

WHAT IS YOM HAATZMAUT?

Most countries have a birthday or Independence Day that is celebrated to mark the country's start. In America, we celebrate our country's birthday July 4th. Israeli Independence Day is called Yom HaAtzmaut, and it celebrates the creation of the Jewish State of Israel. It is observed on the 5th day of the Hebrew month of Iyar on the Jewish calendar, which usually falls in April or May.

PROGRAM

12:30 Market Opens

12:45 Welcome Announcements

1:00 Drum Performance by "The Clapnet"

1:20 Drumming Workshop

1:45 Challah Braiding Demonstration

2:00 Live Music by "Double or Nothing"

2:30 Israel Map Presentation

2:45 Israeli Dancing

3:00 Closing Announcements

ONGOING

Market experience activities

Food Service



WHAT IS A SHUK?

In Israel, an outdoor market is referred to as a shuk. The two most popular shvachim (plural for shuk in Hebrew) in Israel are Shuk HaCarmel in Tel Aviv and Machne Yehuda in Jerusalem. Whether you visit the shuk in Tel Aviv or Jerusalem you will be amazed at the vibrancy and friendliness of the shop owners. Almost anything can be found in either shuk from fresh fruit, clothing, spices, souvenirs, and delicious Israeli food.

EXPERIENCES

1 **JERUSALEM** Write a Note at the Western Wall and Visit the Sherwin Miller Jewish Museum of art's Western Wall exhibit as well as the entire museum. Free admission is only during event hours.

2 **TEL AVIV/JAFFA** Taste a bit of Israel through various desserts at the Jaffa Cafe.

3 **HOLON** Enjoy the city of children with Israeli snack samples and cookie decorating.

4 **TZFAT** Create in the city of art with arts and crafts activities for all ages.

5 **AKKO** Enjoy this diverse city with "kids zone" activities ranging from an Akko bounce castle to finding the balloon man!

6 **NEGEV** Dig for archaeological treasures.

7 **DEAD SEA /TAMAR** Create a mineral-rich body scrub using Dead Sea salts. Learn about our partnership with the Tamar region.

8 **GALILEE** Smell all the spices grown wild in the Galilee.

9 **TECHNOLOGY AND AGRICULTURE** Learn about Israel agriculture and plant your own tomato plant from seed.