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## **icnext 11 2023 June Israel Mission Itinerary**

**Jun 11, 2023 - Jun 22, 2023**

## Trip Summary

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### June 11 - On the way to Israel

- 12:01 AM Before The Trip - The Bloggers
- 7:00 AM Photographers and Bloggers of the Days - 6.11-12.2023
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- 2:58 PM Depart from Cleveland-Hopkins International Airport (CLE) - Cleveland-Hopkins International Airport (CLE)
- 3:58 PM Arrive at Toronto Pearson International Airport (YYZ) - Toronto Pearson International Airport (YYZ)
- 8:25 PM Depart from Toronto Pearson International Airport (YYZ) - Toronto Pearson International Airport (YYZ)

### June 12 - Welcome to Israel

- 8:38 AM Arrive at Ben Gurion International Airport (TLV) (נמל התעופה בן גוריון) - Ben Gurion International Airport (TLV) (נמל התעופה בן גוריון)
- 10:10 AM Arrive at München Flughafen "Franz Josef Strauß" (MUC) - München Flughafen "Franz Josef Strauß" (MUC)
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- 9:00 PM Daily Reflection
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## June 13 - Tel Aviv 01 - The first Hebrew City/and its challenges

7:00 AM	Photographers of the Day
7:00 AM	Boker Tov
7:15 AM	Breakfast
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8:00 AM	
9:00 AM	The Strangers Among Us: Refugees, Immigrants & Others with Elliot Glassenberg (Bina)
12:30 PM	Tasting Food around Shuk Hacarmel (including Lunch)
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5:00 PM	Dinner at the TA Beach
6:00 PM	Barchovot Shelanu (in our streets) - A nightly Scavenger hunt at Tel Aviv
9:00 PM	A Ride to Jerusalem
10:00 PM	Daily Reflection
10:30 PM	Layla Tov
	Our Israel Mission Blog
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## June 14 - Tel Aviv 02 - The first Hebrew City/and its challenges

	Photographers of the Day
6:30 AM	Boker Tov
7:00 AM	Breakfast
7:30 AM	The Morning Briefing
7:30 AM	Ride to the Anu Museum
9:00 AM	Anu, Museum for the Jewish People with Vadim Blumin (including Lunch)
12:30 PM	Ride to Shafdan
1:30 PM	Visit to the Shafdan, Wastewater Treatment Plant
3:30 PM	A ride to South Tel aviv
5:00 PM	A Graffiti Tour of Tel aviv with Grafitiyul
6:30 PM	Ride to Jerusalem
7:30 PM	Dinner
8:30 PM	Daily Reflection
10:00 PM	Layla Tov
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## June 15 - Welcome to Jerusalem

Photographers of the Day

7:00 AM	Boker Tov
7:30 AM	Breakfast
7:30 AM	Morning Briefing
8:00 AM	A ride to Yad Vashem
8:30 AM	A visit to Yad Vashem
11:30 AM	Lunch
12:00 PM	Leadership in our Time workshop with Ilan Bloch
2:30 PM	Geopolitical Tour of modern Jerusalem- "The Conflict of Narratives" with Ilan Bloch
5:30 PM	Daily Reflection
6:30 PM	Dinner
7:00 PM	Mifgash in Jerusalem
7:30 PM	Opening Mifgash Program - Danny Senderson Concert
11:30 PM	Good Night
	Our Israel Mission Blog
	Overnight at Yitzhak Rabin Youth Hostel (Jerusalem)

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## June 16 - Mifgash in Jerusalem 1st day

7:00 AM	Photographers of the Mifgash
7:00 AM	Boker Tov
7:15 AM	The Morning Briefing
7:30 AM	Breakfast
8:00 AM	Dead Sea Poetry Workshop with Eliaz Cohen
9:30 AM	A walk to Israel Museum
10:00 AM	Tour of Sigalit Landau: The Burning Sea exhibit at the Israel Museum
12:00 PM	Food tour of Shuk Machne Yehuda with the Teenshinim
2:30 PM	A walk the hotel
	Shabbat Bloggers
3:00 PM	Preparation for Shabbat
7:10 PM	Shabbat Entrance
7:45 PM	Kabalat Shabbat
8:30 PM	Shabbat Dinner
9:30 PM	Peoplehood Program with the Teenshinim
11:00 PM	Layla Tov
	Our Israel Mission Blog
	Overnight at Yitzhak Rabin Youth Hostel (Jerusalem)

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## June 17 - Mifgash in Jerusalem 2nd Day

7:15 AM	Breakfast
8:00 AM	A walk to the Old City
9:00 AM	Old City of Jerusalem - "The Jewish story - then, and now" tour with with Assaf Boker
12:00 PM	A walk back to the Hotel
1:00 PM	Lunch
2:00 PM	Menucha
4:00 PM	Understanding the Partnership - A debrief with Teenshinim
5:00 PM	Activity with the Teenshinim
6:00 PM	Menucha
7:30 PM	Dinner
8:30 PM	Havdala
8:45 PM	A Ride to Kikar Safra
9:00 PM	Final Mifgash activity with Guru Zuzu
11:00 PM	Layla Tov
	Our Israel Mission Blog
	Overnight at Yitzhak Rabin Youth Hostel (Jerusalem)

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## June 18 - A Day in the Dead Sea

	Photographers of the Day
7:15 AM	Breakfast
7:30 AM	Boker Tov
8:00 AM	A Ride to Dead Sea
8:30 AM	The Morning Briefing
9:00 AM	A Day at the Dead Sea and the Jordan River with Oded Rahav and Friends (including Lunch)
6:30 PM	Check in at Degania Bet - Degania Bet
7:00 PM	Dinner
8:00 PM	Daily Reflection
10:00 PM	Layla Tov
	Our Israel Mission Blog
	Overnight at Degania Bet

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## June 19 - A day in the North

7:00 AM	Photographers of the Day
7:30 AM	Boker Tov
8:00 AM	Breakfast
8:30 AM	Morning Briefing
8:30 AM	Ride to the North
10:00 AM	Tour of the Northern Border plus the other Narrative Panel with Alma Research Center
3:30 PM	Ride to Kibbutz Toval
4:00 PM	The Gate with Robbie Gringras
5:30 PM	Ride to Kibbutz Deganya
6:30 PM	Dinner
7:00 PM	Ice Cream Break
8:00 PM	Daily Reflection
10:00 PM	Good Night
	Our Israel Mission Blog
	Overnight at Degania Bet

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## June 20 - A day in Beit Shean and Hemek Hamayanot, Cleveland Partnership

6:00 AM	Photographers of the Day
7:00 AM	Boker Tov
7:30 AM	Breakfast
8:15 AM	The Morning Briefing
8:30 AM	Ride to Gesher
9:00 AM	Opening at Gesher welcome to the region
9:30 AM	Naharyim @Gesher - Hydro-Electric power station
11:00 AM	Koby Sibony' Workshop - Reflection on the Dead Sea and the Jordan River
1:00 PM	Lunch with Mevashlot (females Chefs)
3:00 PM	Water activity at the partnership
4:30 PM	Communal Garden in Beit She'an
5:30 PM	Poike Cooking activity and field dinner
7:30 PM	Daily Reflection
8:00 PM	Ride back to Deganya Bet
9:00 PM	Layla Tov
	Our Israel Mission Blog
	Overnight at Degania Bet

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## June 21 - On the way to Tel Aviv

	Photographers of the Day
12:30 AM	A ride to an Arab Village
7:00 AM	Boker Tov
7:30 AM	The Morning Briefing
8:00 AM	Breakfast
9:00 AM	A final mission reflection workshop with Dina Goldstein
12:30 PM	Lunch
1:00 PM	
1:30 PM	A visit to an Arab village (Kfar Manda)
4:30 PM	A ride to Shfaim
6:00 PM	
7:00 PM	Mission final dinner at the Cooking Studio
11:00 PM	Layla Tov
	Our Israel Mission Blog
	Overnight at Shfayim

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## June 22 - Going back home

- 4:00 AM Boker Tov
- 4:30 AM A ride to the Airport
- 7:15 AM Breakfast at the Airport
- Post Mission Blogs (by June 26, 2023)
- Our Israel Mission Blog
- 8:06 AM Depart from Ben Gurion International Airport (TLV) (נמל התעופה בן גוריון) - Ben Gurion International Airport (TLV) (נמל התעופה בן גוריון)
- 11:19 AM Arrive at Frankfurt Airport (FRA) - Frankfurt Airport (FRA)
- 2:54 PM Depart from Frankfurt Airport (FRA) - Frankfurt Airport (FRA)
- 4:44 PM Arrive at Toronto Pearson International Airport (YYZ) - Toronto Pearson International Airport (YYZ)
- 7:15 PM Depart from Toronto Pearson International Airport (YYZ) - Toronto Pearson International Airport (YYZ)
- 8:18 PM Arrive at Cleveland-Hopkins International Airport (CLE) - Cleveland-Hopkins International Airport (CLE)
- After The Trip - The Bloggers

## June 11 - On the way to Israel



12:01 AM - Eastern Daylight Time

### Before The Trip - The Bloggers

- Pre Mission-Blog 01 - Zach Schoenbrun
- Pre Mission-Blog 02 - Talia Millet



7:00 AM - Eastern Daylight Time

### Photographers and Bloggers of the Days - 6.11-12.2023

#### Photographers

- Alex Eisengart
- Ori Balkan
- **Bloggers**
- Our landing in Israel 01 – Ben Blocker



10:14 AM - Eastern Daylight Time

### Depart from Cleveland-Hopkins International Airport (CLE)

AIRLINE	FLIGHT NUMBER	TERMINAL	GATE
Delta Air Lines	DL 2523	TERM	B2



#### Cleveland-Hopkins International Airport (CLE)

5300 Riverside Dr, Cleveland, OH, US, 44135  
(216) 265-6000



12:04 PM - Eastern Daylight Time

### Arrive at Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport (ATL) (Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport)

AIRLINE	FLIGHT NUMBER	TERMINAL	GATE
Delta Air Lines	DL 2523	S	T7



#### Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport (ATL) (Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport)

6000 N Terminal Pkwy, Atlanta, GA, US, 30320  
(800) 897-1910



12:30 PM - Eastern Daylight Time

### Arrival at Cleveland John Hopkins Airport

We will meet next to Air Canada counter



1:00 PM - Eastern Daylight Time - 1 hr

### Preparing For Our Blog Post Session with Tina





2:00 PM - Eastern Daylight Time - 30 min  
**Reviewing our Leadership Interview Protocols with Tina**



2:15 PM - Eastern Daylight Time  
**Mugshots for our Blogs with Amnon**



2:22 PM - Eastern Daylight Time  
**Depart from Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport (ATL) (Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport)**

AIRLINE	FLIGHT NUMBER	TERMINAL	GATE
Delta Air Lines	DL 248	I	E14



**Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport (ATL) (Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport)**

6000 N Terminal Pkwy, Atlanta, GA, US, 30320  
(800) 897-1910

**2:58 PM** - Eastern Daylight Time**Depart from Cleveland-Hopkins International Airport (CLE)**

AIRLINE	FLIGHT NUMBER	TERMINAL
Air Canada	AC 8734	TERM

**Cleveland-Hopkins International Airport (CLE)**

5300 Riverside Dr, Cleveland, OH, US, 44135  
(216) 265-6000

**3:58 PM** - Eastern Daylight Time**Arrive at Toronto Pearson International Airport (YYZ)**

AIRLINE	FLIGHT NUMBER	TERMINAL	GATE
Air Canada	AC 8734	1	F86

**Toronto Pearson International Airport (YYZ)**

3111 Convair Dr., Mississauga, ON, CA, L4W 2P7  
(416) 247-7678

**8:25 PM** - Eastern Daylight Time**Depart from Toronto Pearson International Airport (YYZ)**

AIRLINE	FLIGHT NUMBER	TERMINAL	GATE
Lufthansa	LH 495	1	E79

**Toronto Pearson International Airport (YYZ)**

3111 Convair Dr., Mississauga, ON, CA, L4W 2P7  
(416) 247-7678

**June 12 - Welcome to Israel****8:38 AM** - Israel Daylight Time**Arrive at Ben Gurion International Airport (TLV) (נמל התעופה בן גוריון)**

AIRLINE	FLIGHT NUMBER	TERMINAL	GATE
Delta Air Lines	DL 248	3	C08

**Ben Gurion International Airport (TLV) (נמל התעופה בן גוריון)**

Ha-Mamri'im Rd., 70100 תל אביב-יפו, ישראל, תל אביב, ישראל  
+972 3-975-5555

**10:10 AM** - Central European Summer Time**Arrive at München Flughafen "Franz Josef Strauß" (MUC)**

AIRLINE	FLIGHT NUMBER	TERMINAL	GATE
Lufthansa	LH 495	2	H38



### München Flughafen "Franz Josef Strauß" (MUC)

Nordallee 25, München, BAYERN, DEUTSCHLAND, 85356  
+49 89 97500



11:29 AM - Central European Summer Time

### Depart from München Flughafen "Franz Josef Strauß" (MUC)

AIRLINE	FLIGHT NUMBER	TERMINAL	GATE
Lufthansa	LH 680	2	H46



### München Flughafen "Franz Josef Strauß" (MUC)

Nordallee 25, München, BAYERN, DEUTSCHLAND, 85356  
+49 89 97500



4:10 PM - Israel Daylight Time

### Arrive at Ben Gurion International Airport (TLV) (נמל התעופה בן גוריון)

AIRLINE	FLIGHT NUMBER	TERMINAL
Lufthansa	LH 680	3



### Ben Gurion International Airport (TLV) (נמל התעופה בן גוריון)

Ha-Mamri'im Rd., 70100, תל אביב-יפו, תל אביב, ישראל, 70100  
+972 3-975-5555



5:30 PM - Israel Daylight Time - 1 hr

### Going to the rooms



6:00 PM - Israel Daylight Time - 30 min

### Dinner



6:30 PM - Israel Daylight Time - 30 min

### To be an Israeli - An opening program with the Shin Shinim

(two opening workshops)



7:30 PM - Israel Daylight Time - 1 hr

### You are in Israel - an update with Ilan Bloch

Activity Blogger - [Eden Cohen](#)

[Ilan Bloch](#), 45, works as a tour guide, teacher and session facilitator for individual tourists, and adult, family and student/young adult groups from overseas. Before making Aliyah almost twenty years ago, he worked as a Jewish Studies, Hebrew and Israel Studies teacher, and served as the Head of Informal Jewish Education, at The King David School in Melbourne, Australia. He is married with twins and lives in Jerusalem.

Ilan holds a Ministry of Tourism Tour Guide License and a Society for the Protection of Nature in Israel (SPNI) Ministry of Education-authorized Tour Guiding Certificate. He also holds a Master of Arts degree in Jewish Education, and a Bachelor of Arts degree and a Graduate Diploma of Education (Teaching Diploma) in Jewish Studies and Hebrew Literature. During COVID, he spent 18 months learning at the Pardes Institute of Jewish Studies.



9:00 PM - Israel Daylight Time  
**Daily Reflection**  
(Two Groups)



10:00 PM - Israel Daylight Time  
**Layla Tov**



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**Overnight at Yitzhak Rabin Youth Hostel (Jerusalem)**

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## June 13 - Tel Aviv 01 - The first Hebrew City/and its challenges



7:00 AM  
**Photographers of the Day**

1. Teddy White
2. Lillian Vidmar-McEwen



**7:00 AM**  
**Boker Tov**



**7:15 AM - 30 min**  
**Breakfast**



**8:00 AM - 15 min**  
**The Morning Briefing**



**8:00 AM**  
A ride to South of Tel aviv



**9:00 AM - 3 hr 30 min**  
**The Strangers Among Us: Refugees, Immigrants & Others with Elliot Glassenberg (Bina)**  
(Two tours)

**Activity Blogger** - Alex Eisengart

3.5 Hours, Neve Sha'anan & South Tel Aviv

This tour explores the fascinating neighborhood of Neve Sha'anan as a microcosm of Israel. In recent years, Israel has seen a significant rise in non-Jewish immigrants such as migrant workers, asylum-seekers and refugees, presenting new challenges to the Jewish State. With our own eyes we will see how diverse groups have left their impact on Israel and on the neighborhood.

**Elliot Glassenberg** is an American-Canadian-Israeli Jewish educator-activist. Elliot teaches and advocates on topics relating to Jewish pluralism and inclusion, refugee rights, LGBTQ rights and human rights, and his educator-activist approach focuses on the application of Judaism for social change. Elliot is a senior educator at BINA: The Jewish Movement for Social Change and a leading activist for refugee rights in Israel. Elliot is co-chair of Right Now: Advocates for Asylum Seekers in Israel, a blogger for The Times of Israel, and has published in Haaretz, The Jerusalem Post, The Jewish Week, and elsewhere. Elliot also recently served as Central Shaliach for the Kibbutz Movement in North America. A native of Chicago, Elliot currently lives in Jaffa and holds a B.A. from McGill University, and an M.A. in Jewish Education and an M.A. in Jewish Literature from the Jewish Theological Seminary.



**12:30 PM - 3 hr 30 min**  
**Tasting Food around Shuk Hacarmel (including Lunch)**  
**Activity Bloggers -**

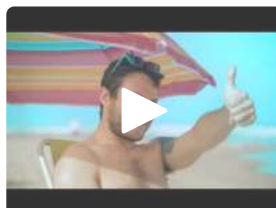
1. Arielle Epstein
2. Oren Gabay



**3:00 PM - 2 hr**  
**The Second Annual icnext Matkot Tournament with the Shin Shinim**  
**Matkot = Paddleball**

**Activity Blogger -**

Danny Gilad



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**Dinner at the TA Beach**



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**Daily Reflection**



**10:30 PM**  
**Layla Tov**



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## June 14 - Tel Aviv 02 - The first Hebrew City/and its challenges

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### Photographers of the Day

1. Jaden Tsirlin
2. Zachary Schoenbrun



6:30 AM - 30 min

### Boker Tov



7:00 AM - 30 min

### Breakfast



**7:30 AM - 15 min**  
**The Morning Briefing**



**7:30 AM - 45 min**  
**Ride to the Anu Museum**



**9:00 AM - 4 hr**  
**Anu, Museum for the Jewish People with Vadim Blumin (including Lunch)**  
**Activity Blogger - Jacob Kirstein**

**Vadim Blumin** is one of the founders of the 1.5 Generation: Russian-speaking Young Adults group and a member of the Content Committee of Limmud-FSU bringing the young voice of the second generation immigrants from Russia to Israel. Today, he serves as the director of the “Mandel Program for Excellence”. In the past he was a content and training specialist at Makom, the Strategic Content Lab of the Jewish Agency, and headed its education department in St. Petersburg, Russia. He served also as the executive director of 1+1: Association of Immigrant Youth, was alumni of the GVANIM program for pluralism and leadership, as well as the JDC-ELKA training program for directors-general of voluntary organizations. Learn about the 1.5 Generation and their push for civil rights and equality, their refusal of conversion, and their quest for an open discourse about feminism, LGBTQ rights, culture and art. Vadim lives in Ramat Gan with his husband, Roman, and their daughter, Danielle.



**12:30 PM - 1 hr**  
**Ride to Shafdan**



**1:30 PM - 2 hr**  
**Visit to the Shafdan, Wastewater Treatment Plant**  
**Activity Blogger - Charlie Greene**

**The SHAFDAN** is the largest wastewater treatment plant in Israel and currently treats 360,000 m<sup>3</sup>/day of municipal wastewater, about 92% of its treatment capacity. Waste sludge from the plant is discharged to the Mediterranean Sea through a marine outfall. The SHAFDAN is committed to ending the disposal of its sludge to the sea by the end of 2016 by providing a land-based biosolids management program that produces a Class A biosolids for agricultural use. In order to implement this strategy, a number of large-scale construction projects were undertaken. These projects include a new sludge thickening and dewatering facility, updated headworks, a new primary treatment facility, and a new 3-stage thermophilic anaerobic digestion facility. The total capital cost of these projects is estimated to be US \$300 million. This paper describes the principal components of these projects and their design parameters.





**3:30 PM - 1 hr**  
**A ride to South Tel aviv**



**5:00 PM - 1 hr 30 min**  
**A Graffiti Tour of Tel aviv with Grafitiyul**  
[Grafitiyul](#)

Activity Blogger - Elijah Kriwinsky



**6:30 PM**  
**Ride to Jerusalem**



**7:30 PM - 45 min**  
**Dinner**



**8:30 PM - 30 min**  
**Daily Reflection**  
(Two Groups)



**10:00 PM**  
**Layla Tov**



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### Overnight at Yitzhak Rabin Youth Hostel (Jerusalem)

## June 15 - Welcome to Jerusalem

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### Photographers of the Day

1. Ezrin Saltzman
2. Elijah Kriwinsky



### 7:00 AM - Israel Daylight Time Boker Tov



### 7:30 AM - Israel Daylight Time - 30 min Breakfast



7:30 AM - Israel Daylight Time - 15 min  
**Morning Briefing**



8:00 AM - Israel Daylight Time - 1 hr  
**A ride to Yad Vashem**



8:30 AM - Israel Daylight Time - 2 hr 30 min  
**A visit to Yad Vashem**  
**Activity Bloggers -**

1. Talia Millet
2. Shawna Polster



11:30 AM - Israel Daylight Time  
**Lunch**



12:00 PM - Israel Daylight Time - 2 hr 30 min  
**Leadership in our Time workshop with Ilan Bloch**  
Mount Herzl

**Activity Blogger -** Zachary Schoenbrun



2:30 PM - Israel Daylight Time - 3 hr  
**Geopolitical Tour of modern Jerusalem- "The Conflict of Narratives" with Ilan Bloch**  
**Activity Blogger -** Jaden Tsirlin



5:30 PM - Israel Daylight Time

### Daily Reflection

(Two Groups)



6:30 PM - Israel Daylight Time - 30 min

### Dinner



7:00 PM - Israel Daylight Time

### Mifgash in Jerusalem

Mifgásh מִפְגָּשׁ

Etymology - From the root p-g-sh (פ-ג-ש).

Noun - מִפְגָּשׁ (mifgásh) m (*plural indefinite form* מִפְגָּשִׁים, *singular construct form* מִפְגָּשׁ, *plural construct form* מִפְגָּשִׁים)

A gathering, meet-up, convention: a pre-planned meeting of members of an organization, party, movement, or the like.

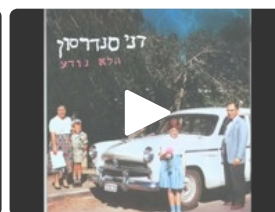
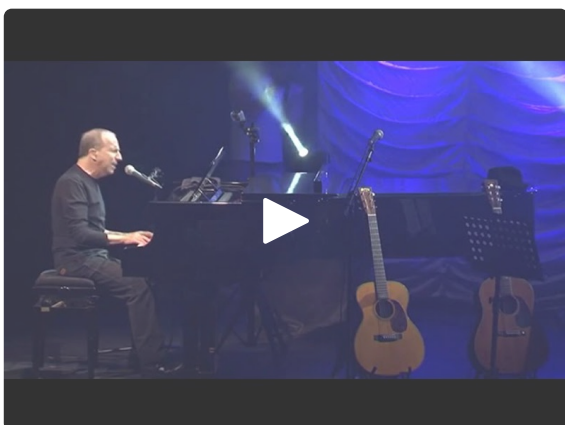
Mifgash Bloggers -



7:30 PM - Israel Daylight Time

### Opening Mifgash Program - Danny Senderson Concert

[About Danny Senderson](#)



11:30 PM - Israel Daylight Time  
**Good Night**



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**Overnight at Yitzhak Rabin Youth Hostel (Jerusalem)**

## June 16 - Mifgash in Jerusalem 1st day



**7:00 AM**  
**Photographers of the Mifgash**  
1. Charlie Greene

2. Jacob Kirstein

**7:00 AM**



## Boker Tov



7:15 AM - 15 min  
**The Morning Briefing**



7:30 AM - 30 min  
**Breakfast**



8:00 AM - 1 hr 30 min  
**Dead Sea Poetry Workshop with Eliaz Cohen**  
**Activity Bloggers -**

1. Lilian Vidmar-McEwen
2. Teddy White

**Eliaz Cohen** was born in 1972 to a pluralistic religious family, Eliaz Cohen was named after his uncle, Eliezer Feldman who was killed in the Sinai Campaign of 1956. In 1979, his family moved to Elkana in Samaria, where he grew up. Growing up both as part of a bereaved family and being neighbors to Palestinian villages influenced his world view, both features that find expression in his work. Eliaz studied in the B'nei Akiva Yeshivot, and served in the armored division of the Israeli army. In 1994, he began to publish his writings in various magazines and newspapers, starting with prose writings which were followed by poetry.

He is an editor of the poetry journal *Mashiv Haru'ach* and the author of six published collections of poetry. Additionally, a Hebrew-English bilingual edition of his poetry was published in 2010 by Toby Press, and a collection of his poetry has been translated to French by Levant Publishing House.

He was the recipient of the Prime Minister Award for Literature in 2006.

In recent years, Eliaz has stood out as a social activist dealing with issues such as religion and state, narrowing socio-economic gaps, and the sanctity of life. During 2009 he was one of founders of *Yerushalom*, a movement for dialogue and peace between Palestinians and Israeli settlers, that led to the founding of the Roots Center in

2014. Another initiative he is leading is *Light Tag*-against the Jewish vandalism and hateful attacks that go under the name "Price Tag," and the new peace initiative "A Land for All - 2 States, 1 Homeland."

Eliaz is a member of Kibbutz Kfar-Etzion, along with his wife and four children.



9:30 AM - 15 min

### A walk to Israel Museum



10:00 AM - 1 hr 30 min

### Tour of Sigalit Landau: The Burning Sea exhibit at the Israel Museum

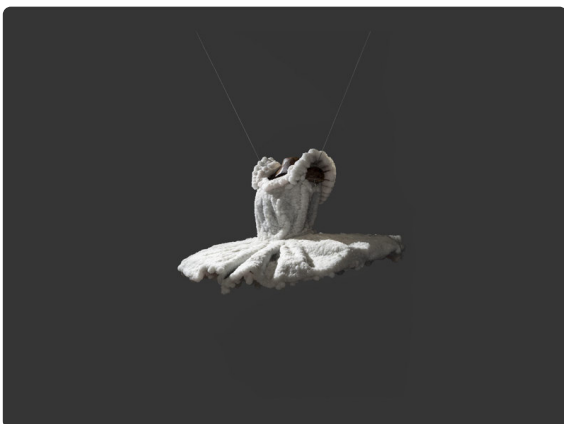
Activity Blogger - Ori Balkan

For twenty years, [Sigalit Landau](#) has made art – both monumental and profoundly intimate – at the Dead Sea, the lowest point on earth.

Inspired by this primal place, Landau creates works of great beauty that address fragile dualities: life and death, injury and healing, destruction and hope.

*The Burning Sea* presents a selection of Landau's Dead Sea artworks of the last two decades, from glittering salt-encrusted sculptures through video works and photographs. The exhibition also premieres a new video trilogy that relates to her idea of building a bridge over the lake, a project that has engaged Landau for many years, first emerging in her memorable installation at the 2011 Venice Biennale, which is represented here for the first time in Israel.

Following Landau into the salt-saturated water and experiencing both the magnificence and the devastation of this endangered site, the exhibition closes on an optimistic note, with the hope that we can build a bridge over burning water.



12:00 PM - 2 hr 30 min

### Food tour of Shuk Machne Yehuda with the Teenshinim

Activity Blogger - Ben Blocker

[Shuk Machne Yehuda](#)

Lunch and free time with Israelis



**2:30 PM**  
**A walk the hotel**



**Shabbat Bloggers**

1. Ezrin Salzman

2. Dani Gilad



**3:00 PM**  
**Preparation for Shabbat**



**7:10 PM**  
**Shabbat Entrance**



**7:45 PM - 30 min**  
**Kabalat Shabbat**



**8:30 PM - 45 min**  
**Shabbat Dinner**



**9:30 PM - 1 hr**  
**Peoplehood Program with the Teenshinim**  
With the Partnership Staff



**11:00 PM**  
**Layla Tov**





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### Overnight at Yitzhak Rabin Youth Hostel (Jerusalem)

## June 17 - Mifgash in Jerusalem 2nd Day



**7:15 AM - 30 min**  
**Breakfast**



**8:00 AM - 1 hr**  
**A walk to the Old City**



**9:00 AM - 3 hr**  
**Old City of Jerusalem - "The Jewish story - then, and now" tour with with Assaf Boker**  
**Activity Bloggers -**

**Assaf Boker** is a life-long traveler. Assaf's father is a career diplomat who transferred his passion for discovering new countries and experiences to his family. In the IDF Assaf had served in the Gaza envelope region for most of his service as commander in a combat intelligence unit. After Assaf left the IDF, he began traveling extensively, especially throughout North and South America. Upon his return to Israel, he attended Hebrew University in a double major in Political Science and International Relations and hold a Master's degree in Middle Eastern studies from Haifa University. Today, Assaf splits his time between satiating his wanderlust (45 countries so far and counting) and bringing the sights and sounds of Israel to life for discerning tourists. In his guided tours he focuses on history, archaeology, and culture, as well as culinary experiences.



12:00 PM - 1 hr

**A walk back to the Hotel**



1:00 PM

**Lunch**



2:00 PM - 2 hr

**Menucha**



4:00 PM - 30 min

**Understanding the Partnership - A debrief with Teenshinim**

Cleveland has a sister. She lives in Israel, and her name is Beit Shean, which means House of Tranquility. Located in the Galilee region up north, it's about an hour and a half drive from Tel Aviv, near the Jordanian border. Our sister city is older than Cleveland. Ancient, in fact; it is believed the city has been continually inhabited since the Early Bronze Age (3200-3000 B.C.). Cleveland and Beit Shean share many traits, as sisters often do. Neither is known primarily as a tourist destination, yet both have much to offer visitors. There are some real gems to be discovered in Beit Shean; in its surrounding nature, in its history, and within its people's Guide to Beit Shean.



5:00 PM - 30 min

**Activity with the Teenshinim**



6:00 PM - 1 hr

**Menucha**



7:30 PM - 30 min

**Dinner**



8:30 PM - 15 min  
**Havdala**



8:45 PM  
**A Ride to Kikar Safra**



9:00 PM - 2 hr 15 min  
**Final Mifgash activity with Guru Zuzu**

Join the [Zuzu Guru](#) and turn the volume on for an exceptional urban experience in the heart of Jerusalem.

We will sing, dance, laugh - and enjoy all the things that our body and soul need in this current time. One of the most powerful experiences in Israel with high levels of fun guaranteed!



11:00 PM  
**Layla Tov**



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**Overnight at Yitzhak Rabin Youth Hostel (Jerusalem)**

## June 18 - A Day in the Dead Sea



**Photographers of the Day**

1. Oren Gabay
2. Dani Gilad



**7:15 AM** - Israel Daylight Time - 30 min  
**Breakfast**



**7:30 AM** - Israel Daylight Time  
**Boker Tov**



**8:00 AM** - Israel Daylight Time  
**A Ride to Dead Sea**



**8:30 AM** - Israel Daylight Time - 15 min  
**The Morning Briefing**



**9:00 AM** - Israel Daylight Time - 9 hr  
**A Day at the Dead Sea and the Jordan River with Oded Rahav and Friends (including Lunch)**  
*Bloggers of the Day*

1. Ori Balkan

2. Ben Blocker
3. Eden Cohen
4. Alex Eisengart
5. Arielle Epstein

Stops at:

1. Kalya Beach
2. Kaser El Yaud
3. Naaran
4. Yardenit

**Oded Rahav** is the Dead Sea Guardian - the only person on the planet who has taken it upon himself to save this Sea. An entrepreneur, Oded has founded, managed, and led businesses in a wide range of fields. He is a relentless environmental activist and change generator.



6:30 PM - Israel Daylight Time  
**Check in at Degania Bet**



**Degania Bet**  
 Degania Bet, North District, IL



7:00 PM - Israel Daylight Time - 1 hr  
**Dinner**

8:00 PM - Israel Daylight Time



### Daily Reflection

(Two Groups)



10:00 PM - Israel Daylight Time

Layla Tov



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Overnight at Degania Bet

## June 19 - A day in the North

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7:00 AM - Israel Daylight Time

### Photographers of the Day

1. Alex Eisengart

2. Arielle Epstein



7:30 AM - Israel Daylight Time

Boker Tov



**8:00 AM** - Israel Daylight Time - 30 min  
**Breakfast**



**8:30 AM** - Israel Daylight Time - 15 min  
**Morning Briefing**



**8:30 AM** - Israel Daylight Time - 1 hr 30 min  
**Ride to the North**



**10:00 AM** - Israel Daylight Time - 5 hr  
**Tour of the Northern Border plus the other Narrative Panel with Alma Research Center**  
(Including Lunch)

[Alma Research Center](#)

#### **Activities Bloggers**

1. Oren Gabay
2. Dani gilad
3. Charlie Green

[Alma Research Center](#) is an education and research center, dedicated to researching the security challenges on Israel's northern borders and educating opinion-makers from research centers, academia, and others on the multi-dimensional complexities in the Middle East. Alma takes pride in providing an authentic, unique, and professional perspective regarding the areas next to the borders of Lebanon, Syria, and Israel that interweaves the special diversity of societies along those borders with geography, politics, and military capabilities – all combining together to impact the ever-changing security climate in the region.

- Tour of the Northern Border –
- Interactive Situation room simulation –
- The people of the Galilee, panel –



**3:30 PM** - Israel Daylight Time - 30 min  
**Ride to Kibbutz Toval**



**4:00 PM** - Israel Daylight Time - 1 hr 30 min  
**The Gate with Robbie Gringras**  
**Activity Blogger -**

1. Jacob Kirstein
2. Elijah Kriwinsky

Blogging about Israeli Leader (Robbie Gringras) -

On a small insignificant kibbutz in the Galilee a great debate rages: Should the gate that faces the local Arab village be locked shut, or should it remain open? Udi, who lost his brother in the War of Independence, fights for the gate to be closed. Yiftach, aging peacenik, must do all he can to signal openness to his Palestinian cousins. And Amal, the caterer from the Arab village, just wants someone to open the gate so she can get home after a long day.

**How can we remain open? When must we close up?**

**Do good fences make good neighbors or distant enemies?**

**And what does a small story about a gate tell us about our world today?**

**Robbie Gringras** presents his sixth charming new solo show with a lightness of touch, a thoughtfulness, and a depth of emotion that has been the hallmark of his displays of physical story theater over two decades of international performance.



**5:30 PM** - Israel Daylight Time - 1 hr  
**Ride to Kibbutz Deganya**



**6:30 PM** - Israel Daylight Time - 30 min  
**Dinner**





7:00 PM - Israel Daylight Time - 1 hr  
**Ice Cream Break**



8:00 PM - Israel Daylight Time  
**Daily Reflection**  
(Two Groups)



10:00 PM - Israel Daylight Time  
**Good Night**



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**Overnight at Degania Bet**

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## June 20 - A day in Beit Shean and Hemek Hamayanot, Cleveland Partnership



6:00 AM - Israel Daylight Time  
**Photographers of the Day**  
1. Ben Blocker

2. Eden Cohen



7:00 AM - Israel Daylight Time  
**Boker Tov**



7:30 AM - Israel Daylight Time - 30 min  
**Breakfast**



**8:15 AM** - Israel Daylight Time - 15 min  
**The Morning Briefing**



**8:30 AM** - Israel Daylight Time - 30 min  
**Ride to Gesher**



**9:00 AM** - Israel Daylight Time - 30 min  
**Opening at Gesher welcome to the region**  
**Activity Bloggers**



**9:30 AM** - Israel Daylight Time - 1 hr  
**Naharyim @Gesher - Hydro-Electric power station**  
**Activity Blogger - Shawna Polster**

**About:**

#### **AN ELECTRIC VISION**

In 1927 the construction of the hydro-electric power station began, near the meeting points of the Yarmouk and Jordan rivers.

In 1932, when the power station began producing electricity, the name Naharayim ("2 rivers" in English) sounded exciting, rewarding the pioneers in the Jewish "Yeshuv" ("town") with a feeling of pride in all they achieved: their ability to cope with the harsh forces of nature, and part they played in building the State of Israel.

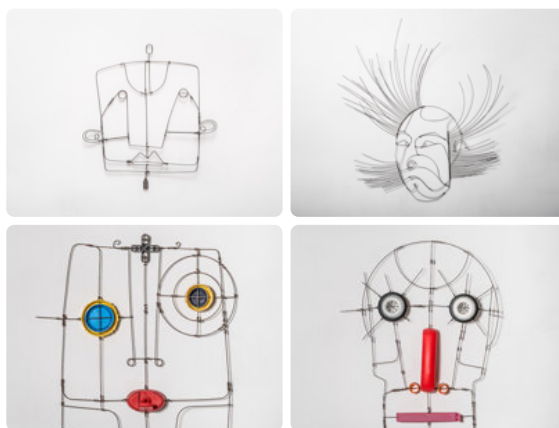
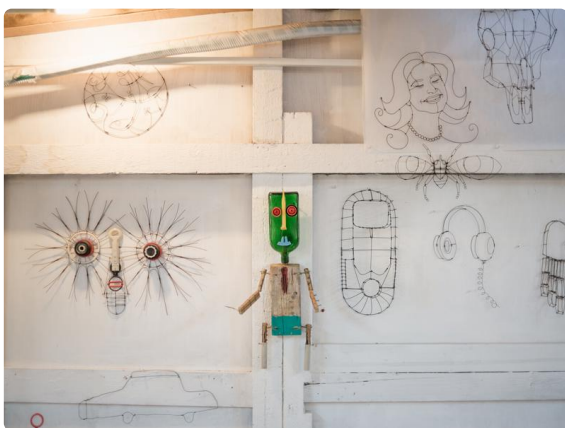
This is all thanks to the man and legend in his time, Pinhas Rutenberg.

During our tour we will learn about Pinhas Rutenberg, "the old man from Naharayim", and his vision, and we will hear another story about "If you will it, it is no dream".



**11:00 AM** - Israel Daylight Time - 2 hr  
**Koby Sibony' Workshop - Reflection on the Dead Sea and the Jordan River**  
**Activity Blogger - Ezrin Saltzman**

[About Koby Sibony](#)



**1:00 PM - Israel Daylight Time**  
**Lunch with Mevashlot (females Chefs)**  
**Activity Bloggers**

1. Jaden Tsirlin
2. Lilian Vidmar-McEwen

**About the *Mevashlot* (females Chefs)**



**3:00 PM - Israel Daylight Time - 2 hr**  
**Water activity at the partnership**



**4:30 PM - Israel Daylight Time - 1 hr**  
**Communal Garden in Beit She'an**  
**Activity Blogger - Teddy White**

**About**

Conversation with community activists about nature as a tool for community building



5:30 PM - Israel Daylight Time - 2 hr 30 min  
**Poike Cooking activity and field dinner**  
Activity Bloggers

**About Poike**



7:30 PM - Israel Daylight Time  
**Daily Reflection**  
(Two Groups)



8:00 PM - Israel Daylight Time - 30 min  
**Ride back to Deganya Bet**



9:00 PM - Israel Daylight Time  
**Layla Tov**



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## Overnight at Degania Bet

### June 21 - On the way to Tel Aviv



#### Photographers of the Day

1. Ori Balkan
2. Alex Eisengart



12:30 AM

#### A ride to an Arab Village



7:00 AM

#### Boker Tov



7:30 AM - 15 min

#### The Morning Briefing



8:00 AM - 30 min

#### Breakfast

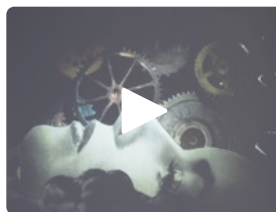
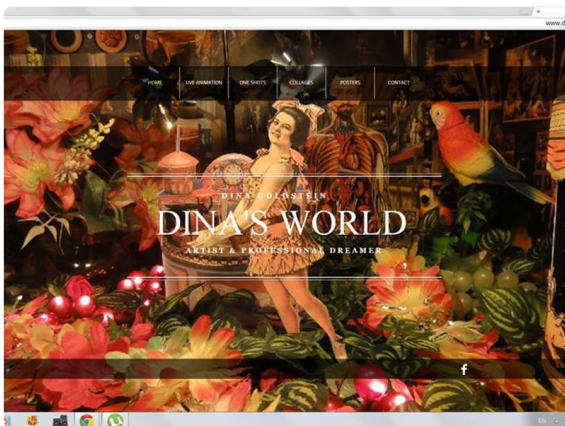


9:00 AM - 3 hr

#### A final mission reflection workshop with Dina Goldstein

Activity Blogger - Lilian Vidmar-McEwen

[Dina Goldstein](#) is a multi-disciplinary artist living and working in Tel Aviv. Her works include live animation performances, collage, video and dance. On the verge between performance, visual art and toy theater, the works strive to evoke surreal fantasy worlds, deriving from my yearning for the wondrous and the desire to bring the magical into the quotidian.



12:30 PM - 2 hr  
**Lunch**



1:00 PM  
A ride to Kfar Manda



1:30 PM - 3 hr  
**A visit to an Arab village (Kfar Manda)**  
**Activity Bloggers -**

1. Charlie Greene

Elijah Kriwinsky

[About Kfar Manda](#) (click on the link)



4:30 PM - 1 hr  
**A ride to Shfaim**



6:00 PM - 1 hr  
A ride to Tel aviv



7:00 PM - 2 hr  
**Mission final dinner at the Cooking Studio**  
**Activity Bloggers -**

1. Zach Schoenbrun

2. Jaden Tsirlin

[About the Cooking Studio](#)



11:00 PM  
Layla Tov



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**Overnight at Shfayim**

## June 22 - Going back home



4:00 AM - Israel Daylight Time  
Boker Tov



**4:30 AM** - Israel Daylight Time - 1 hr  
**A ride to the Airport**



**7:15 AM** - Israel Daylight Time - 30 min  
**Breakfast at the Airport**



**Post Mission Blogs (by June 26, 2023)**  
 Bloggers - Charlotte Wasserman (8,9) and Ella Rosenberg (10)



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**8:06 AM** - Israel Daylight Time  
**Depart from Ben Gurion International Airport (TLV) (נמל התעופה בן גוריון)**

AIRLINE	FLIGHT NUMBER	TERMINAL	GATE
Lufthansa	LH 695	3	E01



**Ben Gurion International Airport (TLV) (נמל התעופה בן גוריון)**  
 תל אביב-יפו, תל אביב, ישראל, 70100 Ha-Mamri'im Rd.,  
 +972 3-975-5555



**11:19 AM** - Central European Summer Time  
**Arrive at Frankfurt Airport (FRA)**

AIRLINE	FLIGHT NUMBER	TERMINAL	GATE
Lufthansa	LH 695	1	C5A





### Frankfurt Airport (FRA)

Hugo-Eckener-Ring, Frankfurt am Main, HESSEN, DEUTSCHLAND, 60547

+49 180 6 3724636



**2:54 PM** - Central European Summer Time

### Depart from Frankfurt Airport (FRA)

AIRLINE	FLIGHT NUMBER	TERMINAL	GATE
Lufthansa	LH 470	1	B43



### Frankfurt Airport (FRA)

Hugo-Eckener-Ring, Frankfurt am Main, HESSEN, DEUTSCHLAND, 60547

+49 180 6 3724636



**4:44 PM** - Eastern Daylight Time

### Arrive at Toronto Pearson International Airport (YYZ)

AIRLINE	FLIGHT NUMBER	TERMINAL	GATE
Lufthansa	LH 470	1	E78



### Toronto Pearson International Airport (YYZ)

3111 Convair Dr., Mississauga, ON, CA, L4W 2P7

(416) 247-7678



**7:15 PM** - Eastern Daylight Time

### Depart from Toronto Pearson International Airport (YYZ)

AIRLINE	FLIGHT NUMBER	TERMINAL	GATE
Air Canada	AC 8735	1	F86



### Toronto Pearson International Airport (YYZ)

3111 Convair Dr., Mississauga, ON, CA, L4W 2P7

(416) 247-7678



**8:18 PM** - Eastern Daylight Time

### Arrive at Cleveland-Hopkins International Airport (CLE)

AIRLINE	FLIGHT NUMBER	TERMINAL
Air Canada	AC 8735	TERM



### Cleveland-Hopkins International Airport (CLE)

5300 Riverside Dr, Cleveland, OH, US, 44135

(216) 265-6000



### After The Trip - The Bloggers

1. Ben Blocker

2. Teddy White



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## Cohort 11 Israel Mission - Bloggers and Photographers

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## Expectations for Photography and Blogging

### Photography and Blogging Guidelines for Cohort 11 Israel Mission

**Photography** - Every member of Cohort 11 should think of themselves as a photographer, and will be expected to turn in their photographs at the end of the day. These will be taken with your cell phones. Please be sure to capture the following images:

1. Landscape/background shots for each speaker or activity
2. At least 5 very interesting Israeli objects
3. Members of the group

POD – photographer of the day. Each day 2 people will be assigned to take photographs all day, and will use the icnext “official” cameras. Each POD should take the following images:

1. Landscape/background shots for each speaker or activity
2. Interesting Israeli objects and people
3. Members of the group being engaged in the learning or activity

**Blogging** – All members of the group will be assigned times to blog. If your assignment is a speaker, be sure to record the correct spelling of their name, where this talk is taking place, and important details of their presentation. At the end of the day you will put together a blog that presents both information and your reflection/reaction to the speaker or event.



## Cohort 11 Year 2 Fellows Program

To successfully complete the Fellowship Year, you will need to continue your involvement with our program for **20 hours** over the course of Year 2. You can satisfy this requirement by doing a project, and then attending speakers and/or reading “Impossible Takes Longer” by Daniel Gordis.

**August 20** will be the Cohort 11 reunion and Year 2 planning meeting. This will also be a ‘formal’ welcome to the 23-24 Shin Shinim.

## Project Assignments:

icnews	Based on blogs and photographs from icnext participants, edit a 2-page, color inserts for publication	Shawna Ben Ezrin Arielle
Israel Update	Keep members of icnext informed of current events in Israel, using articles and information from online news sources. Six “briefings” will be published in a digital format, focused on political, cultural and social events – 6 episodes	Ori Jaden Dani
Video Exhibit	Create a video collage exhibit using photos, videos and text from the 2023 Israel Mission	Lillian Arielle Charlie Alex
Dead Sea Advocacy	Work with TeachCle to produce an advocacy project that would be used either in Cleveland or in Israel.	Talia Elijah Jacob Teddy
Deeper Learning	Brandeis University – study 1 hour per week and earn scholarship money.	Zach Oren
StandWithUs	Internship which will include organizing local events and attending an International Conference in Los Angeles	Shawna Ezrin



### Statement of Personal Responsibility



### Dear icnext participants