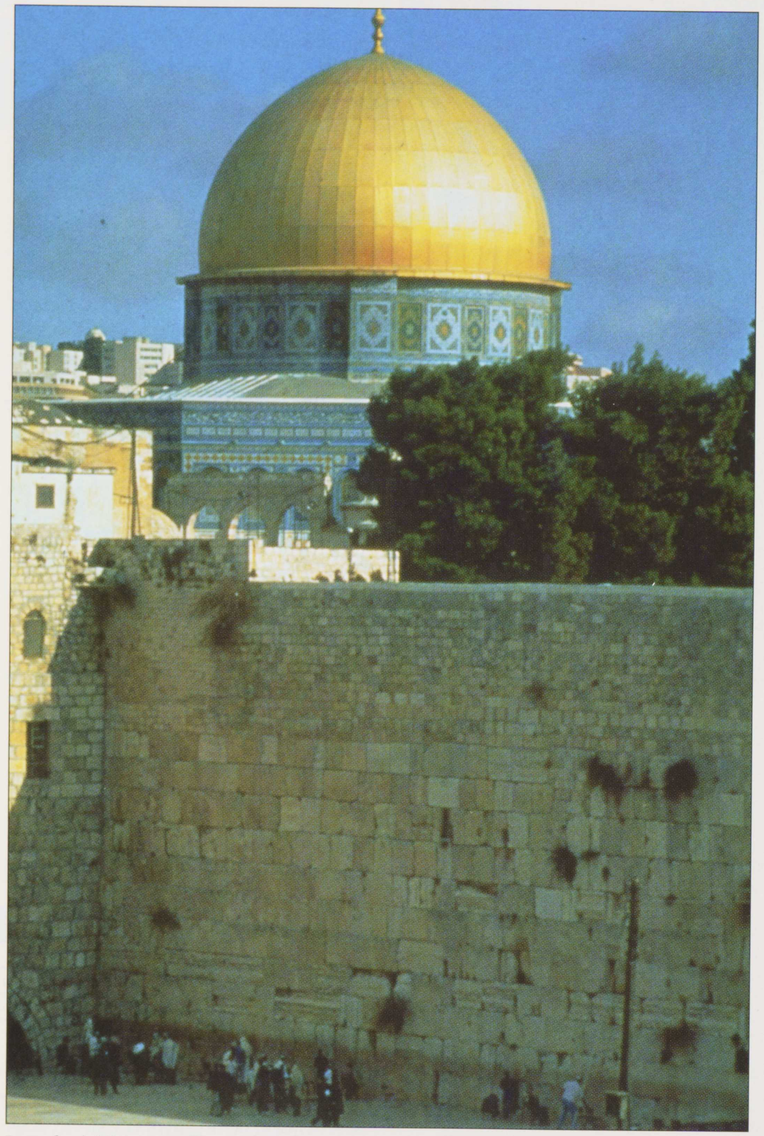

Jerusalem's Western Wall and Dome of the Rock Mosque

end the day in tribute to a brighter future as you **plant a tree** in the **Jerusalem Forest**. Tonight, explore the Old City's floodlit **Jewish Quarter** (its **Cardo** was Byzantine "heart" of Jerusalem), and **dine ancient-Roman style**! After dinner, we're going on a **pub-crawl in the Russian Compound**. B.D

5 THURSDAY • GALILEE/GINOSSAR
Drive via the lush **Jordan Valley to Bet Shean**, site of extraordinary excavations of the ancient Roman City. Continue to elegiac **Sachne-Gan Hashlosha**, to swim in the natural pools. Continue to your kibbutz hotel on the shore of the **Sea of Galilee**. B.D

6 FRIDAY • GALILEE/GOLAN/ GINOSSAR
Morning drive to **Safed**, one of Judaism's holy cities and birthplace of the Kabbalah. Stroll pretty lanes to ancient **synagogues, art galleries** and a delightful **candle factory**. Drive east and ascend the **Golan Heights**; you'll gain a greater understanding into the strategic importance of this area. Stop at **Kfar Charuv** for **lunch** with the "kibbutzniks." **Raft** the **River Jordan**, then, drenched but happy, return to Ginossar to admire the sunset across the lake. **Shabbat dinner**. B.L.D

7 SATURDAY • GALILEE
Morning hike will take you to some of the most gorgeous spots in Israel. Afternoon at leisure. Tonight, a **Chinese dinner**, then **disco dancing** in **Tiberias**! B.D

8 SUNDAY • TEL AVIV
This morning, depart directly for **Tel Aviv**, Israel's largest city. Visit the **Museum of the Diaspora**, and, at **Independence Hall**, relive the moment in 1948, when David Ben Gurion declared Israel's independence. Tour newly-chic **Neve Tzedek**, and, late this afternoon, visit ancient **Jaffa** , with its narrow lanes, boutiques, restaurants and galleries. B

9 MONDAY • JUDEA/DEAD SEA
A fantastic adventure today! Spend the morning **digging and excavating** at one of the most exciting sites in Israel today: the **Tel Maresha Dig at Bet Guvrin**! (Maresha was an important town of Biblical Judah.) There will be an orientation, seminar and demonstrations, as well as a chance for you to dig, sift and examine your finds, and to tour Tel Maresha's 2,000 year old **subterranean city**, and unique **Bell Caves**. Descend through the Judean Wilderness to the lowest point on earth, the **Dead Sea**, and **Kibbutz Ein Gedi**. Perhaps there'll be time for an "unsinkable" swim in the salty waters before **dinner**. B.D

Immortal Masada

10 TUESDAY • DEAD SEA
Ascend **Masada** by cable car and tour the ruins of Herod's palace-fortress where, in the year 73, 960 zealots chose suicide over surrender. Hike down **Masada's "Snake Path"** and climb **Nahal David** (where David hid from "the wrath of Saul") and plunge into its freezing pools. **Ride jeeps into the Judean Desert** to spot wild and exotic animals, such as desert ibex, then participate in a **Beduin Dinner**, deep in the desert! Return to Ein Gedi for overnight. B.D

11 WEDNESDAY • ARAVA/EILAT
Drive south through the **Arava Valley** to **Eilat**, Israel's bustling port-resort on the **Red Sea**. See Eilat's **underwater observatory**, then it's time to hit the pool or the beach! B

12 THURSDAY • PETRA/EILAT
An early start for the full-day excursion to **Petra**, in the **Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan**! Drive to 4,500 foot-high **Petra**, built 2,000 years ago by the Nabateans, without question, one of the wonders of the world. Descend Petra's slender **Siq** canyon (on horseback, then foot) to the magnificent **Treasury**! After **lunch** return to Eilat. B.L

13 FRIDAY • EILAT
Morning at leisure. This afternoon, visit **Timna Valley Park** then climb **Mount Zfachot**, returning to your hotel in time to see the sun set over the mountains of Jordan, Saudi Arabia and Egypt! WOW! **Shabbat Kiddush**, then evening free to explore Eilat! B

14 SATURDAY • EILAT
At leisure. Today's Farewell **Gala Lunch by the Beach** completes an idyllic vacation! Evening flight to Tel Aviv and connection to the United States. B.L

15 SUNDAY • EN ROUTE
Morning arrival in the United States.

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