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האוניברסיטה העברית בירושלים

The Ethnic Mosaic of Israel
Mission of Friendship 2009
June 1 to 10

Tentative Itinerary
(in process)

Monday, June 1

Arrival in Tel Aviv: Overnight at the Sheraton Towers Hotel

Evening: Our trip will begin with dinner in Tel Aviv with our Scholar in Residence, Dr. Azziza Khazoum who will give an introductory talk providing us with a backdrop for our tour over the next four days.

Tuesday, June 2

Starting our day with a visit to Beit Hatefuzot, we will then make our way to Haifa where we will meet with Ahmediya Muslims, a peace-loving group, have lunch and then visit the Bahai Temple and hear about the Bahai religion before making our way to Mitzpe Hayamim where we will spend the next three nights.

Evening: Dinner at the hotel.

Wednesday, June 3

Our first stop of the day will be in Nazareth where we will meet and dialogue with Arab Christians and then visit Hebrew University Jewish /Arab projects in schools situated in this area. After lunch, we will visit Nazareth Illit, where we will meet and dialogue with Ethiopian Jews who have settled in this region.

Evening: Dinner in a Circassian Restaurant with a folklore performance.

Thursday, June 4

On Thursday morning we will visit Moshav Kfar Yuval where we will interact with a group of Indian Jews from Cochin and then visit the synagogues of Tzfat, with the possibility of an ethnic lunch prepared by executive chef Andre Elster (also the Kipnes Scholarship recipient) at the new Bed and Breakfast of our guide Jeff Katz. In the afternoon we will visit one of the many archeological sites in the north.

Evening: Dinner at Peki'in, a Druze Village where we will learn about and enjoy Druze folklore.

Friday, June 5

On our way to Jerusalem today, we will stop at an Indian Jewish moshav as well as a Karaite community in Ramle. We will then have lunch at the wonderful Tavlin Restaurant in the Eshtaol area. After lunch we will drive to Jerusalem allowing time to relax and prepare for Shabbat.

Evening: Shabbat dinner with the international participants of the Board of Governors of the Hebrew University and senior faculty and doctoral students of the Hebrew University's Interdisciplinary Center for Neurocomputation.

Saturday, June 6

11:00 am-1:00 pm

Study groups at David Citadel Hotel

3:00-5:30 pm

Guided walking tours of Jerusalem

- Tour of the Armenian Quarter
- Middle Eastern Architecture
- Musrara – A neighbourhood on the Seam

8:45-11:00 pm

Festive Opening Reception in honour of the 72nd meeting of the Board of Governors

Maierdorf Faculty Club, Mount Scopus

Sunday June 7

9:00 am-12 noon

The Artistic Brain

- The Visual Brain
- The Musical Brain

Edmond J. Safra Campus

12:30-2:00 pm

Exhibit Opening: Drawings of Bernice Beare Rosenberg (including lunch)
Belgium House Faculty Club, Safra Campus

Afternoon free

5:30- 7:15 pm

Convocation and honorary doctorate ceremony where our own Ronnie Appleby will be receiving an honorary doctorate

7:30-9:00 pm

Reception and Dinner in honour of Honorary Doctorate recipients

9:00-10:30 pm

Presentations by Honorary Doctorate Recipients

Monday June 8

11:15 am – 1:15 pm

Towards Curing Neurodegenerative Diseases

A symposium with Nobel Laureate Prof. Bert Sakmann, Prof. Gerald Fishbach, Prof. Hagai Bergman, Prof. Nissim Benvenisty and Prof. Eilon Va'adia.

Participants will address different aspects of Parkinson's research and treatment for neurodegenerative diseases –from the connection between research and treatment, to new research in Parkinson's, Alzheimers and autism, to the University's latest initiative in neuroscience.

1:30-2:30 pm

Lunch- Maiersdorf Faculty Club

2:30-4:00 pm

Ceremony conferring Honorary Fellowships where we will be honoring three of our own Canadian Friends

- Anna Brojde – Montreal
- Stephen Victor –Ottawa
- Dr. Joel Wilbush – Edmonton

7:30 pm

Annual Canadian dinner

Tuesday June 9

8:30-10:30 am

You may choose between:

Brain Research: People and Images

- You will be treated to a special guided tour of the **Brain Exhibition** at the Science Museum with Professors Shlomo Bentin, Shaul Hochstein, Idan Segev, and Hermona Soreq.
- A unique opportunity to meet the next generation: the extraordinary Ph.D students at the Interdisciplinary Center for neural Computation (ICNC) will present their current and future research directions.

Visit the Exhibit ' Feeling and Meaning – Seeing Art through Touch", a special exhibit for the visually impaired and general public.

Max and Iris Stern Gallery, Mt. Scopus

10:00-11:00 am

Ceremony honoring Stephen and Gail Victor of Ottawa and the re-opening of the Mt. Scopus Botanical Garden; dedication of the Stephen and Gail Victor Plaza

11:15 am -1:30 pm

Presentation of the Kaye Innovation Awards and other science related awards

Or

CFHU program relating to the pre- BOG theme “the Ethnic Mosaic of Israel”

8:00-10:30 pm

Gala evening celebrating the achievements of the Hebrew University over the last 12 years

Wednesday June 10

9:00-11:30 am

Fourth Plenary Session: Electing the President
Closing address by Prof. Menachem Magidor, President
Election of the President
Address by President Elect

12-1:30 pm

Roundtable discussion on **Neuroscience and Society** with Prof. Haim Sompolinsky, Prof. Hermona Soreq, Prof. Ehud Zohary, Prof. Naftali Tishbi and facilitated by Prof. Menachem Magidor and Prof. Sarah Stroumsa.
Topics include: *Are we free to choose? Ethical issues in brain research, and the immortality of the mind.*

Lunch

2:45-3:45 pm

Dedication of the Octav and Marcela Botnar Building for Medical Research, new home of the Institute for Medical Research, Israel-Canada
Ein Kerem campus

4:00-5:00 pm

Dedication of the Dr. Joel Wilbush Forum for Patient-Centered Medicine
Ein Kerem campus

5:30-7:00 pm

Reception followed by Arie Shachar Memorial lecture: Urban –Global Connections and the spread of the Financial and Real estate Crises: A Canadian Perspective presented by Prof. Michael A. Goldberg, The Seward School of Business Management, University of British Columbia

Evening

Closing CFHU Event