



FRIENDS OF THE IDF

Chairman's Leadership Mission to Israel

November 11-18, 2022

Join your FIDF Family on this wholly immersive mission to Israel for our most dedicated leaders.

This weeklong experience includes opportunities to navigate military life alongside Lone Soldiers, meet top Israeli officials, explore FIDF programs that empower soldiers, and so much more.

Friday, November 11, 2022

- Optional **visit to the Kotel** before Shabbat. Enjoy Jerusalem, the only city where you're surrounded by 5,000 years of history with every step you take.
- The mission officially begins with a ruach-filled **Shabbat service** in Jerusalem with the **Chief Cantor of the IDF and the IDF Rabbinical ensemble**.
- **Dinner with Lone Soldiers** from local FIDF communities.

Overnight: King David Hotel, Jerusalem

Saturday, November 12, 2022

- **Guided walking tours** in the Old City and New City of Jerusalem.
- **Conversation with FIDF CEO, Steve Weil**, about modern Jewish history, including the establishment of the State of Israel.
- **Havdalah service** at the hotel
- Visit and private dinner at the **Menachem Begin Heritage Center**. This one-of-a-kind museum highlights one of Israel's most influential leaders, Menachem Begin. We'll travel from Begin's beginning as head of the Irgun, through his time as Prime Minister when he masterfully brokered the lasting peace treaty with Egypt.

Overnight: King David Hotel, Jerusalem

Sunday, November 13, 2022

- **FIDF Exclusive Experience: Visit the Tel Nof Air Base**. Visit a cutting-edge Israeli Air Force Base, featuring the most advanced technology in aeronautics in the world. Hear a commander's

insider briefing on the strategic agenda for the Israeli Air Force, meet trailblazing pilots and watch aircrafts take off and land on the edge of the runway.

- Visit to the **Ayalon Institute**. This regular kibbutz was once home to an ammunition plant used to fight the British occupation in the 1940s.
- Spend the **evening with Lone Soldiers**, together with Nefesh B'Nefesh, a key partner organization for FIDF.

Overnight: King David Hotel, Jerusalem

Monday, November 14, 2022

- **FIDF Exclusive Experience: Visit the Golani Training Base.** “Enlist” in the IDF for a hands-on opportunity to train with the soldiers of the Golani Brigade. Walk away with a firsthand understanding of some of the skills these soldiers must have in order to succeed and protect their country.
- Enjoy a guided tour of a **Druze village** complete with a unique lunch. A minority in Israel, the Druze choose to serve their nation in the IDF and protect Israeli citizens
- Dinner at the hotel with a featured speaker.

Overnight: Dan Carmel Haifa Hotel

Tuesday, November 15, 2022

- **FIDF EXCLUSIVE:** An interactive discussion on the Northern Border of Israel with **Brigadier General Nitzan Nuriel**, the most senior IDF officer responsible for Israel and U.S. military cooperation. B.G. Nuriel will share a strategic analysis of the most acute threats

facing Israel on the border with Lebanon, and will offer insights on the mutually crucial relationship between Israel and the U.S.

- **Visit an armored Brigade Training in the Golan Heights.** Be part of a small-group leadership training and strategy simulation with the officer candidates on Israel's crucial northern border.
- **Lunch at a fine Israeli Winery.** Learn about the art and history of fermenting grapes in the holy land!
- **Special Dinner in the Old City**

Overnight: Dan Carmel Haifa Hotel

Wednesday, November 16, 2022

- **Visit Michve Alon Educational Corps Base,** home to FIDF's Project Overcome Program. Experience this unique base that offers classes for troubled youth to integrate into the IDF. Here, soldiers are trained and supported, mentally and physically, to become Israeli soldiers, and change the course of their lives.
- Enjoy a **celebratory dinner and party** with IMPACT! students and graduates, with a backdrop of a spectacular view of Jerusalem, second-to-none.

Overnight: King David Hotel, Jerusalem

Thursday, November 17, 2022

- Visit Israel's official President's House for a private **meeting with Israeli President Isaac Herzog.**
- Pay tribute to Israel's fallen at the **National Military Cemetery and the Terror Victims Memorial Hall** and say a special Kaddish as one FIDF family to honor those who made the ultimate sacrifice for the freedom of Israel and the Jewish people.

- **Meet with Sarit Gomez**, who lost her husband in the second Lebanon War while she was six months pregnant with their first child, and Michal Keidar who lost her husband Lt. Col Dolev Keidar, who was killed in Gaza during Operation Protective Edge.
- Share **an inspiring lunch** where all mission participants will have the opportunity to define their personal role in shaping the future of Israel and Israeli society.
- Say farewell at a **closing Chairman's Leadership Mission party**.

Overnight: King David Hotel, Jerusalem