

Kaleidoscope
Engaging Israel at a Crossroads

KALEIDOSCOPE PROGRAM

DRAFT – Subject to Change
November 3-7, 2019

***Kaleidoscope** is a multi-dimensional exploration of Israel through a wide-angled lens. With no partisan agenda, participants engage – creatively and critically – with the vibrant complexity of Israel. This program is designed by **Makom - The Education Lab of The Jewish Agency**, who provides Kaleidoscope's highly experienced team of expert educators and guides. Tour logistics are managed by **Keshet Tour Company**.*

To register or obtain more information, please contact: Lynda@KaleidoscopeIsrael.org

- Makom's daily orientation will provide a contextual framework for the issues and explore the evolving questions and perspectives of the participants.
- The program is subject to change. **Speakers listed are illustrative and have not yet been confirmed.**

SUNDAY, November 3

Kaleidoscope: Seeing Israel -- Exploring the "New Jew"

9am Convene in Tel Aviv

Orientation for the Day - Looking through a Kaleidoscope: Makom's educational framing on ways of seeing modern Israel.

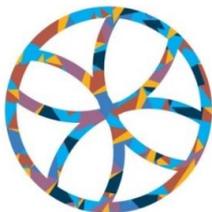
The new [Beit Hatfuzot](#): How the Museum of the Diaspora became the Museum of the Jewish People and what that suggests for the evolving nature of Jewish identity in Israel.

Travel North

The **Successes & Failures of Zionism:** [Prof. Fania Oz-Salzberger](#). One of Israel's leading public intellectuals, a historian of the modern period, co-author with Amos Oz of "Jews and Words", and director of Paideia Institute for Jewish Studies.

Evening at local Winery – [The Jews Are Coming](#) is a popular biting, satirical comedy that revisits episodes in Jewish history to make sense of today's complex reality. It is an example of vitality in the secular population using arts and culture to reengage Jewish culture. Watch clips and hear from the creators, writers, or cultural critics.

Overnight: Zichron Yaacov



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MONDAY, November 4

Microscope: Societal Challenges & Activist Responses

Optional sunrise activity - meditation on the mountain overlooking the stunning coastline

Orientation to the day -- Exploring 4 visions for Israel, based on President Reuven Rivlin's **Four Tribes of Israel**: Secular, Traditional, Haredi & Arab

Tour **Nazareth and Nazareth Illit: A Microcosm of Israel's Societal Challenges** – for Jews, Muslims and Christians.

Urban Kibbutz: Meet members of **Kibbutz Mishol**, one of a network of urban educational kibbutzim that undertake social, cultural and educational projects living within, and not separate from, the wider community. Discuss **intentional communities** with **James Grant-Rosenhead**.

Meeting members of the **Garin Torani**: Modern Orthodox activists who seek to raise the levels of observance amongst the Jewish population.

An Arab Perspective: Visit with **Khaled Kasab Mahameed**, at his **Holocaust museum for Arabs**. Discuss the place of the Holocaust in both Arab and Jewish understandings of Israel.

Travel/Overnight in Jerusalem

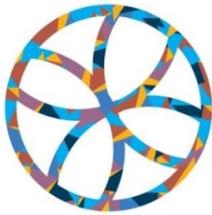
TUESDAY, November 5

Gyroscope: The twists and turns of Jewish Tradition and Renewal

Orientation to the day – Israel as a Jewish State, Israel as a Democratic State: Exploring the Declaration of Independence, the Nation-State Law, and the Human Dignity Law.

Diverse trends in Israeli & North American Jewish Life: Conversation with **Shmuel Rosner**, contributing writer to the New York Times, and author of the latest research into the distinctive nature of Israeli Judaism, for the **Jewish People Policy Institute**.

Religious Activism in Israel - Challenging from Within. Meet with Rabbi **Menachem Bombach** (Hassidic visionary high school principal); **Tehila Friedman** (Modern Orthodox liberal activist); **Nir Braudo** (Head of the Bina Secular Yeshivot); **Prof Michal Muskat Barkan** (pluralist seeking educational change following the murder of Shira Banki at the Pride Rally); and Anat Hoffman (President of Women of the Wall)



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Israel as both a Jewish and Democratic State with Former Vice-President of the Supreme Court Justice [Elyakim Rubinstein](#)

Discussion with **Members of Knesset** – [Stav Shafir](#) (Zionist Union) and [Yehuda Glick](#) (Likud)

Jerusalem Cinematheque - **Panel of leading Jewish and Arab filmmakers** moderated by [Steven Silver](#), followed by Film Screening & Discussion

WEDNESDAY, November 6

Stethoscope – Listening to Fears and Hopes of Friends and Foes

Orientation to the day – learning to listen like Sherlock Holmes

War of Return – former Labor MK and leading public advocate Dr. [Einat Wilf](#), co-author of a new book on the Palestinians' unique [refugee status](#) and how that is a key obstacle to peace.

Following this session, participants will have a choice between two journeys:

Journey 1: Gush Etzion – Jewish-Arab Coexistence & Separation

Visit Gush Etzion with [Sara HaEtzni Cohen](#) – who grew up in Kiryat Arba and is a granddaughter of one of the founders of the community.

Visit [Bethlehem](#) and environs with **Mutasem** – a Palestinian tour guide – and appreciate the daily life of the residents. Include seeing the wall, it's art, and the [Walled-Off Hotel](#) together with the Bansky mural. (NB. This is area A, so Israeli citizens need special clearance.)

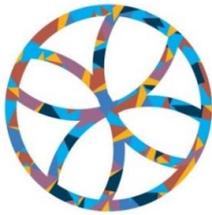
Meet those striving to craft a way forward from the [Bethlehem Development Foundation](#), comprised of leaders with vast experience of national Palestinian politics and economics.

Visit [Shoreshim-Roots-Judur](#) at the Gush junction to meet with Jewish Rabbi Shaul Yudelman and Palestinian Ali Abu Awwad striving for peaceful coexistence, together.

Journey 2: Ramallah – Business and Politics in the Arab Sector

Visit Ramallah and meet with prominent Palestinian political and business leaders of the Palestinian National Authority.

Meet **Mahmoud Muna** – the proprietor of the [Educational Bookshop](#) in East Jerusalem to hear about the nature of life for East Jerusalem Arabs and his challenge to the Israelis.



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The Conflict to Our Ears - Panel of journalists at Jerusalem Press Club followed by group reflection on the conflict.

THURSDAY, November 7

Telescope: The Future is Now

Optional Sunrise activity - walking tour along seamline of neighborhoods

Orientation to the day & travel to Tel Aviv

TRACKS 2 – choose from:

- Innovation in **Technology, Business and Finance**
- **Social activism**

What should it mean to be a Jewish People? [Jonny Ariel](#) leads an **interactive exercise with young Israelis** on what the Jewish People, as a People, should do next.

Looking again through the Kaleidoscope: Closing circle - **So how was Israel for you?**

“That’s Why I’m Still Here” Performance of stories and songs, by [Robbie Gringras](#) and [Adam Mader](#), about sustaining a mature relationship with Israel in light of its realities.

Farewell Dinner – 9pm: End of Kaleidoscope / Transportation will be provided to wrap around hotel and central bus station if requested.