

With the weather in Israel over Sukkot typically being the best it ever is, more and more families are choosing to spend this holiday in *Eretz Yisrael* taking advantage of an opportunity to fulfil [even in a small way] the *mitzvah* of [Aliyah LaRegel](#) (the commandment to literally ascend to the Temple Mount in Jerusalem three times a year – Pesach, Shavuot and Sukkot). I am sure that the added advantage of only keeping one day of *Chag* (and thus eliminating the multiple three-day holidays I mentioned earlier) which many folks enjoy while in Israel has something to do with it as well. Given the delightful weather and continued proliferation of [great kosher wineries spread across Israel](#), visiting a winery or two (or three or four) is high on the priority list of many of my readers. I have been receiving many emails over the last couple weeks inquiring whether this winery or the other is open over Sukkot and whether there was a Sukkah (and food) available on the premises. After fielding over 100 such emails, I emailed all of the kosher wineries and asked them for this information. The chart below includes all the information received to date from the wineries that choose to respond including visiting hours, tasting cost, the existence of a Sukkah and availability of food at many of the wineries. Despite the reduced drinking age in Israel of 18 (and the relative lack of enforcement in this regard), wineries won't include youngsters in the wine tastings and a number of the wineries are providing child-friendly activities to keep the children engaged while the adults enjoy the fruit of the vine in the manner in which it was obviously intended. The chart below includes information in this regard as well (to the extent provided by the wineries).

As behooves any attorney worth his salt there are a few caveats to the list. First, the information was supplied to me directly by the wineries – I cannot vouch for any of the details. Second, the existence on the list is not a recommendation of the wines, the winery of the tour and tasting itself. It is merely my attempt to provide a public service and save myself from responding to the over 100 different emails I have received in the last week or so on this topic. Third, enjoy and *Chag Samaech!*

Have a great week, *Shabbat Shalom* and *Chag Samaech*,

Yossie

Visitor Information for Israeli Kosher Wineries

As always, it is ALWAYS better to coordinate in advance. For more details, contact info and locations; please see the [Kosher Israeli Winery Map](#).

Winery	Open / Hours	Sukkah / Food	Contact Person / Info	Notes
1848	Closed for Sukkot			
Adir	Yes / 9-5. Erev Chag and Shabbat 9-2	Yes / The visitor center has a nice dairy restaurant	Adi: 052-4729468	The restaurant is open from 9-3; the visitor center from 9-5.
Agur	Yes	Yes / No (but you can bring your own and use the winery's Sukkah)		
Alexander	Yes	Yes / No	Nogah or Yoram: 09-8822956	Advance notice is required.
Barkan	Yes	Yes / No (there are kosher restaurants in the nearby Bilu Center)	Yael: 08-9447790 yaelz@barkan-winery.co.il	
Beit-El	Closed for Visitors over Sukkot			
Carmel	Oct. 12-14: 11-3:30 Tours are every hour on the hour in Hebrew with one English tour at 4 PM. Oct. 10 & 15:	No / No		No wine tastings during Sukkot – only winery tours. Tours are 30 minutes and 15 NIS pp (10 NIS for kids 6-18)

	Hebrew tours at 10, 11 and 12 and one English tour at 11:30			
Dalton	Yes / 10/12-14 10-4 . Erev Chag 10-1.	Yes / You can order wine and cheese in advance.	merkaz@dalton-winery.com 04-952-7107	20 NIS pp for wine tasting. There will be kid activities for 15 NIS per child. Winery tours will be each day at 12 and 2 PM including tastings (20 NIS pp, 15 NIS for kids)
Domaine du Castel	Yes Oct. 12-14: 9-3:30 Erev Chag & Shabbat 9-12 Advance Notice is required	Yes / The tasting comes with cheese	Tuti: 02-5342249 tuti@castel.co.il	There is an hour tour and tasting of the winery's 4 wines along with cheese. The tour and tasting is 75 NIS pp
Domaine Netofa	Yes with advance notice	No	04-6786-454	
Dror	Yes (with advance notice)	No / No		There are kosher restaurants nearby. Tours/tasting are 40 NIS pp.
Ella Valley Vineyards	Yes 9-4	Yes / No	Nevet: 052-626-3051	Kosher catering is available with advance notice
Flam	Yes Oct. 6, 7, 12, 13 & 14: 9 -5 Oct. 8, 10, 15 & 17: 9-2	Yes / Cheese Platters	Mireia Pons: +972-54-2113324	Food is available in nearby Beit Shemesh. Tasting of 4 premium wines, cheese and bread is 130 NIS pp
Galil Mountain	Yes / 9-7. Erev Chag 9-2 Tours every hour on the hour which includes wine tasting	No / Cheese platters & crackers are available for order	Visitors@galilmountain.co.il	
Gat Shomron	Yes (advance notice is required)	Yes / No	Lior: 050-7264855	
Golan Heights Winery	Yes / 9-6. On Erev Shabbat and Chag 9-3.	Yes (but the wine tastings aren't held in the Sukkah) / There are local kosher restaurants nearby	04-696-8435	Tours (and tasting) are 20 NIS pp (16 NIS for kids 6-18). There are also family tours that are a little more interactive and include making grape juice for kids.
Gush Etzion	Yes / Tours (and tasting) every half an hour	Yes / There is a dairy restaurant on site		10 NIS pp (5 NIS for kids)
Gvaot	Yes Oct. 12-14: 10-5 (tours, tasting and kid activities) Oct 10: 9-12:30 (tasting only) Tours leave on the	Yes / No	052-775-7574	There will be kid activities as well. 25 NIS per child. 20 NIS pp. More Details here On Sun-Tues of Chol HaMoed there is a tour of "ancient Shiloh" between 9 AM – 6 PM (http://telshilo.org.il/)

	hour			
Har Bracha	Yes 9-6 (9-2 on Erev Shabbat and Chag)	Yes / Yes		There is breakfast (dairy) and meat lunch and dinner available at the visitor center
Herzberg	Yes. Only Tues-Wed of Chol HaMoed (all day until Chag on Wednesday)	Yes / Bread, fruit, goat cheese and olives.	Max: 054-4257-381	40 NIS pp for wine tasting and cheeses.
Jezreel Valley	Yes Oct. 8, 12-15 & 17: 9-3	Yes / Kosher catering available with 1-2 days advance notice	Maayan winery@jezreelwinery.com 04-8708701	Tours (on Sun-Tues) & tasting are 25 NIS pp (including cheese)
Katamon	Yes	Yes / No (but plenty of kosher food available in the Katamon-Emek Refaim area)	Avial: 054-6332206	
Katlav	Closed for Sukkot			
Kishor	Yes (with advance notice)	No / kosher Bread is available	Yair: 04-908-5198; 052870-1279 yair@kishorit.org.i	
Kitron	Closed for Sukkot			
Matar	Yes	Yes / No food (kosher restaurants are 5 minutes away)	Niv: 054-248-6663	
Odem Mountain	Yes (until 2 on Erev Shabbat & Chag)	Yes / No	Meirav: 04-6871122	Kosher food is available nearby in Katzrin or at the West Junction
Psagot	Yes	Yes / Catering with advance notice	Yaela Cell: 02-9979333 / 052-771-0000 Email: n@binyamin.co.il To coordinate tours: http://www.n-binyamin.co.il/?CategoryID=250&dbsrw=1	
Ramat HaNegev	Yes	No / no	Yogev: 054-477-4917	
Ramot Naftaly	Yes	No		Cheese and bread is available with advance notice (and extra cost). There are kosher restaurants in nearby Rosh Pina and Kiryat Shmona
Recanati	Yes with advance notice 9-4	Yes / No		There is a kosher coffee shop nearby

Ruth	Only Fridays & Erev Chag from 10-2	No		Food is available in Modi'in (5 minutes from the winery)
Sde Boker	Yes	Maybe / No	Tzvi: 050-7579212	Kosher catering is available from "Tal HaMidbar" at 054-7579842
Shiloh	Yes / With advance notice	No	Amichai Lurie +972-50-3422-268	On Sun-Tues of Chol HaMoed there is a tour of "ancient Shiloh" between 9 AM – 6 PM (http://telshilo.org.il/)
Tabor	Yes 9-5. Erev Shabbat & Chag: 9-4.	Yes / No		Groups of 8 or more require advance notice. 10 NIS pp includes ½ tasting and tour.
Teperberg	Closed for Sukkot			
Tishbi	Yes /	Yes / Yes (dairy restaurant on premises)		
Tura	Yes 9-5 Erev Chag/Shabbat: 10-2	Yes / No food (but you are welcome to use the winery's Sukkah)	052-7966-613	
Tulip	9-3	Yes (small and not for groups) / No	Lital: lital@tulip-winery.co.il	There are kosher restaurants in the area and you can use the Sukkah for your own food.
Tzora	Yes (advance notice is required)	No / The tastings include bread, cheese and olive oil	+972-2-990-8261	Tour and tasting is 50 NIS pp.
Weitzman	Yes	Yes / No (but kosher food can be organized with advance notice)	Yitzchak: 0544585727	
Yatir	Yes (advance notice is required) / 10-4 on Sunday & Monday of Chol Hamoed	Yes / No	Etti: 052-830-8196	