



## **YMCA Jerusalem Study Tour 2008 Frequently Asked Questions**

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### **WHO?**

- Organized and facilitated by the International Branch of the YMCA of Greater New York
- YMCA professionals and staff from across the country
- Friends of the YMCA Movement

### **WHERE?**

- Jerusalem International YMCA 3 Arches Hotel
- Peniel-by-Galilee YMCA International Conference Center

### **WHY?**

- To participate in a life changing, eye opening and inspiring international experience
- To enhance YMCA staff knowledge of the YMCA movement as a global entity
- To learn about the work done by the Jerusalem International YMCA

### **WHEN?**

- May 1<sup>st</sup> to May 11<sup>th</sup>, 2008

### **HOW MUCH?**

- US\$2,950 per person in a double room
- US\$3,300 per person in a single room

### **FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE?**

- There are scholarships covering **\$2,000** of the trip cost, **exclusively for YMCA professionals under the age of 30.**
- There is unfortunately no assistance available for any non-YMCA staff, or anyone over the age of 30.

### **PAYMENT?**

- A deposit of **\$250** is due with your application on **Wednesday, March 12<sup>th</sup>, 2008.**
- The balance must be **paid in full** by Tuesday, **April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2008.**
- Payment can be made by check or credit card.
- If you are applying for Financial Assistance, full application and financial assistance application is due **Monday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2008.**

### **CANCELLATIONS?**

- If you decide to cancel your trip prior to April 1<sup>st</sup>, you will receive a refund of all money paid **except your \$250 deposit.**
- If you cancel between April 1<sup>st</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>, you will be refunded any fees for services that can be cancelled at that time, other than deposit.
- If you cancel after April 15<sup>th</sup>, **no refund will be offered.**

### **VISAS/PASSPORTS?**

- Participants are responsible for any fees involved in acquiring passports or visas for entry into Israel.
- Citizens of the United States and most other countries **DO NOT** need a visa to enter Israel. To consult the complete list of countries that do not require a visa visit [http://www.israelemb.org/consular\\_Visa.html](http://www.israelemb.org/consular_Visa.html)
- All participants must have a passport that will be valid up to August 11<sup>th</sup>, 2008. For information on obtaining or renewing a passport, U.S. citizens should visit [http://travel.state.gov/passport/passport\\_1738.html](http://travel.state.gov/passport/passport_1738.html)
- Please consult the state department website to view important travel information and advisories related to Israel. [http://travel.state.gov/travel/cis\\_pa\\_tw/cis/cis\\_1064.html](http://travel.state.gov/travel/cis_pa_tw/cis/cis_1064.html)