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Botanical Garden

The Jerusalem Botanical Gardens (JBG) is located in the neighborhood southwestern Jerusalem, on the southeastern edge of the Hebrew University of Jerusalem. The garden is arranged in phytogeographic sections, featuring flora of various regions around the world. The Jerusalem Botanical Gardens opened to the public in 1985. The tropical conservatory opened in 1986 and the South Africa section was planted in 1989. The Hank Greenspan Entrance Plaza, Dvorsky Visitors' Center and restaurant were built in 1990. The 500-meter long "Bible Path" is planted with most of the 70 species that scientists have identified as some of the 400 types of plants mentioned in the Bible.

Israel Museum

The Israel Museum was founded in 1965 as Israel's national museum. It is situated on a hill in the Givat Ram neighborhood of Jerusalem, near the Bible Lands Museum, the Knesset, the Israeli Supreme Court, and the Hebrew University of Jerusalem. Among the unique objects on display are the Second Temple Model, Dead Sea Scrolls, Scrolls and artifacts discovered at Masada, Venus of Berekhat Ram; the interior of a 1736 Zedek ve Shalom synagogue, from Suriname; necklaces worn by Jewish brides in Yemen; a mosaic Islamic prayer niche from 17th-century Persia; and a nail attesting to the practice of crucifixion in Jesus' time.

Ima Shuk Restaurant (located in Machaneh Yehuda Market)

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World-famous icons of Jerusalem include the Western Wall, the Tower of David and the Machane Yehuda market. The Western Wall and the Tower of David represent the religious, historical nature of Jerusalem, the place from which the Jewish people developed. Machane Yehuda market, however, represents the contemporary—and the future—heart of Jerusalem. Machane Yehuda integrates, in a unique way, the old and the new. Both a bustling marketplace and a neighborhood, it incorporates food, drink, shopping, bars, restaurants. The shuk still retains its most important characteristics: it remains authentic, with all the flavors and aromas, the colors and the traders' interaction with the crowds.

The Machane Yehuda market is widely recognized as a symbol of the Jerusalem, and for a very good reason: Jerusalemites see it as a place that represents them, symbolizes them, and gives them a unique

identity in a larger Israeli social context. It is nicknamed "MachneYuda," which is also the name of one of the finest Israeli restaurants located in the market. But this name has something inexpressible to language. It is beyond words, because it reminds Jerusalemites of themselves, their childhoods, and the Jerusalem they love. Even though Jerusalem today has many shopping and entertainment centers, some are even at several hotels in Jerusalem, there is something about the Machane Yehuda market that attracts people, even without a shopping list. Perhaps it is the ability to simply be who we are--people who love life and who love Jerusalem.

Israeli Innovation Center

The Center for Israeli Innovation by Taglit in partnership with the Tel Aviv Stock Exchange is a cutting-edge visitor's center presenting the Israeli Start-Up Nation. The center's exhibition presents the leading Israeli technology companies as well as successful and promising start-ups. Providing visitors with a glimpse into the future, the center's exhibition gives an overview of the Israeli innovation ecosystem and its impact all around the world. The experience in the center includes a tour of our interactive exhibition, an introduction to the Israeli Start-Up ecosystem or an intimate session with an Israeli entrepreneur presenting their personal story.

The exhibition displays over 80 leading Israeli companies, including the most dominant technology companies and promising Israeli startups in different fields such as health, science, safety and security, agriculture, space and transportation. The center maintains a vibrant entrepreneurial community of volunteers from the start-up ecosystem who speak and share their stories with Birthright participants and before top quality audiences who come to explore the Israeli ecosystem. In the evenings, the center is available as a unique and inspiring meeting place for Israeli innovation community meetups and conferences. Furthermore, we offer a networking platform to share internship programs and job offers with young professionals from around the world. Since established in the summer of 2016, over 120,000 visitors already have visited the center, including students, business delegations and diplomats from around the world.