



# 2024 MISSION TO ISRAEL

May 28—June 4

## Mission Co-Chairs

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**BAR  
ILAN  
RISING**

*Return.  
Restore.  
Rejuvenate.*



# About Bar-Ilan

Bar-Ilan University, founded in 1955, was one of the first comprehensive research universities to be established in Israel. From 70 students to 21,000, its milestone achievements in the sciences and humanities have made an indelible imprint on the character of the State of Israel. BIU maintains 9 faculties, four of which focus on STEM research and are active partners in national science and technology initiatives.

BIU's mission is: "Impact Beyond Excellence," and is currently in a vibrant transformational period of creating challenge-driven research centers designed to change and improve the human experience; adopting innovative instructional methods; intensifying global outreach; and broadening its discourse and dialogue throughout Israel and the world.

The University's student body represents a mosaic of the State of Israel and a growing international delegation. Today we are proud to be the most diverse University in Israel. BIU's academic faculty and administrative staff are likewise multi-faceted, providing a unique atmosphere for open exchange of ideas.

BIU provides its students with "wings and roots"—wings to 'fly' academically and roots that offer firm moral and ethical grounding to anchor all they strive to accomplish. Students formally engage the rich ethical heritage of the Jewish people, even as they are encouraged to take part in a vast array of projects that "give back" to vulnerable populations on campus and within the wider community. It is this ability to fuse a reverence for Jewish legacy and heritage with the rigors of academic study which makes Bar-Ilan University like no other.



**21,000**

Students



**9**

Faculties



**29**

Libraries



**55**

Research Institutes



**1955**

Founding Year

# Mission Highlights\*



- Guided visit to Kibbutz Alumim with Professor Eitan Okun, Director of the Paul E. Feder Alzheimer's Research Lab, for a firsthand account of when his Kibbutz came under attack on October 7th



- A meaningful morning at the Kotel in Jerusalem



- Tour of the brand new National Library of Israel
- Spend time with University President Prof. Arie Zaban and understand his vision for the future of Bar-Ilan University



- Meet with and encourage Bar-Ilan University students who are serving on the front lines on campus and on military bases
- Several guided tours including Jaffa, scientific research laboratories at Bar-Ilan, an IDF Naval Base, Raphael Advance Defense Systems and more



- Volunteer on local farms and meet with local farmers
- Meals and social opportunities with supporters of Bar-Ilan from around the world

\*Activities are subject to change

# Itinerary\*

<b>WEDNESDAY</b> MAY 29	<b>THURSDAY</b> MAY 30	<b>FRIDAY</b> MAY 31	<b>SHABBAT</b> JUNE 1
<b>Tel Aviv</b>	<b>Haifa</b>	<b>Jerusalem</b>	<b>Tel Aviv- Yafo</b>
Check into Kempinski Hotel in Tel Aviv	Rafael Advanced Defense Systems	Visit Kotel	Lectures by Professors and honored leaders
Welcome reception at Bar-Ilan University	Tour IDF Naval Base	Tour the new National Library of Israel	Guided walking tour of Jaffa
	Dinner in a Druze restaurant and meeting with community leaders	Shabbat Dinner at the Kempinski hotel	Shabbaton: closing session
<b>SUNDAY</b> JUNE 2	<b>MONDAY</b> JUNE 3		<b>TUESDAY</b> JUNE 4
<b>Gaza Border Region</b>	<b>Bar-Ilan Campus</b>		
Guided visit to Kibbutzim attacked on October 7th	Plenary Session: The President's Vision		The Energy Center: Cornerstone ceremony
Military Base: BIU students who fought in the war	Explore campus laboratories and special projects		Appreciation Ceremony
Volunteer on local farms in the south	Honorary Doctorate Ceremony		

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# Mission Costs

About \$3,500 USD per room

+ \$500 USD per-person Mission fee (\$1,000 USD per couple)

## PACKAGE INCLUDES:

- Luxury accommodations at the David Kempinski Hotel in Tel Aviv for 6 nights. Price is an estimate for a basic room based on double occupancy. Single person estimate is \$3,250 USD.
- Costs associated with all activities listed in itinerary
- VIP on ground Transportation with A/C and Wi-Fi
- Breakfast daily
- Most lunches and dinners

## PACKAGE DOES NOT INCLUDE:

- International airfare
- Airport taxes, customs, passport and visa fees
- VAT at hotel for Israeli passport holders
- Personal expenses
- Health, travel and baggage insurance
- VIP airport concierge—available for an additional charge

## HOW TO REGISTER:

1. Pay a \$180 USD deposit online at [www.afbiu.org/rising](http://www.afbiu.org/rising)
2. An AFBIU staff member in your region will be in touch with you to walk you through the booking process. Our travel agent will be able to help you book your air and any upgrades you require. If you prefer, you can book air on your own. You will receive a link with hotel room options.

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*powering* **scholarship**  
*building a* **nation**  
*impacting the* **world.**



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