

NIF Spring 2024 Study Tour – Fighting for the Future of Israel's Democracy

DRAFT Itinerary

Day 1 (Tel Aviv) : Orientation to this Moment in Israel-Palestine

Understanding the Democratic Crisis in Israel - Presentation from Israeli Legal Experts and Scholars

Voices from the Pro-Democracy Protests - Conversation with Activists, Politicians and Civil Society Leaders

Dinner with NIF leadership

Day 2 : Palestinian-Israeli Society

A tour of Palestinian-Arab villages in the Galilee with Shatil-Haifa

Lunch at a local restaurant

“We Want To Live” – Meeting with the women activists leading the Struggle Against Gun Violence and Crime in Israel’s Palestinian towns

Day 3 (Friday) (Tel Aviv): Israel in the Middle East

Israel’s Foreign Policy: Realities and Opportunities with leading Israeli foreign policy experts

Emerging Models for Peace: With thought leaders committed to innovative resolutions to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict

Optional Shabbat services

Shabbat dinner

Day 4 (Saturday) (Tel Aviv): Shabbat in Tel Aviv

Walking Tour of Jaffa: On Life in a Mixed Jewish-Arab City and the Challenges of Gentrification

Lunch in Jaffa

Day 5: The Reality of Palestinian Life Under Occupation and the Co-Resistance Movement

A journey to the South Hebron Hills and Massafer Yatta.

Meeting with Palestinians and Israelis working together to resist the occupation and combat settler violence

Dinner with leaders of organizations working to end the occupation

Day 6 (Jerusalem): East Jerusalem

A Geopolitical Walking Tour of the Temple Mount/Haram Al-Sharif

Lunch in the Old City

The fight for Gender and LGBTQ Rights under the current government - meeting with women and LGBTQ activists

Day 7 (Jerusalem): Religion and State

“Leftists of Faith”- with leaders of Israel’s emerging progressive-religious movement

Culinary Tour of Machane Yehuda Market

The Politics of Heritage Sites - a conversation on the politicization of antiquities

Day 8 (Jerusalem): NIF’s Emergency Response and long-term vision

NIF’s “Hub for the Protection of Civic Space”- An for Innovative Model to Protect Civil Society and Defend Democracy in times of crisis

Rapid Response Grantmaking: Conversations with NGO leadership about the power of NIF’s emergency funding

The future of Israel’s progressive-liberal camp: a conversation with emerging thought leaders

Closing Dinner with NIF leadership and staff