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Program dated: November 1, 2017
Itinerary subject to change.

JEWISH FEDERATION OF BROWARD COUNTY PRE- TOUR TO ISRAEL October 10- 15, 2018

Day One: Wednesday, October 10, 2018

DEPARTURE

- Depart the U.S.A.

Overnight: Flight

Day Two: Thursday, October 11, 2018

ARRIVAL

- Arrive at Ben Gurion International Airport.
- Welcome by our representative and assistance with arrival formalities.
- Drive to Jerusalem
- **Welcome to Jerusalem** - ברוכים הבאים: Enter the vibrant and colorful ancient city of Jerusalem, and experience the convergence of the old and the new.
- Check into the hotel.
- 7:00PM **Welcome dinner** at the acclaimed Anna Restaurant.

Overnight: Orient Hotel, Jerusalem

Day Three: Friday, October 12, 2018

INTO THE DESERT, MASADA & THE DEAD SEA

- Breakfast at the hotel.
- Drive to the Dead Sea Basin and ascend by cable-car or walk up the Snake Path to **Masada**, Herod's mountain palace and the site of the Jewish Zealots' last stand against the Roman Legionnaires. Discuss Masada's role as a symbol of Jewish defence and its current significance in modern Israel.
- Experience the weightlessness of the **Dead Sea** as you float in its waters.
- Lunch on own en route.
- Return to Jerusalem, passing by **Qumran**, the area where the Dead Sea Sect established a community, and the caves where the Dead Sea Scrolls were found.
- Hosted Shabbat Dinner.

Overnight: Orient Hotel, Jerusalem

Day Four: Saturday, October 13, 2018

ALONG THE COAST

- Breakfast at the hotel.
- Check out of the hotel, depart Jerusalem and drive north along the coastal plain to **Caesarea**, one of the Land of Israel's most important cities in the Roman Period; visit the Herodian theater and the new excavations along the Mediterranean shore, concluding with a visit to the ruined 900-year-old Crusader town.
- Guided visit to **Zichron Ya'acov**, one of the first communities established by the early Zionist pioneers, including a walk along the colorful **Pedestrian Mall** and stop for lunch on own.
- Drive north along the Mediterranean to **Akko (Acre)**, a UNESCO Heritage Site, for a multi-layered experience from the days of the Crusades through contemporary Israel, including guided visits to the restored **Crusaders' Fortress** and walk through the colorful **Akko shuk (market)**.
- Continue to the Upper Galilee and check into the kibbutz hotel.
- **Dinner** at the hotel.

Overnight: Kibbutz Hotel Pastoral, Upper Galilee

Day Five: Sunday, October 14, 2018

SWEETS, SERENITY AND SECURITY IN THE NORTH

- Breakfast at the hotel.
- Check out of the hotel.
- Walk through the **Tel Dan Nature Reserve**, located on the largest tributary of the Jordan River, and explore the ruins of the great Biblical city of Dan.
- The panoramic views from **Mt. Bental** (overlooking the abandoned Syrian town of Kuneitra) give sharp insights into Israel's security situation on the **Golan Heights**, and the enormous challenges it faced in the 1973 Yom Kippur War.
- Lunch on own en route.
- Explore **Tsfat**, a center of Jewish mysticism for hundreds of years and a contemporary artists' colony, including:
 - Guided visits to the **Ari, Caro or Abuhav Synagogues** with their great stories and mystical messages.
 - A dialogue with an **Artist** inspired by the messages of Kabbalah.
 - A stroll through the quaint **Artists' Colony** and chance to shop in the galleries and crafts shops.
- Drive to Tel Aviv.
- Enter the city of **Tel Aviv**, known as the "city that never sleeps," with its centers of culture, recreation and national history, great beaches and fine stores.
- Check into the hotel.
- Dinner on own at the renovated **Old Port of Tel Aviv**, with its wonderful restaurants, cafés and shops, right on the water's edge.

Overnight: Royal Beach Hotel, Tel Aviv

Day Six: Monday, October 15, 2018

TEL AVIV: THE FIRST HEBREW CITY

- Breakfast at the hotel.
- Visit the **Ayalon Institute** near Rehovot for an eye-opening tour of a clandestine munitions factory used during the British Mandate.
- Visit the **Old City of Jaffa**, ascend from the old port through the renovated alleyways to the Jaffa Overlook for an introduction to Tel Aviv at the place where it all began.
- Lunch on own.
- Explore two thousand years of rich Jewish culture and community at **Beit Hatefutsot**, the Museum of the Jewish People, located on the Tel Aviv University campus.
- Free time.
- Meet up with the other participants of the Mission.