

SUKKOT HAPPINESS AT TAMAR 2019

**OUR FIRST ISRAEL EDUCATIONAL TRIP
CELEBRATING THE SUKKOT HOLY DAYS IN ISRAEL**

**Leader: Dr. Hollisa Alewine
Tour Coordinator: Kisha Gallagher**

October 10-22, 2019



TOUR LEADER: Dr. Hollisa Alewine



Hollisa Alewine began her career teaching high school students for seven years before becoming a federal law enforcement officer. She earned her Bachelor of Science and first Master's degree in Secondary Education from Texas A&M-Texarkana. While she continued her career with the Bureau of Prisons, she completed a second Master's degree in Religious Education and another in Theology in Rabbinic Studies, as well as a doctorate from Oxford Graduate School.

She is a television programmer at *Hebraic Roots Network* and she also travels to teach at conferences and other venues. Her *Creation Gospel* workbook series is an ongoing project, and she has recently started a new book imprint called BEKY Books, (Books Encouraging the Kingdom of Yeshua).

TOUR COORDINATOR: Kisha Gallagher



Kisha Gallagher is the author of the BEKY Book: *The Biblical New Moon: A guide for Celebrating*. She also developed a website “*Grace in Torah*,” a ministry devoted to the Gospel of Yeshua, the moedim (feasts), marital roles, and general Torah study. She encourages both young and old to draw deeply from the wells of salvation (Is. 12:3), for all are welcome. Kisha is a devout student of the Bible and a minister of the Good News. Many lives have been touched through her website, conference

engagements, and weekly small groups. Kisha is a *Creation Gospel* trainer and a former co-host on Hebrew Nation Radio's Morning Show, *Renewed*. She is a new programmer on *ReviveTV* (Hebraic Roots Network) and she will soon release some new videos with her teachings. She can be contacted at gracentorah@gmail.com.

Travel Arrangements provided by Blossoming Rose

Blossoming Rose was founded by *Dr. DeWayne Coxon* in 1984 with a mission to bless Israel through various programs, including the maintenance and restoration of the 55-acre Biblical Tamar Park. Dr. Coxon, currently President Emeritus, has visited Israel over 150 times and his knowledge of Jewish, Christian and Muslim history gives him a unique perspective on contemporary events taking place in the Middle East. Blossoming Rose is the curator of the archaeology site at the Park. *Rob Coxon* serves as the President and oversees the operations of the Park and tours. He has been involved with Blossoming Rose since 1984 and has travelled to Israel over 50 times..

EXPERIENCE ISRAEL

Most of our Sukkot experience will be in the desert (Arava) of Israel, at Biblical Tamar Park, but you will have time to walk the ancient streets of Jerusalem, visit the Western Wall, the Temple Mount, the Mount of Olives, and many other historic places. The Galilee tour will introduce you to the historic places Yeshua walked and the beautiful Sea.

You will also enjoy many leisure hours studying and meditating on the things of God. Biblical Tamar Park is enclosed in the immense southern Israel Nature Reserve, where over 100,000 acres are available for you to explore, and where you can go to such places as Mt. Hor, where Moses buried Aaron, where Moses smote the Rock, and where the children of Israel wandered in the wilderness. Tamar is the biblical site of Oboth as written in Numbers. It is also near Bozrah and Petra in Jordan. (One day will be designated for those who wish to make this trip with Joan.)

You can stay longer and volunteer at the Park at a daily cost of only \$30 per night for board and room. We invite you to stay longer and bless Israel by working physically on the Land. Contact: jcoxon@blossomingrose.org for more details.

TOUR ITINERARY

Day 1: (Thursday – Oct. 10) --- USA to Israel

To begin our journey, we will leave our home cities and fly to Israel. Meals will be served during our flight. (Please arrive at the airport three hours early.)

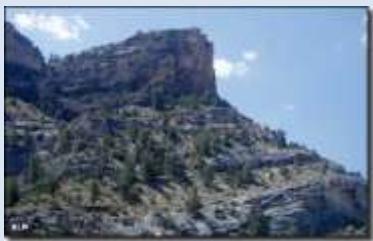


Day 2: (Friday – Oct. 11) --- Israel – Jerusalem

We will land in Israel at Ben Gurion International Airport, and our group will have a bus waiting to take us to Jerusalem where we will be served our dinner and then we'll sleep in the City of our King and Messiah.



Day 3: (Saturday – Oct. 12) ---Old City, Western Wall, Jaffa Gate, Great Synagogue, David's Tomb, Zion Gate, and Tamar



We will begin our day walking into the Old City and joining those Jewish families praying at the Western Wall where we can take time to offer our prayers at the Wall and then we'll continue through the Old City streets to the Jaffa Gate. After that, we'll walk into the Mt Zion area and visit the Upper Room and King David's tomb. As the Sabbath ends, we leave for our desert home, Tamar.

Day 4: (Sunday – Oct. 13) ---Biblical Tamar Park, Masada, Dead Sea, and Scorpion's Pass

These are the days of Sukkot, one of Israel's most pleasant holidays. We will begin the day with a buffet breakfast where we will make our own eggs, pancakes and toast and then sit and listen to the small desert birds chirping outside the dining room. There will be time to learn about Tamar as our guide leads us through the ancient ruins. We will board our bus and go to the famous mountain of Masada and walk through Herod's palatial desert palace. Then we'll drive on to the Dead Sea below us where we can wade or float in the warm waters before returning to Tamar for our dinner and evening fellowship around the fireplace in the Sukkah.

5: (Monday—Oct. 14) – Biblical Tamar Park

This will be the first Yom Tov day that many of us will experience during these days of Sukkot. All of the Jewish residents of Israel are on holiday for a week and the orthodox Jews keep this day in a Sabbath attitude. While we sit in the Sukkah with our Bibles, Dr. Hollisa Alewine will lead us in a discussion about the purpose of the Jewish holidays and how we can observe them. We will eat together and have time to wander around Biblical Tamar Park or we can choose to go out and climb to the top of Prayer Mountain, to the west of Tamar. More studies will follow, for those who wish to participate, and then we will have another time of fellowship at dinner, finishing the day with a discussion around the campfire.

Day 6: (Tuesday – Oct. 15) ---Beit Shean, Jordan River, and Sea of Galilee cruise

We will board our bus and go north on HWY 90 to the Galilee. We will stop for lunch at Beit Shean, the City where King Saul and his son were hung on the wall when they were defeated by the Philistines. The ruins today are from the Roman period. We will continue north following the Jordan River until we reach the Sea of Galilee. We will take a rest stop and allow people to buy some souvenirs at the gift shop. Our evening will be spent on a Jesus boat listening to Danny Carmel sing to us. We will look out over the Sea as we prepare for our evening meal and a night of rest.



Day 7: (Wednesday – Oct. 16) ---Mt. Arbel, Capernaum, Caesarea Philippi, and Golan Heights

We'll awaken to the sounds in the Galilee and the Sea as we get ready for a bountiful Israeli breakfast, after which we'll go to Mount Arbel, where orthodox Jews perished as Roman soldiers pushed them over the cliffs. We will continue to Capernaum where Jesus made his headquarters and moved his family. Here we will tour a third Century synagogue, built upon the visible remains of a first century synagogue. We will travel around the Sea of Galilee and stop on the east shore to collect some shells before we head north to the Syrian and Lebanese borders. We will visit Caesarea Philippi where Peter proclaimed the real identity of Jesus. We will return to our rooms for our last night in the Galilee.

Day 8: (Thursday – Oct. 17) --- Qumran, Jerusalem, and the Parade of the Nations

We'll start another day by eating a bountiful Israeli breakfast with choices of fruit, salads, eggs, dairy products and strong coffee. As our bus drives south, our guide explains the relationship that Israel has with Jordan and the long 300 mile border fence. We stop at Qumran, the ancient city where Jesus and John the Baptist may have visited and even stayed. It is the place the religious Jews lived, hoping to see the Messiah coming up the Dead Sea valley from the battle at Bozrah (Isaiah 63) before he enters Jerusalem. We will continue up that same mountain to Jerusalem and will join those who will be in the Parade of Nations. We will mingle with those from many nations, have some free time to shop, and then go to our hotel for another bountiful Israeli buffet.

Day 9: (Friday – Oct. 18) --- Jerusalem, Valley of Elah, Beersheva, and Tamar

This educational day is well planned as we travel south to Tamar. We will first drive east to the Valley of Elah and see where David killed Goliath. The mound of tel Sheva is pointed out by our guide as we drive into the parking lot and follow him into the mammoth cistern and ancient ruins. This is the actual area where Abraham raised Ishmael and Isaac and where Esau and Jacob were born. Finally, we will drive back into our home base, Biblical Tamar Park, and relax in our rooms until the call comes for the lighting of candles and prayers before the Sabbath meal.

Day 10: (Saturday – Oct. 19) --- Tamar on the Sabbath during Sukkot holidays



We will begin the day with an American cup of coffee and serve ourselves at the breakfast bar. The day will begin with Bible study led by Dr. Alewine followed by planned activities led by Joan Pennington. Some may go to Prayer Mountain while others may take that leisure and long walk out into the Arava and think about Abraham and Moses walking on the same sand. This leisurely day will allow for time to sit in the Sukkah and listen to others reflect on their experiences on the tour. There will also be time, before and after dinner, to hear Dr. Alewine read the scriptures and talk about topics of interest.

Day 11: (Sunday – Oct. 20) ---Biblical Tamar Park and Eilat

You will have a choice to visit Eilat today at no extra cost. If you choose this option, the bus will depart at 8:00 am and arrive in Eilat at around 9:30am. The bus will drop you off at the Red Sea shopping area and will pick you up at the drop off point at 4:00pm to return to the Park for dinner.

For those who don't go to Eilat or Petra, we will begin with breakfast, and then there will be options. Teaching activities will be coordinated by Dr. Alewine. Or, some may wish to plant trees with Park Supervisor, Alan Vanderkolk, or help out with other jobs needing to be done.

Others may wish to rest or explore the buildings, with their educational posters, or the tel area. We will all join in thanksgiving before the evening dinner, and later spend time around the camp fire again in the Sukkah, sharing stories about our experiences.

Day 12: (Monday – Oct. 21) --- Yom Tov and Airport

We will be one of the few groups travelling in Israel who will be fortunate to enjoy two "Yom Tov" days. These are times, during Festivals, that God encouraged His people to think about divine things. We, as visitors to Israel, are privileged to participate in these days. Dr. Alewine or Kisha Gallagher will present a final teaching at Tamar on our Jewish heritage.

As Yom Tov closes, we will board our bus to depart for Ben Gurion Airport to check through security before boarding our airplane for home. Bon Voyage.

Day 13: (Tuesday – Oct. 22) ---Flight home

We will arrive back home having gained the seven hours back that we lost when we arrived in Israel. Shalom!

Tour Package
\$2,695 (for land only)
Single Supplement: \$695 (if available)

Included in this Sukkot Tour

- Hotels
- Breakfasts
- Dinners (except October 21)
- National Park pass (6 sites)
- Entrance fees to all sites listed on the itinerary
- Galilee Boat
- All tips (except housekeeping and Petra add on)
- All meals at Biblical Tamar Park
- Bus transfer to and from Ben Gurion Airport

Not Included

- Flight Insurance
- Lunches
- Airline Ticket

You will be notified by email when there are sufficient registrations to buy your airline ticket. If you would like to use the Blossoming Rose travel agent, the information is below. Blossoming Rose will provide group transportation to and from Ben Gurion Airport **at the designated times**. If you arrive or depart outside of these times you will be responsible for your own transportation to and from Jerusalem and Biblical Tamar Park. This itinerary is subject to change.

The cancellation fee is based on the total tour price, and is: 181 days or more = \$100; 180 - 151 days = \$250; 150 - 121 days = \$500; 120 – 61 days = 50% of total tour price; 60 – 31 days = 75% of total tour price; 30 days or less = 100% of total tour price. Refund may take up to 4 weeks. Trip insurance is recommended.

Reserve your place immediately by paying the \$500 deposit on-line at www.blossomingrose.org. Balance is due 120 days prior to departure.

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