

14 JULY – 6 AUGUST 2017/5777*

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RSY-NETZER ISRAEL TOUR

SCHOOL YEAR 11/14



RSY-NETZER ISRAEL TOUR: EXPERIENCE THE UNFORGETTABLE

INTRODUCING RSY-NETZER

RSY-Netzer is all about immersing yourself in a Jewish environment, being empowered, and making lifelong friends. We are an inclusive youth movement that takes a fun, modern approach to Judaism and informal education in a safe, supportive environment.

We aim to inspire and empower you through innovative, engaging learning and informed decision making within our Reform community. We do this through living out our key values of Reform Judaism, Reform Zionism, Tikkun Olam (social action) and Livluv (personal development).

As the youth movement for Reform Judaism in the UK, RSY-Netzer has been around for more than 30 years. Every year over 1000 young Jewish people experience our welcoming and exciting Jewish community.

If you haven't yet been on an RSY-Netzer event, Israel Tour with RSY-Netzer is a great way to get involved, while experiencing the unforgettable!

DATE*

14 July – 6 August 2017*

AGE GROUP

16 year olds
(school year 11/S4)

PRICE

£2899 (Earlybird price for Reform synagogue members, up to and including 5 January 2017)

£2999 (Reform synagogue members, after 5 January 2017)

£3069 (Earlybird price for Non-Reform, up to and including 5 January 2017)

£3169 (Non-Reform, after 5 January 2017)

Price includes: return flights to Israel, accommodation, travel, food, entrance fees, private transportation, insurance for basic medical, baggage and travel. RSY-Netzer also provides a tour T-shirt, a Tour Orientation Day, a First-Timers' Day and transfer from Northern and London locations, to a London airport on departure day.



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TIMELINE

- 24 Nov 2016 **Manchester Parents' Information Evening**, 7-8pm, Location: Menorah Synagogue
- 29 Nov 2016 **Leeds Parents' Information Evening**, 7.30-8.30pm, Location: Sinai Synagogue
- 1 Dec 2016 **London Parents' Information Evening**, 7-8.30pm, Location: Sha'arei Tsedek Synagogue
- 5 Jan 2017 **Deadline** for the Earlybird price (the date by which RSY-Netzer should be in receipt of your completed Enrolment Form and deposit)
- 27 Jan 2017 **Deadline** for Financial Assistance Forms to be received by RSY-Netzer
- 13 Feb 2017 **Deadline** for Enrolment Form and deposit (places are subject to availability and could be filled up before the deadline)
- 24 Feb 2017 **Deadline** for full UJIA Israel Experience Application including Medical and Welfare Forms (completed online, printed out and sent to RSY-Netzer, including photos and relevant signatures)
- 27 Feb 2017 Date from which **deposits are non-refundable**
- 19 Mar 2017 **First-Timers' Day**, 4-6pm in London, compulsory for new participants
- 27 Apr 2017 **Deadline** to pay full balance
- 2 Jul 2017 **Compulsory Orientation Day**, 1.30pm-6.30pm in London (location to be advised)
- 2 Jul 2017 **Parents' Information Meeting**, London (location to be advised)
- Jul 2017 **Parents' Information Meeting** in Leeds and Manchester (dates and location to be advised)
- 14 Jul 2017 Tour **departs***
- 6 Aug 2017 Tour **returns***

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WELFARE

At RSY-Netzer we pride ourselves on our professional approach towards the welfare, health and safety of our participants. Our leaders go through a detailed training programme and we employ a resident Welfare Officer who is based at the Sternberg Centre all year round.

RSY-Netzer has experience in supporting young people with a range of needs (including medical, physical, social and emotional) in an organised and sensitive manner. We have a strict confidentiality policy and comply with national standards for child welfare. Please let us know through the Medical Form about your child's needs as soon as possible.

SAFETY AND SECURITY

RSY-Netzer has a longstanding reputation for upholding high levels of security. Israel Experience Ltd in Jerusalem maintains contact with the appropriate Israeli security authorities who check all our itineraries on a daily basis and keep RSY-Netzer updated. There is close supervision of groups at all times.



COMMUNICATION

At RSY-Netzer keeping parents informed is a top priority. Before Israel Tour, we make sure you have all the information about the programme and once on Tour, we send you daily email updates. We also have a Mekasher/et (RSY-Netzer's representative) in Israel who will support our tours and, in case of emergency, is available to you by phone 24 hours a day.

OUR PARTNERS

The Jewish Agency for Israel is the tour operator for RSY-Netzer Israel Tour. Bursaries for RSY-Netzer Israel Tour are provided by UJIA and Reform Judaism. RSY-Netzer is fortunate to have an international HQ in Jerusalem, Netzer Olami – so participants will have the chance to make connections with young Jews from across the globe.

FOR MORE INFORMATION GO TO WWW.RSY-NETZER.ORG.UK/ISRAEL-TOUR

"RSY-NETZER ISRAEL TOUR WAS A ONCE IN A LIFETIME EXPERIENCE TO TRAVEL AROUND ISRAEL AND VISIT ALL THE INTERESTING AND BEAUTIFUL PLACES, AND I MADE MANY NEW FRIENDS THROUGHOUT. I LOVED THE ENVIRONMENT THAT WAS CREATED WITHIN OUR TOUR - WITHIN A FEW DAYS PEOPLE ALREADY FELT COMFORTABLE SHARING WITH EACH OTHER WHICH I THOUGHT WAS REALLY SPECIAL."



ACTIVE VOLUNTEERING EXPERIENCES



EXPLORE THE MODERN METROPOLIS AND BEACHES OF TEL AVIV



AN EXCITING AND CHALLENGING EDUCATIONAL JOURNEY



EXPLORE THE BEAUTIFUL NEGEV DESERT



EXPERIENCE KIBBUTZ LIFE



SNORKEL IN EILAT



A UNIQUE RSY-NETZER COMMUNITY ATMOSPHERE



REFORM JEWISH EXPERIENCES



DISCOVER THE SECRETS OF JERUSALEM



FLOAT IN THE DEAD SEA



SEE THE SUN RISE OVER MASADA



UNCOVER THE TREASURES OF THE SOUTH



HIKE AND SLEEP UNDER THE STARS



TOUR ISRAEL WITH AMAZING RSY-NETZER LEADERS

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Application Information

Places are limited, so please ensure that you book early to avoid disappointment. To apply for a place on RSY-Netzer Israel Tour, we require a deposit of £500 (payable to Reform Judaism) and a completed Enrolment Form no later than 13 February 2017. Deposits are non-refundable from 27 February 2017. If you cancel your place prior to this date, you will be entitled to a refund less the £175 Administration Fee.

On your Enrolment Form it is important that you identify (by ticking the box) which is the primary email address to which the user name and password will be sent and will be the main channel of communication.

All subsequent forms for Israel Tour are completed online, printed out and sent to RSY-Netzer, including photos and relevant signatures. On receipt of your Enrolment Form and deposit, you will receive an email which will contain:

- Your unique user name and password
- The Important Information and Terms and Conditions booklet

Other information concerning Israel Tour will be sent to you in due course and you can find additional information on our website.

Once you have received the email, read all the information carefully and then, using your unique user name and password, go online and complete the Application and Medical Forms. All Application and Medical Forms must be completed, printed, signed and returned to RSY-Netzer by 24 February 2017.

Please note that all friend requests must be submitted only through the online Application and Medical Form. These requests are in no particular order. Please also note that if we haven't received your Application and Medical Forms by the deadline we can't guarantee that your friend requests can be accommodated.

Your place will only be secured once we have received your completed and signed Application and Medical Forms and they have been approved. *If anything changes relating to the medical information before Israel Tour begins, it is your responsibility to advise us in writing beforehand.* All Application and Medical Forms must be printed off, completed and signed by you and your GP and returned to us no later than 24 February 2017. Once you have returned all your forms to us and they have been approved, you will be sent a confirmation email.

Price and Additional Charges

RSY-Netzer offers a £40 discount for every additional sibling attending one of our summer events. This will be shown on your final statement. Go to <http://rsy-netzer.org.uk/shemesh-summer-camp/> to find out about our other summer events.

Please note that at any time up until departure, you may incur the cost of an additional fuel surcharge and airport tax by the airline. UJIA Israel Experience will have to pass any increased charges on to the participants and their families as per their Terms and Conditions.

Payment

We have an Earlybird price so do make sure you get your forms in by 5 January 2017, to benefit from this.

Full payment from all applicants must be received by the RSY-Netzer office no later than 27 April 2017. An invoice will be emailed prior to this date. Payment can be made by debit card, credit card, cash, cheque and bank transfer. If you wish to pay by bank transfer, contact Alyson Joseph

on 020 8349 5666.

Credit Card Charge

A 3% fee will be added to all credit card payments. We now accept American Express for which a 2% charge will be added. There is no fee for debit card payments.

Financial Assistance

RSY-Netzer strongly believes that our young people should have the opportunity to take part in our events and we strive to support this in every way we can. Financial assistance is available through Reform Judaism and UJIA to applicants who can't meet the full cost of the programme. Reform Judaism and UJIA aim to offer young people the opportunity to take part in our Israel Tour through financial assistance (bursary) funds that will assist individuals as far as possible based on a means tested process.

The Reform Judaism and UJIA Bursary Fund Committees guarantee complete confidentiality throughout the process and that the identities of the recipients of financial assistance (bursaries) remain anonymous.

If you are in a financial situation where you are unable to afford the full cost of the programme, please download the Israel Tour Financial Assistance Form from www.rsy-netzer.org.uk/events/israel-tour/israel-tour-financial-assistance

Financial Assistance Forms must be sent to the RSY-Netzer Office no later than 27 January 2017. The £500 deposit must be sent with the Enrolment Form. Forms received after this date may not be considered. For more information, contact Alyson Joseph on 020 8349 5666.

Additional Expenditure

Pocket Money: The recommended amount of pocket money for the duration of Tour is £250 (this will include buying the tour hoodie for about £12-£15). *Pre-paid cash/ currency cards or Shekels are preferred.*

Kit & Equipment: Before tour, if you do not have them already, you will need to purchase water bottles, to be able to carry 3 litres, and suitable walking boots and sandals with ankle support. We will also send a more detailed kit list nearer to the departure date.

Cancellation

If you wish to cancel your place on Israel Tour, you must contact: ajoseph@rjuk.org, in writing. Deposits are non-refundable from 27 February 2017. If you cancel your place prior to this date, you will be entitled to a refund less the £175 Administration Fee. Any participant who cancels after the deposit deadline will be entitled to a refund in accordance with the following:

- 61 days or more prior to departure date: 100% of monies paid less deposit which includes a £175 Administration Fee.
- From 31-60 days prior to departure date: 50% of monies paid (or payable) less deposit which includes a £175 Administration Fee.
- From 15-30 days prior to departure date: 20% of monies paid (or payable) less deposit which includes a £175 Administration Fee.
- Between 1-14 days prior to departure day no monies will be refunded.

Israel Tours are not ATOL protected.

For more useful information about RSY-Netzer Israel Tour, and what to expect, visit

www.rsy-netzer.org.uk/israel-tour

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“MY DAUGHTER HAD THE TIME OF HER LIFE ON RSY-NETZER ISRAEL TOUR AND HAS MADE FRIENDS FOR LIFE. THIS WAS A RITE OF PASSAGE FOR HER AND AN EXPERIENCE SHE WILL TREASURE.”

“OUR SON HAS MADE GREAT FRIENDS AND HAD A FANTASTIC EXPERIENCE. HE HAS ALSO GAINED VALUABLE INSIGHT INTO ISRAEL, ITS BEAUTY, HISTORY, PEOPLE, ISSUES AND ITS IMPORTANCE IN UNDERSTANDING HIS REFORM JEWISH HERITAGE AND IDENTITY.”



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