MEMORY, RELIGION, AND POLITICS IN ISRAEL/PALESTINE
10-Day Student Immersion Trip
May 16-26, 2020

Day 1
Departure from DFW Airport to Ben-Gurion Airport in Tel Aviv (arrival next day!)

Day 2 - Monday 5.17 -- Jerusalem
Arrival at Ben-Gurion Airport in Tel Aviv and drive to Mount of Joy, Navi-Samuel observatory
on the way to hotel in Jerusalem.
Late Afternoon walk on Old City walls
Dinner in East or West Jerusalem restaurant

Day 3- Tuesday 5.18 – Jerusalem – Using the Past
Augusta Victoria or the Mormon university, Mount of Olives visit, walk to the Holy Sepulcher
via Dominus Flevit, The Church of Mary Magdalene the Russian Orthodox, The Church of All
Nations, Lions Gate, and Station 8, Church of the Holy Sepulcher, Jaffa Gate, Israel Museum.

Day 4 – Wednesday 5.19 – Jerusalem – Living together
Jerusalem
Dome of the Rock/Al-Aqsa Mosque; City of David and Silwan village via the tunnels to the
Kotel, the Jewish Quarter, Armenian seminary and library in Old City,
Evening lecture: Prof. Menachem Klein, Bar Ilan University, on the history of Jerusalem
  • Reading: Menachem Klein, Lives in Common: Arabs and Jews in Jerusalem, Jaffa and Hebron (2014)

Day 5 Thursday -5.20 – Jerusalem -- Who is a Jew?
Yad Vashem Holocaust Memorial, walk from Meah Shearim to Mahina Yehuda.
Evening in Modi’in art studio and artist home: Visual Beth Midrash with Yehuda Levy-Aldema

Day 6 Friday –5.21 -- West Bank – Palestinian Christians – Religion, Economy, Politics
Visit of Shiloh archaeological site
Mount Gerizim visit the Samarian community observation to Nablus, visit with community
leader in Nablus
Lunch in Palestinian village
Afternoon visit of Nablus and its Old City/soap factory
Visit of a mosque
Evening lecture: speaker on politics and religion in West Bank
  • Mitri Raheb (ed.), Palestinian Christians: Emigration, Displacement and Diaspora (2017)

Day 7 Saturday 5.21-- West Bank – Memorial of Palestinian Past and Present
Morning: drive to Ramallah and visit of Arafat Museum
Lunch in town
Early afternoon: conversation with Palestinian politician
Stay at B&B Khouriya Family
Evening: group conversation; visit of Palestinian Catholic church in town
  • Mitri Raheb, Faith in the Face of Empire: the Bible through Palestine Eyes (2014)
Day 8 Sunday 5.22 -- Northern Israel -- Muslims and Christians – Sea, Land, Mountain
From Ramalla to Visit the archaeological site of Megiddo or Caesarea and Akko over night at Nazareth
Evening lecture: Prof. Jonathan Ben-Dov, University of Haifa, Department of Biblical Studies, on the politics of archaeology in Israel (http://bible.haifa.ac.il/index.php/en/faculty-staff-reception-hours/senior-academic-staff/47-ybd

Day 9 Monday 5.23 – The Dead Sea -- The Lowest Place on Earth
Nazareth, Mount Gilboa, Qumran site, Dead Sea, and Sodom
Evening lecture: speaker on ecology and politics of the Dead Sea area- Eli Raz

Day 10 Tuesday 5.24 – Living in the Desert
Dead sea, Lakia - Desert Embroidery - Empowering Bedouin women, Tel-Sheba or Tel-Lacish – or winery in the aria - Tel Aviv.
Evening event: Nalag'at Theater, Jaffa

Day 11 Wednesday 5.25 -- Present and Past
Tour of Tel-Aviv and Jaffa, Peres Center for Peace
Hotel in Tel Aviv/Jaffa
Evening: group conversation

Day 12 Thursday 5.26
Departure for Ben-Gurion Airport in Tel Aviv