



# Pre-Convention Touring Options

## Monday, November 22 – Wednesday, November 24



All tours are on a first-come, first-served basis, subject to a minimum of 30 participants, and a maximum of 40 per bus.

### *Israel Through the Eyes of Torah*

#### 1. Monday, November 22, 2004 –

##### **Chevron and Gush Etzion**

Led by Rabbi Dr. Tzvi Hersh Weinreb  
 Departs 7:30am; returns 5:00pm.  
 Depart for davening at Maarat Hamachpela. Breakfast in Hebron followed by a tour of the Jewish Settlement. Continue to Gush Etzion for lunch and shopping at the Judaica Center. Continue to nearby site of the old settlement of Masu'ot Yitzchak to receive greetings from a representative of the municipality of Gush Etzion. Then participate in an OU Israel Center Jewish Identity program with teachers and students from the Gush Etzion area. The program will conclude with a tree planting ceremony in the OU forest at the site.

*Price: \$50, lunch included*

#### 2. Monday November 22, 2004 –

##### **“From Holocaust to Redemption”**

Led by Hughie Auman, tour guide  
 Departs 8:00am; returns 6:30pm.  
 Explore the Southeastern section of our country; visit Yad Mordechai, Ad Halom Memorial, Beit Eidut of Nir Galim, also see the Olive Tree Visitor Center, and Benei Darom. Learn about a 400 year old special Sefer Torah, and more.

*Price: \$35, box lunch included*

#### 3. Monday Nov 22, 2004 –

##### **A Tour Based upon Themes of Parshat Sh'lach**

Led by David Magence, tour guide  
 Departs 8:00am; returns 6:30pm  
**Meraglim:** not Moshe, but the NILL, the 20th century Jewish spy network. Find out why the spies appear on the Carmel Mizrachi wine label.

**Ha'apala:** visit Atlit, the main detention camp for the Ma'apalim—“illegal” immigrants during the British Mandate. (The term “I'ha'apil” appears only in Sh'lach).

**T'chelet:** underwater Archaeology Museum, audio/video on modern T'chelet project.

**Winery:** Carmel Mizrachi exciting tour: wine tasting and background features as to why they are *high quality award winning grapes*. We will also visit a T-shirt factory: and see how you can design your own original shirt.

*Price: \$35, box lunch included*

#### 4. Tuesday November 23, 2004 –

##### **Historical Perspective of Yerushalayim**

Led by Rabbi Berel Wein  
 Departs 8:30am; returns 5:00pm • One bus only  
 An extensive morning tour of the southern wall excavation of the Kotel followed by a tour of the Davidson Center with a virtual presentation of being “Oleh Regel” to the Beit Hamikdash, with a complete historical analysis by Rabbi Wein. After lunch, there will be a walking tour of the Israel Museum with historical highlights uniquely presented by Rabbi Wein.

*Price: \$50, lunch included*

#### 5. Tuesday, November 23, 2004 –

##### **Gush Katif, OU Israel Center Givat Brenner Project**

Led by Menachem Persoff, Director of Programs, Israel Center  
 Departs 9:00am; returns 7:00pm  
 Depart for *Givat Brenner* Regional High School for a meaningful Israel Center program of dialogue and study between religious and secular students. Continue to *Gush Katif* and Kfar Darom for museum and audio/visual presentation. Visit Yishuv Ganei Tal, hothouses and Netzer Chazoni. Lunch in Neve Dekalim and meeting with Tzvi Hendel, M.K. and Rabbanim from the area, accompanied by children from the Gush Katif choir. Continue to Atzmona and visit the largest nursery in the Middle East and then to Rafiach Yam overlooking the border of Egypt and Israel. Daven Mincha at Yeshivat Torat HaChaim; conclude with a tour to a local army base.

*Price: \$75, lunch included*

#### 6., 7., 8. Tuesday and Wednesday

##### **Israel Advocacy Programs**

Full description on other side.

#### 9. Wednesday, November 24, 2004 -

##### **Masada, Dead Sea, Eretz Breishit**

Led by Amikam Yechezkieli  
 Departs 3:30am; returns 5:00pm.  
 Departs early morning from the Renaissance Hotel for the Dead Sea area. Sunrise climb on foot to the mountaintop fortress of *Masada*, followed by tour and buffet breakfast in the Judean Desert. Dip in the Dead Sea (weather permitting); continue to *Eretz Breishit* – camel ride and lunch in “Avraham Avinu’s tent.” Visit *P’til Techelet* – hands-on activity in preparing the *techelet* of the *tzitzit* including audio visual presentation.  
*Price: \$75, breakfast and lunch included*

#### 10. Wednesday, November 24 – Yad Vashem

Led by Rabbi Dr. Tzvi Hersh Weinreb  
 Departs 10:00am; returns 2:00pm  
 Tour Yad Vashem, the Holocaust Martyrs’ and Heroes’ Remembrance Museum, which documents the history of the Jewish people during the Holocaust, preserving the memory of the six million victims of Nazi genocide, and imparting the legacy of the Holocaust for generations to come.  
*Price: \$25*

#### 11. Sunday November 28 –

##### **Post-Convention Shopping Spree**

depart 9:00 am; return 1:00 pm  
 Support the Israeli economy by spending your last shekels visiting wholesalers, galleries, Judaica stores, hat stores and more.  
*Price: \$10*



## **6. Pre-Convention Touring Options Israel Advocacy**



**Tuesday, November 23, 2004**

**In-depth analysis and briefings on the most urgent issues affecting Israel today.  
Sharpen and expand your advocacy skills and learn from Israeli leaders and experts!**

**Led by Betty Ehrenberg • Departs 8:30 am ; Concludes after Dinner**

**• Israel and the Media:**

**How Fairly is Israel Portrayed?**

*Listen to Israeli journalists from the Jerusalem Post, Ha'aretz, Israeli television, and other media outlets present their views on how Israel is portrayed.*

**• Making the Case for Israel in the Public Arena**

*Hear experts and analysts at think tanks such as Jerusalem Council for Public Affairs, Palestinian Media Watch, and prominent official Israeli spokespersons make Israel's case to the press, opinions molders, foreign governments, and to the public at large.*

**• Responding to the Media**

*Learn how to respond when Israel is attacked in the press, how to counter unfair and unbalanced depictions of Israel in the broadcast and print media. Media training and "how to" from the best!*

**• The U.S./Israel Relationship: At a Crossroads?**

*What can American Jews do to keep U.S. support for Israel strong? Meet with American and Israeli officials and ambassadors who have played major roles in this vital relationship.*

**• What Lies Ahead for Settlers?**

*What is the impact of Gaza withdrawal proposals on the residents in their communities? How will it affect Jews living in Judea and Samaria? Hear the assessments and predictions of Yesha Mayors and Council officials.*

**• Anti-Semitism in Europe and the Arab World**

*How are Israel and world Jewry addressing the alarming developments affecting Jews around the globe? Panelists from Israel's Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Tel Aviv University, and the Hebrew University in Jerusalem will assess this worrisome trend.*

**• The Israeli Economy: Trends and Directions**

*How can Diaspora Jewry play a role in Israel's economic growth? Listen to high-level officials of Israeli ministries, banks, and other central economic institutions speak to Israel's long-term economic health and vitality.*

**• Israel: A Jewish and Democratic State**

*Examine the challenges Israel faces as a Jewish state and as the only democracy in the Middle East. Meet with Israeli Supreme Court justices and other experts to discuss these important issues.*

*Reserve your space today! (First come, first served)*

*Price: \$79, includes lunch and dinner*

**Wednesday, November 24, 2004**

## **7. Israel Advocacy Briefing Tour led by Malcolm Hoenlein**

**Departs 8:30am; returns 6:00pm**

**Meet the Experts: Visit to the Foreign Ministry of Israel.** Briefings with the Deputy Directors—General of Departments on Current Issues: Hasbarah; Russia and the FSU; Western Europe; and Policy Research

**Strategic On-Site Briefing: Israel's Security Fence**

**What is its impact on Yerushalayim and environs?**

**Tour of Security Fence Route around Yerushalayim with IDF and Police**

**Strategic On-Site Briefing: Visit to Anti-Terrorism Training Center at Beit Chanun**

**21st Century Threats Facing Israel • Briefings and Analyses on threats Israel faces in the region**

*(at hotel) with senior IDF officials • Price: \$69, box lunch included*

## **8. Combination Price: \$125, Participation in both the Tuesday and Wednesday Israel Advocacy Programs**

**All tours are subject to security/safety considerations and police regulations. • (Note: Programs subject to change)**



# Year of Study In Israel

For those considering a year of study in Israel for their children, the decision of which school to select is extremely significant. Our Israel Center would be pleased to schedule appointments with Yeshivot – before or after the Convention– to enable you to explore the various options available. Please contact Israel Center Travel Desk with details of your inquiry by October 31, so that appointments can be scheduled in good time. They are constantly in touch with the Yeshivot to provide you with this customized service. Please call or email the Israel Center Travel Desk. Tel: 02-566-7787, ext 244; Travel@israelcenter.co.il.

## Daily Volunteering Opportunities

*Monday November 22nd, Tuesday November 23rd, Wednesday November 24th*

### Ezer Mizion–12 A, B, C

Ezer Mizion, the Israel Health Support Organization, aims to provide medical assistance and social services for Israel’s sick, disabled and elderly populations and for all people in crisis. Initiated in 1979 with 8 volunteers, Ezer Mizion now operates out of dozens of cities in Israel with 10,000 volunteers and benefits close to half a million people every year. Ezer Mizion’s dedicated staff and volunteer network offer assistance and support and provide warmth, comfort and friendship.

Volunteers will prepare sandwiches, hot meals, and refreshments for families of sick and hospitalized patients and terror victims at Lottie’s Kitchen and participate in a Special Needs Project  
9:00am–11:00 am

### Yad Eliezer–13 A, B, C

Yad Eliezer’s mission is to help ameliorate the poverty level in Israeli society by providing very low-income families with programs that not only provide them with crucial short-term relief in the form of basic food necessities, but also with long-term solutions that will ultimately help them to achieve financial stability.

Yad Eliezer runs over 12 different food and social service programs, including monthly food deliveries to over 6,000 families, the Yad Eliezer Job-training Fund, The Big Brother mentoring program, Meals on Wheels, and a surplus produce program.

Yad Eliezer is committed to providing these services to over 50,000 individuals while keeping overhead expenses to a minimum and utilizing a cadre of trained volunteers in Israel and North America in every facet of the organization.

Volunteers will be involved in packaging food for the needy.  
9:00am–11:00 am

### Yad Sarah–14 A, B, C

Yad Sarah, the largest voluntary organization in Israel, provides a spectrum of free or nominal cost services designed to make life easier for sick, disabled and elderly people and their families. Yad Sarah has helped one out of two Israeli families. Over 380,000 Israelis use its services yearly.

Yad Sarah’s mission is to keep the ill and the elderly in their homes and out of institutions as long as possible. Home care in the natural environment of the family is most conducive to healthy recuperation, both physically and emotionally. It also costs both family and State much less.

Volunteers will tour the Yad Sarah complex in Jerusalem and assist in assembling medical equipment  
9:00am–11:00 am

### Meir Panim–15 A, B, C

Meir Panim is a chain of soup kitchens set up to look like restaurants, which provides meals for 5,600 people daily. Meir Panim also provides for the distribution of free lunches to 7,000 underprivileged children in schools and day care centers throughout Israel. They offer physical, material, and emotional assistance to people from all walks of life in the form of free meals, free legal and medical advice, as well as basic amenities while preserving their dignity.

Volunteers will help prepare and serve lunch to their needy diners from 11:00am – 2:00pm.

### Magen David Adom

Please note that contact is being made with Magen David Adom for a bloodmobile to be at the hotel on Thursday, November 25th. Individuals will have the opportunity to donate blood throughout the day. On-Site Registration.



# Pre-Convention Learning Options



*Sessions are conducted at the*  
**Seymour J. Abrams Orthodox Union  
Jerusalem World Center**

**22 Keren HaYesod, Jerusalem**

**TEL: 02-566-7787**

## **Regular Shiurim (drop-in basis) include:**

### **Sunday-Wednesday**

- 10:00 A.M. Minchat Chinuch–Rabbi Dovid Zitter
- 1:20 P.M. Mincha
- 3:00 P.M. Daf Yom–Rabbi Shmuel Halpern
- 4:30 P.M. Masechet Sanhedrin–Rabbi Hillel Ruvel

### **Sunday**

- 9:30 A.M. Women– Mystical Insights Into the Months of the Year–Golda Warhaftig
- 10:30 A.M. Women–Let’s Learn Chumash–Tania Frohwein
- 11:30 A.M. Men & Women–Parshat HaShavua–Shprintzee Herskovits

### **Monday**

- 9:15 A.M. Men & Women- Excursions Into the World of Nevi’im–Pearl Borrow
- 10:30 A.M. Men & Women- Rambam’s 13 Principles–Rabbi Zev Leff
- 11:35 A.M. Jewish History Series–Dr. Henry Goldblum

### **Tuesday**

- 9:00 A.M. Issues in Jewish Philosophy–Dr. Hayim Abramson
- 9:00 A.M. Mishnayot–Rabbi Adler
- 10:15 A.M. Parshat HaShavua–Rabbi Gold
- 10:50 A.M. Parshat Hashavua–Rabbi Mordechai Spiegelman
- 11:00 A.M. In Hebrew–The Mitzva of Sh’m’a–Dr. Hayim Abramson

### **Wednesday**

- 9:15 A.M. Men & Women–Contemporary Halacha–Rabbi Gordon
- 10:45 A.M. Men & Women–Kuzari–Rabbi Gold
- 3:00 P.M. Men & Women–Women in Tanach–Pearl Borrow

*Admission charge is waived for Orthodox Union Convention Participants.*

## **Other Venues:**

### Women

#### **1) Midreshet Rachel**

Dean: Rabbi Yitzchak Shurin. Shiurim on a drop-in basis. No fee. Rechov Giva’at Shaul 11B/8 Jerusalem. Phone: 02-654-0622

For more information including updated schedule of shiurim, please see website: [www.darchenoam.org](http://www.darchenoam.org)

#### **2) Shearim**

Many different kinds of shiurim available for women on a drop-in basis. \$10 a shiur. Please look at their website for more information and schedule.

[www.shearim.com](http://www.shearim.com)  
Shearim  
Rechov Agassi 23/4  
Har-Nof, Jerusalem

### Men

#### **3) Aish HaTorah**

Drop-in basis. No fee.

Yeshivat Aish HaTorah

Rechov Shvut 1,  
Old City  
Phone: 02-628-5666.  
Contact person: Rabbi Nechemia Coopersmith.

#### **4) Yeshivat Darche Noam/David Shappell College**

5 Beit Hakerem St., Jerusalem

Tel: 02-651-1178

Shiurim on drop-in basis. 8 levels. No charge.

For more information: [www.darchenoam.org](http://www.darchenoam.org)



# Pre-Convention Information Touring and Volunteering



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Led by: Rabbi Dr. Tzvi Hersh Weinreb    *Price: \$50, lunch included*
- 2. **Monday November 22, 2004 – “From Holocaust to Redemption”**  
Led by Hughie Auman    *Price: \$35, box lunch included*
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- 5. **Tuesday, November 23, 2004 – Gush Katif, OU Israel Center Givat Brenner Project**  
Led by Menachem Persoff    *Price: \$75, lunch included*
- 6. **Tuesday, November 23, 2004 – Israel Advocacy Seminar**  
Led by: Betty Ehrenberg    *Price: \$79, lunch and dinner included*
- 7. **Wednesday, November 24, 2004 – Israel Briefing Tour**  
Led by Malcolm Hoenlein    *Price: \$69, box lunch included*
- 8. **COMBINATION TRIP (6. and 7. above)**  
Tuesday, November 23, 2004 – Israel Advocacy Seminar  
Wednesday, November 24, 2004 – Israel Briefing Tour    *Price: \$125, both trips*
- 9. **Wednesday, November 24, 2004 – Masada, Dead Sea, Eretz Breishit**  
Led by Amikam Yechezkieli    *Price: \$75, breakfast and lunch included*
- 10. **Wednesday, November 24, 2004 – Yad Vashem**  
Led by: Rabbi Dr. Tzvi Hersh Weinreb    *Price: \$25*
- 11. **Sunday, November 28, 2004 – Post-Convention Shopping Spree**  
*Price: \$10*

## Daily Volunteering Opportunities

Participants are responsible for transportation to and from the location.

Ezer Mizion 9:00 -11:00 AM

- 12a. Monday November 22
- 12b. Tuesday November 23
- 12c. Wednesday November 24

Yad Eliezer 9:00 -11:00 AM

- 13a. Monday November 22
- 13b. Tuesday November 23
- 13c. Wednesday November 24

Yad Sarah 9:00 -11:00 AM

- 14a. Monday November 22
- 14b. Tuesday November 23
- 14c. Wednesday November 24

Meir Panim 11:00 AM - 2PM

- 15a. Monday November 22
- 15b. Tuesday November 23
- 15c. Wednesday November 24



# Pre-Convention Registration Form

## Touring and Volunteering



Please print name of EACH participant touring or volunteering with the option number and cost.

| TRIP # DAY | DATE      | TIME           | TOUR                      | PRINT FIRST NAME FOR EACH PARTICIPANT | # OF PARTICIPANTS X COST | TOTAL    |
|------------|-----------|----------------|---------------------------|---------------------------------------|--------------------------|----------|
| 1 Mon.     | Nov 22    | 7:30am-5:00pm  | Chevron and Gush Etzion   |                                       | X \$50                   |          |
| 2 Mon.     | Nov 22    | 8:00am-6:30pm  | Holocaust to Redemption   |                                       | X \$35                   |          |
| 3 Mon.     | Nov 22    | 8:00am-6:30pm  | Themes of Parshat Shelach |                                       | X \$35                   |          |
| 4 Tues.    | Nov 23    | 8:30am-5:00pm  | Historical Yerushalayim   |                                       | X \$50                   |          |
| 5 Tues.    | Nov 23    | 8:30am-5:00pm  | Gush Katif                |                                       | X \$75                   |          |
| 6 Tues.    | Nov 23    | 8:30am-Dinner  | Israel Advocacy           |                                       | X \$79                   |          |
| 7 Wed.     | Nov 24    | 8:30am-6:00pm  | Israel Advocacy Briefing  |                                       | X \$69                   |          |
| 8 Tu/Wed   | Nov 23-24 | see above      | Combination-Trip 6 & 7    |                                       | X \$125                  |          |
| 9 Wed.     | Nov 24    | 3:30am-5:00pm  | Masada, Dead Sea          |                                       | X \$75                   |          |
| 10 Wed.    | Nov 24    | 10:00am-2:00pm | Yad Vashem                |                                       | X \$25                   |          |
| 11 Sun     | Nov 28    | 9:00am-1:00pm  | Shopping Spree            |                                       | X \$10                   |          |
|            |           |                |                           |                                       | <b>TOTAL</b>             | <b>s</b> |
| 12A Monday | Nov 22    | 9:00am-11:00am | Ezer Mizion               |                                       |                          | xxx      |
| 12B Tues.  | Nov 23    | 9:00am-11:00am | Ezer Mizion               |                                       |                          | xxx      |
| 12C Wed.   | Nov 24    | 9:00am-11:00am | Ezer Mizion               |                                       |                          | xxx      |
| 13A Mon.   | Nov 22    | 9:00am-11:00am | Yad Eliezer               |                                       |                          | xxx      |
| 13B Tues.  | Nov 23    | 9:00am-11:00am | Yad Eliezer               |                                       |                          | xxx      |
| 13C Wed.   | Nov 24    | 9:00am-11:00am | Yad Eliezer               |                                       |                          | xxx      |
| 14A Mon.   | Nov 22    | 9:00am-11:00am | Yad Sarah                 |                                       |                          | xxx      |
| 14B Tues.  | Nov 23    | 9:00am-11:00am | Yad Sarah                 |                                       |                          | xxx      |
| 14C Wed.   | Nov 24    | 9:00am-11:00am | Yad Sarah                 |                                       |                          | xxx      |
| 15A Mon.   | Nov 22    | 11:00am-2:00pm | Meir Panim                |                                       |                          | xxx      |
| 15B Tues.  | Nov 23    | 11:00am-2:00pm | Meir Panim                |                                       |                          | xxx      |
| 15C Wed.   | Nov 24    | 11:00am-2:00pm | Meir Panim                |                                       |                          | xxx      |

### PAYMENT

**Mail Check or Credit Card Payment to:**

National Biennial Convention, Orthodox Union, 11 Broadway, New York, NY 10004

DEADLINE FOR REGISTRATION: Sunday October 31, 2004 • Based upon availability. All tours are on a first come, first served basis.

PRINT FAMILY LAST NAME \_\_\_\_\_

1. Check (checks payable to *Orthodox Union*) Check # \_\_\_\_\_ Amt: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

2. Fax: Credit Card Payment to 212.613.0667 and call to confirm receipt: 212.613.8300.

Please bill my credit card for \$ \_\_\_\_\_ VISA AMERICAN EXPRESS MASTERCARD DISCOVER

Card # \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name on card \_\_\_\_\_ Daytime Number of Card Holder ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

3. On-line: [www.ou.org/convention](http://www.ou.org/convention)



# Last Minute Pre-Convention Add-Ons

## Tuesday, November 23



*HOT off the Press*

### Women's Dinner and Theater

# “NOAH! RIDE THE WAVE”

## Dinner at the Gush Etzion Judaica Center Show begins at 8:15pm

Limited to first 50 participants.

No story has captivated the imagination as much as that of Noah and the miraculous ark. Join a musical production of “NOAH! RIDE THE WAVE” presented by the women of Efrat/Gush Etzion, a story of faith during times of tragedy.

*Price: \$35 per person*

Bus departs Renaissance Hotel at 6:00pm and women participants of Gush Katif trip will be dropped off at Gush Etzion. • Return transportation to the Renaissance after the show. • Minimum bus participation – 20 people.

## FORUM: **Rabbi Adin Steinsaltz & Rabbi Emanuel Quint**

### “INCITEMENT” Action and Reaction to Current Trends in Israeli Society

Seymour J. Abrams Orthodox Union Israel Center • Cosponsored by the Jerusalem Institute of Jewish Law  
Free Program begins promptly at 8:00pm

Bus departs Renaissance Hotel at 7:00pm • Transportation: \$5 • Minimum bus registration – 35 people.

#### REGISTRATION FORM

PRINT: Family Name \_\_\_\_\_ First Name \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Reservations – Dinner Theater: \_\_\_\_ x \$35 @ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Reservations – Forum: \_\_\_\_ x \$5 @ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

PAYMENT Mail Check or Credit Card Payment to:

National Biennial Convention, Orthodox Union, 11 Broadway, New York, NY 10004

Deadline for receipt based upon availability. Sunday, October 31, 2004 • First come, first served.

1. Check (CHECKS PAYABLE TO ORTHODOX UNION) Check # \_\_\_\_\_ Amt: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

2. Fax: Credit Card Payment to 212.613.0667 and call to confirm receipt: 212.613.8300

Please bill my credit card for \$ \_\_\_\_\_ VISA AMERICAN EXPRESS MASTERCARD DISCOVER

Card # \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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