

CHRISTMAS 2015



Season's Greetings from the Holy Land!

Faith makes it all possible.

Hope makes all things work.

Friendship makes it all beautiful.

We thank you for another year of placing your trust in us
and your continued partnership.

Wishing you a heartfelt Merry Christmas and a prosperous
and peaceful New Year.

With blessings,
Oni Amiel & The Amiel Team

MINISTER OF TOURISM VISITING AMIEL TOURS

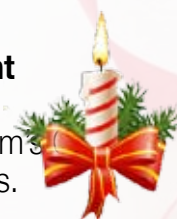
Amiel Tours has had the pleasure and honor to host the Minister of Tourism, **Mr. Yariv Levin**, in our offices. We spoke to him and his staff on how to work together to promote and increase tourism to Israel.



CHRISTMAS

CELEBRATE CHRISTMAS IN THE HOLY LAND

There is nothing like celebrating Christmas in the **Holy Land**: attend the **Midnight Mass in the Church of the Nativity in Bethlehem**, browse the **Christmas market in Nazareth**, or take a **night tour in the Christian Quarter of Jerusalem's City**. We also offer special Holiday tours in **Old Jaffa**, please contact us for details.



INCLUDE A SPECIAL EVENT IN THIS YEAR'S TOURS!!

THE HOLIDAY OF HOLIDAYS, DECEMBER 11-26

An annual celebration of the religious and cultural diversity of the city of Haifa in northern Israel which marks the Chanukah, Christmas, and Ramadan holidays, for the Jewish, Christian and Muslim residents of Haifa who live peacefully side by side. Events include concerts, exhibitions, tours, shows, and conferences.



FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS IN JERUSALEM, MAY 25-JUNE 2, 2016

The Festival of Light in the Old City will provide a dramatic and artistic dimension, as the narrow cobbled streets, and ancient city walls illuminate the night's sky.

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CHANUKAH - THE FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS! DECEMBER 7-14

■ We offer a tour of **Chanukiyot (Menorahs)** in the neighborhood of **Nachlaot or the Jewish Quarter in the Old City of Jerusalem.**

■ "Shabbat of a Lifetime" invites you to the **home of a family** living in the heart of Jerusalem. You will light the candles, experience a lively Chanukah Jam Session and get a taste of traditional foods served on Chanukah. Explanations about the holiday and its history will be given by your host.



LATKES FOR CHANUKAH – RECIPE

Ingredients

1 pound potatoes
1/2 cup finely chopped onion
1 large egg, lightly beaten
1/2 teaspoon salt
1/2 to 3/4 cup olive oil
Accompaniments: sour cream and applesauce

Preparation

Preheat oven to 250°F.
Peel potatoes and coarsely grate by hand, transferring to a large bowl of cold water as grated. Soak potatoes 1 to 2 minutes after last batch is added to water, then drain well in a colander.

Spread grated potatoes and onion on a kitchen towel and roll up jelly-roll style. Twist towel tightly to wring out as much liquid as possible. Transfer potato mixture to a bowl and stir in egg and salt.

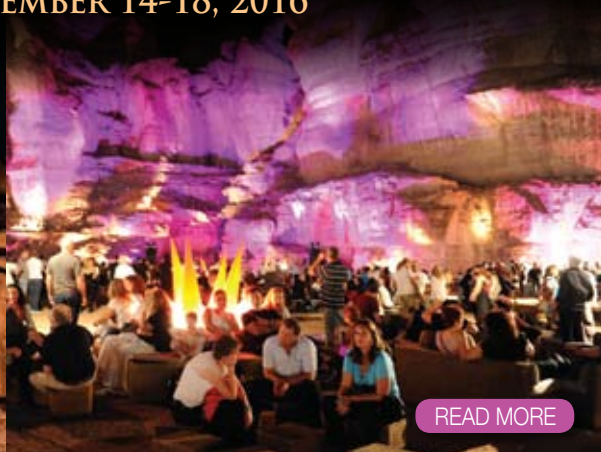
Heat 1/4 cup oil in a 12-inch nonstick skillet over moderately high heat until hot but not smoking.

Working in batches of 4 latkes, spoon 2 tablespoons potato mixture per latke into skillet, spreading into 3-inch rounds with a fork. Reduce heat to moderate and cook until undersides are browned, about 5 minutes. Turn latkes over and cook until undersides are browned, about 5 minutes more. Transfer to paper towels to drain and season with salt. Add more oil to skillet as needed. Keep latkes warm on a wire rack set in a shallow baking pan in oven.



OPERA FESTIVAL AT KING SOLOMON'S PILLARS TIMNA PARK – ARAVA

SAVE THE DATE! SEPTEMBER 14-18, 2016



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Samson et Dalila

Charles Camille Saint-Saëns

September 15 and September 17, 2016

The classic biblical story of the Israelite hero Samson and the sensational beautiful Philistine Dalila reaches Timna Park in a new larger-than life production.

Un ballo in Maschera

Giuseppe Verdi – September 16, 2016

Amelia is married to Renato yet she loves Riccardo. Renato also happens to be Riccardo's best friend and Ulrica, the fortune teller, prophesizes that Riccardo will be murdered.

Love, hate, spite and revenge in one of Verdi's most beloved operas.

JERUSALEM OPERA FESTIVAL JUNE 22-23, 2016

The opera festival at the Sultan's Pool in Jerusalem continues this year with one of Verdi's most popular operas – Rigoletto



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TIBERIAS MARATHON – JANUARY 8, 2016

Sea of Galilee Tiberias International Winner Marathon 2016.

Amiel Tours is pleased to offer attractive Hotel & Tour Packages during the "fastest Marathon below sea level"!

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PANTRY PACKERS introduces a bold new concept called **Tikkun Olam Tourism** – an exciting 90 minute hands-on opportunity to pack commodity food staples for some of Israel's poorest families. This new venture in volunteer tourism in Jerusalem offers visiting groups, bar and bat-mitzvah parties, family groups, youth groups and others the opportunity to make their contribution to Israeli society in a meaningful way. [READ MORE](#)



NEW! A SPECIAL AND EXCITING TOUR AT THE ISRAEL MUSEUM:

The Cradle of Christianity. See in real life what you read in the scriptures! The Israel Museum invites the Christian community to explore this new and fascinating route, whose twelve stations exhibit rare archaeological artifacts that reflect and echo the ancient Scriptures, bringing to life the period of the Bible, the days of Jesus, and early Christianity in the Holy Land.



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THE SHALOM YERUSHALAYIM CENTER

Located five-minute walk from the Garden Tomb, strives to engage Christian supporters of Israel from around the world. Join an hour-long program which includes a talk and short video about the Knesset Christian Allies Caucus, the Biblical significance of Jerusalem, the values that unite Christians and Jews, and conclude with a Jerusalem covenant reading ceremony.

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Eretz Hagshur Visitor Center invites you to meet olive oil from a corner that you haven't yet seen. Meet our revolutionary growth techniques, advanced production methods and taste the different olive oils we produce and have won awards all over the world. Tours are free of charge. Located in **Kibbutz Geshur** in the southern Golan Heights and just 15 minutes from the Sea of Galilee.

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GALILEAT – CULINARY ADVENTURES IN THE GALILEE

Special experience that will make your trip to Israel an unforgettable one! Galileat will show you Israel through the eyes, and palate, of local residents. **Our Arab cooking workshops** allow participant a hands-on, true to life, cultural immersion. It is a unique experience, unlike anything else you'll do in Israel.

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offers wine workshop at your hotel, by a professional wine expert, including tasting of their best wines.

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BROWN BEACH HOUSE A new boutique hotel offering 40 extra-spacious rooms and suites featuring private sun terraces with sea and city views, 24-hour concierge service, a bar with a vibe, a kosher hi-end cafe-restaurant, spa and business facilities, all within a one minute walk of the city's famous beaches.

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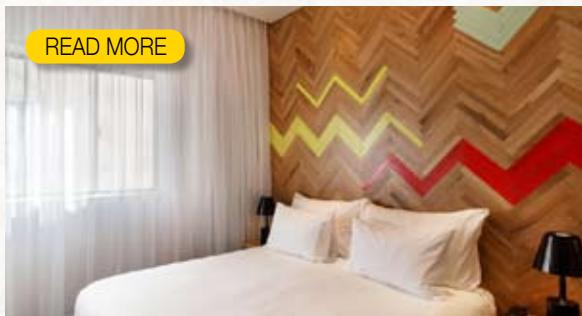


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MARGOSA - It the heart of Jaffa, a few minutes' walk from Old Jaffa and close to the vibrant and developing flea market, stands the new boutique hotel, Margosa. Every one of the 35 rooms offers high-quality beds, bathroom, central air conditioning, balcony, wireless and wired internet access (free of charge), large flat screen TV (42 inches), safe, mini-fridge and hairdryer.

HOTEL CUCU - Located on Dizengoff Street, CUCU Hotel is a breath of fresh air in the beating heart of Tel Aviv! Forget what you know about hotels in Tel Aviv, and get ready to experience a top quality urban hotel unlike any other - right in the center of where it's all happening. The 33 rooms are creative, quirky, unique, and individualized.

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THE POST – a vibrant Jerusalem low cost hostel, dreamed-up and designed for young souls. Centrally located on Jaffa Street in the heart of the city.

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SHANI HOTEL – Shani Boutique Hotel provides to its clients the most spacious suites in Jerusalem, rivaling the best hotels. Located in the heart of Jerusalem city center, this luxurious boutique hotel has fully equipped 50 rooms and suites.

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HOTEL NEWS

- **Accor** about to open a 5-star, deluxe hotel in Netanya as part of their MGallery brand
- **Waldorf Astoria Jerusalem** was voted 7th best hotel in the world by the influential magazine Condé Nast Traveler



UNITED AIRLINES launching direct flights from San Francisco to Tel Aviv 3 times a week as of April 1, 2016.



MONARCH AIRLINES

announces two new routes to Israel from Luton London Airport. The direct flights will operate three times a week to Tel Aviv (Monday, Thursday and Sunday) and once a week, on a Thursday to Ovda (close to Eilat).



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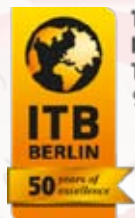
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