



**INSIDE ISRAEL
JDC Entwine Insider Trip**

SAMPLE ITINERARY

Day One: Welcome to Israel

- 3:00 PM Group Meets in Jerusalem
- 4:30 PM Welcome to Israel! Introduction by JDC Entwine Trip Co-Chairs & Staff
- 6:00 PM Introduction to JDC and Israel's Social Landscape and Key Social Issues by Galit Sagie, Director of Planning and Development, JDC Israel
- 7:00 PM Dinner at Local Restaurant & Welcome by Charles Ribakoff, JDC Board Member & Chair of JDC's Israel Committee

Overnight in Jerusalem

Day Two: "It's Not All Black and White": Inside Israel's Ultra-Orthodox Communities

- 7:45 AM Breakfast at the Hotel
- 9:00 AM Overview of Key Social and Economic Challenges Facing Israeli Society with Avi Weiss, Executive Director of the Taub Center

The Taub Center for Social Policy Studies in Israel is an independent, non-partisan, socioeconomic research institute based in Jerusalem. The Center conducts high-quality, impartial research on socioeconomic conditions in Israel, and develops innovative, equitable and practical options for macro public policies that advance the well-being of Israelis.

- 10:00 AM Overview of JDC TEVET with Sigal Shelach, TEVET CEO and Deputy Director of JDC Israel

Dr. Shelach is the Deputy CEO of JDC-Israel and CEO of TEVET, the employment initiative of the Israeli Joint Distribution Committee and the Israeli Government for integrating new populations into the workforce, thereby removing them from the cycle of poverty.

Insight into Haredi Community & Values with Aharon Freedman, JDC International Relations Department Specialist on Haredi Issues

Aaron Freedman serves as a senior writer in JDC's Resource Development Department. His professional focus is on JDC-TEVET, the division that promotes the integration of the chronically unemployed into the Israeli workforce, to help them escape poverty.

JDC's TEVET (Fighting Poverty through Employment) Partnership with the Government of Israel was created to remove social barriers to employment and raise the level of marketable skills among Israel's most vulnerable communities—new immigrants, the ultra-Orthodox, the disabled, young adults, and Israeli-Arabs.

- 11:30 AM Guided Walking Tour of the insular Ultra-Orthodox Neighborhood of Geula with Aharon Freedman
- 12:15 PM Lunch & Free Time in the Shuk

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- 2:00 PM Meet in Shuk
3:00 PM Interactive Tour of JDC Israel Headquarters with Senior Staff & Welcome by Yossi Tamir, CEO of JDC Israel
- 4:00 PM Insight into Haredi Employment & Gender Issues with Racheli Ibenboim, Director of JDC's Movilot Program, and Reeva Ninio, TEVET Director of Strategic Partnerships

As Director of Overseas Partnerships at JDC, Reeva Ninio is responsible for the promotion of JDC's groundbreaking employment initiatives to reduce poverty.

Ibenboim is a rare figure in the Haredi community. Raised in the Ger Hasidic sect, Ibenboim grew up in a Hasidic enclave in central Tel Aviv, where she became familiar with secular Israel and was inspired by watching activists protest on Rothschild Boulevard. After earning a degree in education, she became CEO of Meir Panim, one of Israel's largest social service agencies, at age 23. Last year she resigned to work on behalf of haredi women's rights.

JDC's Movilot program ("female leaders" in Hebrew), launched in 2013, promotes the integration of outstanding ultra-Orthodox women into high end positions in the general Israeli labor force, enabling this unique faction of the population to fulfill themselves professionally and serve as role models in the ultra-Orthodox community and in general society.

- 7:30 PM Dinner with Shlomi Avni, Founder of Nirim in the Neighborhood, and Entwine Alumni at Darna Restaurant

JDC-Ashalim Nirim Schunot program (Nirim in the Neighborhood) aims to prevent at-risk youth from settling on the margins of society and to give them a chance to become productive citizens. The program works with small groups of teenagers, helping them achieve academic success, increase opportunities for self-expression, curtail anti-social behaviors and prepare for meaningful army service.

Overnight in Jerusalem

Day Three: The Other Fifth – Inside Israel's Arab Communities (in partnership with the Inter-Agency Task Force on Israeli-Arab Issues)

- 6:45 AM Breakfast at the Hotel
7:30 AM Depart Hotel
9:30 AM Exploring Israel's Arab Population with Avivit Hai, Inter-Agency Task Force (IATF) Program Director
Tour of the Unrecognized Bedouin Village of A-Sayyd

The Inter-Agency Task Force on Israeli Arab Issues is a coalition of North American Jewish organizations, foundations, private philanthropists and international affiliates, who are committed to the welfare of Israel and support the Jewish state's right to a secure and peaceful existence.

- 10:00 AM Overview of Arab Citizens in Israel at Riyan Employment Center in Hura

Through TEVET's employment initiative for Arab women, women from the Hura community are able to pursue employment in a safe working environment. The Riyan Employment Center is a collaboration between JDC-TEVET and the Israeli government serving Israel's Arab citizens.

- 10:30 AM Progress & Challenges in Bedouin Society: Briefing with Kher Elbaz and Ariel Dloomi, Co-Director of AJEEC-NISPED

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Interactive Discussion with Bedouin Volunteers from the Volunteer Center

Founded in 1998, AJEEC-NISPED (the Arab-Jewish Center for Equality, Empowerment and Cooperation-Negev Institute for strategies of Peace and Development) is an Arab-Jewish non-profit organization based in Israel's Negev, dedicated to strengthening active citizenship through education and economic empowerment.

- 11:45 AM Enhancing Arab Employment Prospects - How Riyan Employment Centers & Government Programs Address Present Challenges: Discussion with Jewish Employers & Employment Center Clients
- 12:45 PM Lunch
- 1:30 PM Challenges of Heading an Arab-Bedouin Local Authority & Vision for the Future: Briefing with Dr. Mohammad Elnabari, Mayor of Hura
- 2:30 PM Tour of Wadi Attir
- 5:30 PM Depart for Center for Independent Living, Inka

JDC established Israel's first Centers for Independent Living (CIL) in Jerusalem and Beersheva in cooperation with local grassroots non-governmental organizations. Based on a successful program model in the United States, the Centers, which are managed by professionals who are themselves disabled, aim to maximize abilities rather than emphasize disabilities. Inka is the Social Business attached to the CIL and functions as a restaurant and event center

- 6:00 PM Core Conversation #1: Our *Intentions*
- 7:30 PM Dinner at Inka

Overnight: Kibbutz Kramim

Day Four: From Gondar to Gedera: Inside Israel's Ethiopian Community

- 6:45 AM Breakfast at Kibbutz
- 9:30 AM Insight into Ethiopian Jewry in Israel & Tea & Hospitality at the Taveje Ethiopian Cultural Center with Amos Levi, Resource Development Manager, JDC Israel
- 10:30 AM Inside Look at Innovative Integration Models of Ethiopian Immigrants & Activity with Children; Visit Parents and Children Together (PACT) of Ramla with Becky Sereche, National Coordinator for PACT

PACT (Parents and Children Together) aims to minimize learning and social difficulties among Ethiopian-Israeli youngsters through a range of education, welfare and health programs for children aged birth to six and their parents.

- 11:30 AM Personal Story of Aliyah: 35th Anniversary Celebration of Ethiopian Jews' Arrival to Israel

Aliyah is the immigration of Jews to Israel. In Hebrew, aliyah literally means "ascent." We will visit an exhibition in the center of Ramla, celebrating the arrival of Ethiopian Jewry in Israel 35 years ago.

- 12:30 PM Ethiopian Lunch in Ramla at the Taveje Ethiopian Cultural Center
- 1:45 PM Interactive "Green" Activity with Ethiopian Youth at Yadidya Community Center

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Led by an instructor from the Jewish National Fund, we will have the opportunity to learn about the environment, plant some greens and work alongside Ethiopian teenagers. This will be a chance to engage with the second generation of the Ethiopian aliyah and hear about their experience as young Israelis, how they relate to their heritage, and what they see for their community in the future.

6:00 PM Core Conversation #2: Arevut and JDC

7:30 PM Dinner & Free Night in Tel Aviv

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Day Five: Startup with a Heart – Inside Israel’s Entrepreneurial Community

8:00 AM Breakfast at the Hotel & Free Morning in Tel Aviv

11:00 AM Shark Tank JDC Israel: Pitch Session with Young Social Entrepreneurs at JDC’s Social Hub in Lod

We begin the day in Lod at JDC’s social innovation and entrepreneurship hub, a place where young minds come together to solve Israel’s social issues through innovative businesses and groundbreaking community projects. Together with JDC staff, we will hear entrepreneurs pitch their ideas, evaluate projects and learn how funds are distributed and allocated when supporting these types of initiatives..

1:00 PM Lunch at JDC’s Social Hub in Lod with JDC Staff & Social Innovators

3:30 PM Panel Discussion with Representatives from the Political, Private & Public Spheres at Mazeh 9

Mazeh 9 is a dynamic establishment for ideas and activities of the young and creative in Tel Aviv. Across four floors, it contains a subsidized working hub for social entrepreneurs, spaces for young artists, affordable art exhibitions, a housing center, a career advisory, study spaces and bookable rooms for rehearsals.

4:30 PM Happy Hour at Mazeh 9 with Special Guests & Young Entrepreneurs

7:30 PM Celebratory Dinner at Herbert Samuel hosted by Charles Ribakoff with Israeli JDC Board Members

Evening Out at Hazu Bizu, owned by Entwine Alum Elad Shoshan (return by cabs)

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Day Six: Strangers in Our Midst: Refugees, Asylum Seekers, and Foreign Workers

7:45 AM Breakfast at the Hotel

9:00 AM Opening Briefing: A Jewish, Israeli Approach to Refugees and Asylum-Seekers with Jean Marc Liling

Since 2005, Jean-Marc Liling has specialized in asylum-refugee law in Israel, first working for the UN High Commissioner for Refugees and subsequently serving as legal advisor for NGOs in Israel dealing with this subject. Since joining JDC’s staff in Israel, he continues to do pro-bono work with a number of Israeli non-profits in the fields of civil rights, education, social-welfare and culture.

9:15 AM Visit to the Bialik-Rogozin School & Briefing with Eli Nechama, School Principal

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The Bialik-Rogozin School in south Tel Aviv is attended by 750 students, ranging from kindergarten to 12th grade. Most students are the children of foreign workers, asylum seekers and refugees, come from extremely challenging backgrounds and have needs far beyond basic education.

- 10:15 AM Walking Tour of South Tel Aviv to Lewinsky Gardens with Jean Marc Liling
- 11:00 AM Exchange with African Refugees Currently Living in Tel Aviv at the Lewinsky Gardens
- 12:00 PM Lunch at Lewinsky Market
- 1:30 PM Guided Graffiti Tour of Neve Tzedek and Florentine Neighborhoods with Niro Taub

Niro Taub is an artist and graduate of the Faculty of Visual Communications at the Bezalel Academy of Art and Design. His special brand of guided tours integrates the fascinating world of design and the arts.

- 3:30 PM Free Time or Optional Outing to Carmel Market & Artist Fair in Nahalat Benyamin
- 6:45 PM Group Kabbalat Shabbat Program/Pre-Shabbat Activity/ Core Conversation #3: *Arevut and Me*
- 8:00 PM Shabbat Dinner Home Hospitality

Overnight Tel Aviv

Day Seven: Taking Our Experience Home

- Morning Optional Shabbat Services at Choice of Synagogues or Free Time
- 12:00 PM Lunch & Pool Time hosted by JDC Board Member Boaz Raam at his home with Israeli Peers

Core Conversation #4: *Action*
- 6:30 PM Festive Closing Dinner in Yafo & Havdalah Ceremony

Depart to Airport