

# This Year in Jerusalem

## A Historic Mega-Mission of a Lifetime Celebrating Jerusalem's Jubilee

*\*\* This is a draft program and there may still be changes made. This encompasses the basic framework of the program.*

*\*\* Additionally, tens of other dignitaries and presenters have been approached and their participation will be confirmed in the coming days and weeks, after which the program will be updated.*

### Monday 22 May / 26 Iyar

Arrival to Jerusalem and organization at the various hotels

18:00 Early dinner at hotels

19:00 Buses depart to opening event

#### **OPENING GALA EVENT LAUNCHING THE MISSION FOR YOM YERUSHALAYIM 50**

*A Tribute to the IDF's Lone Soldiers, Volunteers and Hesder Units*

20:00-23:00 Opening Ceremony and Musical Extravaganza in the presence of Mr **Reuven (Rubi) Rivlin, President of the State of Israel, Minister of Education and Diaspora Affairs Naftali Bennett, Rabbi Lord Jonathan Sacks** and other dignitaries, and performing artists led by **Yaakov Shwekey**.

*Binyanei HaUma (International Convention Center - Jerusalem)*

## Tuesday 23 May / 27 Iyar

8:45 Davenning and breakfast in the hotels  
Buses depart for conference

**THE INTERNATIONAL JERUSALEM CONFERENCE**  
*"A Jewish State - Challenges & Opportunities In The 21st Century"*  
**10:00-17:00**  
*Binyanei HaUma (International Convention Center - Jerusalem)*

9:15 Registration

10:00-11:00 Opening of conference - **"Jerusalem: The Heavenly & The Earthly"**  
**Rabbi Lord Jonathan Sacks and Mayor Nir Barkat**

11:00-16:45 Concurrent sessions with multiple tracks - lectures, panel discussions and presentations on the spiritual, political, security and economic challenges and opportunities facing Israel and Jerusalem in the 21st Century.

- **Rabbi Lord Jonathan Sacks** and other leading rabbinic thinkers
- **Minister of Education and Diaspora Affairs Naftali Bennett, Minister of Justice Ayelet Shaked, Deputy Minister Michael Oren** and other Ministers, Deputy Ministers and Members of Knesset
- **Generals and other leading members of the military establishment**
- **Special track focusing on the battles for Jerusalem in 1967 with the heroic soldiers who fought in each battle**
- **The different tracks will be run by prominent institutes in each field, bringing together the Jewish world's top experts**

\* Lunch will be served during the course of the proceedings

17:15 Closing of conference

18:00 Return to hotels and preparation for Yom Yerushalayim  
Dinner at hotels

## YOM YERUSHALAYIM

20:00 **Festive Tefillah** in Central Jerusalem

Optional tours - *Jerusalem By Night*

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**Wednesday 24 May / 28 Iyar**

**YOM YERUSHALAYIM**

- from 6:15 Breakfast in Hotels  
7:00 Buses leave for Kotel
- 7:30 Join all the Yeshivot Hesder and their leadership in an uplifting Yom Yerushalayim Tefillah, Hallel and dancing at the Kotel plaza**
- 9:30 Light breakfast in Old City
- 10:30-13:30 **Exclusive multiple walking tours** covering all eras of Jerusalem's history in and around the Old City. Tours include Lions Gate 1967 in the footsteps of the paratroopers, rooftop tour of the different quarters, City of David and much more
- 14:00 Lunch
- 15:00 ***Like Dreamers - A United City, A Divided People***  
A talk and book signing with best-selling author **Yossi Klein Halevi**
- 16:00 Join **mega-flag march - "Rikudgalim"** - leading hundreds of thousands from new Jerusalem to the Old City
- 20:00 **FREE EVENING IN JERUSALEM**  
Experience the city's electric atmosphere

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**Thursday 25 May / 29 Iyar**

<b>CHEVRON DAY / EREV ROSH CHODESH SIVAN</b>
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- 7:30 Davenning and breakfast in the hotels
- 9:15 Depart for Chevron
- 10:15-12:30 ***Chevron - the city of our Fore-fathers and -mothers***  
Maarat Hamachpela and multiple tours in and around Chevron - the old and the new
- Lunch
- 14:00-16:00 **CLOSING CEREMONY ON MOUNT OF OLIVES**  
from beautiful vantage point overlooking the Temple Mount
- Buses back to hotels

**לשנה הבאה בירושלים הבנויה**