

# TEMPLE B'NAI ISRAEL & STS PETER & PAUL CHURCH



## PILGRIMAGE

Rabbi Peter E. Hyman

&

Fr. Robert E. Coine

invite you...

### JERUSALEM, GALILEE, ROME and SUBIACO

11-24 March 2012



\$4,695 p/p (share basis)

Personally Escorted by:

Guido Adelfio, President of Bethesda Travel Center LLC

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Mt. Tabor has special significance since it was the site of the episode of Deborah (Jg 4 & 5), and appears to be the locale where the leaders of the Madianites killed the brothers of Gideon (Jg 8:18). Tabor was also the site of the NT Miracle of the Transfiguration, when Jesus became radiant and conversed with Moses and Elijah, as witnessed by Peter, James and John.

#### Wednesday, 14 March

#### Jer - Tabor - Galilee - Jer

AM excursion to northern Israel, passing Mt. Tabor (view from a distance). Lake Galilee will be our first stop to visit the Mount of Beatitudes with a brief visit to Capernaum, where Jesus lived and preached in the Synagogue. Plans call for a boat ride across Lake Galilee, with **lunch** of Peter's Fish on the eastern shore. Late return to Jerusalem with dinner stop en route (independent dinners). **(B,Lunch)**

#### Thursday, 15 March

#### Jer - Qumran - Dead Sea - Massada - Jer

Today's excursion will include Qumran, where the Dead Sea Scrolls were hidden for centuries. **Lunch** along the shores of the Dead Sea and a chance for a swim in the buoyant waters before reaching Massada, the mountaintop citadel where in 73AD the Romans laid siege, resulting in (it is controversial,,,) death or suicide of the Jewish defenders. Return to Jerusalem for a free evening. **(B,L)**

## PRE-TRIP

### Sunday, 16 October 2011

### Easton

An informational session at Temple B'Nai Israel will be hosted by Guido Adelfio, President of Bethesda Travel Center to explain the itinerary details and for Q&A. All are invited and on-the-spot enrollments will be accepted. Light refreshments will be served. 18-19h30



### Sunday, 12 February 2012

### Easton

A pre-trip briefing at {location and time TBA} will provide pilgrimage participants with final itinerary information, detailed description of each day's activities and a Q&A session. Light refreshments will be served. {Time TBA}

## TRIP ITINERARY

### Sunday, 11 March

### Easton - Newark

Assemble in Easton at Temple B'Nai Israel at 10h30 with Rabbi Peter Hyman & Father Robert Coine as we embark on our adventure. A privately chartered motorcoach will take us to Newark Liberty Airport [EWR] (one rest stop en route). Check in and board Alitalia [AZ] 643 (economy cabin) ETD 17h50.

### Monday, 12 March

### Rome - Tel Aviv - Jerusalem [Jer]

Arrival in Rome [FCO] this morning [ETA 07h20] for European immigration formalities. After passing security we will board our AZ 808 ETD-ETA 09h30-13h45. On arrival at Ben Gurion Airport [TLV] transfer to Jerusalem for check in to our **Hotel Inbal**. Free time to rest. Welcoming wine & cheese reception and **dinner** tonight. **(Dinner)**



"We entered the land you sent us to explore, and it is indeed a bountiful country—a land flowing with milk and honey. Here is the kind of fruit it produces." Numbers 13:27

### Tuesday, 13 March

### Jer: (city touring)

Daily hotel **breakfasts**. Full day touring of Jerusalem today will include Temple Mount and the Western Wall, including opportunity for prayer and a transit of the tunnel. We will visit a portion of the Via Dolorosa and the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, on the site attributed to Christ's crucifixion and burial by the Empress St. Helena (mother of Constantine) in 326AD, as well as David's Tomb, the room of the Last Supper, and Gethemane, the Garden of Olives (truly a moving day!). **Dinner** in a local restaurant TBA. **(Breakfast,D)**



Pilgrimage is a tradition found in the history of nearly every major religion. It is a transformational journey to a holy place during which new insights are gained and, upon return, life is seen with different eyes. Spiritually speaking, where the pilgrim begins and where he or she ends is never the same.



**Friday, 16 March Jer - Yad Vashem - Bethlehem - Shabbat Dinner**

Moving AM visit to Yad Vashem Holocaust Museum. Free time then before journeying to Bethlehem in the near suburbs, where Mass is planned at the Church of the Nativity. Returning to Jerusalem in time for Shabbat services and Shabbat **dinner** this evening. (B,D)

**Saturday, 17 March Jer- Tel Aviv - Rome**

AM free with Saturday morning Sabbath Services at Hebrew Union College, Alma Mater of Rabbi Peter Hyman. **Lunch** as we transfer to TLV Airport for AZ 813 [17h05-20h00] flight to FCO. Transfer on arrival in Rome to Hotel NH Giustiniano. (B,L)

**Sunday, 18 March Rome: Mass at St. Peter's - PM Free**

Sunday Mass today projected at St Peter's Basilica. After Mass, the Holy Father's custom is to share a reading and bless the assembled in St. Peter's Square, followed by the *Angelus* prayer. A free afternoon will allow you time to relax and explore this remarkable city. (B)

**Monday, 19 March Rome: Vatican Museums - Catacombs**

AM visit to the Vatican Museums including the Sistine Chapel and requested visit to the rare book rooms, featuring one of the world's great collections of illuminated manuscripts. Visit the Basilica of St Peter before **lunch**. Head now to the southern edge of Rome, an area dominated by tufa rock (particularly good for underground tunneling), where a visit is planned to one of the six catacombs in Rome (out of more than 100) that host the deceased of Rome's Jewish population, in addition to a tour of Santa Domitilla, burial place of nine popes. (B,L)



The defeat of the Jews in 70AD brought the Jewish community to Rome. Depicted on the Arch of Titus in the Roman Forum carrying holy objects including the Torah and a Menorah, the defeated Jewish population subsequently dispersed throughout the Roman Empire from Poland to Morocco, creating the Jewish Diaspora.

**Tuesday, 20 March Rome - Subiaco - Rome**

Subiaco is in the hills east of Rome and is the site of the founding Monastery of St Scholastica (sister of St Benedict), who in the downfall days of Rome (VI-c) founded a religious order here in the cave known as the *Sacro Speco*, ornately decorated with beautiful frescoes which survive yet today. Mass and **lunch** before returning to Rome for a free evening. (B,L)



Saint Peter in Chains is home to the shackles that bound Peter both in Jerusalem and in Rome. This church also features the Moses Statue, and the relics of the Seven Maccabees are thought to be in the sarcophagus behind the main altar. The Titular Possessor of "San Pietro in Vincoli" is Donald Cardinal Wuerl of Washington Archdiocese.

**Wednesday, 21 March Rome: Papal Audience - PM City Tour**

Reserved seated tickets will be requested for the weekly Papal Audience at St. Peter's Square (subject to papal schedule). Adjourn to the hotel for **lunch** prior to a guided city tour to include St Peter in Chains, the Colosseum and Forum, as well as the Pantheon and Piazza Navona. A free evening to explore Rome's many *trattorie* and *ristoranti*! (B,L)

**Thursday, 22 March Rome: Ghetto Plus Historical Churches**

We will explore the XVI-c Ghetto of Rome, continuing to Trastevere with a detailed look at the historical *Santa Maria in Trastevere*. Continue to the *Cripta dei Cappuccini*, *Santa Costanza* and *San Clemente*, three of Rome's most interesting ancient churches, including catacombs and the Mithra altar dating from the II-c or III-c. Enjoy a free evening! (B)

**Friday, 23 March Rome: Borghese Gallery - Shabbat Dinner**

A morning visit to art wonders of the *Galleria Borghese* will be followed by a free afternoon for shopping and exploring. Shabbat services and farewell group Shabbat **dinner** with the Jewish community of Rome! *Shalom! Arrivederci!* (B,D)

**Saturday, 24 March Rome - Newark - Easton**

Transfer to FCO Airport in time for AZ 642 to EWR [10h10-14h15]. Board charter motorcoach returning to Easton [ETA 20h00]. (B)

**END OF YOUR TRIP... WELCOME HOME!**



*Rabbi Hyman and Father Coine cordially invite you to join them on a unique interfaith journey to Jerusalem, Galilee, Rome and Subiaco. This carefully designed itinerary is meant to highlight some of the most spiritually significant sites of the Jewish and Catholic faiths, and will afford trip participants a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to gain a greater understanding of fellow trip participants' history and traditions through shared experience. In the spirit of the concept of pilgrimage, it is our hope that participants will embark on the trip with a desire to learn and grow, and return home with a renewed spirituality and invigorated sense of community.*



*We are happy to enlist Guido Adelfio, President of Bethesda Travel Center to carry out trip logistics. Signing up is easy - all you need is a current valid passport (good at least thru' October 2012), and Guido will take care of the rest! Feel free to contact Bethesda Travel for further details at 301-656-1670 or email [ciao@bethesdastravel.com](mailto:ciao@bethesdastravel.com) - or simply submit your completed and signed application by mail along with your deposit check for \$1000 (\$1,750 Biz Class travelers) p/p and passport copies.*

***We truly look forward to your interest and participation!***



# WON'T YOU JOIN US?

Please don't wait... we will adhere to a maximum of 40 participants! For questions or concerns, please call Guido today at 301-656-1670, or email [ciao@bethesdatravel.com](mailto:ciao@bethesdatravel.com). We appreciate your interest in this fulfilling excursion and truly look forward to your participation!

## TERMS & CONDITIONS [T&C]

This uniquely designed travel program is offered to the congregations of Temple B'Nai Israel and the parish of Sts Peter & Paul. The per person [p/p] cost for the trip is \$4,695 (share basis, single supplement \$795), and is all inclusive of: All transportation Easton - Easton, including economy class fares and privately chartered motorcoach transportation in USA and overseas, nightly accommodations in first class hotels, daily hotel breakfasts, main meals as per the detailed itinerary (including house wine & mineral water in Italy - bev's not included in Israel), opening 'wine & cheese' reception, extensive touring and guiding with entry fees as per the detailed itinerary, the services of a multilingual travel escort, as well as all taxes, gratuities, current airline surcharges and fees. To enroll is easy, all you need is a current, valid passport, good at least thru' October 2012. Your initial deposit of \$1,000 (\$1,750 Biz Class) p/p is requested asap, with balances due 20 January. To help keep expenses down, all payments are requested by check. Payments by credit card are subject to 3.5% surcharge. Biz Class seating in Alitalia's "Magnifica Class" is available for a supplement of \$3,475 p/p. All payments are freely refundable up until 01 December, after which all payments will be 100% non refundable. Travel insurance is available and strongly recommended to all participants, as is the Bethesda Travel Center "Reassurance" penalty waiver. Bethesda Travel Center LLC, will be solely responsible for all logistical aspects, completely absolving Temple B'Nai Israel and the Parish of Sts Peter & Paul of any liability.

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## TRIP APPLICATION



Dear Guido, Yes! I am/we are excited about the Pilgrimage!

Enclosed is my/our enrollment application for the Temple B'nai Israel and Sts Peter & Paul Church Pilgrimage to Israel & Italy, 11-24 March 2012!

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

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My/our deposit check of \$1,000 (\$1,750 for Biz Class travelers) p/p is here enclosed, payable to Bethesda Travel Center LLC, along with a copy of my/our passport informational pages. (NOTE: passports should be valid thru' October 2012!)

I/we hereby attest that I am/we are in reliable physical condition and able to walk up to 1.5 miles at a stretch.

SIGNED \_\_\_\_\_

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