

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 Samaritan 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 area - Tel Aviv.

Evening event: Na,lag'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