

Proposal for Religious Communities of Glen Rock
Interfaith Pilgrimage to Israel
April 2012

The Christian, Bahai and Jewish faiths all recognize Israel as a Holy Land. The 2012 Interfaith Pilgrimage is an effort for the three faiths to develop knowledge and appreciation for the holiness and history that are the inheritance of each faith in Israel.

Proposed dates

I: April 22 – May 1, 2012 (10 days)

II: April 22 – May 3 (12 days)

III: April 22 – May 6 (15 days)

✓ After Easter and Passover

Rough Draft of Christian, Bahai, Jewish/Israeli sites and sites of general interest to under consideration for the Spring 2012 itinerary:

Christian sites

Haifa: Stella Maris Carmelite monastery (Site of Elijah vs. Prophets of Ba'al)

Nazareth

Tiberias

Capernaum

Mt. Of Beatitudes

Jordan River (Baptism site)

Jerusalem sites: Mt. Of Olives, Garden of Gethsemane, Church of the Holy Sepulcher, Stations of the cross

Bethlehem

Bahai sites

Bahai center in Haifa, Shrine of the Bab/Gardens

Mansion of Bahji (Akko, Acre)

Jewish/Israeli Sites

Tel Aviv/Jaffa – Independence Hall, Palmach Museum

Golan Heights: Battle/bunker sites, Golan Heights winery, hiking, Talmudic village in Katzrin

Tzipori (Sepphoris)

Tzfat (Safed)

Jerusalem and environs: Old City-Western Wall and tunnels, Yad Vashem Holocaust Memorial/Mt. Herzl Cemetery, King David's city.

General/Historical Interest

Muslim Site - Temple Mount: Dome of the Rock, Al Aqza Mosque

Rosh Ha'Nikra – North of Haifa, Mediterranean Sea created grottoes in the rock, beautiful vista of the sea.

Masada - Dead Sea

Ein Gedi nature reserve

Qumran (Essene) site/caves

Kibbutz/Moshav visit

Other activities while in Israel: A group social action project TBA

Worship: Attendance at services on Sabbath(s), Group prayer & reflection activities