

New Israel Fund one-day tour
Sunday, July 15, 2018
Meet the People and Movements of South Tel Aviv



Overview

The city of Tel Aviv-Yaffo is Israel’s metropolis, and as such encapsulates many of the major social issues facing the country at large. Specifically, the neighborhoods of South Tel Aviv, which historically have been the most marginalized, are a microcosm of the key social issues the city faces as home to many subgroups of Israeli society.

Join the New Israel Fund for a special one-day tour that explores the most pressing issues facing South Tel Aviv while experiencing the sights, sounds and landmarks of the neighborhood. Meet the activists and residents leading the fight for inclusion and social justice for the diverse communities that share this space.

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8:00 am	Depart Jerusalem
9:30-10:45 am	<p>Building and supporting the social justice movement in Israel. The current role and work of the New Israel Fund and Shatil With Shira Ben Sasson, NIF Chief of Staff, and Avigail Kormes, NIF Civil and Human Rights Grant Officer</p> <p>The New Israel Fund (NIF) is the leading organization committed to equality and democracy for all Israelis. NIF strengthens organizations and leaders that work to achieve equality for all citizens of the state; realize the civil and human rights of all, including Arab citizens of Israel; recognize and reinforce the essential pluralism of Israeli society; and empower groups on the economic margins of Israeli society.</p> <p>Shatil is the action arm of the New Israel Fund and works to amplify the impact of the organizations and individuals building a just, democratic and shared society in Israel. Shatil provides consulting and training for social change organizations, builds coalitions and networks, and advocates with government officials and decision makers for socially responsible policies.</p>
11:00 am-12:00 pm	<p>Closing gaps in Israeli society – raising the voice of Mizrahi Jews With Yael Ben Yefet, Director, the Mizrahi Democratic Rainbow</p> <p>Yael Ben-Yefet has served since 2012 as Director of the Mizrahi Democratic Rainbow - New Discourse. Yael was born in South Tel Aviv and is currently serving her second term as a member of the Tel Aviv city council. She has a BA in industrial engineering and management and is working towards an MA in Sociology.</p> <p>The Mizrahi Democratic Rainbow - New Discourse was established in 1996 by a group of leading Jewish intellectuals and social activists of Middle Eastern or North African descent. It is a non-partisan, non-affiliated, non-discriminatory, NGO whose goal is to affect the current public agenda with the aim of bringing change to Israeli society as a whole, and to its</p>

	institutions, by implementing values of democracy, human rights, social justice and multiculturalism.
12:00-1:00 pm	<p>Emerging voices - Young movements rallying for social change With Alon Lee Green, Standing Together</p> <p>Alon-Lee Green is the National Director of "Standing Together", a new grassroots movement. In his teenage years, he organized Israel's first trade union of waiters in a chain of coffee-shops. He went on to found Israel's first National Waiters' Union, and appears regularly in the media to address the rights of young and temporary workers. He was one of the leaders of the summer 2011 social protest movement, and played a major role in convening some of its biggest rallies. He worked in the Knesset for 5 years as a political adviser, and was involved in the legislative process and in building citizens' campaigns to influence parliamentary decisions. In 2015, he co-founded "Standing Together", a Jewish-Arab grassroots movement that mobilizes people around issues of peace, equality and social justice.</p>
1:00-2:15 pm	Lunch
2:30-4:00 pm	<p>Asylum seekers in South Tel Aviv Tour of south Tel Aviv and meeting with Israeli activists and leaders of the Refugees/Asylum Seeker community.</p>
4:00-4:45 pm	<i>Closing discussion and reflections</i>
6:00 pm	Arrival in Jerusalem (approximate time depending on traffic)