatest periods of expansion and prosperity.

- ◆ The Mount of Olives in Biblical Messianic history
- ◆ Bethesda Pools and the Greek/Roman healing cult of Asclepius (John 5)
- ◆ Ecce Homo in the Muristan: preserving the walls and the arches of the Fortress Antonia and the "Barracks" of Acts 21:34
- ◆ Jerusalem's Southern Wall Excavations: bringing new light to an ancient covenant - Acts Chapter 2
- ◆ Underground Jerusalem: a mysterious labyrinth of passages and tunnels leading to our understanding of the layout of Jerusalem in the Herodian period
- ◆ The State of Israel between 1948 and 1967: its battles for the roads
- ◆ Jaffa Gate: a royal welcome for a worthy general; the infamous days of Britain's Allenby and the end of 400 years of the Ottoman Turkish regime on December 11, 1917
- ◆ Above Ketef Hinnom: retelling the conquests of David and the Unified Kingdom of Israel (2 Samuel 5)

- ◆ Binyanei Ha'Uma: evidence of an old 10th Roman Legion clay tile manufacturing facility and the sandal of a Roman soldier leaves its mark, locked in time