

Hassidic Tish - The Night Life of Jerusalem

Jerusalem is a sacred city to the three monotheistic faiths of the Middle East. On Friday, December 24, you are invited to attend Christmas Midnight Mass in one of Jerusalem's churches. Before that, if you like, you can experience the very special atmosphere of a hassidic Tish – the holy Shabes dinner, with its elating singing and chanting. The rabbi eats at the table (tish, in Yiddish), and the Hassidim gather around him and sing ceaselessly for hours.

Baruch Brenner, a rabbi, actor and theatre director, who worked with Jerzy Grotowski in Pontedera, will lead the night tour of Me'ah She'arim, the ultra-orthodox neighborhood. The group will visit two Hassidic Tishes.

Friday, December 24, 21:00-23:00; sign up for this tour at the registration desk on Sunday, Dec. 19, 18:30-20:00.