



Kaleidoscope 2019 Itinerary

(Post-Program)

Sunday, November 3

Kaleidoscope: Seeing Israel - The Journey to the Here and Now

Educators: Scott Copeland and Robbie Gringras

8:45 am

Convene in Tel Aviv

Tal Hotel, Tzabar Hall, HaYarkon St 287

9:00 am

Welcome & orientation for the day

Looking through a Kaleidoscope: Makom's educational framing on ways of seeing modern Israel. Led by educators [Scott Copeland](#) & [Robbie Gringras](#).

10:45 am - Refreshment Break

11:00 am

Challenges and opportunities in Israeli society today

[Dr. Einat Wilf](#), one of Israel's leading public intellectuals, a Harvard and Cambridge graduate and a former intelligence officer in Unit 8200. Dr. Wilf served as a member of the Knesset between 2010-2013 and served as an advisor to Mr. Shimon Peres.

12:45 pm - Travel North for Caesarea National Park

1:45 pm - Lunch

2:15 pm

In the footsteps of memory: old and new Jews

A tour led by Scott Copeland in the [Caesarea National Park](#). Caesarea provides a unique opportunity to explore notions of old and new Jews through some of the characters associated with the site - Rabbi Akiva, Bar Kochba, Jesus, Herod, and Hannah Senesh. Notions of leadership, heroism, martyrdom, and the role of the past in creating symbols and images of identity are all part of the stories of Caesarea. Our visit will use text, music, and storytelling to raise the place of Caesarea as a site full of questions about modern Jewish and Israeli identity building.

3:30 pm – Travel to Zichron Yaacov



4:15 pm

From new Jews to renewing Jews: identity and community in Israel today

Conversation with [Rabbi Elisha Wolfin](#), community rabbi of Kehillat VeAhavta in Zichron Yaakov.

6:15 pm - Check-in to Eden Inn

7:15 pm – Drive to winery

7:30 pm

Evening program and dinner

"Tell me about the TV ads you watch, and I will tell you about yourself." Meet with [Shani Amihay Boneh](#), a popular educator, tour guide and former TV personality, who will take us on a journey through Israeli culture by exploring the most popular TV commercials that are presented on the main TV channels in Israel. At [Binyamina Winery](#).

Overnight: Eden Inn, Zichron Ya'acov

Monday, November 4

Microscope: Societal Challenges & Activist Responses

Educator: Scott Copeland

6:15-7:15 am

Optional sunrise activity

A relaxing Yoga session (beginners' level) with Eyal Efraim.

7:00 am – Breakfast

8:00 am - Check-out and travel to the Druze town of Daliyat al-Karmel

8:45 am

The memory of the Holocaust in Arab-Israeli society

Meet with artist [Buteina Halabej](#), A Druze artist who has devoted her professional life to depicting scenes of the Holocaust, to a population that often doesn't receive any education about this critical part of our history.

11:00 am

Tour Nazareth and Nof HaGalil (formerly known as Nazareth Illit): A Microcosm of Israel's Societal Challenges This human mosaic of Jews, Muslims and Christians is a fascinating case study. Learn why the members of Nof HaGalil [voted to change the name](#) of their community. Led by Scott Copeland.



12:15 pm

The [Urban Kibbutz](#) (and lunch)

Meet members of [Kibbutz Mishol](#), one of a network of urban educational kibbutzim that undertake social, cultural and educational projects living within rather than apart from the wider community. Discussion about [intentional communities](#) with James Grant-Rosenhead and his colleague.

2:00 pm

Meet members of the [Garin Torani](#) of Nof HaGalil

Modern Orthodox activists who seek to raise the levels of observance among the Jewish population. Discussion with Moshe Newmark, an architect who lived in the Gush Katif settlement during Israel's disengagement from Gaza.

2:45 pm - Drive South to Jerusalem

4:45 pm - Check-in to the Prima Royale Hotel

6:00 pm

Film as an expression of activism: tour of the [Jerusalem Cinematheque](#) and film archive

6:35 pm

Dinner at the Jerusalem Cinematheque with friends and guests of Kaleidoscope

7:40 pm

Screening of the new and highly-acclaimed film "[Comrade Dov](#)"

For years, leading film director [Barak Heymann](#) has been following the 13-year tenure member of the Knesset for the Jewish-Arab party 'Hadash' - [Dov Khenin](#). The film examines the open wounds of contemporary Israeli society: from the turbulent meetings of the Knesset's Finance Committee to the violent events at Umm al-Hiran. It is a surprising, thought-provoking portrait of a unique, much-loved politician.

9:00 pm

Post-film discussion with film director Barak Heymann

10:30 pm - Drive to the hotel

Overnight: Prima Royale Hotel Jerusalem.



Tuesday, November 5

Gyroscope: The Twists and Turns of Jewish Tradition and Renewal

Educators: Scott Copeland and Robbie Gringras

7:00 am – Breakfast

8:15 am

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.

9:30 am

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 on the distinctive nature of Israeli Judaism for the [Jewish People Policy Institute](#).

11:00 am

Religious activism in Israel - challenging from within

Meet with Rabbi [Menachem Bombach](#) (Hassidic visionary high school principal) and [Prof Michal Muskat Barkan](#) (pluralist seeking educational change following the murder of Shira Banki at the Pride Rally).

1:00 pm

A lunch meeting and private concert

With [Alma Zohar](#), one of Israel's leading singer-songwriters. Zohar's lyrics often employ Biblical idiom to address contemporary issues, while her idiosyncratic musical style plays between reggae and folk. Alma will talk with us in English, and projected translations will accompany her songs, moderated by Israel educator, Robbie Gringras.

We will be joined by the Israel & Overseas Committee of UJA Federation of Greater Toronto, and by Israeli members of Shevet – Toronto's [Shinshinim](#) alumni organization, over lunch at [Nocturno](#). Robbie Gringras will lead an interactive session on the relationship between North American Jewry and Israel.

4:15 pm

Israel as both Jewish and Democratic

Conversation with leading law professor [David Kretzmer](#) who will discuss the role of the Israel Supreme Court and ask - how central is it to the rule of law and to Israel's status as a democracy? We will examine specific cases that are relevant to other aspects of the Kaleidoscope program.



5:45 pm

"Why do Israelis make a story out of everything?"

What makes Israel a paradise for storytelling? Talk and text study with dynamic theatre and drama educator [Inbar Amir](#). We will explore Israeli society through storytelling and examine some unique texts of [Hanoch Levin](#) and [Yehuda Amichai](#)

7:30 pm

Dinner at Hatagine Restaurant, Jerusalem

9:15 pm - Travel to the hotel and good night

Overnight: Prima Royale Hotel Jerusalem.

Wednesday, November 6

Stethoscope – Listening to Fears and Hopes of Friends and Foes

Educator: Scott Copeland

7:00 am – Breakfast

8:00 am

Orientation to the day

Learning to listen like Sherlock Holmes

8:45 am

Jewish-Arab coexistence & separation

Join [Dr. Tal Becker](#), former legal counsel to the Permanent Mission of Israel to the United Nations, and former Vice-Chairman of the Legal Committee of the UN General Assembly, to understand the unique perspectives of Israelis and Palestinians, and examine the obstacles to peace.

10:00 - Travel to Bethlehem



11:00 am – 2:00 pm

Bethlehem

Visit Bethlehem with tour guide Noor A'wad to explore the daily life of Palestinian residents. Noor's family moved from Amman, Jordan to Beit Sahour following the signing of the Oslo Accords. There he began thinking about his identity as a Palestinian. He is also involved in the Shoreshim-Roots-Judur project.

Visit the Holy Land Trust

Meet Palestinian leader Elias Deis, director of [Holy Land Trust](#), which seeks to empower local communities in Bethlehem to improve their future through nonviolence and education.

2:55 pm

Lunch at [Gush Etzion Winery](#)

Meet [Sara HaEtzni Cohen](#) over lunch. Sara grew up in Kiryat Arba and is a granddaughter of one of the founders of the community. She is the chairwoman of the [My-Israel movement](#), a Zionist movement that promotes pro-Israel values and action by utilizing social networks and work in the field.

4:55 pm

Visit [Shoreshim-Roots-Judur](#) at the Gush Etzion junction

Meet with Jewish Rabbi Shaul Judelman and Palestinian Khaled Abu Awad who work together for peaceful coexistence.

6:00 pm - Travel to Jerusalem

7:00 pm

The conflict to our ears

Panel of journalists and other thought leaders. Old and new media shape public opinion. What are the opinions, ideas and daily challenges of the people who shape the media? With Lital Shemesh, Yair Ettinger & Anshel Pfeffer.

8:30 pm - Dinner at Medita

10:00 pm - Drive to the hotel, overnight: Prima Royale Hotel Jerusalem.



Thursday, November 7

Telescope: The Future is Now

Educator: Scott Copeland

6:45 am

Optional morning activity

Walking tour with Scott through the unique neighborhoods around the Prima Royale Hotel and discussion of sites relevant to Kaleidoscope themes.

7:30 am – Breakfast and checkout

8:30 am – 12:30 pm

Israel as a laboratory for impact start-up values

[Jean-Marc Liling](#) will frame our final day by presenting us yet another perspective on current trends in Israeli society. He will focus on the social impact of business ventures, and how business and social issues are increasingly intertwined in Israel.

10:30 am

Visit [Bialik-Rogozin School](#) in Tel Aviv

Explore its role as a lab for Israeli Identity, examining in this setting what it means to be an Israeli today.

11:30 am

The power of impact investments

Meet with [Vanessa Bartram](#), managing partner at Zora Israel Impact Fund. Vanessa oversees the sourcing, diligence and management of impact investments. We will meet with Vanessa to examine the intersections between entrepreneurship and social objectives. Hosted by [2b Hub](#) Tel Aviv.

1:15 pm

Doing business in Tel Aviv and Lunch

The Magic and Madness of Israeli Business Culture. Hosted by [AMP](#) law firm on their rooftop. Listen to an overview of Israel's venture capital ecosystem by [Ian Rostowsky](#) followed by a roundtable discussion with a panel of leading Israeli business personalities on the nuances and norms of doing business in/with Israel, moderated by [Sheldon Freeman](#).

3:45 pm

Looking again through the Kaleidoscope

Closing the circle - So how was Israel for you? Led by Scott Copeland.



5:30 pm

Concluding show

Renowned educator-entertainers Robbie Gringras and Adam Mader will present one of their most popular productions “[That’s Why I’m Still Here](#)”, a performance of stories and songs about sustaining a mature relationship with Israel in light of its realities.

7:15 pm

Festive dinner and farewell celebrations at [Canaan](#) restaurant in Tel Aviv.

9:00 pm

Kaleidoscope concludes

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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. Tour logistics are managed by [Keshet Tour Company](#).