February 20-March 1, 2023

ITEC’S 45TH ANNIVERSARY TRIP TO THE UAE AND ISRAEL

CELEBRATING A NEW GENERATION OF LEADERSHIP, COOPERATION AND PEACE.
A Caravan of Endless Possibilities

UAE
February 20th – 24th, 2023

ISRAEL
February 24th – March 1st*, 2023
*Arrange late evening flight departure

Join us for a historic experience. Play a role in advancing sports diplomacy and emerging relationships between the United Arab Emirates & Israel.
VIP access to people and sites throughout the UAE and Israel.

Be one of the first to interface with Jewish community leaders, diplomats, and government officials in the UAE.

Visit 3 of the Emirates: Dubai, Abu Dhabi and Sharjah where we will experience their unique cultures, art scenes, diverse cuisine and traditions.

Experience Israel as an insider: the land, its diverse people and how they are developing a common language.

Discover the vibrancy of Tel Aviv and Jerusalem’s Old City and the population explosion of the Negev through a range of curated and unique activities.

Meet with the children, alumni, staff and families of the Israel Tennis & Education Centers.

Explore Mitzpe Ramon, Israel’s Grand Canyon & UNESCO site, while enjoying luxurious accommodations and spa treatments with breathtaking views of the desert landscape.

Savor a Bedouin Feast on the edge of the crater.
The UAE Experience

Arrive in Dubai by February 20th to recover from travel and adjust to the time zone. Rejuvenate at the Waldorf Astoria Dubai, your magnificent beach resort on Palm Isle.

Journey in the UAE begins on February 21st. Explore Dubai, the fastest growing city on the planet and business mecca of the UAE.

Discovery Tour of Old Dubai
A blend of ancient landmarks famous souks, winding alleys, and old buildings nestled in the glamour and glitz of this glorious metropolis.

Architectural tour of Dubai led by a professional architect. This non-touristic tour will uncover ancient secrets.

Dialogue with Chief Rabbi of the UAE & Muslim Clerics
Dinner with leaders of the Jewish community.

Hosted by Mr. Khalaf Ahmad Al Habtoor, an advocate of tennis diplomacy and business leader of the Emirates.
Abu Dhabi

The capital of the UAE, Abu Dhabi houses local and federal government offices and is the home of the United Arab Emirates Government.

**The Abrahamic House**, soon to open, consists of a mosque, church, synagogue, and educational center constructed on Saadiyat Island, the cultural heart of Abu Dhabi.

**Sheikh Zayed Grand Mosque**, one of the largest mosques in the world.

**Lunch and Dialogue with the US Ambassador and Israel Ambassador to the UAE.**

**VIP guided tour of the Louvre Museum** for insights into the evolution of arts in various cultures & civilizations.
Tour the Emirate of Sharjah

Sharjah is the 3rd largest city in the UAE. Sharjah is known for its Arabic and Islamic architecture as well as its libraries, Islamic museums, and cultural centers.

**Discover The Heart of Sharjah**, a cultural heritage project that has preserved and restored the old town of Sharjah in the United Arab Emirates (UAE) and returned it to its 1950s state.

**Visit the Sharjah Museum of Islamic Civilization**

**Tour the Sharjah Arts Museum**

**Explore the Central Market**
The Israel Experience

Celebrate the Israel Tennis & Education Centers’ long held values of inclusion and cross-cultural exchange between children of numerous religions and ethnicities. Meet the alumni & hear how ITEC has influenced their lives.

Choose from a range of curated experiences in Tel Aviv to learn about topics including Biotech, Social Innovation, Shared Living, Art & Architecture and Women in Israel.

Enjoy Shabbat with ITEC friends and guests marking this spiritual moment together.

Explore Tel Aviv by biking, hiking, yoga and meditation, visiting galleries or wine tastings.

Experience a VIP tour of the Peres Center for Peace & Innovation, including a discussion on Artificial Intelligence and its role in Health Systems.

Understand the role of sport and education in empowering youth in the Bedouin Community of the Negev. Visit with the Mayor of Rahat and discuss the importance of ITEC to this community. Tour Rahat and visit thriving women-owned small businesses.

Understand the complex geo-political condition in the Otef Aza region which immediately surrounds the Gaza strip. Learn about the issues of security in this area. Visit ITEC activities in Sderot.

Follow your path and select from a wide range of activities exploring Mitzpe Ramon, Israel’s Grand Canyon & a UNESCO site.

Experience one of a kind star gazing in the Crater along with a Bedouin feast!

Pre-UAE & post-Israel trip options are available (at additional cost).
Full Itinerary

Day 1
UAE

OPENING DAY OF OUR JOURNEY

WELCOME TO DUBAI BRIEFING BY A SCHOLAR

TOUR OLD DUBAI AND SOUKS
As the fastest-growing city on the planet, Dubai is an ever-changing land with a nearly dizzying blend of ancient landmarks and modern contrasts. Our Old Dubai discovery tour will highlight the best of this eclectic wonderland with its famous souks, winding alleys, and old buildings nestled in the glamour and glitz of this glorious metropolis.

ARCHITECTURE TOUR OF DUBAI
See the city from a different angel with a professional architect. This insiders tour will uncover some construction secrets that are not known to everyone.

THE JEWISH COMMUNITY
Meeting with community leaders, including Rabbi Eli Abadi and Muslim Leaders.

DINNER WITH MEMBERS OF THE JEWISH COMMUNITY
Overnight Dubai - Waldorf Astoria

Day 2
UAE

Breakfast in the hotel's restaurant.

DEPART FOR ABU DHABI

THE ABRAHAMIC HOUSE
The Abrahamic Family House will be a beacon of mutual understanding, harmonious coexistence and peace among people of faith and goodwill. It consists of a mosque, church, synagogue, and educational center to be built on Saadiyat Island, the cultural heart of Abu Dhabi.

TOUR SHEIKH ZAYED GRAND MOSQUE
This architectural work of art is one of the largest mosques in the world. The striking white and gold color shining in the sun is transformed at night and the only lighting system which reflects the phases of the moon. The mosque’s first ceremony was the funeral of its namesake, Sheikh Zayed, who is buried at the site.

LUNCH WITH US AMBASSADOR AND ISRAEL AMBASSADOR TO THE UAE

VIP TOUR OF THE LOUVRE MUSEUM
The Louvre Museum provides insights into the evolution of arts in various cultures & civilizations.

COFFEE IN EMIRATES PALACE
Drive back to Dubai
Free evening
Overnight Dubai - Waldorf Astoria
Day 3
UAE

Optional: early morning tennis
Breakfast in the hotel's restaurant

DUBAI DUTY FREE TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIP
EXPERIENCE THE DUBAI MALL
ENJOY THE HOTEL FACILITIES

TRACKS OF INTEREST
Choose from the following itineraries:

TOUR THE EMIRATE OF SHARJAH
(half a day tour)
Sharjah is the 3rd largest Emirate in the UAE that perfectly combines culture, art and industries.

Discover The Heart of Sharjah, a cultural heritage project that has preserved and restored the old town of Sharjah in the UAE and returned it to its 1950s state.

Visit the Sharjah Museum of Islamic Civilization
Tour the Sharjah Arts Museum
Explore the Central Market

TOUR THE ART SCENE IN DUBAI
With its growing art scene Dubai has a lot to offer art lovers. Explore the 500,000 square feet renowned cultural district of Alserkal Avenue, which functions as the region's foremost platform for contemporary art.

PRIVATE RECEPTION HOSTED BY MR. KHALAF AHMAD AL HABTOOR
Overnight Dubai - Waldorf Astoria
**Day 4**  
**UAE to Israel**

**FRI**  
**DAY 24 FEBRUARY 24**

**Touring:**  
Tel Aviv

**Overnight:**  
Tel Aviv

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**DEPART THE UAE FOR ISRAEL**

*Arrive in Israel by Charter Flight from Dubai (early afternoon arrival)*

**MISSION-WIDE SHEHECHEYANU**

Recite the words of praise and drink l’chaim, to life, to mark this unforgettable place and time in your journey.

**ARRIVE AT THE HOTEL**

Hospitality desk  
Easy check-in, free time to freshen up before the evening

**KABBALAT SHABBAT**

Acapella singing group to lead the service.  
Dvar Torah  
Candle lighting

**FESTIVE SHABBAT DINNER**

Festive Shabbat dinner together with ITEC friends and guests  
*Overnight Tel Aviv - The David Kempinski*
Day 5
Israel

SATURDAY
FEBRUARY 25

Touring:
Tel Aviv

Overnight:
Tel Aviv

9:30 A.M. | MORNING SESSION
Global Perspective on Israel Today - Challenges and Inspiration

OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE DAY (or free time)
White City walking tour
 Galleries visit
 Wine tasting (additional cost)
 Wellness: yoga, meditation and spa (additional cost)
 Herbs and edible plants: expert-led foraging hike (additional cost)
 Bike Tel Aviv (additional cost)

HOME HOSPITALITY DINNERS IN THE RESIDENCES OF PROMINENT ISRAELIS
Overnight Tel Aviv - The David Kempinski
Day 6
Israel

SUNDAY
FEBRUARY 26

Touring:
Tel Aviv

Overnight:
Tel Aviv

Breakfast at leisure in the hotel’s restaurant

8:30 A.M.
“No Room for Small Dreams: Courage, Imagination, and the Making of Modern Israel”
Shimon Peres
The Peres Center For Peace & Innovation

Welcome remarks by Chemi (Nechemia) J. Peres, chairman of the Peres Center for Peace & Innovation, Managing General Partner and Co-Founder of Pitango Venture Capital.
VIP tour of the center.

Expedition Prediction: the journey to reduce the world’s health systems loads through Artificial Intelligence with Dr. Kira Radinsky, Diagnostic Robotics Chairwoman & CTO.

9:30 A.M. - 2 P.M. | BOUTIQUE PERSONAL TRACKS OF INTEREST

Follow your path of special interest with your customized itinerary. It is also an opportunity to get to know new people who shares the same interest and passion.

BIOTECH, CYBER & INNOVATION
Central Blood Bank.
Visit Sequentiﬁ and meet with founder Ophir Herbst: A start-up that has revolutionized the approach to DNA sequencing.

SOCIAL INNOVATION
Tech for Good: Israeli incubator addressing the world’s social challenges through innovative technological solutions.

ART & ARCHITECTURE
From the Bauhaus to contemporary architecture.
Meet with Ethiopian-Israeli emerging artist Tigist Yoseph Ron.
Visit the studio of Israel’s leading artist: Sigalit Landau.

WOMEN IN ISRAEL
WePower a non-partisan Israeli NGO, promoting women’s leadership.
Meet ALMA participants.
Tebeka legal aid organization serving Israel’s Ethiopian community.
Visit the studio of Israel’s leading artist: Sigalit Landau.

PLURALISM & COEXISTING
Experience the multicultural and diverse religious presence in the city of Jaffa.
Yad b’Yad (Hand in Hand) Jewish-Arab School.
Encounter: bringing Jewish values into our understanding of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict.

TAYIBE
Visit the Arab city of Tayibe, in central Israel, north east of Kfar Saba.
ITEC activities in Tayibe.

6:30 P.M. | FESTIVE EVENT AT RAMAT HASHARON CENTER

Larry and Mary Greenspon ITEC-Ramat Hasharon
Celebrating ITEC past achievements, present successes and future dreams.
• Elegant dinner
• Prestigious speaker/s
• Special guest speaker
• Distinguished guests, ITEC alumni and legends, current children and their families, and volunteers
• Awards presentation
• Live entertainment
Day 7
Israel

MONDAY
FEBRUARY 27

Touring:
South

Overnight:
South

Early bird optional activity: yoga / running
Breakfast in the hotel’s restaurant and checkout

8:30 A.M. | DEPART SOUTH

Living on the edge
Sderot & Otef Aza
Understand the complex geo-political condition in the Otef Aza region. Otef Aza refers to the area immediately surrounding the Gaza Strip, a several mile circumference and includes the town of Sderot as well as several Kibbutzim and Moshavim.
Security briefing lookout and a tour with the Israel Trauma Coalition (ITC).
Meet the Security officers who are in-command of Otef Gaza’s residents’ safety.
Lunch & ITEC activity in Sderot.

The Bedouin of Israel
Rahat
With an estimated population of around 70,000, Rahat is the largest Bedouin community in the world.
The visit will provide a multi-layered understanding of the Bedouin community in the Negev, with a special focus on issues related to empowering youth through sport and education, the employment market and prospects for Bedouin women.
Welcome by Mayor and ITEC families.
Lunch & ITEC activity in Rahat.
Tour of the city.
Visit successful women owned small businesses.

Proceed to Beer Sheva

4:00 P.M. | SPORT & WELLNESS HAPPENING WITH ITEC ATHLETES AND FAMILIES
Samson Family ITEC-Beer Sheva
Proceed south to the hotel - time to rest and freshen up before dinner.

DINNER AT THE HOTEL
“Starry night” The desert night skies are legendary. We will see the various constellations and planets as darkness falls.
Overnight South - Beresheet Hotel
Day 8
Israel

TUESDAY FEBRUARY 28

Touring: South

Overnight: South

Early bird optional activity: yoga / running

Breakfast in the hotel's restaurant

9:30 A.M. - 4 P.M. | BOUTIQUE PERSONAL TRACKS OF INTEREST II
Mitzpe Ramon Area

Follow your path of special interest with your customized itinerary. It is also an opportunity to get to know new people who share the same interest and passion. Lunch included for all tracks.

SUSTAINABILITY & INNOVATION

The Desert Agriculture: technologies for a better, greener & healthier world and the global effort of combating desertification.

Visit cutting-edge irrigation and agriculture technologies.

Tour Israel’s vast solar-energy valley in the desert and one of the largest renewable energy projects in the world.

HIKE & NATURE

Hike Ramon Crater, a UNESCO world heritage site. The Crater contains geological formations unparalleled elsewhere in the world.

Explore the Desert inhabitants and the ways wildlife adapted to the area.

All about Camels - hands-on. experience with the amazing “ships of the desert.”

OFF THE MAIN ROAD

Jeep ride and hike at Har Karkom (Mt. Karkom) believed to be the biblical Mt. Sinai.

Picnic lunch.

Hands-on desert navigation experience.

ART & CREATIVITY (hands-on)

The ancient craft of the desert: Embroidery and Weaving.

Landscape photography with a local photographer.

Paint the crater led by a local artist.

Visit the studios of local leading artists.

ISRAEL FROM ABOVE (by helicopters)*

Fly over the Ramon Crater and proceed east.

Enjoy a bird’s-eye view of Masada and the Dead Sea.

See Israel’s longest land border and discuss the Peace situation with Jordan.

Land above the Cave of Horror, the location of the latest archeological discovery of treasures.

Tour Israel’s huge new solar-energy valley in the desert.

Auja al-Hafir (known these days as Tel Nitzana) and the border with Egypt.

THE PEOPLE OF THE DESERT

Visit Ben-Gurion’s Cabin in Sde Boker.

Visit the Ramon Museum.

Tour Avdat to learn about the ancient Nabateans and the incense trade route.

Meet the current pioneers of the Negev: the settlers of the lone farms. Get a glimpse into the challenges and rewards of this fulfilling lifestyle.

Wine tasting at one of the Negev’s boutique wineries.

*Helicopters additional cost

All tracks arrive at the hotel

Time to rest and relax
Day 8
Israel (cont.)

TUESDAY
FEBRUARY 28

Touring:
South

Overnight:
South

Day 9
Israel

WEDNESDAY
MARCH 1

Touring:
Jerusalem

(optional day for those who wish to depart on Wednesday morning)

THE ULTIMATE DESERT EXPERIENCE - EVENING EVENT IN THE CRATER

One cannot complete the desert experience, without the desert warm hospitality under the incredible desert sky.

Be welcomed by the desert acclaimed hospitality rituals; with coffee, herbal tea, fruits and other sweets.

Participate in an energetic drum circle.

Spectacular fire show.

Rich Bedouin hospitality dinner.

“Hafla” (feast) party: dancing, arak and music.

Overnight South - Beresheet Hotel

Early bird optional activity: yoga / running

Breakfast in the hotel's restaurant

Time to enjoy the hotel facilities and spa.

DEPARTURE OPTIONS:

1. Early Departure from Israel around 9:00 AM: Bus from Beresheet to BGA for your flight home or to Petra extension.
2. 11:00 AM Proceed to Jerusalem with the group for a day of activities.

Check out

FREE TIME IN JERUSALEM

1 P.M. | AT THE KNESSET

Lunch at the Knesset

Panel discussion: Sport / Tennis and Diplomacy

Moderated by Prof. Reuven Hazan, Prof. of Political Science at The Hebrew University of Jerusalem.

Joined by the Minister of Culture & Sport, Minister of Education and former ITEC athletes who are serving in the Knesset.

Time to rest and get ready for dinner.

Day-use rooms available at the David Citadel Hotel for participants who are departing in the evening (additional cost).

DINNER IN JERUSALEM

DEPART FOR THE AIRPORT
Trip Details

Space is limited, first come first serve.

INCLUDED:

4 nights’ accommodation at the Waldorf Astoria Dubai, a Luxury Resort situated on Palm Jumeirah Island.

5-star luxury accommodations, 5 nights in Israel: 3 nights at The David Kempinski, Tel Aviv & 2 nights at the Beresheet Hotel and Spa, Mitzpe Ramon.

ITEC Chartered flight from Dubai to Israel and transport to and from airports.

All meals in the UAE and Israel with the exception of one free evening for dinner in the UAE & two lunches on your own in Israel.

All programming except helicopters track selection and optional activities.

Luxury transportation.

Gratuities.

Israeli educators – English speaking tour guides in UAE & Israel.

24/7 hostess available in UAE & Israel.

NOT INCLUDED:

Flights to the UAE and from Israel to your home.

Transportation upon arrival in Dubai from the airport to the hotel.

Medical and travel insurance.

Transportation to Ben Gurion Airport for individual extended stays.

Cost

UAE & ISRAEL:

$9,750 USD per person, double occupancy

Single supplement additional $1,630 USD

ISRAEL ONLY:

$5,620 USD per person, double occupancy

Single supplement additional $1,520 USD.

Deposit: $2,500 USD per person required to confirm reservation.

Registration from March 15th to July 1st
Pre & Post Trip Extensions

Pre-Mission Extensions in the UAE & Post Mission Extensions in Israel and Petra available at additional cost.

UAE PRE TRIP OPTIONS:
- Full Day Tour of Sharjah
- Modern Dubai City Tour
- Ras Al Khaimah Tour
- Desert Safari
- Tour the Art Scene of Dubai

ISRAEL POST TRIP OPTIONS
- Jerusalem 101
  - Tour the Supreme Court.
  - Nachlaot & Machne Yehuda Market as Jerusalem prepares for Shabbat: late night tour of the best of the city’s bakeries.
  - Yad Vashem and Mt. Herzl.
  - Tour the Old City of Jerusalem.
  - Overnight at the David Citadel, Jerusalem.

PETRA (two days-March 1 & 2)
- The ancient city of Petra, and the sandstone valley Wadi Rum, are home to amazing archeological sites, architectural gems, and geological formations. You will have the chance to visit temples, tombs, canyons, petroglyphs, and many other natural and manufactured wonders.
Journey Chairpersons: Sandra and Bill Lippy

Co-Chairs:

Ellen & Alan Goldner
Lisa Grogan-Green & Kevin Green
Jennifer Haas
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Barbara & Richard Rothschild
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