



Mini Kaleidoscope 2022 Itinerary

Wednesday, October 26

Election and movement between conflict and cooperation - What can Tel Aviv teach us about Israel today? Join us to explore three, key themes in the first Hebrew city, often called “Medinat Tel Aviv” (The Country of Tel Aviv)

6:30 am

Breakfast at [Ye'arim Hotel](#)

6:55 am

Get on the bus to Tel Aviv outside of Ye'arim Hotel

Note: Participants travelling on this bus must arrive at Yearim parking lot no later than 6:30 am

8:15 am

Convene in Tel Aviv

Ruth Daniel Residence Hotel

Derech Ben-Zvi 1, Tel Aviv-Yafo

Note: participants meeting in Tel Aviv must arrive at Ruth Daniel hotel no later than 8:15 am

Joined by educator: (Res. IDF Maj.) Yoni Alon, a former JAFI Shaliach and an Israel educator, check out [Yoni's blog](#).

8:30 am

Boker Tov - Day 1 overview and main themes

9:00 am

In a state of election – the media's perspectives

As we meet, Israel will be on the brink of its fifth election since 2019. How will this chaotic political drama end? Our opening session will be an interactive conversation with bright and promising political journalists and commentators who will help us to define and explore the issues and the possible outcomes.



Joined by –

Lital Shemesh – Israel Channel 14

Lital Shemesh is a News Anchor and correspondent for the national Israeli Broadcast Authority (IBA) and the commercial Channel 14. She holds an MA in American Jewish Studies. During her military service, Shemesh served as a combat soldier with the Israeli Border Police, a unique position for women. This experience later led her to cover conflict zones as a journalist, including the volatile Gaza border. Shemesh is also a TV format creator, winning the International Format Awards in Kiev and at the MIP TV Festival in Cannes. Shemesh travels around the globe, drawing on her military and journalism experience to explain how biased media coverage has negative effects on the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. In her talks, she also presents her perspective on how to achieve women's empowerment through their participation in male-dominated arenas. Ms. Shemesh is an out-spoken publicist who expresses her unique opinions openly and gains massive social media traction on a daily basis. As a social media expert, she has led several viral campaigns. Her talks include advice on how to become an influential social media figure.

Carrie Keller-Lynn - Political correspondent, The Times of Israel

Carrie is a political correspondent at The Times of Israel. In addition to covering breaking news and delivering analysis on politics, the Knesset, democratic erosion, and cost of living issues, Carrie has reported on the Russian invasion of Ukraine from both Ukraine and Poland. She also regularly appears on television and on podcasts. Formerly with McKinsey & Co., Carrie has a strong background in strategy and policy implementation, which she briefly applied to the Israeli Health Ministry's fight against the COVID-19 pandemic. While at Stanford, Carrie's work focused on creating opportunities for disadvantaged communities. Before Stanford, Carrie served as an Israeli military liaison to the Egyptian army. She has a B.A, Yale University, MBA, Stanford GSB, JD, Stanford Law School.

Jason Pearlman - Independent strategic and media consultant

A former foreign media spokesperson for the Tenth President of the State of Israel, Reuven Rivlin. He served as foreign and diaspora affairs advisor to the present outgoing Prime Minister, Naftali Bennett, and has also advised Justice Minister Gideon Saar among others. Jason has over 15 years of experience working with the international media based in Israel and worked on managing the foreign media coverage for some of the largest scale events to have taken place in the country; including the visits of two Popes, five U.S.A Presidents, and Vice Presidents, dozens of other heads of state, as well as for the 75th Anniversary of the Liberation of Auschwitz held at Yad Vashem in 2019. He has also consulted for major international brands including Facebook and Mars. Jason holds a B.A in Politics and Social Policy from Brunel University. Originally from the Northeast of England, he is a lifelong fan of Sunderland AFC and lives in Modi'in with his wife and three sons.

Anshel Pfeffer – Haaretz & The Economist

A senior correspondent and columnist at Haaretz and the Israel correspondent at The Economist. He has covered over 25 years security, education, religion and international affairs and reported from forty countries on five continents. Anshel's book - Bibi: The turbulent life and time of Benjamin Netanyahu was published in 2018 in the United States, Canada and Britain.

10:30 am

Coffee Break

10:50am

Jaffa – neighbors in a troubled neighborhood

A panel led by educator and tour guide Akiva Sygal

In May 2021, the IDF operation, Guardian of the Walls led to disturbing confrontations inside Israel. Violent clashes took place in several mixed Arab-Jewish cities such as Jaffa, Lod, Ramla, and Haifa. Join us for a fascinating panel of Arab and Jewish residents of Lod and Jaffa as we hear up close about these troubling events. Let us ask the important questions but also the difficult ones and explore the answers given by the people who are directly affected by this ongoing tension.



Kaleidoscope

Engaging Israel at a Crossroads

Tour guide Akiva Sygal has been living in Jaffa and teaching about it for many years. He specialized in the multi-religious and multi-cultural aspects of Jaffa and of Israel at large. He often meets groups of tourists and international students who wish to better understand this complex human mosaic. As an activist in the "Jaffa Choose Life" initiative, he promotes the need for mutual understanding and tolerance in the city. As a musician, he is also curious about the musical aspects of different religions and how they affect one another.

12:30 pm

Packed lunch

1:00 pm

Head for a graffiti tour in the Jaffa flea market area

Join us as we walk through the small alleys of the Greek quarter in the flea market area, talk about the differences between graffiti and street art, discuss the philosophy, techniques, and tools of the artists, and most important – get to know them and what they are trying to express. Witness this culture of profound "street singing" which is right in front of our eyes all the time. Is it literature? art? graffiti? Or perhaps vandalism?

2:30 pm

Walk to Neve Schechter cultural and art center in Neve Tzedek

15-minute walk

3:00 pm

Stories for the Sake of Argument

Robbie Gringras is the co-author of a [brand-new book](#) of 24 very short stories designed to provoke an argument about Israel. In a culture where Israel is screamed about but rarely discussed, where online disagreements are as passionate as they are shallow, and where we silo rather than address our differences, Healthy Arguments are in great demand. Robbie will run a workshop about the pedagogy of argument, and together we will all argue over a few of the stories in the book.

4:30 pm

Get on the bus

4:45 pm

Drive to Yearim Hotel

6:15 pm

Time to rest, socialize and dinner in your own time in the dining hall

7:05 pm

Gather at the activity room

Yearim Hotel Activity Room



7:15 pm

Tarbut - Through a Unique Lens - Focus on the Conflict

This will be Israel's first screening of H2: The Occupation Lab since its sensational premiers at the Zurich Film Festival 2022 and DocAviv 2022. Through rare archival footage and interviews with Israelis and Palestinians, the film explores the story of Hebron as a microcosm of the broader conflict. Following the screening, Steven Silver will lead a wide-ranging panel discussion including Director, Noam Sheizaf and Producer, Hilla Medalia, followed by Q&A and group discussion.

Noam Sheizaf was Editor-in-Chief of +972 Magazine and Research Editor of Maariv Magazine. He has written/directed a wide range of documentaries including The Corridors of Power, The Human Factor, Lieberman and Meshulam.

Hilla Medalia is a Peabody Award winner, has received four Emmy nominations, and is internationally renowned for her films including To Die in Jerusalem, After the Storm, Numbered, Dancing in Jaffa, Web Junkie, The Go Go Boys, Censored Voices, Muhi – Generally Temporary, The Oslo Diaries, Transkids, and Leftover Women.

Steven Silver grew up in Habonim SA and was the last President of NUSAS at the time of its merger with SANSCO in 1991. He is an award winning filmmaker whose work includes Diameter of the Bomb, H5N1: Killer Flu, Gerrie & Louise, The Dark Years and The Bang-Bang Club. Steven led widely acclaimed film evenings at previous Kaleidoscope programs.

10:45 pm

Cocoa, scotch etc. around the "Camp Fire"

Good night !

Poem for the day – Enjoy poetry and Spoken Word as a way to better understand the local characteristics of Jaffa.

Listen to the Israeli media and tv anchor [Lusi Ayob](#) as she speaks with humor mixed with seriousness about that moment when Israelis around her realize that she is not Jewish, but Arab. Scan the code to watch with your phone, turn on the subtitles on YouTube and choose English.





Thursday, October 27

Who Are You Jerusalem? In a typical restaurant, Jewish and Arab waiters support each other like siblings but vote like enemies. Jerusalem is a city of absolute diversity and absolute conformity. An exciting but troubled city of love and hate. A city calling us to both hug and wrestle with Israel.

6:15 am

Options for early morning group mini-hike and yoga

7:00 am

Breakfast

8:10 am

Meet in hotel activity room

8:20 am

Boker Tov - Day 2 overview

8:45 am

Mapping Jerusalem's challenges and opportunities

Recent polls show that most Israelis are not thinking about "The Conflict" on a day-to-day basis and that "The Two State Solution" has lost much of its popularity among young Palestinians. What are the implications for people who call Jerusalem "my home"? Our day will begin with [Mike Prashker](#) (world-renowned social entrepreneur, speaker, and writer on social cohesion to help us unravel these issues.

Mike Prashker is an Israeli educator, social entrepreneur, writer and public speaker. He founded MERCHAVIM - The Institute for the Advancement of Shared Citizenship in Israel in 1998 www.machon-merchavim.org.il and directed the NGO for 17 years before joining the Board of Directors. In 2014 Mike was appointed Senior Adviser for Strategic Partnerships at The Ted Arison Family Foundation where he is leading social cohesion initiatives, including "The Social Cohesion Leadership Program". Prashker's book "A Place for Us All - Social Cohesion and the Future of Israel" (Alouette 2017) is published in a single volume in Hebrew, Arabic and English www.aplaceforusall.org. The book aims to contribute to the promotion of social cohesion by providing a precise definition, identifying geo-political, social and economic conditions conducive to its promotion and presenting a range of strategic initiatives for its practical advancement in Israel. While acknowledging Israeli society is in democratic crisis and at critical cross-roads between accommodation and fragmentation, it also offers an optimistic re-assessment of the historical trajectory of Israeli democracy and inter-community relations.

10:15 am

Get on the buses. We will have two busses going through three different points of interest around Jerusalem.



Joined by tour guides Daniel Gil and Meir More

Daniel Gil has been a tour guide in Israel and specifically in Jerusalem for the last 12 years. He is a former Emissary/Shaliach of the Jewish Agency in Madison Wisconsin. Daniel has a graduate degree in Israel Education from George Washington University and an undergrad degree and a teaching certificate with a double major (Biblical Studies and History) from Herzog College. Daniel is one of the leading tour guides of The City of David and The Western Wall Tunnel. He often leads private tailor-made tours all over Jerusalem.

Meir More – Let me tell you about my self - I was born in Jerusalem, served as a combat medic in the Nachal Infantry Brigade and later on in an elite teaching unit. I studied Biology in Hebrew University in Jerusalem and received my MBA from Leicester University (Tel-Aviv branch). I lived in Canada for many years, where I owned and operated a telecommunication company. I returned to Israel to do what I love the most: show this beautiful country to visitors like you from all over the world. As a tour guide, I have many different interests. I have gained knowledge in history geology religions archeology botany and nature. I find it to be fascinating how history unravels, leaving nature and buildings to stand as a testimony of time. I was born in Jerusalem and that means I have a very special place in my heart for Jerusalem.

10:50 am

Visit The Jerusalem Food Rescuers (a Muslala project)

The Israeli non-profit, Muslala is well-known for promoting empowerment and understanding between East and West Jerusalem and between different elements of the Jerusalem population. [The Jerusalem Food Rescuers project](#) aims to create a more just and sustainable urban food system by diverting surplus produce from waste, feeding the hungry and promoting food literacy. How has this been implemented in the wholesale market in Jerusalem

12:00 pm

Get on the bus

12:40 pm

Arrive at - The First Station - Jerusalem

Enjoy a quick stop and a packed lunch

In the heart of Jerusalem, the First Station is a major center of entertainment, culture and culinary delights. Opened in 1892 during the Ottoman period it was a historic railway station located between Hebron Road and Bethlehem Road, near the German Colony and part of the Jaffa–Jerusalem railway until its closure in 1998. Today its complex is accessible and open to the general public – both local Jerusalemites of all shades and tourists, and is a lively focus of activities, with something to offer for a variety of wishes and needs, on the go almost all hours of the day, every day of the week. The Station's location in the city's downtown tourist and culture area makes it a bridge between neighborhoods and communities, and the first station for any visit or night out in the heart of Jerusalem.

1:40 pm

Get on the bus



2:00 pm

[Intercultural perspectives – Visit The Jerusalem Intercultural Center \(JICC\)](#)

Joined by Daniel Hasson (head of [The Jerusalem Intercultural Center \(JICC\)](#) and former HDSA leader). Daniel will lead a tour of Mt. Zion and share with us how JICC promotes peace on the mountain and in the city.

Daniel became the new director of the Jerusalem Intercultural Center in March 2021. Since immigrating to Israel in 2000, Daniel has held senior leadership positions in a wide range of Israeli non-profit and civil society organizations, spanning civil and human rights, formal and informal education, health, welfare and social integration. He holds a Bachelor's degree in Psychology and Contemporary Jewish Life and Thought from the University of Cape Town, and a Master's degree in Public Policy from the Hebrew University in Jerusalem.

3:30 pm

Get on the bus

4:15 pm

[Sweet Buzz in East Jerusalem - Visit Sinsila \(a Muslala project\)](#)

[The Sinsila center](#) is located in the heart of East Jerusalem, on the terraces of the Central Library. It is dedicated to educate, inspire, create with and empower, local communities. Its goal is to heal the urban environment of Jerusalem by providing local and sustainable solutions. Sinsila's plan action has three main focus points: employment, inspiration, and education. It aims at having a multidimensional approach in order encompass healing the city, community work, urban planning, economic empowerment, sustainability, and ecology. The project we will be visiting is focused on empowering local women and fostering ecological awareness through beekeeping and honey-harvesting.

5:15 pm

Get on the bus

6:00 pm

Time to rest, socialize and dinner in your own time in the dining hall

7:15 pm

[Tarbut - Culture through Commercials – Understanding Us](#)

Commercials don't just sell products - they tell stories that reflect our views and values, joys and concerns, hopes and dreams. In this fun and fascinating session, charismatic educator-entertainer Nir Boneh will use Israeli TV advertisements to explore the nuanced differences between the way Israelis and non-Israelis think, speak and behave. Expect a rich and revealing evening – with some surprises! Nir Boneh has a never-ending passion for telling the story of Israel. He spent 6 years in the Israel Defense Force in various roles and leadership positions and served as a Jewish Agency Shaliach in the Jewish community of Palm Beach, Florida. He holds a B.A. in Education and the Studies of the Land of Israel, and he is a graduate of the Ruderman program for American Jewish Studies. He often gives lectures about the Israeli society and as a certified tour guide, he often leads Jewish groups on their visit to Israel. Nir is married to Shani, they both live in Kibbutz Kadarim, south of Safed, with their three young children. Kadarim was founded in 1980 by Habonim Australia.

9:00 pm

Cocoa, scotch etc. around the “Camp Fire”



Poem for the day – Enjoy poetry and Spoken Word as a way to better understand the local characteristics of Jaffa.

Spoken Word artist [Techlet Zohar](#) is trying to decide whether she is more attracted to the old and ancient story of Jerusalem, or perhaps to its more new and modern features and emerging culture. Scan the code to watch with your phone.



For further details and information on both Kaleidoscope and the HUG itinerary please visit our website at <https://habo2020.com/>

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