**HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE TOUR WITH PASTOR JEFF HINDS**

**March 4 – 13, 2023**

It has been said that a trip to the Holy Land enhances the experience of reading our Bible in much the same way as viewing a picture in color that was previously only seen in black and white. Come with us to Israel and give “color” to your Bible study time. **Pastor/Dr. Hinds** **has designed this tour to offer the utmost in both inspirational and historical Biblical education as we tour the steps of Christ and other Biblical figures.**

Our Israeli guide: **Doron Heiliger**. (Much in demand for his services, Doron is licensed by the Israeli Minister of Tourism and has worked as a guide for over thirty years. Doron has served as a group tour guide for: Hal Lindsey, David Hocking, Liberty University, David Jeremiah and Jack Hayford.)

**INCLUDED IN OUR PRICE:**

\* ROUND TRIP AIRFARE from ORD or NYC to/from Tel Aviv. (\*please see **EXCEPTIONS AND EXCLUSIONS #1 below)**

\* FULL BUFFET BREAKFAST every morning.

\* FULL DINNER every evening

\* TIPS AND GRATUITIES (\*please see **EXCEPTIONS AND EXCLUSIONS #2 below)**

\* AIRPORT TRANSFERS while in Israel.

\* TRANSPORTATION IN ISRAEL (using modern, luxury class, air-conditioned tourist buses.)

\* 7 DAYS SIGHTSEEING - ADMISSION TO ALL SITES

\* LICENSED ISRAELI GUIDE

\* KIBBUTZ HOTELS (using Nof Ginosar on the shores of the Sea of Galilee [www.ginosar.co.il](http://www.ginosar.co.il) & the Ramat Rachel, Jerusalem [www.ramatrachel.co.il](http://www.ramatrachel.co.il) (\*please see **EXCEPTIONS AND EXCLUSIONS #3 below)**

PRICE PER PERSON: **$3998.00** [ **A $800 deposit made payable to: Gifts From Above (is due with application).]**

  **A second installment in the amount of $800 is due June 1, 2022**

 **Final payments are due: Dec 1, 2022. (sorry, we do not accept credit cards)**

**NOT INCLUDED:** Covid tests if required; airline fuel surcharges, Travel Insurance, cost of U.S. passport, beverages or meals (other than specified), items of a personal nature (such as laundry and telephone calls.)

PLEASE NOTE: luggage is restricted to 1 piece check-in & 2 carry-on (Airlines may charge for meals and extra pieces of checked baggage)

**EXCEPTIONS AND EXCLUSIONS:**

**#1** Other airports available; a price difference could apply.

**#2** The Sea of Galilee boat ride; the Garden Tomb; guide and driver will appreciate an optional love offering.

**#3** Price based upon double occupancy.

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Mail application (below) and direct all questions to:

 **ROBERTA KLEIN**

**GIFTS FROM ABOVE**

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**SHAVERTOWN, PA 18708**

**Phone: 570.575.1710 // E-mail:** **ark2@epix.net**

**OUR REFUND POLICY** – PLEASE NOTE: **Travel insurance is now REQUIRED.**

**Gifts From Above** will issue a full refund of all deposits within a 30 day period of application. Due to supplier regulations, a $450 administrative fee will be deducted from all refunds requested after 30 days. Upon receipt of second installment, we will purchase group airline seats. Airline seats are nonrefundable/ nontransferable and are not exchangeable. **Once group airline ticketing is completed, cancellations will not receive a refund of the deposit or second installment of total tour cost.**

**60 days prior to departure only a 25% refund of the final payment will apply.**

**Cancellations made between 59 and 40 days prior to travel will receive only a 10% refund of the final payment.**

**Cancellations made 39 days or less before travel date are ineligible for any refunds.**

– ANY REQUESTS FOR CANCELLATIONS MUST BE MADE **IN WRITING** TO GIFTS FROM ABOVE. THE POST MARK//DATE ON THE ENVELOPE (OR YOUR E-MAIL) WILL SERVE AS DATE OF OFFICIAL NOTICE OF INTENT TO CANCEL.

 **Please e-mail all cancellation requests to: Gifts From Above ATTN: Roberta Klein**

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**APPLICATION – page 1 of 2 (each page must be submitted in entirety)**

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 **(PRINTED exactly as it appears on your passport)**

YOUR DATE OF BIRTH:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ GENDER:\_\_\_\_ YOUR PASSPORT #:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**(Please make a photocopy of the photo page of your passport and submit it along with this application. *If you do not yet have a passport, please note that and send a photocopy of your driver’s license.*)**

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**PLEASE NOTE -- AIRLINE TICKETS AND SEAT ASSIGNMENTS -** We negotiate special rates with major carriers and air arrangements are subject to certain restrictions on change/or cancellation, eligibility and seat assignments. Group seating policy is different for each airline. Gifts From Above is not in control of seat assignments. Seats are subject to airline discretion and may change without notice. We do everything possible to confirm seats whenever available. Some airlines and/or fare types do not allow for pre-seating and require this be done at airport check-in only. Even when seats are originally pre-assigned, they are not guaranteed and can be modified by the airline due to equipment changes. Bulkhead and exit row seats cannot be requested or pre-assigned ahead of time. Bulkhead seats are given to the passengers traveling with infants and for those with disability. Exit row seats are held for assignment at airport check in only, as passengers wishing to sit in these seats must be physically capable of carrying out the associated responsibilities. The airline agent must see a passenger’s physical condition before assigning them an exit row seat. On most routes, these seats can be purchased for a fee on arrival at the airport. At the time of booking flights we will update all travelers on seating regulations. SHOULD A SPECIAL AIRLINE SEAT BE REQUIRED, WE WILL GIVE AN OPTION TO PURCHASE AN UPGRADE AT THE TIME OUR AIRLINE CARRIER IS SELECTED. Gifts From Above are not responsible for flights that are occasionally overbooked, delayed or cancelled by the airlines. All fares and schedules are subject to change without notice.

**RESPONSIBILITY / DISCLAIMER STATEMENT - Gifts From Above** acts only as an agent for the various independent suppliers that provide hotel accommodations, transportation, sightseeing, activities, or other services connected with this tour. Such services are subject to the terms and conditions of those suppliers. Gifts From Above and their respective employees, agents, representatives, and assigns accept no liability whatsoever for any injury, damage, loss, accident, delay, or any other incident which may be caused by negligence, defect, default of any company or person in performing these services. Responsibility is not accepted for losses, injury, damages or expenses of any kind due to sickness, weather, strikes, hostilities, wars, terrorist acts, acts of nature, local laws or other such causes. All services and accommodations are subject to the laws and regulations of the country in which they are provided. Gifts From Above is not responsible for any baggage or personal effects of any individual participating in the tours / trips arranged by Gifts From Above. Individual travelers are responsible for purchasing a travel insurance policy, if desired, that will cover some of the expenses associated with the loss of luggage or personal effects.

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**HOTEL ACCOMODATIONS:**

\* I will be rooming with:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

\* Will you need a roommate? Yes\_\_\_\_ No\_\_\_\_\_ (if none is available you will need a single room.)

**PLEASE NOTE – WE WILL WORK TO MATCH ROOMMATES FOR THOSE WHO REQUEST US TO DO SO; HOWEVER GIFTS FROM ABOVE WILL NOT BE RESPONSIBLE FOR ANY PROBLEMS OR ADDED COSTS WHICH RESULT FROM ROOMMATES PROVING INCOMPATIBLE. SHOULD A PRIVATE ROOM BE NECESSARY, IT WILL BE THE INDIVIDUAL’S RESPONSIBILITY. (Please carefully check your travel insurance policy at the time of purchase for coverage in that regard).**

\* I prefer a single room:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ ($900 supplement charge will apply)

**GENERAL INFORMATION:** Will this be your first trip to Israel? Yes\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_

Do you require a special diet meal for your flight? Yes\_\_\_\_ No\_\_\_\_

 If so, what type of diet?\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Do you have any special travel or accessible needs? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

(Please note: If a special seat is required, after airline bookings become available, we will give an option to upgrade).

**EMERGENCY CONTACT PERSON**:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_­­­­­­­­­­\_­­­­­­­\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ **PHONE#**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**ADDRESS AND RELATIONSHOP OF EMERGENCY CONTACT:**

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**REGARDING TRAVEL INSURANCE: As soon as we receive your application//deposit, Gifts From Above will prepare an insurance quote for all travelers through Travel Guard. It will be the client’s responsibility to review the policy to determine if it meets their needs. ALL technical questions MUST be referred to Travel Guard – a toll free number will be provided.**

**DAY BY DAY ITINERARY**

\*\*\*\* ALL ITINERARIES ARE SUBJECT TO REVISION \*\*\*\*

**DAY 1 –**- **(MARCH 4, 2023//Saturday)** We depart the USA for an overnight flight to Tel Aviv, Israel.

**DAY 2 –**- **(MARCH 5, 2023//Sunday)** Upon arrival to Tel Aviv we go through customs [likely get Covid tested] and are greeted by our guide. We board a luxury motorcoach for our trip to the Sea of Galilee. We dine & prepare for a busy day tomorrow.

**Dinner & overnight at Nof Ginosar.**

**DAY 3 –**- **(MARCH 6, 2023//Monday)** Our tour takes us to the **Upper-Galilee**.Starting at **Tel Dan** (Laish in the Book of Judges) was the northern border of the Kingdom of Israel. We drive to **Caesarea Philippi**, (Banias) the site of Peter’s confession (Matthew 16:13-20). We visit **Nimrod’s Fortress** and delve into the history of the Crusades – and what they really were. Later we tour along the **Golan Heights**, with a stop at **The Valley (or Vale) of Tears**. This was the site of the major battle in the 1973 Yom Kippur War and drive near the border between Israel and Syria.

**Dinner & overnight at Nof Ginosar.**

**DAY 4 –**– **(MARCH 7, 2023//Tuesday) Sites for this day will vary in order but will include the following:** The ancient Roman city of **Caesarea Maritime**. This city, built by Herod the Great, is where Peter met Cornelius (Acts 10:24) and where Paul was both imprisoned and appeared in the theatre before King Agrippa and Festus (Acts 25 &26) before sailing for Rome. We visit the excavations of the theatre, the palace, the hippodrome and the harbor. We also stop to visit an **ancient aqueduct**, still intact, built by Herod the Great to supply fresh water to the city which had none. From Caesarea we drive past **Nazareth**, the city where Jesus grew up. Our visit to **Bet She’arim National Park** (flanked by Mt. Carmel) for a visit to the burial caves. At **Tel Megiddo** (the Valley of Armageddon in Revelation 16) we visit the excavations and walk through an ancient underground water tunnel. [**THE SOURCE**, published by James Michener in 1965, was based upon Tel Megiddo and details the excavation process as well as its incredible role in the history of Israel and God’s Chosen People.] En route we see an ancient tomb with a rolling stone cover. At the junction of the Jezreel and Jordan Valleys we travel past **Mt. Gilboa**.

**Dinner & overnight at Nof Ginosar.**

**DAY 5 –**- **(MARCH 8, 2023//Wednesday)** Today we drive to the **Mt. of Beatitudes**, the traditional site of the Sermon on the Mount (Matthew 5:3-10). We stop for a scripture reading and time of devotion while enjoying the beautiful scenery overlooking the Sea of Galilee. We visit the site of **Peter’s Primacy**. Close by Tabgha is the **Church of the Five Loaves and Two Fish** – we stop briefly to view the 5th-century mosaic, the church, the courtyard and a basalt-made olive press. We pass by **Chorazin**, one of the cities cursed for their unbelief. We visit ancient **Capernaum** (settlement on the shores of the Sea of Galilee). This was home to Peter, Andrew, James, John and the tax collector, Matthew. In Matthew 4:13 it is referenced as the home of Jesus and in Luke 4:31-44 it is said that Jesus taught in the synagogue. We stop at Kafka to view the feeding of 5000 mosaic. After lunch we have a **baptismal service** at **Yardenit** on the Jordan River. We end our day with a **boat ride on the Sea of Galilee**. Lastly, we dock at the museum which houses the famed ancient **“Jesus Boat”** [—considered such a significant discovery that the Pope came from Rome to visit].

**Dinner & overnight at Nof Ginosar.**

**DAY 6 –**- **(MARCH 9, 2023//Thursday)** We check out of our hotel and drive to **Beth Shean** (Beit She’an in OT times/Scythopolis, one of the Decapolis cities, at the time of Jesus) and explore this national park. Continuing south, we pass by the oasis of **Jericho** (West Bank, Arab city) on our way south we stop at **Ein Gedi Nature Reserve** – a premier hiking spot – the Wadi David circular route is beautiful hike which can be completed in approximately one hour. This oasis (where David hid from King Saul and is believed to have composed several Psalms) is an either//or activity and recommended for those who have visited Israel before and enjoy hiking. The rest of the group will continue onto **Masada,** this imposing site was the last stronghold of the Jews during the revolt against Rome. We take a modern tram to the top where we visit the ruins of King Herod’s Palace. Continuing to **Qumran,** we view the caves where the **Dead Sea Scrolls** were discovered and learn about the Essenes. Then on to the **Dead Sea**, both the lowest elevation on the planet and the saltiest body of water, here, we have an opportunity to swim in the mineral rich waters. At day’s end we drive up to Jerusalem.

**Dinner & overnight at Ramat Rachel in Jerusalem.**

 **DAY 7 –**– **(MARCH 10, 2023//Friday)** From the top of the **Mt. of Olives** (Mt. Olivet), valued for its panoramic view of Jerusalem and the Temple Mount. We **gather for a group photo** before we walk down the **Palm Sunday Road** (past an ancient Jewish cemetery) to visit the **Garden of Gethsemane** (Matthew 26) and both the **Church of all Nations** (where Jesus prayed before his arrest) and **Dominus Flevit** (where the Lord wept and predicted the destruction of the Second Temple). We cross into **Bethlehem** to visit the **Church of the Nativity** (believed to be the site of our Saviour’s birth),we stop briefly at the **Shepherd’s Field and a cave**, and visit the **Herodium**, (another palace built by Herod.) This evening we visit the **Rabbinic Tunnel.**

**Dinner & overnight at Ramat Rachel in Jerusalem**.

**DAY 8 –**- **(MARCH 11, 2023//Saturday)** We walk through the **Old City of Jerusalem** and take in the view from **atop the ancient walls [the Rampart Walk]**. We walk the **Jewish Quarter,** City of David, past the **Roman Cardo**. Visit the Western (**Wailing Wall**), the **Temple Mount** (where the Temple stood), we stop at **St. Anne’s Church** to experience the acoustics, the **Pool of Bethesda** (where in John 5 it is recorded that Jesus healed the paralytic), the **Church Ecce Homo/Sisters of Mt. Zion**, site of Pilate’s judgment hall/ **Praetorium of the Antonia Fortress**. We walk along the **Via Dolorosa** to the **Church of the Holy Sepulcher**. Some time is allowed for shopping in the Old City.

**Dinner & overnight at Ramat Rachel in Jerusalem**.

**DAY 9 –**– **(MARCH 12, 2023//Sunday)** Today we don water shoes for our visit to **Hezekiah’s Tunnel** (built before 701BC beneath the city of David by King Hezekiah and referenced in II Chronicles, Ch 32). Later we visit **Emek Tzurim** – located on the lower steps of the Mt of Olives in the Kidron Valley, this archaeological dig site sponsors the **Temple Mount Antiquities Salvage Operation** where 300 truckloads of soil, removed from the Temple Mount by the waqf during construction of the underground el-Marwani Mosque, are now located. We will be trained in sifting procedures and participate in this dig which has already uncovered extensive artifacts dating back from the 1st Temple period, as well as Roman, Hasmonean, Herodian and Byzantine periods. We next experience **Yad Vashem [**remember the name]**,** the **Holocaust Museum.** Our day ends with a visit to **Gordon’s Calvary/the** **Garden Tomb** where we hold a worship/communion service. Should Covid tests be required, they will be done this evening.

**DAY 10 –(MARCH 13, 2023//Monday) Depart Tel Aviv for our return to the USA.**