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Agahozo-Shalom Youth Village in Rwanda

February 21 - March 3, 2011

Monday Feb 21: Departure

(times are approximate and will be confirmed closer to the time of departure once we have definitive flight information)

2:00PM Introductions and Briefing - meet at NYC area airport for a briefing before the evening flight

5:00PM Depart NYC area airport

Tuesday, Feb 22: Travel/Kigali

6:00PM Arrive in Kigali - transfer to hotel

8:30PM Dinner near hotel



Wednesday, Feb 23: Kigali/Agahozo-Shalom Youth Village (ASYV)

8:00-9:00AM Breakfast at Hotel

9:30AM Visit to Kigali Genocide Memorial Museum

12:30PM Lunch & Discussion - with representative from Museum

2:30PM Guided tour of Kigali

4:30PM Depart for ASYV

5:30PM Arrive at Village - unpack and settle into rooms

6:00PM Welcome to ASYV - overview of village philosophy

7:00PM Dinner with Village Youth - introduce group to village.

Note - the dining hall is located about 15-20 minutes from the visitor accommodations.

8:00PM Thorns and Roses - daily debrief and recap about the day, what we have seen and experienced.

Thursday, Feb 24: ASYV

6:30-7:00AM Breakfast with Village Youth

7:30-7:45AM Discussion & Morning Meeting at amphitheater

8:00AM Village Tour on foot

10:00AM-12:30PM Volunteer Opportunities/Projects (on the farm, after school, kitchen, etc.)

ASYV staff introduces the volunteer projects. Volunteers break up into groups depending on their interests and abilities.

1:00-1:30PM Lunch with Village Youth

2:00-4:00PM Group Reflection & Learning Session

Jewish Service Learning

- 4:30-6:30PM Volunteer in Learning Center & Arts and Music Center
- 7:00PM Dinner with Village Youth
- 8:00PM "Family Time" in Youth Houses with the students
- 10:00-10:30PM Thorns and Roses

Friday, Feb 25: ASYV/Rubona Market

- 6:30-7:00AM Breakfast with Village Youth
- 7:15AM Morning Gathering and Overview of the day
- 7:30-9:30AM Activity Choice of:
 - Walk (or Van) to Rubona, Neighboring Village & Local Market
 - Challah Baking - with ASYV kitchen staff
- 10:00AM-12:30PM Volunteer Opportunities and Projects
- 1:00-1:30PM Lunch with Village Youth
- 2:00-3:00PM The Group Home Model - discussion with house mothers*
- 3:00PM Free Time/Preparation for Shabbat
- 4:45-5:45PM Kabbalat Shabbat in Volunteer Quarters
- 6:00-7:00PM Village Time - weekly assembly with entire village
- 7:00-8:00PM Dinner with Village Youth
- 8:30-10:30PM Shabbat Evening Program and Thorns and Roses
Opportunity for song session, or program, discussion, learning session led by JCC Association group member

Saturday, Feb 26: Shabbat

- 6:30-7:00AM Breakfast with Village Youth
- 7:15AM Morning Gathering and Overview of the Day
- 7:30-10:00AM Activity Choice of:
 - Shabbat Morning Walk
 - Discussion of Weekly Torah Portion
- 10:00AM-12:00PM Spend Time at the Farm with Village Youth
- 1:00-1:30PM Lunch with Village Youth
- 2:00-3:30PM Volunteering in Rwanda - discussion with ASYV Service Corps*
- 3:30PM Free Time
- 5:00PM Group Reflection & Learning Session
Jewish service in a non-Jewish context
- 6:15-6:45PM Havdalah in Volunteer Quarters
- 7:00-8:00PM Dinner with Village Youth
- 8:00-10:00PM Movie with Village
- 10:15PM Thorns and Roses

Sunday, Feb 27: Day trip to Akagera Game Park

- 6:30-7:00AM Breakfast with Village Youth
Come to breakfast prepared for safari to Akagera National Park
- 7:15AM Morning Gathering and Overview of the day
- 7:30AM Depart for Akagera Game Park (about an hour's drive)
- 9:00AM Arrive at Akagera - Jeep tour of park
- 12:00PM Lunch
- 1:00PM Continue Tour of Park
- 4:30PM Depart Akagera for ASYV

- 6:00PM Return to ASYV
- 7:00-8:00PM Dinner with Village Youth
- 8:00-9:30PM Program
- 10:00-10:30PM Thorns and Roses

Monday, Feb 28: ASYV

- 6:30-7:00AM Breakfast with the Village Youth
- 7:15AM Morning Gathering and Overview of the Day
- 8:00AM-12:30PM Volunteer Projects and Opportunities
- 1:00-1:30PM Lunch with Village Youth
- 2:00-4:00PM Group Reflection & Learning Session
How do I bring this experience home and into my JCC and community?
- 4:30-6:30PM Volunteer in Learning Center & Arts and Music Center or other opportunities
- 7:00-8:00PM Dinner with Village Youth
- 8:30-9:00PM Thorns and Roses

Tuesday, March 1: ASYV

- 6:30-7:00AM Breakfast with the Village Youth
- 7:15AM Morning Gathering and Overview of the Day
- 8:00-12:30AM Volunteer Opportunities and Projects
- 1:00-1:30PM Lunch with Village Youth
- 2:00-4:00PM Group Reflection & Learning Session
In the face of overwhelming needs, how do I prioritize my volunteer and philanthropic efforts?
- 4:30-6:30PM Volunteer in Learning Center & Arts and Music Center or other opportunities
- 7:00-8:00PM Dinner with Village Youth
- 8:00-9:00PM Closing program with Village
- 9:30-10:00PM Thorns and Roses

Wednesday, March 2: ASYV/Brussels

- 6:30-7:15AM Breakfast with Village Youth & Goodbyes
- 7:30-9:00AM Group Reflection & Learning Session
What about this experience has been meaningful? What have I learned? What's next?
- 9:30-10:30AM Pack & Preparation for Departure
- 11:00AM Depart for Kigali
- 12:00PM-3:30PM Lunch & Souvenir Shopping in Kigali
- 4:00PM Depart for Airport
- 7:45PM Depart Kigali or transfer to hotel if you are doing the Mountain Gorilla add on

Thursday, March 3: Brussels/NYC

Travel day and return to NYC area

2-day Add-On for a Gorilla Trek would begin from Kigali on Thursday, March 4, for more information contact either Rachel Olstein at Rachel@asyv.org or Cippi Harte at cippi@jcca.org

***Please note:** The ASYV staff is dedicated to our mission of restoring the rhythm of life to our students and to meeting their needs. Activities scheduled with village staff are subject to the availability of these staff members and may be altered.



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