

Israel at 70: Building a Just and Democratic Israel

Study Tour

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November 11th – November 15th 2018

Sunday, November 11th Welcome and Orientation

Arrival and check-in at hotel in Jerusalem

10:00 – 12:00 PM Group Orientation over brunch

12:30 – 4:30 PM Introducing Jerusalem: Ancient City, Contemporary Realities

Walking tour exploring the winding streets, lesser-known sights and local flavors of the Old City, including the Jerusalem Seam Line with **Eran Tzidkiyahu** of **Ir Amim**

Ir Amim leads study tours of Jerusalem to introduce participants to the social, economic and political issues impacting life in the city for its multiple religious, cultural and national groups as well as Jerusalem's role in the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. The organization works for an equitable and stable Jerusalem with an agreed political future.

5:30 PM

Welcome Dinner and Introduction to the New Israel Fund

with **Talia Sasson**, President of the NIF, and **Shira Ben Sasson**, Associate Director, NIF Israel, **Esther Sivan**, Shatil's incoming Director and **Yuval Yavneh**, Director of the Grants Department at NIF

Overnight at David Citadel Jerusalem

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Monday, November 12th

Breakfast at the David Citadel Jerusalem hotel

8:45 – 10:00 AM

What Does a Jewish State Mean Anyway?

Study session and conversation with **Menachem Lorberbaum**, NIF Board Member and professor of Philosophy at Tel Aviv University

10:00 – 12:00

Tour of the Separation Barrier and Kalandia Checkpoint
with *Machsom Watch*

Machsom Watch is a volunteer organization of Israeli women who monitor the West Bank checkpoints, separation fences, and military courts and document what they see and what is reported to them by local Palestinians.

Lunch

1:30 – 3:00 PM

Amplifying Multiple Religious Voices

A panel discussion with **Yael Rockman**, Executive Director of **Kolech**; Rabbi Noa Sattath, Director of the **Israel Religion Action Center**; and **Izhar Hess**, Executive Director and CEO of the **Masorti Movement** in Israel.

Kolech, the first Orthodox Jewish feminist organization in Israel, aims to disseminate the values of gender equality and mutual respect in Israeli religious society. *IRAC* is the leading civil and human rights organization addressing issues of religion and state in Israel. *The Masorti Movement* is the home for Conservative Judaism in Israel.

3:30 – 4:45 PM

The Power of Music to Bring Change

A conversation with **Dr. Meir Buzaglo**, founder and Board Chair, **Tikun Movement for Social and Cultural Change in Israel**

The *Tikun Movement* strives to address questions and issues that challenge Israeli society within the context of Jewish identity in the hopes of engaging in fruitful dialogue on Jewish tradition and identity and successfully confronting Israel's current educational and social concerns.

5:00 – 6:00 PM

Israel at 70: overview of current trends in Israeli politics and society

Discussion with **Naomi Chazan**, **Former NIF President** and current NIF Board Member

8:00 PM

Dinner in the iconic **Machane Yehuda**, now a hub of Jerusalem nightlife and foodie culture.

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- 8:30 AM** **Breakfast** and check out at the David Citadel Jerusalem hotel
Depart hotel
- 10:00 – 3:30 PM** **Wadi Arah: Jews and Arabs Working Together**
A visit to **The Center for a Shared Society at Givat Haviva** and introduction to NIF/Shatil Social Justice Fellows
The Center for a Shared Society at Givat Haviva aims to build an inclusive, socially cohesive society in Israel by engaging divided communities in collective action towards the advancement of a sustainable, thriving Israeli democracy based on mutual responsibility, civic equality and a shared vision of the future. The *NIF/Shatil Social Justice Fellowship* provides a cohort of young North-Americans with a one-of-a kind experience working for a premiere Israeli non-governmental organization (NGO) at the front lines of social change in Israel.
- Combatting Racism:** Meeting with **Gadi Gvanyahu**, Director of **Tag Meir**
Tag Meir (Light Tag) is a grass-roots organization fighting against the worrisome trend of increasing racism in Israel. Wherever there is an incident of racism, especially religiously-motivated racism, Tag Meir seeks to expose and counteract it.
- Traditional lunch at a local home
- 3:30 PM** **Drive to Tel Aviv and check in at hotel**
- 5:00 – 6:30 PM** **Safeguarding Civil Rights**
A conversation with **Sharon Abraham-Weiss**, Executive Director of **ACRI** and **Rachel Liel**, Chair of the ACRI Board and Former Executive Director of NIF
ACRI—Association of Civil Rights in Israel is Israel’s oldest and largest human rights organization committed to promoting the universality of human rights and defending human rights and civil liberties for all who live in Israel.
- 7:00 PM** **The Role of Storytelling in Confronting the Occupation**
Yehuda Shaul, founder of **Breaking the Silence over Dinner**
Breaking the Silence is an organization of veteran combatants who have served in the Israeli military since the start of the second intifada and have taken it upon themselves to expose the Israeli public to the reality of everyday life in the occupied territories. Their work aims to bring an end to the occupation.

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Wednesday, November 14th

Breakfast at Sheraton Tel Aviv

8:30 – 9:45 AM

Researching Equality and Social Justice in Israel

Meeting with **Adva Center**

Adva Center is a non-partisan policy analysis institute working to examine Israeli society from the perspective of equality and social justice. Advam studies public policy in the areas of budgets, taxation and social services, including the implications for Israeli society as a whole and for each of its major social groups.

10:00 – 12:00 PM

The Refugee Story: Guided Tour of South Tel Aviv and Meeting

with **ASSAF**-Aid Organization for Refugees and Asylum Seekers in Israel

ASSAF advocates for and promotes the rights of refugees. ASSAF also provides psycho-social support and aid to asylum seekers and refugees, including victims of torture, single mothers and youth. Adi has been working in human rights and refugee rights for over 12 years.

12:00 – 1:30 PM

Culinary Tour of Levinsky Market

The *Levinsky Market* is a gourmand's paradise with its range of flavors, spices, and fusion cuisines. For every scent and spice in the shuk there's a story of roots, struggle and nationality.

2:00 – 3:30 PM

Intersectional Feminism and the Mizrahi Community

Visit to **Achoti Gallery**, Mizrahi cultural center, and discussion with **Shula Keshet**, Executive Director of **Achoti** and visit to **Achoti's Fair Trade Shop**

Achoti (Sister in Hebrew) for Women in Israel was founded by feminist social activists who recognized the need to set topics of social justice at the center of the public discourse and to enhance solidarity with women from disempowered socioeconomic classes.

4:00 – 5:30 PM

Film for Social Change

A conversation with **Doron Zabari**, filmmaker and creator of the award-winning documentary "The Silver Platter" and **Yossi Dahan**, chairperson and co-founder of the **Adva Center** and **NIF** Board member

The *Silver Platter* is an award-winning three-part documentary focused on economic and social issues in Israel.

Free evening

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Thursday, November 15th

Breakfast and check out at the Sheraton Tel Aviv

10:00 – 11:30 AM **Visit to Studio Po – the Social Design Studio**
walkthrough by **Shatil** and **The Peace Factory**

PO is an “advertising agency”, a creative lab for any organization acting for peace and social change, especially those trying to build bridges of communication between Israelis and Palestinians. Studio PO is run by Ronny Edry, a teacher for Graphic design & Creative thinking at the academies of arts. He is the owner and founder of “Pushpin” a prep school for art and design. He has always been involved with social and political topics.

Lunch and free time in Yaffo

4:00 – 5:30 PM **Emerging Leadership: Hope for the Future of Israel**

A conversation with **Alon-Lee Green**, director of **Standing Together**, **Raluca Ganea**, director of **Zazim: Community Action**, and **Shaked Hasson**, director of Public Policy of **Israel Hofsheet**

Standing Together is the grassroots people’s movement in Israel that organizes Jews and Arabs, locally and nationally, around campaigns for peace, equality and social justice in order to build power and transform Israeli society; *Zazim* is a campaigning community for social and political change, brought together through the shared values of human rights, social justice, combatting racism and the occupation, environmental protection, government transparency and independent media. The movement’s primary vehicle is online tools;

5:45 – 7:00 PM **Wrap Up**

7:30 PM **Closing dinner** with **Mickey Gitzin**, Executive Director of NIF Israel

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