

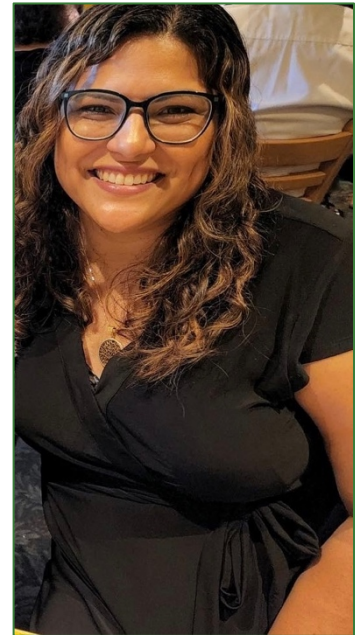


Shalom Friend!

What an intense time we are living in! You may be like me and feel weary, yearning deeper for peace in our nation and world. But what would it be like to consider stepping away for a time and being able to spend intentional time with Jesus? To find renewal and refreshment through worship, prayer, and reflection in the place that God has been revealing himself to generations before us? This is the invitation we bring to you for our Israel Pilgrimage in 2023.

We believe that Israel is a sacred space – a “thin space” where heaven and earth draw closer together. In Israel, we sail on the sea where Jesus walked. We visit the cities where Jesus said the word and brought healing. And we pause in gratitude where Jesus died and rose again. More than a vacation, it is an opportunity to witness the work of God firsthand.

I truly hope that you will consider joining us in Israel from May 14 to 25, 2023. We have a special time planned, an invitation to draw nearer to Jesus, to learn more about God’s revealing work in the world and to connect with other Christ-followers in rich and meaningful ways. It has the potential to be a soul refreshing and life transforming journey as we make space to encounter the gracious love of God.



For more information, please explore the landing page and unique itinerary, or contact us directly. Then sign up for a transformational experience of a lifetime! I feel expectant for the gift that God has waiting for each of us on this journey.

Blessings,

Dr. JoAnna I. Dias, PsyD, MA
Founder, Executive Director
Gracious Gift Ministries



I'm honored to introduce you to the Gracious Gift Ministries Leadership Committee:



Dave Dias with Foundations of Freedom

and **Yoav Rotem**, our Local Tour Guide



Yoav Rotem is a native Israeli, born on a kibbutz in northern Israel.

He performed his military duty with the Israel Defense Forces, serving in an elite reconnaissance unit. Yoav continues to serve as a reserve sergeant. After concluding his mandatory military service, Yoav completed a double degree in International Relations and Israeli Studies at The Hebrew University in Jerusalem.

Yoav's love of Israel and its people led him to becoming a tour guide in 2005, having earned his renown reputation as a professional Israel Government licensed Tour Guide since then. He has worked with hundreds of visitors – groups and individuals, students and diplomats, Jewish and Christian – from around the world. Yoav loves sharing his passion for the history and culture of Israel, including many 'out-of-the way secrets' that Israel has to share. In addition to his depth and breadth of knowledge of all things Israel, Yoav has a wonderfully engaging sense of humor and captivating personality. Since a very early age, the Bible played a significant role in his life. (His mother is a high school Bible teacher.) Today, most of his teaching focuses on the Bible, the land, and drawing us closer to understanding The Word by visiting the Holy Land.

Yoav has written about local Israel cuisine – both street food and gourmet meals. He is very much in touch with the local “scene” and enjoys Israel's cultural life. Yoav, his wife, and his two children live in the outskirts of Jerusalem, and he enjoys the wonderment of being a father.



Gracious Gift Ministries

**12-Day Spiritual Journey of a Lifetime through the Holy Land:
Traversing the Land of the Bible**

May 14 – 25, 2023

Tour Host: Dr. JoAnna I. Dias, PsyD, MA, Founder and Executive Director

Suggested Sites Itinerary

Pending weather, time, conditions, and adjustments by Tour Host*

Land-only Program

Passengers are responsible for arranging their domestic and international flights.

Please plan to arrive at our hotel in Tel Aviv in the late-afternoon on

Sunday, May 14, 2023,

allowing us the opportunity to share fellowship, meet, and become acquainted with one another.

DAY 1 – Sunday, May 14, 2023

Bruchim Ha'ba-im! Welcome to Israel, Honored Guests!

After clearing passport control and collecting your luggage, our Tour Host, JoAnna Dias and the Gracious Gift Ministries' Leadership Committee, Dave Dias, look forward to greeting you at our hotel in Tel Aviv.

Group members will meet at the hotel in Tel Aviv on their own, pending airline arrangements each passenger will have secured. Briefing and dinner served in hotel dining room. Please advise our partnering travel tour operator if you would like them to arrange and secure your airline arrangements, special meet/greet services, and private transfers for transport to our hotel in Tel Aviv.

Dinner and overnight Tel Aviv, Renaissance Hotel.

DAY 2 – Monday, May 15, 2023

Caesarea / Mount Carmel / Megiddo / Arbel Synagogue

Dinner and overnight at our hotel in the Galilee, *The Scots Hotel*.

DAY 3 – Tuesday, May 16, 2023

Abel Beth Maacah excavation site for ½-day archaeological dig experience with Dr. Nava Panitz-Cohen / Tel Dan / Banias (Caesarea Philippi) / Har Bental (Syrian overlook)

Dinner and overnight at our hotel in the Galilee, *The Scots Hotel*.

DAY 4 – Wednesday, May 17, 2023

Mount of Beatitudes / Chorazin / Tabgha / Primacy of Peter / Capernaum / Nof Ginnosar / Ancient boat from 1st century / Yardenit

Dinner and overnight at our hotel in the Galilee, *The Scots Hotel*.

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DAY 5 – Thursday, May 18, 2023

Sepphoris / Nazareth / Nazareth Village / Onward and upward to Jerusalem / Check into hotel / Walk to the Kotel (Western Wall) for Kabbalat Shabbat service / Return to hotel for Shabbat dinner

Dinner and overnight at our hotel in Jerusalem, *David Citadel*.

DAY 6 – Friday, May 19, 2023

Bethlehem for ½-day program / Herodion underground excavations

Dinner and overnight at our hotel in Jerusalem, *David Citadel*.

DAY 7 – Saturday, May 20, 2023

Masada / Qumran / Dead Sea (with option to swim) / Ein Gedi / Wadi Qelt / Jericho Road overlook

Dinner and overnight at our hotel in Jerusalem, *David Citadel*.

DAY 8 – Sunday, May 21, 2023

Leisure Day on this day: Group, on their own, will walk to Christ Church in the Old City for worship services and then enjoy a leisure day, to include shopping.

Dinner and overnight at our hotel in Jerusalem, *David Citadel*.

DAY 9 – Monday, May 22, 2023

Yad Vashem / Israel Museum / Ela Valley

Dinner and overnight at our hotel in Jerusalem, *David Citadel*.

DAY 10 – Tuesday, May 23, 2023

City of David / Davidson Center / Southern Temple Steps / Wohl Museum (high priestly mansions) / Old City

Dinner and overnight at our hotel in Jerusalem, *David Citadel*.

DAY 11 – Wednesday, May 24, 2023

Mount of Olives / Garden of Gethsemane / St. Anne's Church / Via Dolorosa / Church of the Holy Sepulchre / Communion at a first-century tomb, Garden Tomb

Farewell Dinner at Naura. Overnight at our hotel in Jerusalem, *David Citadel*.

DAY 12 – Thursday, May 25, 2023

Early-morning departure to airport. Return to USA.

*Should unforeseen circumstances beyond our control necessitate hotel substitution, every effort will be made to secure hotels of comparable and similar level of service and standards.

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