



Center
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of Greater Phoenix

Civil Rights Then & Now

Legacy of a Movement, Role of the Jewish Community

November 15-19, 2026

TOUR ITINERARY

Day 1: Arrival in Atlanta - Sunday, November 15

Arrive in Atlanta in the late afternoon, transfer to midtown's The Temple to open the journey learning about the 1958 bombing here and its aftermath. Consider how this moment is remembered within broader Civil Rights history and meet with local Jewish community leadership over dinner.

OVERNIGHT: *The American Hotel Atlanta Downtown*

MEALS: *Dinner Included*

Day 2: Sweet Auburn - Monday, November 16

Spend the morning exploring Atlanta, birthplace of Martin Luther King, Jr, and a regional hub for civic and political activism. Walk the streets of the Sweet Auburn neighborhood and stand between the iconic buildings of the Ebenezer Baptist Church, old and new, where Rev. Martin Luther King Sr. once presided. Pay tribute at the resting place of Martin Jr. and Mrs. Coretta Scott King and explore the exhibition halls next door. After lunch at the historic Municipal "Curb" Market, visit the Zucot Gallery for a contemporary perspective at the largest African-American owned fine art gallery in the US Southeast. Depart Atlanta for Birmingham, arriving for dinner and the community-designed Temple Beth El Civil Rights Experience, an interactive workshop exploring the congregation's complex engagement with the Civil Rights movement.

OVERNIGHT: *Fairfield Inn & Suites Birmingham Downtown*

MEALS: *Breakfast and Dinner included*



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Day 3: Sanctuaries of Birmingham - Tuesday, November 17

Spend the day exploring Birmingham, beginning with an introduction through the sculpture garden in Kelly Ingram Park and discussion of King's famous Letter from a Birmingham jail. Stop at the AG Gaston Motel, opened by a prominent African American businessman in 1954 and serving as a residence for leaders of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) in the pivotal months of April-May 1963. Enjoy a beverage and hear from management of the proudly black-owned coffee shop on the site today, then continue to the 16th Street Baptist Church for a docent-led tour of its iconic sanctuary. After lunch at the Pizitz Food Hall, visit the historic Bethel Baptist Church of Collegeville with Martha Bouyer, reflecting on the principles that guided organizers at this headquarters for the Alabama Christian Movement for Human Rights. Meet with local Jewish organizational leadership before an evening at leisure.

OVERNIGHT: *Fairfield Inn & Suites Birmingham Downtown*

MEALS: *Breakfast included*

Day 4: Road to Selma - Wednesday, November 18

Depart Birmingham early, heading towards Montgomery for a visit to the Equal Justice Initiative's Legacy Museum, situated on a site steps away from the rail station where slaves were once sold into bondage. The museum is widely recognized for its powerful exploration of American racial injustice connecting the history of the Transatlantic Slave Trade, to segregation and modern-day issues like police violence and mass incarceration. Continue along the route of key civil rights marches through Lowndes County and stop in downtown Selma for lunch and a walk across the Edmund Pettus Bridge, remembering the events of Bloody Sunday in March 1965. Reach Jackson for dinner and conversation highlighting the deep bond between the city's historic Beth Israel congregation and the Northminster Baptist Church.

OVERNIGHT: *Residence Inn, Jackson - The District at Eastover*

MEALS: *Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner included*





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Day 5: Jackson, Conclusions- Thursday, November 19

Unpack Civil Rights history in Jackson and throughout the State of Mississippi, beginning a visit to the Medgar Evers Home - now a National Historic Landmark - restored to look as it did when the prominent activist and his family lived there. Continue through downtown Jackson for a brief visit to the Mississippi Civil Rights Museum and walk along historic Farish Street, tracing the footsteps of iconic activists by the Freedom Summer Headquarters, the Collins Funeral Home, and the historic Greyhound Bus Station. Conclude the journey in conversation with leaders from the Institute for Southern Jewish Life and group reflection. Transfer to the airport for afternoon departing flights.

OVERNIGHT: *N/A*

MEALS: *Breakfast and Lunch included*

