

**A FANTASTIC
OPPORTUNITY**



NEWCASTLE REFORM SYNAGOGUE **PROPOSED GROUP TRIP TO ISRAEL**

SEPTEMBER 2011 – FOR 7 or 9 NIGHTS

- ✧ Are you interested in visiting Israel together with some of your NRS friends?
- ✧ Do you want to see firsthand where our Jewish ancestors walked and where our history was formed?
- ✧ Would you like to walk the streets of the Old City of Jerusalem and savour our rich Jewish heritage?
- ✧ Would you like to be able to understand the political problems facing modern Israel and what it means to become a Zionist?
- ✧ Would you like to understand the challenges which Progressive Judaism faces in Israel today?
- ✧ Would you like to better understand the vital work of certain charities which operate in Israel?

We are planning all this and much more – but need at least 15 to 20 people to make it viable:

- Transport (coach) both ways between Newcastle and departure airport.
- Standard return air travel from a London airport to Ben Gurion Airport, Tel Aviv. Please note that this may be a night flight to keep costs down!
- Seven or nine nights' accommodation in three star hotel and kibbutz accommodation in Israel including breakfast and evening meal (except Saturday evening meal not included).
- All transfers within Israel by air conditioned coach with full guidance of our very own Rabbi Barbara Borts as well as an English speaking fully licensed guide where necessary.
- Friday night dinner together with the Group in Jerusalem – optional Shabbat morning service with a Reform community.
- Free day on Shabbat in Jerusalem including the evening.
- Entry included to archaeological sites including return cable car trip up Massada.



A sample itinerary (for 7 nights) is as follows but this is still being developed:



- ✧ Monday – Morning arrival, touring in the Galilee. Overnight Kibbutz.
- ✧ Tuesday – Safed, Golan. Overnight Kibbutz.
- ✧ Wednesday – Lower Galilee, Jordan Valley. Overnight Jerusalem.
- ✧ Thursday – Massada, Dead Sea. Overnight Jerusalem.
- ✧ Friday – Full day Jerusalem. Friday night dinner together. Overnight Jerusalem.
- ✧ Shabbat – Free day but optional Shabbat service together. Overnight Jerusalem.
- ✧ Sunday – Visit to Wizo/UJIA/Progressive Judaism projects. Overnight Jerusalem.
- ✧ Monday – Departure transfer.

**The cost of this trip is estimated at £1,100 to £1,250 for 7 nights
£1,250 to £1,350 for 9 nights (cost depends on numbers, fuel, exchange rates)**

The trip will hopefully take place early to mid September 2011. Price is per person based on two persons sharing twin bedded rooms. Supplement payable for single rooms will be around £210 to £280 – you may wish to share a room. We expect that the trip can be extended for you to arrive before the main group or to stay on afterwards (but you will have to make your own travel arrangements to/from departure airports if you are not travelling with the group).

Not included in the cost of the trip is the cost of - all lunches and dinner on Saturday night, travel and medical insurance, personal expenses and gratuities.

We are advertising this trip now – to ascertain the level of interest and so that those who wish, have the benefit of one year’s advance warning to start saving towards this trip. NRS can offer the facility of receiving payment over 10 months in advance of the trip – the sum paid would be fully refundable should you change your mind before the various cut-off dates for commitment and payment.

At this stage we are looking for e-mail intimations of interest in order to assess viability. We need a minimum of 15 persons to enable the trip to go ahead.

If you are interested, please e-mail: gerald@sternmail.co.uk as soon as possible -

- Please state the names of the individuals interested.
- Please state if you are interested in 7 nights or 9 nights or either.
- Please advise if you wish to use an NRS 10 month advance payment facility to start saving!
- Please advise if you need a single room or would be willing to share a twin room.