

## APPLICATION FORM

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### LIABILITY RELEASE FORM

I, \_\_\_\_\_ understand that no insurance will be provided by the Tour. It is solely up to the individual to make his/her arrangements for insurance on this trip. I here by relieve the trip coordinators from any and all liabilities.  
Signed \_\_\_\_\_

**Double accommodation for Tour only \$1890.00\*  
For Tour +Festival: \$2340.00**

(based on a minimum of 12 participants)

Price includes room and 2 meals a day, passes to all sites, transportation, tour guiding and much more.

**\$500.00 deposit to secure your place due by  
March 15, 2011**

**Remaining balance due by June 15 , 2011**

**We will inform all participants of the Tour's status by May 1<sup>st</sup> 2011. In the event we do not have 12 people signed up by April 25<sup>th</sup> 2011, the tour will be cancelled, and full refund returned.**

Make checks payable and send to:

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652 Amberdale Circle  
Lumberton, NC 28358**

For additional information, write to

**Ruthy Slann**

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**\*Ask for price of a shorter stay**

**\*\* Can be combined with the Karmiel 10 day Summer Course for foreign Teachers and dancers (price will be reduced, Karmiel Festival will be part of the course).**

## TRIP ITINERARY

- Fri. 7/15 Leave Karmiel, visit Akko, Nazareth, Sea of Galille Overnight in Tiberias.
- Sat. 7/16 Northern Golan, Oz Monument, Mt. Bental, Katzerin, Museum of the Golan, story of Gamla, rafting on the Jordan River. night in Tiberias.
- Sun. 7/17 Dona Gracia Museum, Beit Gavriel, Gesher, through Yizrael valley to Casaria. Night in Natanya.
- Mon. 7/18 drive to Tel Aviv, Palmach/Diaspora Museum. Yaffo, Neve Tzedek. Drive to Arad. night in Arad.
- Tues. 7/19 S'deh Boker, Negev agriculture Visit a unique center for youth at risk in the desert. night in Arad.
- Wed. 7/20 Massada, Kumeran, Dead Sea in Kalia beach for mudding. night in Jerusalem
- Thurs. 7/21 Israel Museum, 2<sup>nd</sup> Temple model. Old City Jewish Quarter. Night in Jerusalem
- Fri. 7/22 New City, Mt. Hertzal, Yad Vashem, Christian Quarters Night in Jerusalem.
- Sat. 7/23 Ela Valley, Latroon National Memorial. Drive to Tel Aviv for dinner and goodbyes. night in Tel Aviv.

(Schedule subject to change)

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This 9 day trip is designed especially for you, dance lovers, but non-dancing family and friends are welcome. We are trying to make this trip affordable to everyone. While we make sure accommodations are pleasant and the food healthy and enjoyable, this is not a luxury trip. We will stay in bed & breakfast type places, travel on an air-conditioned Tour bus, and have professional tour guidance. We are very excited about this unique opportunity and look forward to sharing it with you.

See you in Israel. Shalom, Ruthy & Ronit

Folk Dance Tour  
&  
Israel

**Karmiel 2011**

## A FOLK DANCE TOUR OF ISRAEL

with

**Ruthy Slann, Trip Coordinator  
&  
Ronit Nachman, Tour Guide**

**TOUR: JULY 15-23, 2011**

**KARMIEL FESTIVAL: JULY 12-14**

**A unique 9 days of touring Israel,  
and attending night dance sessions  
for Folk Dance lovers + an option to  
join the karmiel teachers Course for  
3 days of non stop dance mania in  
the Karmiel Festival**

Info is also available on

[www.jewishaustralia.com](http://www.jewishaustralia.com)

# KARMIEL FESTIVAL 2011

Have you ever been to Israel during Karmiel, the annual Folk Dance Festival? If you have, you know how exciting and fun-filled it is. If you have not yet tasted the high energy of this three-day and three-night continuous dance mania, it's time to treat yourself to this very special adventure.

This is Karmiel Festival's 23<sup>rd</sup> anniversary!! It promises to be a most spectacular and amazing celebration!!

We will arrive in Karmiel on Tuesday, July 12 . We will stay close to the center of all festival activities. Our VIP tags will enable us to get into all major night-time performances, and to some day-time shows.

Among the festival's activities: A major night performance in the amphitheater followed by open dancing on the tennis courts from midnight to morning every night; day-time shows of Israeli folk dance, International folk dance, ethnic groups' performances, modern ballet, ballet theater, singing, and dance workshops with well-known Israeli choreographers, two International Folk Dance night sessions, and lots more.

# 9 DAY TOUR OF ISRAEL

The tour program includes visiting historical sites where Judaism, Christianity and Islam evolved, and observing how archeological findings support familiar Bible and history book stories. We will encounter various human settlements, from cities as ancient as civilization itself, to modern settlements like the kibbutz, with its community way of life. We will glance at the reality of life in Israel from demographic, economic, political, cultural, and social aspects. Names and subjects like: Jerusalem; Dead Sea; Golan Heights; Bedouins; Peace in the Middle East; etc. will become a familiar reality and a corner-stone of understanding Eretz Yisrael.

We will highlight the important steps and places that lead to the creation of Israel. In addition it will also be a unique experience, which combines visits to the most interesting and exciting sites and dance sessions close by whenever possible (optional).

A full schedule is available upon request.

# OUR STAFF

## Ruthy Slann

Our trip coordinator is a native of Israel and an avid dancer. She travels in the Southeast and beyond to teach Israeli Folk Dance workshops for adults and children, and attends many dance workshops in the US and Israel. Together with Dany Benshalom, she directs the Karmiel USA Weekend workshop since 1996

Ruthy is the assistant course director for the annual Karmiel Summer Course for foreign teachers and dancers, which is directed by Dany Benshalom.

She was on the Fred Berk Blue Star staff from 1990 till its last summer of 1998. She is cheerful, and friendly, and her enthusiasm for dancing can be dangerously contagious.

## OUR TOUR GUIDE Ronit Nachman

Ronit was born and educated in Israel. She holds a B.A. in Behavioral Sciences and in Israel Studies from Bar-Ilan University. A retired Lieutenant Colonel in the IDF (Israel Defense Forces) she regularly plans and leads tours for small and large groups all over the country. Her love of Israel, her vast knowledge of its history and geography, as well as her keen sense of humor, will make our tour an interesting and fun experience.

## Karmiel tour of Israel 2010 daily schedule

Date	Details	Overnight
Fri. 7/15	<b>10:30am</b> depart from <i>Karmiel</i> , drive to <i>Akko</i> visit the Ancient Crusader town. Proceed to <i>Nazareth</i> , to the <i>Annunciation Church</i> . drive to the <i>Sea of Galilee</i> to relax and swim (Possible parallel visit to the <i>Mt of Beatitude</i> ). Drive to <i>Tiberias</i> . Kabalat Shabbat	<b>Tiberias</b>
Sat. 7/16	Start the day on the northern <i>Golan; Katzrin</i> , visit the <i>Museum of the Golan</i> , including a collection of archeological finds from ancient Jewish settlements on the <i>Golan</i> and the audio-visual story of <i>Gamla</i> . Walk through the ancient town and the beautiful synagogue and visit the <i>Magic of the Golan</i> experience. Along the <i>Syrian</i> border to the <i>Oz Monument</i> , visit <i>Mt. Bental</i> overlooking <i>Kunetra</i> and the <i>Syrian border</i> . End the day with rafting on the <i>Jordan River or Boat ride on the Sea of Galilee</i> . <i>Dancing w/ Eyal Avitan</i>	<b>Tiberias</b>
Sun. 7/17	Visit the <i>Dona Gracia Museum</i> , Start our way <i>South</i> , stop at <i>Beit Gabriel</i> , where the peace treaty with <i>Jordan</i> was signed. Continue further South via the <i>Jordan Valley</i> , stopping at <i>Gesher</i> , the ancient pass into the land of <i>Israel</i> and a battle site from the <i>War of Independence</i> . Drive through the <i>Israel Valley to Caesarea</i> , the city and port built by <i>Harrod the Great</i> . Drive to <i>Natania</i> . <i>Dancing with Dany Benshalom.</i>	<b>Natania</b>
Mon 7/18	Drive to <i>Tel Aviv</i> , visit the <i>Palmach/ Diaspora Musum</i> , drive through the city, visit <i>Jaffa and Nave Zedek</i> . Drive <i>South</i> to <i>Arad</i> <i>Dancing with Uzi Swartz</i>	<b>Arad</b>
Tue. 7/19	Drive to <i>Sde' Boker</i> to visit the house and the burial Place of Israel's first prime minister, <i>David Ben Gurion</i> . Tour of agriculture in the <i>Negev</i> and a visit to a youth center giving home to children at risk. Drive back to <b>Arad</b> .	<b>Arad</b>
Wed 7/20	Our day in the <i>Judean Desert</i> starts early in the Morning, with hiking <i>Masada through the Ramp</i> (those who need will drive around and use the Cable. Visit the incredible fort built by <i>Herod</i> . Proceed to <i>Qumran</i> , the <i>Essene</i> town where the <i>Dead Sea Scrolls</i> were found. End at to <i>Kalia Beach</i> for swimming and mudding in the <i>Dead Sea</i> . Drive up to <i>Jerusalem</i> <i>Dancing wit w/yaron Ben Simchon</i>	<b>Jerusalem</b>
Thu. 7/21	Begin our day with a visit at the <i>Israel Museum</i> to see the <i>Dead Sea Scrolls</i> and the new site of the <i>Second Temple Model</i> . Now we are ready to go into the <i>Old City</i> : the <i>Jewish quarter</i> , the <i>Roman Cardo</i> , the <i>first Temple-era walls</i> , the <i>Western Wall</i> , the <i>Chain Of Generations</i> , a wonderful artistic presentation of the line of generations. Proceed to visit the <i>City of David</i> and walk in the ancient water tunnel built at the first Temple time. Free time at the <i>Shuk</i> (the Arab Market). <i>Dancing with w/Chayim Tsemach</i>	<b>Jerusalem</b>

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Fri. 7/22	Visit the <i>New City of Jerusalem: Mount Herzl</i> , and the new <i>Herzl Center</i> , walk down to <i>Yad Vashem</i> to the <i>New Museum</i> . Visit the <i>Christian</i> sites at the <i>Old city</i> / free time. Kabbalat Shabbat at the <i>Kotel</i> . Back to the hotel for dinner.	<b>Jerusalem</b>
Sat. 7/23	Drive to <i>Ha'ella Valley</i> , where <i>David</i> fought <i>Goliath</i> . Visit a private winery for a taste of the famous local wine. Visit <i>Latroon</i> , a memorial site. Drive to <i>Tel Aviv</i> and end of the tour. Dance on the Tel Aviv boardwalk w/Sarah Aviv	<b>Tel Aviv</b>

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