

## **Airline Airport Travel Information**

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**Passports:** You must provide Yosher Tours a copy of your passport by November 2022. Israel requires that your passport have an expiration date not less than 6 months after your date of arrival in Israel (i.e. Sept. , 2023)

### **CHECKED LUGGAGE (PER PERSON)**

At the present time, airlines allow one piece of luggage no more than 50 pounds and total dimensions of no more than 61 inches (L + W + H) without additional charges.

- Ensure each checked and carry-on luggage has photocopies of Passport, Insurance and our Yosher Tours Point of Contact in each piece of luggage/carryon. Maybe consider adding your list of hotels by date. Also print the Hotel Summary sheet and also put that in each piece of luggage. (Helping to expedite a return to your possession in case of loss.)
- Ensure your checked luggage does not contain any prohibited items (i.e. Ion & Lithium batteries are NOT allowed in luggage compartments and need to be pack within your carry-on luggage.)
- In Israel, you will claim your luggage and transport it to the bus. USE CARTS to move your luggage. They will be loaded on the initial bus and transferred by bus to each of your hotels.

### **CARRY-ON LUGGAGE (PER PERSON)**

You get one standard carry on (Normally 22 inches) and one standard size personal bag (for reading items, headsets, snacks, personal pillows, etc.) Your personal bag must be able to fit under the seat in front of you. Suggest a long sleeve shirt in case it gets cold at altitude.

It is recommended that you pack clothes and medications for your first two days within your carry-on. (Bring your prescription bottles for controlled substances. If in doubt, have all your medications in the prescribe bottles.) While it is unlikely your luggage will get lost, planning ahead will help reduce your stress level in case it does occur. Remember to limit carry-on liquids to 3 oz bottles.

### **DEPARTURE FROM US.**

We will be withholding the Confirmation Number for our trip. The reason is that it is possible individuals who desire to make changes in their reservation can modify or delete flight reservations for other members of our group. If you want to upgrade to Business Class or Economy Plus, you can contact Sherry at Yosher Tours directly.

Plan to arrive three hours before an international flight. It takes a bit longer checking in given an overseas connecting flight and the passage of luggage all the way through. Please have your passport ready to show. Your airline ticket will be issued electronically.

## ARRIVAL BEN-GURION AIRPORT ISRAEL

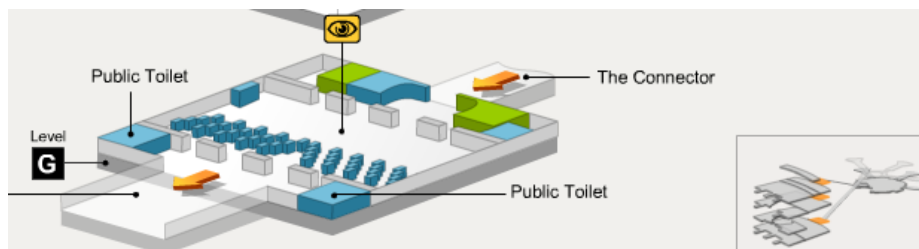
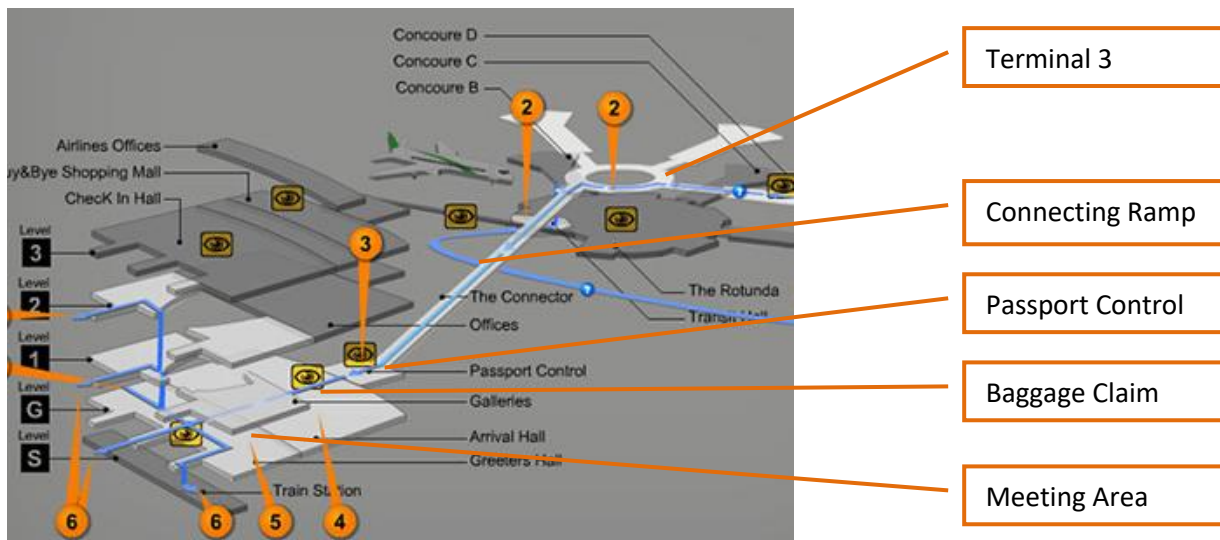
You will arrive at Terminal 3 (International Travel). When disembarking the plane do not wait for the **WHOLE** tour group to gather. After you Exit the airplane, gather with your 5-6 person team, head to the bathroom (if needed) and then to Passport/Visa Control.

You may be asked if your luggage was in your control. Answer “yes at all times it was in my possession, until I checked them in at the gate/check-in counter.” And obviously your carry-on luggage was also in your control.

- NOTE: We will gather as a whole group **AFTER** you get your bags ***in*** the terminal area.

After disembarking the plane, follow all other passengers in the only direction possible which will take you through long connecting ramps. You will “eventually” arrive at **PASSPORT/VISA** control.

NOTE: Have your Passport Ready



Passport Control

Passport Control: **DO NOT WAIT FOR OTHERS.** Get in line with a booth designated for foreigners. Have your passport ready for when it is your turn. You might be asked a couple of questions. What is your purpose in the land? Where will you be staying?

KEEP IT SHORT AND TO THE POINT!

“I am a tourist with a tour group. I will be staying first in Tel Aviv and traveling with the tour group”.

Use good eye contact and clear voice. No need for detailed descriptions. No conversations. No humor. No need to expand on any question.

If ask with what group, respond: “Northside Christian Church, our tour guide is Darya Short”

They will give you your passport and maybe an additional small slip of paper. Keep the paper they gave you sticking out of your passport. You will now walk through a turn style where a security guard “may” take the paper.

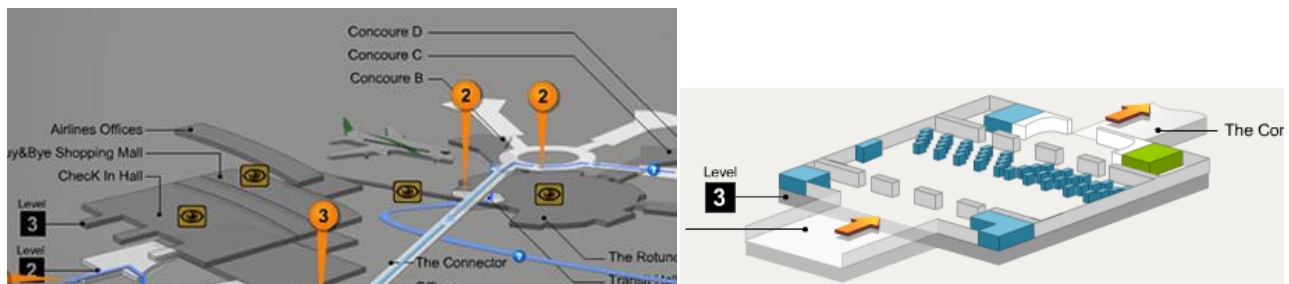
You are now in the baggage claim area. It is HUGE. Immediately you will see hundreds of luggage carts. They are free. Take one. Do not assume that you do not need it. You have a distance to go to get to the tour bus parking area. Follow your same passengers to the correct carousel or simply look for or listen to the carousel location for the airline flight.

Gather your luggage and your small group. Head to the terminal area and we will meet as an entire group with Darya. Once we have our entire group, we will head like cattle to our tour bus.

### RETURN TO USA

We will check out of the hotel and have our luggage loaded on the bus. Darya and our driver will take us to the airport and drop us off at Level 3 of Terminal 3. It is here that we will say our good-byes. (Sad Moment!)

Try to keep your small group together. Have your passport ready and head to the appropriate departing line for our flight. After checking your luggage and getting your boarding pass, head towards the passport control area. Look for an open kiosk and follow instructions. Follow the connecting ramp to the appropriate concourse and gate.



The airline will give you a customs declaration form to complete.

If you are interested in expedited clearance upon arrival in the United States. Please go to

<http://www.cbp.gov/travel/trusted-traveler-programs/global-entry>.

Upon return, you may be asked if your luggage was in your control. Answer “yes at all times it was in my possession, until I checked them in at the gate/check-in counter.” And obviously your carry-on luggage was also in your control.