

2009 Itinerary

09/03/09 THU DAY 1 Bethlehem

- 5:25 p.m. Arrival at Ben Gurion International Airport, Tel Aviv, and travel to Jerusalem
- Check into Sancta Maria Hotel
- DINNER in Bethlehem

09/04/09 FRI DAY 2 Bethlehem

- 8:00 a.m. TALK and TOUR (pick up at hotel) with George S. Rishmawi (coordinator, Siraj Center for Holy Land Studies): Old Town Bethlehem, Church of the Nativity, Mosque of Omar
- 10:00 a.m. Visit Bethlehem University, TALK with Prof. Mazin Qumsiyeh
- 11:30 a.m. TOUR of of Aida Refugee Camp with Ayed Al Azzeh (Al-Rowad Center)
- 1:00 p.m. LUNCH and TALK with Zoughbi Zoughbi (director, Wi'am, the Palestinian Conflict Resolution Center)
- 3:00 p.m. TALK with Yusef Thalgieh (father of Palestinian boy killed by Israeli Defense Forces)
- 4:00 p.m. TALK and TOUR with Carmen Nasser (Bethlehem resident affected by the wall)
- 5:30 p.m. The Palestinian Center for Rapprochement between People (PCR) TALK with George Rishmawi (co-founder, International Solidarity Movement [ISM], current director of PCR)
- 7:30 p.m. DINNER (with dabka dancers) in tent restaurant with students from Bethlehem and Birzeit universities and Bethlehem high schools
- OTI REFLECTION

09/05/09 SAT DAY 3 Day off: Tour to Dead Sea

- 9:00 a.m. Travel to Dead Sea
- 11:00 a.m. Relax at Ein Gedi National Park
- 2:00 p.m. LUNCH at Lot Spa Hotel
- Dead Sea beach/mud treatment
- 7:00 p.m. IFTAR Meal in Bethlehem (Reem Al Bawadi Restaurant)

09/06/09 SUN DAY 4 Jerusalem

- 9:00 a.m. Free morning in Bethlehem
- 10:45 a.m. Travel to Jerusalem
- 11:15 a.m. Dialogue with 20 undergraduate students from Hebrew University of Jerusalem, facilitated by Dr. Gideon Rahat (Senior Lecturer,

- Department of Political Science)
 LUNCH with students at cafeteria of Hebrew University of Jerusalem
 2:00 p.m. TOUR Old City Jerusalem – Jewish Quarter, including City of David,
 Western Wall, Kotel tunnels tour
 8:00 p.m. DINNER at hotel in Bethlehem and TALK with Bassem Eid (journalist
 monitoring human rights issues in the Palestinian territories)
 OTI REFLECTION

09/07/09 MON DAY 5 Qalqilyah, Ariel Settlement, Haifa

- 8:30 a.m. Travel to West Bank city Qalqilyah
 9:30 a.m. TALK and TOUR at overview point with Avihu Cohen (Program
 Manager, Center for New Diplomacy)
 11:00 a.m. Meet with mayor of Qalqilyah, Wajih Qawas
 TOUR of Qalqilyah and the wall surrounding the city
 LUNCH
 3:30 p.m. TALK and TOUR with Avi Zimmerman (Executive Director, American
 Friends of Ariel) at Ariel settlement
 6:00 p.m. Drive to Haifa
 Check into Colony Hotel
 8:00 p.m. DINNER and OTI REFLECTION

09/08/09 TUE DAY 6 Haifa

- 9:00 a.m. PANEL with Ya'acov (Cobie) Brosh, (Executive Director, Haifa
 Foundation and former Israel Consul General in Canada)
 10:30 a.m. TALK and Tour at Beit Hagafen Center of Coexistence
 12:00 p.m. TALK with Professor Majid Al-Haj (University of Haifa)
 2:00 p.m. LUNCH at Maxim restaurant, an Arab-Israeli owned restaurant
 attacked by a suicide bomber. TALK with Tony Matar (co-owner)
 4:00 p.m. TOUR of terror victim burial site near Haifa with Yossi Tzur and Ron
 Kehrman, whose children died in a suicide attack on bus in Haifa
 FREE EVENING

09/09/09 WED DAY 7 Nazareth, Capernaum, Golan Heights

- 8:00 a.m. Travel to Nazareth
 9:00 a.m. Nazareth – TOUR of Church of the Annunciation with tour guide
 10:30 a.m. Travel to Capernaum, Tabgha and Mount of Beatitudes
 1:00 p.m. LUNCH
 2:00 p.m. Travel to Golan Heights – tour the area
 6:00 p.m. Return to Tiberias – check into Eden Hotel and OTI REFLECTION

09/10/09 THU DAY 8 Jenin

- 9:00 a.m. Travel to Jenin
 10:00 a.m. Meet with Qadora Musa (Governor of Jenin)
 11:00 a.m. Meet with Antonio Galli (USAID representative)
 12:00 p.m. LUNCH (bring sandwiches)

- 1:00 p.m. Tour of the Jenin refugee camp with the Jenin Popular Committee for Services
- 4:00 p.m. Travel to Tel Aviv/Jaffa and check in to Sea Net Hotel
- 6:00 p.m. TALK with Gidi Grinstein (president and founder, Reut Institute)
- 8:00 p.m. DINNER with Orit Zuretz (MP Kadima Party), Tel Aviv
OTI REFLECTION

09/11/09 FRI DAY 9 Tel Aviv/Jaffa, Ramla

- 8:30 a.m. TALK with Dr. Uzi Rabi (Iran expert from Tel Aviv University) at hotel meeting rooms
- 10:30 a.m. TALK with Yossi Apher (former officer, national intelligence agency of Israeli [Mossad], current co-founder and editor, bitterlemons.org)
- 12:00 p.m. TALK with Professor Galia Golan (co-founder of Peace Now)
- 1:00 p.m. LUNCH
- 2:00 p.m. TALK with Robbie Demlyn (Parents Circle)
- 3:30 p.m. Visit Open House Ramla, TALK with Dalia Landau (Open House director and subject of the book, *The Lemon Tree: An Arab, A Jew, and the Heart of the Middle East*)
- 5:00 p.m. Travel to Jerusalem Old City and OTI REFLECTION
- 6:30 p.m. Traditional Jewish SHABBAT DINNER at Old City home of Patrick Amar (Yeshivas Aish HaTorah, Old City Jerusalem)
- 9:00 p.m. Return to Tel Aviv

09/12/09 SAT DAY 10 Day-off: Tel Aviv/Jaffa

- 5:00 p.m. FREE DAY (beach, shopping, sightseeing)
- 7:00 p.m. MEETING with students (former soldiers) from Tel Aviv University: Maya Zana IDC – Student team of 8 on the beach
- 8:00 p.m. TALK with Amos Harel (Ha'aretz newspaper military correspondent who covered the Gaza conflict and broke the story about "breaking the silence")
- 9:00 p.m. DINNER in Old Town Jaffa
- Optional nightlife tour

09/13/09 SUN DAY 11 Tel Aviv, Sderot

- 7:00 a.m. Depart to Kerem Shalom (Gaza Crossing)
- 9:00 a.m. Kerem Shalom presentation by Coordinator of Government Activities in the Territories (COGAT) Commander
- 10:00 a.m. Gaza OVERVIEW
- 10:45 a.m. Travel to Sderot
- 11:30 a.m. TOUR of Sderot (police station, old rockets)
- 12:30 p.m. LUNCH at Kibbutz Kfar Aza
- 3:00 p.m. Visit Bedouin town Abu-Rabiah
- TALK with Professor Khalil Abou Rabia (Ben-Gurion University of the Negev, founder of the Arab List for Bedouin and Villagers) and Yunes Abou-Rabiah

- 6:00 p.m. Depart for Kfar Hanokdim
- 6:30 p.m. Check-in, camel ride and dinner; sleep-over in Bedouin tent
OTI REFLECTION

09/14/09 MON DAY 12 Hebron

- 8:00 a.m. Travel to Hebron
- 9:00 a.m. TALK and TOUR with Noam Arnon (spokesperson, Jewish Community of Hebron)
- 11:00 a.m. MEETING with Khaled Osaily (mayor of Hebron)
- 12:00 p.m. TOUR of Hebron City Center with Muslim community representative
- 2:00 p.m. LUNCH in Efrat settlement
- 3:30 p.m. TALK with Dan Diker (director of the Institute for Contemporary Affairs at the Jerusalem Center for Public Affairs)
- 5:00 p.m. TALK with Yisrael Medad (director, Menachem Begin Heritage Center, Jerusalem, Information & Educational Resources Unit, unofficial settler spokesperson)
Check into Lutheran Guest House, Old City

09/15/09 TUE DAY 13 West Jerusalem

- 9:00 a.m. TALK with Ester Golan (Holocaust survivor) at her home in West Jerusalem
- 11:00 a.m. TOUR of Yad Vashem
- 1:00 p.m. SHORT LUNCH (on bus)
- 2:00 p.m. TALK with Mark Regev (spokesperson for the prime minister of Israel) at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs complex
- 3:30 p.m. TALK with Aluf Benn (senior Haaretz journalist, political expert)
- 5:00 p.m. MEETING with John Ging (head of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency [UNRWA] in Gaza) at UN compound
- 7:00 p.m. DINNER with Oren Klein's family

09/16/09 WED DAY 14 Ramallah

- 8:00 a.m. Optional – visit Al-Aqsa Mosque, Jerusalem
- 9:00 a.m. Travel to Ramallah
- 10:00 a.m. TALK with Samir Hulileh (businessman and entrepreneur, CEO of PADICO) and Munib R. Masri (PADICO board) at PADICO offices
- 11:30 a.m. TOUR of Mukata - Palestinian Government Complex (including Arafat's burial site)
- 12:30 p.m. LUNCH
- 1:30 p.m. TALK with Aziz Duwaik (Speaker of the Palestinian Legislative Council) at PLC office building
- 3:00 p.m. TALK with Dr. Mustafa Barghouti (founder and president, Union of Palestinian Medical Relief Committees, 2005 candidate for the presidency of the Palestinian National Authority, current top candidate for the Independent Palestine list)

- 4:00 p.m. Travel to village near Ramallah (Nilin) – tour of community center with Salah al-Khawaja (Palestinian National Initiative)
 7:00 p.m. OTI REFLECTION MEETING and DINNER in Jerusalem

09/17/09 THU DAY 15 East Jerusalem

- 9:00 a.m. TALK with Dan Avnon (professor, Hebrew University of Jerusalem) at Lutheran Guest House meeting room
 10:00 a.m. Travel to Tel Aviv
 11:00 a.m. Presentation at Israel Trauma Center for Victims of Terror and War (NATAL)
 3:00 p.m. TALK and TOUR of East Jerusalem with Xavier Abu Eid (Communication Advisor, PLO Negotiations Affairs Department) – meetings with residents who lost their homes
 7:00 p.m. DINNER with Khaled Zighari (photojournalist and television producer)
 OTI REFLECTION

09/18/09 FRI DAY 16 Jerusalem

- 5:45 a.m. Optional tour of Church of the Holy Sepulchre
 8:00 a.m. Jerusalem Old City Tour – Christian Quarter
 10:00 a.m. TALK with Dr. Jamal Zahalka (Arab Knesset member- Balad Party)
 11:00 a.m. Strategic Jerusalem Envelope tour with Amir Cheshin (senior advisor to Jerusalem mayor Teddy Kollek 1984-1994 and served as colonel in the Israeli Defense Forces) all around the city of Jerusalem
 2:00 p.m. LUNCH
 3:00 p.m. Jerusalem Old City Tour – Muslim and Armenian Quarters
 6:00 p.m. Jewish ROSH HASHANAH celebration at Lutheran Guest House

09/19/09 SAT DAY 17 Jerusalem

- 10:00 a.m. Rosh Hashanah celebration (optional)
 12:00 p.m. OTI REFLECTION MEETING
 6:00 p.m. Day of Eid celebration (optional)
 11:35 p.m. Flight back from Ben Gurion International Airport, Tel Aviv

09/20/09 SUN DAY 18 Orange County

- 10:10 a.m. ARRIVAL Irvine (SNA – John Wayne Airport)