Travel to Israel with NIF
May 18-25, 2022

Day 1: Welcome to Israel! (Jerusalem)

Orientation and Introductions over Light Lunch

Geopolitical walking tour of Jerusalem

Meeting with NIF/Shatil Directors in Israel

Welcome Dinner

Day 2: Israel’s Political & Judicial Institutions

Tour of Israel’s Supreme Court
Private tour of the Supreme Court and discussion with a leading legal scholar

Visit to the Knesset
Conversation with Shatil’s Center for Policy Change on advancing social justice in the Knesset and meeting with Members of Knesset

The tastes and smells of Jerusalem: free time at Machane Yehuda
Progressive Haredi voices
Panel discussion with activists from the Haredi (Ultra-Orthodox) community

How does NIF work on the ground in Israel?
Dinner with NIF staff and leadership

Day 3: Understanding the effects of the occupation

Tour of Hebron: the consequences of separation and military presence
With NIF grantee Breaking the Silence

Panel discussion with leading Israeli human rights activists
NIF grantees Machsom Watch, Yesh Din, and B’Tselem

Optional: Shabbat services in Jerusalem

Shabbat group dinner

Day 4: Shabbat in Jerusalem

Optional: Guided tour of the Old City of Jerusalem

Group dinner at a chef’s home
Private dinner at the home of a local chef and conversation with NIF grantee Tag Meir on promoting tolerance and fighting racism
Day 5: Shared Society & New Voices in Israeli Society  
(day trip to the North)

Jews and Arabs working together for a shared society  
Meeting with NIF grantees and tour of Arab towns and mixed cities in the North with a focus on shared society and Jewish Arab partnership

Lunch conversation with the Director and staff of Shatil Haifa

Contemporary Palestinian art  
Visit to Umm El-Fahem Art Gallery

Day 6: Civil Rights in Israel  (Tel Aviv)

Defending Civil Rights in Israel  
Meeting with Israel’s leading civil rights organization, the Association for Civil Rights in Israel (ACRI)

Women’s rights in Israel  
Panel discussion with leading female scholars and activists working to advance women’s rights in Israel

Walking tour of Jaffa  
Meeting System Ali, a multi-lingual local hip-hop troupe that uses the power of music to inspire and create social change

Film for social change  
Film screening and Conversation with a local director
Day 7: Social Activism

Building grassroots movements
Tour of Southern Tel Aviv and meeting with local organizations and activists addressing inequality and working to foster relations between the neighborhood’s diverse communities

Smells and Tastes of South Tel Aviv
Culinary tour of Levinsky Market

Asylum seekers in Israel
Conversation with leaders of the Asylum Seeker community

Digital Activism: countering “alternative facts” and misinformation
Meeting with NIF grantees fighting online misinformation and promoting social change on digital platforms

Optional: local Dance/Art performance
Day 8: What Lies Ahead for Social Change in Israel?

At the forefront of social activism
Panel Discussion with young, emerging Israeli activists working at the forefront of social change

Gallery/museum tour in Tel Aviv

What is next for NIF?
Closing discussion with NIF leadership in Israel

Farewell Dinner