



# Universal Peace Federation

## Interreligious and International Federation for World Peace



### Middle East Peace Initiative

April 9 – 16 2007

## ABRAHAMS FAMILY: ONE FAMILY UNDER GOD

### CONFERENCE POLICIES

#### REGISTRATION

Please send your completed registration form by email to the UPF North American MEPI office to [Margaret@familyfed.org](mailto:Margaret@familyfed.org). DEADLINE: Tuesday April 1<sup>st</sup>, 5 PM EST.

#### AIR TRAVEL

**Participants are responsible to secure their own transportation to and from the Holy Land.**

Internet flights are currently running around \$900 per person round trip. You should arrive in Tel Aviv as early as possible on Tuesday, April 10<sup>th</sup>. Departures should be made from Tel Aviv after 9 pm on Monday, April 16<sup>th</sup>. (NOTE: Most flights for the U.S. on Continental or El Al depart after 10 pm on Monday, April 16<sup>th</sup>.)

#### FEES FOR THE PACKAGE TOUR

The price of the package tour in the Holy Land **\$695 per person. \$735 if you wish to prepay the normal \$40 gratuity that are always required for the bus drivers and tour guides. If you choose you may pay this from your personal travel funds in Jerusalem you will be asked to pay at the conference registration desk when you arrive.** The tour price does not include any transportation costs to and from Tel Aviv from the U.S. All participants must secure their own transportation to Tel Aviv. The package tour will consist of 6 nights and 7 days of journey, beginning with dinner on Tuesday, April 10<sup>th</sup> thru lunch on Monday, April 16<sup>th</sup>. It will include accommodations, meals, tours. (Note: This fee will NOT cover any visas required for Israel for citizens from countries other than the U.S. Delegates from other countries will have to pay the additional fees if necessary.) There is no visa required for U.S. Citizens.

#### Visa and Passports

Your passport must be a valid U.S. passport. Passports that expire within three months of April 10 (by July 10, 2007) should be renewed. U.S. Passports that expire within three months of entry date are often not accepted. Our travel agent (GGC Incorporated of Jerusalem) will make all visas for

NON US Citizens. This fee is not included in your package registration fee of \$695/ \$735 per person.

### **MEALS**

**All meals will be covered through the package registration fee of \$695/( \$735 with Gratuity)**

### **GRATUITIES**

Gratuities (Usually \$40 in addition to the package) is not covered by the registration fee unless you pay the \$735 upfront – this is suggested to avoid frustration and confusion. The gratuity is a standard expected element of all travel agents in Israel. You will be asked to pay the gratuity at the tour registration desk when you arrive. Don't be surprised !!! Pay it upfront.

### **ACCOMMODATIONS**

All accommodations are double occupancy. Singles will be offered for 6 nights for an additional fee of \$350. We plan to stay at the Olive Tree Hotel. (NOTE: since we are coordinating many nations for this event it is possible that Hotel Accommodations may be different. All will be high quality modern hotel accommodations. The Olive Tree online is at: [www.hotel-in-jerusalem.com/?gclid=CLW17uia7IoCFRzmgAodlxk11A](http://www.hotel-in-jerusalem.com/?gclid=CLW17uia7IoCFRzmgAodlxk11A)

### **GROUND TRANSPORTATION**

UPF / MEPI will provide roundtrip ground transportation between the Tel Aviv Airport and the hotel only on Tuesday, April 10<sup>th</sup> and for only for Monday, April 16<sup>th</sup> for departures. All other transportation on different days is the responsibility of the participant. **Taxi is around \$70. A special taxi minibus (Sheruts) is around \$30.** (NOTE: Be sure all participants have clear information concerning the hotel address and how to get there by Taxi. The conference cannot cover transportation to and from the airport for those who arrive or depart on days other than the 10<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>.

### **INSURANCE AND LIABILITY FOR LOSS**

Participants are responsible to arrange their own travel insurance. UPF / MEPI is not responsible for loss of private property (such as lost luggage), or for personal medical conditions. Please consult your health insurer about international travel and prepare all the necessary documents that would be needed in the event of an emergency. This should include but not be limited to the exact contact information for your doctors, prescription details, etc. Inexpensive travelers insurance can be purchased through GGC upon arrival in Israel.

### **MEDICINE**

All medicine should be packed in your carry on bags.

**DO NOT PACK PRESCRIPTION MEDICINES IN YOUR REGULAR LUGGAGE.** This prevents problems that could possibly if your luggage is delayed.

**PLEASE RETAIN THIS FOR YOUR FUTURE REFERENCE**