



*Comfort Ye, Comfort Ye My People*  
**Volunteer & Solidarity Mission to Israel**

*March 10 – 17, 2024*  
*Subject to Change*

**Sunday March 10**

- *Bruchim HaBaim* – Welcome to Israel!
- Check-in from 3:00 PM at our hotel in Jerusalem
- **Welcome Dinner at the hotel**

**Overnight:** Prima Royale Hotel, *Jerusalem*

**Monday March 11**

- **Breakfast** at hotel
- Head south to the **Gaza Perimeter** area where we will meet IDF soldiers and residents a of the communities who were brutally attacked by Hamas. *The Jewish towns, villages and kibbutzim bordering Hamas controlled Gaza have long been considered to be amongst the most resilient and optimistic communities in Israel, having never given up despite enduring decades of bombardment and attacks. Their lives were shattered on October 7 by the barbaric, murderous attacks from Gaza. We will meet survivors of the massacres and destruction and hear their stories of heartbreak and bravery - and try to bring them comfort and support as we learn about how they are coping and their plans for recovery and rebuilding.*
- **Volunteer work** on a farm in the Gaza perimeter
- **Lunch**
- At the **Gush Katif Heritage Center** we will learn about the thriving Jewish communities which were uprooted and destroyed in 2005 by the “disengagement” decision of the Israeli government and the disastrous consequences of that decision
- Return to Jerusalem; evening and dinner on your own

**Overnight:** Prima Royale Hotel, *Jerusalem*

**Tuesday March 12**

- **Breakfast** at hotel
- Visit and do **volunteer work** in Jewish communities in the **Jordan River Valley** – meet residents, see **CFOIC projects**. *Learn about the unique agriculture which makes this arid region so remarkable and see first-hand the security challenges which the residents of the area face.*
- **Packed Lunch**
- Head to the **Quasr El Yahud Baptismal** site at the **Jordan River**, associated with the entry of Joshua & the tribes of Israel into Canaan, the ascent of Elijah in the fiery chariot and the baptism of Jesus by John. **Those who wish to may be baptized**
- **Home hospitality visit** with **Ethiopian Jews** in **Maaleh Adumim** and hear the dramatic story of their trek home from Africa to Israel. *Consider how the vision of the ingathering of the exiles impacts how Israel sees its identity and mission.*
- Return to Jerusalem; evening and dinner on your own

**Overnight:** Prima Royale Hotel, *Jerusalem*

### Wednesday March 13

- Breakfast at hotel
- **Volunteer work** - preparing food packages for the hungry or helping Israeli farmers
- Lunch on your own
- Meet and bring comfort to members of a **Gaza border area community** who have been living as evacuees/refugees
- Visit and bring comfort to **injured IDF soldiers** in rehab from their injuries sustained in battle.
- Evening and dinner on your own

**Overnight:** Prima Royale Hotel, *Jerusalem*

### Thursday March 14

- Breakfast at hotel
- **Volunteer work** - preparing food packages for the hungry or helping Israeli farmers
- Visit the **Friends of Zion Museum** which tells the inspiring story of Christians who have helped make the restoration of the Jewish people in Israel a reality
- Lunch on your own
- Meet some of the **family members and friends of the hostages** held in Gaza (*hopefully we will not need to do so by then*)
- Option to donate much needed blood at **Magen David Adom**
- Evening and dinner on your own

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### Friday March 15

- Breakfast at hotel
- At the **Mt. Herzl National Military Cemetery**, visit and pay tribute at the graves of Israeli soldiers who gave their lives in defense of the freedom of Israel with a focus on those who have fallen in the past few months
- Meet and give comfort to the families of **fallen soldiers**
- Lunch on your own at the **Machane Yehuda Shuk**
- In the early evening, head to **Efrat** for Shabbat services at a **local synagogue** followed by **home hospitality Shabbat dinner**

**Overnight:** Prima Royale Hotel, *Jerusalem*

### Saturday March 16

- Breakfast at hotel
- Day on your own in Jerusalem – take the opportunity to explore the city on your own
- Lunch on your own
- Dinner at the hotel
- **Sound and Light Show** at the Tower of David

**Overnight** Prima Royale Hotel, *Jerusalem*

### Sunday March 17

- Breakfast at hotel; check out and pack bus
- Head north to **Samaria (Shomron)** – the Biblical Heartland
- Study session with **CFOIC Director Shmuel Unger**
- Visit **and volunteer** communities in **Shomron (Samaria)** where we will meet the pioneers who are re-settling the Land of Israel, see **CFOIC projects** and have lunch

- Get a sense of Jewish roots going back thousands of years at **Tel Shiloh** which served as the home of the *mishkan* (Tabernacle) and spiritual center of the Tribes of Israel over 3,000 years ago.
- Head to Ben Gurion Airport for dinner on your own and flights

- Listed activities and speakers are subject to confirmation.
- Program will be staffed by a Keshet Israel Tour Educator
- All underlined meals are included in the package price.



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