



MEETING WITH PRESIDENT ISAAC HERZOG OF ISRAEL

AMBASSADORS DIPLOMATIC MISSION TO ISRAEL JULY 2021

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MESSAGES FROM THE LEADERSHIP

"It was our sincere pleasure to sponsor this diplomatic visit in partnership with Ambassador Erdan. We know the participants came away from the experience with a deeper and more realistic perspective of Israel and the threats it faces, as well as an appreciation for the rich and diverse culture of the State of Israel. The American Zionist Movement looks forward to continuing the new and lasting friendships with the members of the delegation and their countries."



DEBORAH ISAAC PRESIDENT, AMERICAN ZIONIST MOVEMENT



We believe these missions to be most important in the continuing global conversation on the need to combat antisemitism and all forms of intolerance, prejudice and hatred facing society today. We know that reflection leading to understanding of the past through the lessons of the Holocaust have touched the minds and hearts of each of our Ambassadorial participants and will serve as a warning signal on the dangers of unchecked hatred.



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Ambassador Gilad Erdan
Ambassador of Israel to the United States
Permanent Representative of Israel to the United Nations



השגריר גלעד ארדן
שגריר ישראל לארצות הברית
ראש משלחת ישראל לאומות המאוחדות

Thank you to the American Zionist Movement for working with me and my team to put this incredible trip together. I deeply value your partnership as a leading voice for Zionism in the United States.



Nothing presents Israel better than a visit to Israel. Over the course of seven days, 10 ambassadors from around the world to the United States and the United Nations traveled throughout Israel, experiencing firsthand the very best of the Jewish State.

The ambassadors left the trip with a deep understanding and appreciation for all facets of Israel, from its history to its current security challenges to its vibrant society and politics.

More importantly, the ambassadors now feel empowered to fight for the truth about Israel on the global stage. I am confident that their sentiments about Israel at the end of the trip will translate into action.

It is my hope that we will have more trips of this type in the future with even more ambassadors and friends of Israel. I look forward to working with the American Zionist Movement to make them a reality.



ABOUT THE MISSION

From July 15-22, 2021, a delegation of ten Ambassadors to the United States and the United Nations hosted by Israeli Ambassador Gilad Erdan and sponsored by the American Zionist Movement (AZM) and the International March of the Living (MOTL) visited Israel. Diplomats from Australia, Argentina, Bhutan, Czech Republic, Dominican Republic, Hungary, Kenya, Guatemala, Ukraine, and Tonga participated in the trip.

There is nothing stronger than sight. A visit to Israel reveals the truth and leaves a mark on everyone who comes here. I set a goal for myself to bring to Israel as many ambassadors to the US and UN as possible to strengthen our position in the world and prove Israel's right to defend itself."

- H.E. Gilad Erdan, Ambassador of Israel to the United States and the United Nations

ABOUT THE PROGRAM

The delegation of Ambassadors visited Israel's Northern and Southern borders and communities, saw Hamas and Hezbollah terror tunnels, and received security briefings. The diplomats visited historical and religious sites, hi-tech centers, and met with senior Israeli government officials. On Tisha B'Av they participated in a special Holocaust Remembrance program at Yad Vashem.

An itinerary summary follows on page 7.



JERUSALEM



YAD VASHEM



IRON DOME



TEL AVIV

MEDIA COVERAGE

*The visit received extensive media coverage in Israel.
Click below to read selected news reports in English.*

AMBASSADORS TOUR ISRAEL TO BETTER COMPREHEND ITS MANY SECURITY CHALLENGES

Israel Hayom | July 21, 2021

LAPID MEETS WITH DELEGATION OF INTERNATIONAL AMBASSADORS TO US AND UN

Times of Israel | July 19, 2021

10 AMBASSADORS VISITING ISRAEL, TO TOUR NATIONAL SITES

Jerusalem Post | July 17, 2021

INTERNATIONAL DELEGATION OF AMBASSADORS BEGINS DIPLOMATIC VISIT TO ISRAEL

Jewish News Syndicate (JNS) | July 16, 2021

ERDAN LEADS INTERNATIONAL AMBASSADORS TO US AND UN ON TOUR OF ISRAEL

Times of Israel | July 16, 2021

PRIOR MISSIONS

This delegation was the fifth organized by AZM and MOTL since 2018, initiated under the leadership of Richard D. Heideman, Past President of AZM. The visits have now brought 100 diplomats from 71 countries to Israel. Prior delegations, before COVID-19 travel restrictions, also visited Holocaust sites in Poland en route to Israel. These visits have had a proven impact on developing support for Israel at the United Nations, as well as building important ties for Israel and the Jewish people with important leaders of these nations.



JULY 2021 ITINERARY


THURSDAY, JULY 15TH - ARRIVAL

 WELCOME TO ISRAEL AND DELEGATION INTRODUCTION

FRIDAY, JULY 16TH


 TOUR OF THE OLD CITY OF JERUSALEM AND CITY OF DAVID EXCAVATIONS

 VISIT TO THE WESTERN WALL

 TRADITIONAL SHABBAT DINNER AT A HOME IN THE JEWISH QUARTER OF THE OLD CITY

SATURDAY, JULY 17TH

 VISIT TO MASADA AND THE DEAD SEA

 BRIEFING BY ISRAELI ARAB JOURNALIST KHALED ABU TOAMEH

SUNDAY, JULY 18TH - TISHA BA'AV

 VISIT TO YAD VASHEM FOR AN EDUCATIONAL GUIDED HOLOCAUST REMEMBRANCE PROGRAM, FOLLOWED BY A MEMORIAL WREATH-LAYING CEREMONY

 VISIT TO NATIONAL MEMORIAL HALL FOR FALLEN SOLDIERS - MOUNT HERZL

 TOUR JERUSALEM CHRISTIAN SITES - INCLUDING VIA DOLOROSA AND THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY SEPULCHRE

MONDAY, JULY 19TH






 MEETING WITH HON. ISAAC HERZOG, PRESIDENT OF THE STATE OF ISRAEL

 BRIEFINGS AT THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND MEETING WITH HON. YAIR LAPID, ALTERNATE PRIME MINISTER AND MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS





 TRAVEL TO TIBERIAS AND VISIT TO CHRISTIAN HOLY SITES

JULY 2021 ITINERARY




TUESDAY, JULY 20TH

-  TOUR OF ISRAEL'S NORTHERN BORDER WITH THE IDF AND BRIEFING BY HEAD OF NORTHERN COMMAND ON SECURITY CHALLENGES
-  INSPECTION OF A HEZBOLLAH TERROR TUNNEL
-  VISIT TO NAZARETH AND CHURCH OF THE ANNUNCIATION
-  TRAVEL TO TEL AVIV
-  BRIEFING ON THE ISRAEL POLITICAL SITUATION BY JOURNALIST TAL SHALEV

WEDNESDAY, JULY 21ST

-  VISIT SDEROT AND BRIEFING BY HEAD OF HOME FRONT COMMAND
-  TOUR OF ISRAEL'S SOUTHERN BORDER WITH THE IDF AND INSPECTION OF A HAMAS TERROR TUNNEL
-  LUNCH AT AN IDF BASE AND BRIEFING ON GAZA SITUATION BY HEAD OF SOUTHERN COMMAND
-  VISIT TO STARTUP NATION CENTRAL IN TEL AVIV

THURSDAY, JULY 22ND

-  MEETING WITH HON. NAFTALI BENNETT, PRIME MINISTER OF THE STATE OF ISRAEL
-  VISIT TO THE PERES CENTER FOR PEACE AND INNOVATION
-  DEPARTURE TO UNITED STATES