

Routes to Our Roots

Chaim's talent at coining phrases both catchy and meaningful is typified by the title "Routes to Our Roots." In artfully planned tours throughout the Land of Israel, Chaim helped tourists and residents alike strengthen their ties to past history and to history unfolding before their eyes.

The following pages are copies of Chaim's tour announcements.

YISRAEL HATZAIR IN ISRAEL SUMMER TOUR SCHEDULE – 5755-1995

Routes to our Roots מסלולים לטויריזינו LED BY HAYIM MAGENI

Friday 9 Tammuz – 7 July Land of Binyamin

*Nahal Perat-Wadi Qelt Overview *Naaran Talmudic period Synagogue –
Mosaic floor *Ofra *Beit-El *Ramah-Nebi Samuel
(Fee - \$26 or shekel equivalent)

Overnight Northwestern Gallil Tour * 11-12 Tammuz – 9-10 July Asher Heights * Zevulun Plains * Yissakhar Hills

Touring in and through breathtaking panoramic views of the Carmel Mountain Range,
the Sharon Region, the Coastal Plains and the West Gallil.
*CONRAD-Center of Nautical Regional Archeology *DOR *SHUNI-
"Revisionist-Zionist-Activist":modern fortress and water source *Mount Carmel
National Park *ACCO – Its Walls, Ports, tunnels, secrets *Zikhron Ya'akov-sights & sites
*Kziv River and Goren Forest *Montfort overview
Overnight at Nahariya – Frank Hotel
(Fee - \$130 or shekel equivalent)

Sunday 17 Tammuz – 16 July Special "Shiva Asar B'Tamuz" Walking Tour – Walls of Jerusalem

Fortification: Spiritual & Physical *Sites and Sources *Events & Resources
*Recently uncovered remnants of Biblical and Hasmonean Buttresses
*Gateways and thoroughfares *Jerusalem of Below & Above!
MEET AT JAFFA GATE AT 9:30 AM
(Fee - \$12 or shekel equivalent)

Friday 23 Tammuz – 21 July Land of Ephrayim: Shomron Heights & Slopes

*Shilo *Shevut Rahel *Elie – the Priest and the Community
*Levonah Ascent-Maccabee battlefield *Rahelim *Ariel *Karnei Shomron/Neve Aliza
(Fee \$26 or shekel equivalent)

3 Day – Two Overnights * 25-27 Tammuz – 23-25 July

The Three G's – Golan, Gilead, Gallil

Touring via the Jordan Rift Valley, "Rivers & Bridges", Golan Heights and Slopes,
Water Springs and Sources, East Gallil Hills & Depths

- *Beit Shean – Antiquities and Modernities *Gesher – Miraculous Victory in 1948 &
Current Border Experience *Naharayim – Meeting Point of Rivers and Countries
- *Jewish Heritage and Future at Golan Communities – Talmudic Town, Wine and Water,
Views and Viewpoints *Tel Dan-Nature Reserve and Restored Biblical Town and
Temple sites *Beit Ussishkin Exhibit *Metulla *Misgav Av *Qedesh in Naftali
*Sites around Safed and Tiberias

The overnights will be at the Sheleg Halevanon Hotel – Metullah
(Fee - \$190 or shekel equivalent)

Friday Rosh Hodesh Av – 28 July

HEVRON: City of our Fathers: Heritage of their Descendants

- *Alonei Mamre *Ramat Mamre *Kiryat Arba *Avraham Avinu Synagogue
 - *Renewed Old Jewish Quarter of Hevron *Makhpela Field & Cave
 - *Heritage Exhibit *Beit Hadassah Complex *Admot Yishai Environs
- (Fee - \$26 or shekel equivalent)
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Friday 8 Av – 4 August

Special Pre-Tish'a B'av Walking Tour – Return to Moriah

MEET AT JAFFA GATE AT 9:00 AM

- *Within Inner Jerusalem *Destruction and Reconstruction of the Temple
and its Surroundings *Temple Institute Activities and Exhibit
- (Fee - \$15 or shekel equivalent)
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Friday 15 Av – August 11

Hills of Yehudah

- *Gush Etzion *Migdal Eder *Legacy and Rebirth *Audio visual Presentation
at Kfar Etzion *Bar-Kokhba period Remnant near Bat Ayin
 - *Mt. Giló Talmudic periodic site *Elazar-Maccabee Battlefield
- (Fee - \$26 or shekel equivalent)
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**Overnight Negev Tour – 17-18 Av – 13-14 August
Negev Wilderness Heights & Depths**

*Air Force Museum *Ancient & Modern Be'er Sheva *Ramon Crater
*Zinn Wilderness and Springs *Kumub-Mamshit Nabatean City
*Dimona *Arab Visitors Center *Yattir Forest *Einam Mishanaic period Complex
Overnight at Ramon Inn – Mitzpeh Ramon
(Fee - \$110 or shekel equivalent)

**Friday 22 Av – 18 August
David vs. Goliath Battlefield**

*Emeq Ha'Elah *Beit Guvrin Caves *Maresha Biblical
and Second Temple periods city – Below and Above Ground
(Fee - \$26 or shekel equivalent)

**Friday 29 Av – 25 August
Philistine Lowlands & Underground Complex**

*Biblical Beit Shemesh *Moshav Yish'ee Yemenite Community and children's zoo
*Samson Territory *Ayalon Institute – Hagana Munitions Factory
*Rehovot Region
(Fee - \$26 or shekel equivalent)

***For reservations and further information, please call the
Yisrael Hatzair office- (02)231361/2
All tours, except for walking tours,
Leave from the Yeshurun Synagogue at 8:30 a.m.
(Shmuel Hangid St. corner King George St.)***

YISRAEL HATZAIR IN ISRAEL
Proudly Presents
its
SUMMER TOUR SCHEDULE
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Friday 15 Tammuz – 24 June
Walking Tour around Walls of Jerusalem

in preparation for 17th Tammuz Fast
MEET AT JAFFA GATE AT 9:00 A.M.

- * The Walls of Jerusalem: Heights and Depths
 - * buttresses * fortifications * breaching * destruction & rebuilding
- (Fee - \$18 or shekel equivalent)
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Friday 22 Tammuz – 1 July
Philistine Lowlands and Underground Complex

- * Ayalon Institute * Hagana Underground Munitions Factory
 - * Ancient Bastino city of Eqron at Kibbutz Revadim
- (Fee - \$29 or shekel equivalent)
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Friday 29 Tammuz – 8 July
Tel Maresha Biblical and Hashmonean City

- * Subterranean complexes and Beit Guvrin Sites
- (Fee \$29 or shekel equivalent)
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Friday 7 Av – 15 July
Special Pre-Tish'a B'Av Walking Tour

MEET AT JAFFA GATE AT 9:00 A.M.

- * Within Inner Jerusalem * Destruction and Reconstruction of the Temple and its surroundings
- (Fee - \$18 or shekel equivalent)
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3 Day – Two Overnights * 11-13 Av – 19-21 July
The Three G's – Golan, Gilead, Gallil

- * Jordan Valley * Beit She'an * Rehov Synagogue * Golan Heights
 - * Tel Dan * Tiberias * Tel Hai * Qadesh in Naftali
 - * Bar'am Synagogue * Safed * Montfort Crusader Fortress * Yehiam
 - * Ma'a lot * Peqi'in * Karmiel * Akko
- The Overnights will be at Metula and Maalot
 (Fee - \$165 or shekel equivalent)
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(No Scheduled Tour 14 Av – 22 July)

Friday 21 Av – 29 July
Gush Etzion – Migdal Eder

- * Bar Kokhba Community near Bat Ayin
 - * Mt Gilo Talmudic Period Site * Maccabean Battlefields
- (Fee \$29 or shekel equivalent)
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Friday 28 Av – 5 August
Ayalon Valley – Jewish Military & Scholastic Heritage

- * Ayalon Valley * Latrun Armored Corps Center
 - * Beit Horon Ascent * Or Yehuda * Babylonia Jewry Heritage
- (Fee - \$29 or shekel equivalent)
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Friday 5 Elul – 12 August
Susiya – The Mountains meet the Desert

- * Susiya Town and Synagogue – South-Eastern Judean Hills
 - * Route of David fleeing from King Saul * Ma'on and Karmel
- (Fee - \$29 or shekel equivalent)
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Overnight Negev Tour * 8-9 Elul – 15-16 August
Wilderness Heights & Depths – A Negev Experience

- Ancient and Modern Be'er Sheva * Revivim Outpost
 - * Ramon Crater * Avdat Springs and Nabbatean City
 - * Breathtaking Scenic Routes in Zinn Wilderness
- Overnight at Pundak Ramon Hotel in Mitzpe Ramon
 (Fee - \$105 or shekel equivalent)
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**Friday 12 Elul – 19 August
Shomron Heights and Slopes**

* Shilo * Beit El * Ariel * Levona Ascent
* Eli * Rahelim * Karnei Shomron
(Fee - \$29 or shekel equivalent)

**Friday 19 Elul – 26 August
David vs. Goliath Battlefield**

* Emeq Ha'elah * Amatzia Caverns * Olive Oil Press
* Qiryat Gat and Environs
(Fee - \$29 or shekel equivalent)

**3 Day – Two Overnights * 21-23 Elul – 28-30 August
Asher Heights * Zevulun Plains * Yisskhar Hills**

Mt.Carmel National Park * Nachsholim Nautical Center
* Zippori Excavations * Zichron Yaakov Sites
* Atlit * Ein Hod * Mitzpe Ofer-Kedem Maharal
Overnights at New Carmel Gardens Hotel
(Fee \$170 or shekel equivalent)

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Wednesday, Iyar/May 17
8:00am to 7:00pm

A Flowering Aliya – Lily of the Sharon

Tour Netanya region with **Hayim Mageni**
The Land Source and Human Resources
Wingate Ins. & the International Hall of Fame
ULpan Akiva, run by the
Israel Prize winning Shulamit Katzenelson
Netanya: special city / great waterfront
Beit HaGedudim – Jewish Legions Center
Moshav Avichayil; POLEG Nature Reserve
Aliya & Olim – Continuity & Renewal
Bring your own lunch and snacks
70nis per person (non-members add 5nis)
inc. air-conditioned bus, outstanding guide,
entrance fees, audio-visual programs

Tuesday, Iyar/May 2
8:00am to 7:00pm (approx.)

Remembrance ⇔ Independence

Pre – Yom HaZikaron – Yom HaAtzmaut Tiyul:
Underground experience in both meanings
of the term! Visit the exciting Hagana
Munitions Plant at the Ayalon Institute, where
ammunition was manufactured right under
the eyes of the British.

The Monster on the Hill! – Latrun
Israel's Armoured Corps Commemorative
Center, War of Independence battlefield,
Qastel: Astonishing battles and their
miraculous outcome... breathtaking,
strategic locations on the way to Jerusalem
(Bring your own lunch)

Expert Guide: **Hayim Mageni**
75nis per person (non-members, add 10nis)

Monday, Iyar/May 29, 8:00am to 6:00pm

יום שחרור חברון

On the 4th day of the Six Days War, Hevron was liberated. Join us on the 28th anniversary of this special day for a very special tour of

Hevron

City of our fathers; heritage of their descendants
with **Hayim Mageni** guide

and special guest speaker: **Miriam Levinger**
one of the founders of the Yishuv, this time around

Visit Alonei Mamrei, Ramat Mamrei, Qiryat ARba,
Machpela Cave & Field, Avraham Avinu shul and
neighborhood, Old Jewish Quarter of Hevroan, Admot
Yishai and environs, Beit Hadassa Complex, Hevron
Heritage exhibit

100nis per person (non-mem. add 20nis)

Includes security bus (coordinated with the army)
All fees, and a delightful **Mehadrin/Glatt luncheon**

**Hebron Hills Excursions
Starting from 5731
Written by Chaim Mageni**

INFORMATION SHEET

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN:

- # a uniquely Jewish touring program in Israel;
- # visiting regions rich in ties of Jewish historical interest;
- # traveling in areas restored to the Jewish people in 1967;
- # seeing the revival of Jewish settlement in these regions;
- # tours led by experienced guides and educators who are residents of the Hebron Hills Region;

WE INVITE YOU TO CHOOSE FROM THE FOLLOWING LIST OF TOURS:

- A) Road of Valor – Traveling along the ancient highway of Judea to Rachel’s Tomb. Etzion Bloc of Jewish settlements, rebuilt after nineteen years of desolation. Via Valley of Blessing and Halhul (highest town in all the Land of Israel) to Hebron. Visit Cave of Machepelah (Tomb of the Patriarchs and Matriarchs), ancient ruins and recent remains of uninterrupted Jewish presence in Hebron until the massacre of 1929. Modern Jewish resettlement at Kiryat Arba.
- B) Mountains Surround Thee, O Jerusalem – Breathtaking sights from all directions of the Eternal Capital of Israel. Nebi Samuel, traditional site of Prophet Samuel’s Tomb; Mt. Scopus & Mount of Olives; High Commissioner’s Mansion, today the Hill of U.N. headquarters in the Middle East; Kibbutz Ramat Rachel, site of a palace from the days of the King David’s famous advisor Achitophel; Bayit V’Gan, where a 1:50 replica of Jerusalem in the days of the Second Temple is located; Mt. Herzl, tombs of Modern Jewish statesmen.
- C) “The Wise Men of the South” – Touring the impressive remains of Jewish towns and villages from Biblical and Talmudic period in the Hills South of Hebron. Yatta, mentioned many times in Jewish sources, today the home of 13,000 Arabs, some of whom practice very Jewish-like customs; K’far Aziz, hometown of the Tannah (Talmudic Scholar) Rabbi Yishma’el; Susya, where a Jewish Town of the 4th Century has been uncovered, including a large synagogue decorated with beautiful mosaic floor, precious stones and marble imported from Italy; Samoua, the site of Biblical Eshtomoa, where current homes are constructed in part of the stones of the ruined Jewish town which stood at the site. Ancient Menorah and Mezuzah carvings as well as a well-preserved winepress are among this town’s attractions. Visit also burial caves carved into the mountainside.
- D) Hebron: Former Capital of Judea – Tour devoted to that city which is second only to Jerusalem in religious and historical importance. Visit EIonei Mamre, where the divine messengers appeared to Abraham. Travel through Valley of Eshcol from whence the scouts sent by Moses carried off the large bunches of grapes. Roam through the Hebron Museum of Antiquities. Visit catacombs identified as the tombs of Othniel, first of the

Judean Judges, and his students. Tour sections of the city connected with the development of its Jewish communities throughout the ages; Sephardim, Ashkenazim, Karaites. See remains of the "Hebron Yeshivah" and the ghetto. Visit the ancient Jewish Cemetery, which includes a monument to 59 martyrs murdered in 1929 during the massacre of Hebron's Jewish population. Meet some of the current Jewish resettlers of Hebron at the new development town Kiryat Arba. Tour its residential, educational, commercial and industrial sectors. (Note: This tour may include a visit to the Machpelah Cave (Tomb of the Patriarchs and Matriarchs) upon request.)

- E) In the Footsteps of King David – Visit Bethlehem, where David was born and anointed by Samuel. Ride to the Valley of Elah, site of fateful battle with Goliath. Travel via Adullam region through Judean Hills to Zif, site of a narrow escape from Saul. Maon, where David hid, and Karmel, where David advanced against Nabal, will be seen. In Hebron, visit points associated with David's reign.
- F) In the Footsteps of the Maccabees – Integrated walking and travel in the hill country of Judea. Visit Beit-Tzur, where Judah the Maccabee was victorious against the Greco/Syrian rulers of Israel in 165 B.C.E. Further north are the remains of Beit-Zacharya, where Jewish townsfolk tried in vain to halt the Selucid forces advancing toward Jerusalem, today located in the midst of Gush Etzion. Walk up to the spring at Ain E'Kuzeiva, birthplace of the leader of yet another great revolt, this time against Rome, known as the Bar Kochba Revolt. Visit also the mountain fortress of Herodion, built by Herod the Great as he fled from the Hasmonean descendants of the Maccabees, which served as the nerve-center of the Bar-Kochba Revolt. The last stand of this Revolt took place at Betar, from where today views the unique system of terracing and water supply prevalent in Judean mountain agriculture. Visit also the walled-in marketplace of Ramat el Khalil, where the pitiful remains of Bar Kochba's civilian army were sold into slavery.
- G) The Judean Frontierland – Touring along the traditional last line of defense against pilfering desert tribes, visit villages along the "border" between the fertile hills and the arid wilderness. Tekoah, the hometown of the prophet Amos, was such a village. In Se'ir, the tomb of Esau (brother of Jacob) is shown in a Moslem mosque. Together with its twin village, Sh'yuch, their inhabitants have developed unique life-modes intrinsic to this "frontier" region. Continue south to Bani-Naim, with its stirring view of the Judean desert. Visit the larger villages of Yata (ancient Yuta), Samoua (ancient Eshtomoa), and Dura (ancient Adorayim). from which offshoot villages develop whenever the security situation improves.
- H) The Ascent of Judea – Visit Kiryat Gat, a development town whose residents reflect the modern "Ingathering of the Exiles". Travel to ancient Maresha region. Walk around in the Phoenician and Hellenistic burial Caves, decorated with wall-paintings. At Beth-Gubrin (later called Eleutheropolis (see the remains of the Roman city and the Crusader citadel, as well as the kibbutz recently established on the site. Follow the natural artery leading from the Judean Lowland to the Hill country, via Tarkumiya and the nearby tree nursery. Bits of the Roman Road and Roman Milestones are visible along the way. Visit also Hebron Glass-Blowing and Olive-wood factories, and the Russian Orthodox Zone at the "Tamarisk Tree of Abraham".

- I) Fortress in the Desert – Travel via Hebron and Arad to the Herodion Palace/Fortress at Metzadda. Ascent along the Roman Ramp to the summit; visit excavated remains of Herodian structures as well as the remnants of the Jewish Zealots' last stand against the Roman 73 C.E. Descent by Cablecar. Visit nature reserve and Springs of David at Ein Gedi. View recently discovered mosaic floor of 3rd century C.E. synagogue. Travel along the coast of the Dead Sea to Qumran, where the Dead Sea Scrolls were discovered. Optional swimming at the northern shore of the Dead Sea.
- J) Plains of Jericho – From Jerusalem, travel through the Judean Desert via Ma'aleh Haedomim, where an old Turkish roadside inn still stands, to Jericho. Visit the ruins of the Ommayad Palace at Khirbet Mefjar, and the excavations of the ancient Walls of Jericho. Proceed via the fertile fields of the Jericho Plains to Na'aran, where an ancient synagogue was discovered when a bombshell struck the field. Pass the ruins of Kibbutz Bet Ha'aravah on the way to the Salt Quarries and the Dead Sea. Return via Nebi Musa, where Moslem tradition identifies the tomb of Moses.