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|  | NU Perspectives 2022  Sunday, August 21 – Thursday, September 1, 2022 |
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|  | As of 15/08 |
|  | Sunday, August 21, 2022 |
|  | Departure |
| 4:25 pm | Departure from the United States on United Airlines #90. |
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|  | Day 1: Monday, August 22, 2022 |
|  | Arrival and Welcome to Israel |
| 9:55 am | Arrival at Ben Gurion International Airport with assistance by a Makor Educational Journeys representative |
|  | Drive through the Negev Desert to the Negev Highlands |
|  | Stop in **Sde Boker** for an overlook into the Wilderness of Zin for a short program introduction |
|  | Continue to Mitzpeh Ramon |
|  | Check in to Ramon Suites Hotel |
|  | Walk to **Har Gamal** overlooking the Ramon Crater |
|  | Dinner followed by orientation and opening program |
|  | Overnight: Ramon Suites, Mitzpeh Ramon |
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|  | Day 2: Tuesday, August 23, 2022 |
|  | Israelis and the Palestinians: In Search of Clarity |
|  | Breakfast at the hotel |
| 8:30 am | *The Tools of Narrative*, introductory comments with scholar **Paul Liptz** |
|  | ***Workshop I*** *Defining Priorities in the Spoken Word,* a **Workshop** exploring participants personal choices for their own conversations and how words create narrative. |
| 11:oo am | ***Workshop II*** *What is My Narrative - What is Yours* – Exploring personal opinions |
|  | **Lunch** |
| 2:00 pm | ***Workshop III*** *Palestinians and Israelis, Ones Fact, another ones Myth,*  defining anchors for conversation |
|  | Late afternoon walk in the Ramon Crater, culminating in conversations in small groups about expectations and fears |
|  | Dinner |
| 8:00 pm | Stars Gazing in the desert |
|  | **Overnight: Ramon Suites, Mitzpeh Ramon** |
|  | Day 3: Wednesday, August 24, 2022 |
|  | A Mosaic of Cultures |
|  | Breakfast at the hotel |
|  | Drive to Sderot in the Western Negev |
|  | Drive to the **Asaf Siboni Overlook** for an overview of Gaza opposite Gaza City |
|  | Drive to Ramleh |
| 12:30 pm | Lunch at Samir Restaurant, followed by a special program with the **Appleseeds Foundation** and Reut Zadok |
| 2:30 pm | Drive to Jerusalem and stop at **Mount Scopus** for an introduction to and overview of Jerusalem. |
|  | Enter the **Old City via Jaffa Gate** and ascend to the rooftops of the Marketplace for a glimpse into the multi-ethnic weave of Jerusalem and a look from above at the Four Quarters of the city |
|  | Check in to Jerusalerm hotel |
| 5:45 pm | Meeting with Ambassador Thomas Nides at Shalom Hartman Institute |
| 8:00 pm | Dinner at the hotel with Jerusalem Hilel |
|  | Overnight: Montefiore Hotel, Jerusalem |
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|  | Day 4: Thursday, August 25, 2022 |
|  | Ramallah |
|  | Breakfast at the hotel |
| 8:00 am | Early morning departure for Ramallah. Guide: Riman Bakarat |
| 9:00 am | A Glimpse into Palestinian Society with **Khalil Shikaki**, founder and director of the Palestinian Center for Policy and Survey Research (PCPSR) |
| 10:00 am | Short guided walk around downtown Ramallah |
| 11:30 am | *My Palestine and Your Israel,* meet with **Amal Jadou,** deputy Palestinian minister of foreign affairs |
| 12:30 pm | *My Palestine*, **lunch** and a conversation with **Young Palestinian Entrepreneurs** |
| 2:00 pm | Drive to Taybeh |
| 3:00 pm | Visit the Christian village of **Taybeh** and the brewery with the same name, founded by a Palestinian family who returned to Taybe from the United States after the Oslo Accords |
|  | Return to Jerusalem |
|  | Dinner at the hotel |
| 8:00 pm | *In Search of Understanding? Israelis and Palestinians,* with journalist **Tal Schneider** |
|  | Overnight: Montefiore Hotel, Jerusalem |
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|  | Day 5: Friday, August 26, 2022 |
|  | Memories for the Future |
|  | Breakfast at the hotel. |
| 8:00 am | *The Memory of the Holocaust in Contemporary Israeli Society*, with **Shlomo Balsam** |
| 11:00am | Visit **Yad Vashem**, The Israeli national memorial to the victims of the Holocaust, including the Holocaust History Museum, the Avenue of the Righteous, and the Children’s Memorial |
|  | Opportunity to attend Juma prayers for Muslim students |
|  | Visit **Mahane Yehuda** open air market as residents and visitors celebrate the end of the week and the upcoming Sabbath, with lunch on your own |
|  | Free time to enjoy Jerusalem as the city winds down for the Sabbath |
|  | **Interfaith Sabbath Welcome** overlooking the Western Wall |
|  | Festive Sabbath Dinner at the hotel, followed by student led Oneg Shabbat and deecomplress |
|  | Overnight: Montefiore Hotel, Jerusalem |
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|  | Day 6: Saturday, August 27, 2022 |
|  | A Sabbath in Jerusalem |
|  | Breakfast at the hotel |
|  | *Optional* Sabbath services |
|  | Return to the **Old City** for a guided walk through the Christian Quarter, including the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, and continuing to the Austrian Hospice for a bird’s eye view of the Muslim & Christian Quarters and the Temple Mount - Haram al Sharif, concluding in the heart of the Jewish Quarter |
|  | Lunch on own in the Old City |
|  | Note: Packed lunches for Sabbath observant students |
|  | Free time for rest and relaxation |
| 3:30 pm | *My Life as an Arab Israel Journalist*, with journalist **Khaled Abou Touameh** at Sergei Palace |
|  | *Optional* Catholic Mass at the Notre Dame Cathedral |
| 8:00 pm | **Musical Havdallah**, the transition ceremony from the Sabbath to the rest of the week |
|  | Free evening to explore downtown Jerusalem, with dinner on your own |
|  | Overnight: Montefiore Hotel, Jerusalem |

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|  | Day 7: Sunday, August 28, 2022 |
|  | Where Politics and Spirituality Meet |
|  | Breakfast at the hotel |
| 7:30 am | Depart hotel for early morning departure for **Temple Mount/Harem al Sharif** with Muslim guide Ibrahim Gazawi, including a dialogue with a representative of the Jerusalem Waqf (pending confirmation) |
| 9:30 am | Drive to **Bethlehem** to visit the Church of the Nativity and walk along the Palestinian side of the Seam Zone Barrier, with its creative political graffiti |
| 1:00 pm | Visit the **Aida Refugee Camp** for a special program with the [**Noor Women's Empowerment Group**](https://noorweg.wordpress.com/), including lunch |
|  | *The Geopolitics of Jerusalem*: Guided drive from **Jerusalem to the Dead Sea** along the boundaries of the city and into the Judean Desert, for an understanding of some of the complexities on the ground and semantics involved in the discussion |
| 3:00 pm | **Fun in the Sun** at the Dead Sea, with an opportunity to float in the Dead Sea |
|  | Drive through the Jordan Valley to the Sea of Galilee |
|  | Dinner at the hotel |
|  | Overnight: Ohalo Guesthouse, Sea of Galilee |
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|  | Day 8: Monday, August 29, 2022 |
|  | Spirituality and Security in Israel’s North |
|  | Breakfast at the hotel |
|  | **Ascend to the Golan Heights** |
| 9:30 am | Drive along the Israeli-Syrian border by **Jeep**, with a geopolitical briefing en route, for a glimpse at the complex relationships that have formed in the Middle East, Europe and the United States in the wake of the Syrian Civil War |
| 11:30am | *Borders and Boundaries with People in Between*, with **Lt. Col. (Res.) Sarit Zahavi, of the Alma Center** |
|  | Visit **Capernaum**, where Jesus taught and site of an ancient synagogue; and the **Mount of Beatitudes**, site of the Sermon on the Mount |
|  | Travel south along the **Trans-Israel Highway**, with a security seminar along the Seam Zone between Israel and the Palestinian territories. Lunch on own en route |
|  | *(Pending final confirmation) My Home in the Land of Israel*, visit the community of **Alfei Menashe,**  and meet with a resident for a conversation on why they choose to make her home in Judea -Samaria/ The West Bank |
|  | Drive to Tel Aviv |
|  | Check in to the hotel |
|  | Dinner at the hotel followed by processing conversation and optional free evening in Tel Aviv |
|  | Overnight: Metropolitan Hotel, Tel Aviv |
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|  | Day 9: Tuesday, August 30, 2022 |
|  | A Mosaic of ISraeli Society |
|  | Breakfast at the hotel |
|  | (Pending final confirmation) Meeting with poet **Adi Keisar** a former radio personality and founder of the popular Poetry Project "Ars Poetica”, Middle Eastern parties combined with poetry readings |
| 11:00am | Guided “**Rainbow Tour**” that tells the story of the Israeli gay community in Tel Aviv to discover the    secrets of the largest LGBTQ community in Israel by walking through the main sites and learning about   the events that shaped this community |
|  | Visit the **Nachalat Binyamin Arts** and **Crafts Market** with it over 100 artists and musicians. |
|  | Lunch on own in the colorful **Carmel Market** |
|  | Guided walk along **Rothschild Blvd**., where Tel Aviv began over 100 years ago and which today is one of the most active global innovation hubs in Israel |
|  | Return to the hotel for a processing |
| 7:30 pm | Dinner at the hotel with students form Tel Aviv Hillel, followed by an evening out with the Hillel students |
|  | Overnight: Metropolitan Hotel, Tel Aviv |
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|  | Day 10: Wednesday, August 31, 2022 |
|  | Questions for the Future and Conclusion |
|  | Breakfast at the hotel |
| 8:30 am | *Israel and the Middle East @2022 – Where to from here?* With **Dan Shapiro,** senior State Department official and former US ambassador to Israel |
|  | Depart hotel |
| 10:30am | Visit one of the bilingual Arab-Jewish kindergartens established by the **Orchard of the Children of Abraham** and dialogue with founders **Ihab and Ora Balha** on their work to create shared society on a personal and national level. |
|  | Visit **Rabin Square**, site of assassination of Yitzchak Rabin, for a continuation of the conversation on identity differences and conflicting narratives. |
|  | Continue to the **Levinsky Market** for a Balkan tasting tour, with lunch on your own. |
|  | Free time for rest, relaxation, shopping and the beach |
| 5:30 pm | **Final wrap-up conversation**, followed by **dinner/festive closing** at Maganda Restaurant |
|  | Depart for Ben Gurion Airport |
| 11:25 pm | Departure on flight UA 91 and arrive back in the United States |
| 4:10 am | Arrive at Newark Liberty Airport |
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|  | Departure |