



Israel

EXCLUSIVELY FOR YIVO

NOVEMBER 9-18, 2027

\$8,114

per person,
double occupancy*

\$2,290

single supplement

*see page 4 for details

Join YIVO for its first-ever tour of Israel where we will learn the fascinating story of Yiddish culture in the Jewish state. Led by noted historian Dr. Samuel Kassow, the program will include visits to major Yiddish cultural organizations, lectures on Yiddish writers, and performances of Yiddish music, as well as tours of the new National Library, the ANU Museum of the Jewish People, Yad Vashem, and Kibbutz Lokhamei Ha-Getaot, founded by veterans of the ghetto uprisings. There will also be a trip to the Nova Music Festival site, where we will pay our respects to the victims of October 7.

The tour will be chaired by Irene Pletka, vice-chair of the YIVO Board of Directors.

To learn more, please contact:

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ITINERARY HIGHLIGHTS

Day 1 / Tuesday, November 9 / Arrival in Tel Aviv

- Arrival at Ben Gurion Airport
- Transfer to the hotel
- Check-in at the hotel
- Welcome Dinner
- Dan Tel Aviv Hotel

Day 2 / Wednesday, November 10 / Tel Aviv

- Breakfast at the hotel
- Visit the Eastern European Communities section at the ANU Museum of the Jewish People
- Lunch
- Visit the Sholem Aleichem House, a center for Yiddish culture in Tel Aviv and Israel
- Return to the hotel in the late afternoon
- Evening cabaret at the Sholem Aleichem House (TBA)
- Dan Tel Aviv Hotel

Day 3 / Thursday, November 11 / Tel Aviv

- Breakfast at the hotel
- Visit the Leyvik House
- Visit Yung Yidish (founded in 1993 by Mendy Cahan) with its unique collection
- Walk down the Independence Trail along Rothschild Boulevard in the White City neighborhood
- Lunch
- Time at leisure in the Nachalat Binyamin neighborhood
- Dan Tel Aviv Hotel

Day 4 / Friday, November 12 / Tel Aviv – October 7 Sites – Tel Aviv

- Breakfast at the hotel
- Visit the Ayalon Institute (also known as the bullet factory)
- Pay respects at the Nova Music Festival site
- Visit a kibbutz that was attacked on October 7, 2023 (TBA)
- Learn about life along the border: agriculture, education, culture, and community, and the terrifying experience on Simchat Torah, October 7, 2023
- Return to Tel Aviv in the afternoon
- Shabbat Dinner
- Dan Tel Aviv Hotel

Day 5 / Saturday, November 13 / Tel Aviv

- Breakfast at the hotel
- Shabbat in Tel Aviv
- Dan Tel Aviv Hotel

Day 6 / Sunday, November 14 / Tel Aviv – Kibbutz Lohamei HaGeta'ot – Tel Aviv

- Breakfast at the hotel
- Drive along the coast
- Visit the Atlit Detention Camp
- Lunch
- Continue to Kibbutz Lohamei HaGeta'ot to visit the Ghetto Fighters' House. It is not only the first Holocaust museum in the world, but also the first of its kind to be founded by Holocaust survivors.
- During the visit, see documents from the Berman collection
- Return to Tel Aviv in the afternoon
- In the evening, enjoy a performance
- Dan Tel Aviv Hotel

Day 7 / Monday, November 15 / Jerusalem

- Breakfast at the hotel
- Check-out of the hotel
- Transfer to Jerusalem
- Visit Yad Vashem, including the archives of the Auerbach collection and the Ringelblum Archive
- Discussion of the critical cooperation between Yad Vashem and YIVO in the '50s and '60s
- Continue to the Machane Yehuda Market, the traditional market in Jerusalem
- Enjoy free time at the market
- Afternoon visit to the Supreme Court of Israel (TBA)
- Check-in at the hotel
- Optional walking tour in the Mishkenot Sha'ananim neighborhood, the first Jewish neighborhood outside the Old City of Jerusalem
- Remainder of the day at leisure
- Orient Jerusalem by Isrotel

Day 8 / Tuesday, November 16 / Jerusalem

- Breakfast at the hotel
- Morning at the Hebrew University in Jerusalem, including a lecture on the rich collections of important Yiddish writers, including letters and documents
- Lunch
- Visit the Jerusalem Cinematheque's Israel Film Archive, housing a Yiddish collection
- Optional walking tour in the Old City, including the Jewish Quarter, the Hurva Synagogue, and the Rabbinical Tunnels at the Kotel (Western Wall)
- Remainder of the day at leisure
- Orient Jerusalem by Isrotel

Day 9 / Wednesday, November 17 / Jerusalem

- Breakfast at the hotel
- Visit the National Library of Israel
- Afternoon at leisure
- Farewell Dinner
- Orient Jerusalem by Isrotel

Day 10 / Thursday, November 18 / Jerusalem – Home Flights

- Breakfast at the hotel
- Transfers to Ben Gurion Airport

* *Itinerary is subject to change.*

* *Dietary restrictions will be accommodated if possible.*

** **Please see visa information on page 5.**

RATES

\$8,114 per person*, double occupancy – includes a **\$1,000** per person tax-deductible gift to YIVO†
\$2,290 single supplement

* *Based on a minimum of 15 participants.*

† *Upon receipt of the final payment, YIVO will provide a letter indicating your tax-deductible contribution.*

The price is based upon the following included services:

- All private services throughout the tour
- All transfers on arrival and departure day (November 9 and November 18)
- Full-time licensed Israeli guide
- 5-star hotels in Tel Aviv and Jerusalem
- Whisper system with microphones and headsets is provided throughout the tour
- Air-conditioned coaches
- Daily Israeli breakfast buffets at the hotels
- 4 lunches
- 3 dinners
- All entrance fees as per the program
- Tips to drivers, guides, and Tour Director
- All taxes and fees

Not included services:

- Flights to and from Israel
- Required entry form ETA (Electronic Travel Authorization) for travel to Israel
- Transfers on days other than the announced arrival and departure dates
- Pre- or post-tour hotels or other arrangements
- Meals and services not mentioned
- Travel insurance – strongly recommended!
- Any personal expenses

Payment:

A deposit of \$1,000 per person, a completed registration form, and a signed Travel Insurance Information form are required by April 1 to sign up for the tour. Upon receipt of the reservation, YIVO will issue an invoice for the balance. The balance is payable in equal installments; the first installment (50%) is due no later than July 21, and the second and final installment no later than August 20. Upon receipt of the final payment, YIVO will provide a letter indicating your tax-deductible contribution.

Pre- and Post-Tour Services:

Participants requiring individual travel arrangements in conjunction with this tour must inform the Tour Operator as early as possible. All payments for pre- or post-tour services requested by participants should be made directly to Momentum Tours & Travel. If paying by credit card, a 3.8% fee will be added to the total invoice amount. If the final payment is not received on

time, the Tour Operator, Momentum Tours, reserves the right to cancel reservations and apply cancellation fees. In the event of currency fluctuation of 3% or more, the Tour Operator reserves the right to adjust the rates until final payment is received.

Cancellations and Refunds:

For all cancellations, we will refund payment less the following cancellation fees:

<u>Prior to the departure</u>	<u>Cancellation fee</u>
Up to April 19, 2027	\$1,000 per person
Up to August 19, 2027	50% of the cost per person
August 20, 2027 and after	Full Payment

Meals:

Breakfasts are served buffet-style at the hotels. Other meals are served at restaurants or at the hotels and are based upon set menus reflecting local traditions. Vegetarian or fish options are available when mentioned under special requests. Lunches will vary according to the time and the place. Alcoholic beverages are not included except where specifically indicated.



Airport Transfers:

Momentum Tours & Travel offers complimentary transfers on the listed arrival and departure dates. These are November 9, 2027 and November 18, 2027. Pre-tour arrivals or post-tour departures, individual transfers, hotels, or other services can be arranged upon request and must be paid directly to Momentum Tours & Travel by the individual travelers.

Travel Insurance:

We strongly recommend that each traveler purchase a Travel Protection Plan (also known as Travel Insurance). Information about travel protection will be forwarded upon request and included in the confirmation information after registration for a tour. Most travel insurance covers pre-existing conditions only if the insurance is purchased within 14 days of the tour registration/deposit. All participants are required to return a completed and signed Travel Insurance Information form upon registering for the tour.

Passport and Visa:

Each participant must possess a valid passport, which must be valid for at least six months after the tour’s completion. If a visa is required, it is each traveler’s responsibility to obtain the visa. Travelers from the USA, Canada, and Australia do not require a visa for this tour. Momentum Tours cannot be held responsible for any missing visas, if required. All travelers visiting Israel require an ETA (Electronic Travel Authorization). The application must be made by each traveler. Momentum will forward the link to the official ETA application site.

Disclaimer:

Momentum Tours & Travel, Inc. (hereafter referred to as the “Tour Operator”) and its representatives act solely as independent contractors for various suppliers of services in connection with its tours. These services may include accommodation, transportation, meals, and other related arrangements. The Tour Operator does not assume any liability for injury, inconvenience, expense, damage or loss of property, death, cancellation, change in itinerary, accident, irregularity, or delay resulting from the negligence, default, or actions of any hotel, carrier, motor coach company, restaurant, company, or individual providing such services, or from acts of God. The Tour Operator shall not be held responsible for delays or damages caused by illness, theft, labor disputes, mechanical breakdown, quarantine, government actions or restrictions, war, terrorism,

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