



MEJDI TOURS

Israel & Palestine Beyond the Headlines: A Hevreh Community Mission Trip

Dates: June 3-11, 2025

Itinerary

Day 1: Tuesday, June 3 - Welcome & Introductions (Guide & 1 group Transfer)

Arrive at Ben Gurion, Tel Aviv airport. Transfer to your hotel as a group. Check in, rest, and prepare for the journey ahead.

In the evening, meet your guide for introductions, a review of current events and an opening for the trip ahead. Enjoy a **welcome dinner** as a group.

Hotel: Tal Hotel, Tel Aviv (Dinner included)

Day 2: Wednesday, June 4 - Humanity Beyond the Headlines (Guide & Transportation)

Begin the day with an **Active Listening Workshop**, as preparation for the challenging discussions ahead. The exercise will focus on recognizing one's own biases, making space for a range of perspectives, and posing questions from a place of genuine curiosity rather than defensiveness.

Meet with **Standing Together**, a **grassroots** movement mobilizing Palestinian and Jewish citizens of Israel in pursuit of peace, equality and social justice **OR a representative from "The Third Narrative" podcast.**

After lunch, head to south Tel Aviv to view the new **graffiti murals** made to represent the experience of **Israeli children and mothers in captivity**. On your way, drive past the corner of a major intersection where hundreds of thousands gathered weekly for months prior to October 7 in protest of judicial overhaul initiatives. Hear from your guides about the origins of those demonstrations and how they were perceived by different segments of the Israeli public.

Later, hear from **family members of those most affected** by events of **October 7th**.

Hotel: Tal Hotel, Tel Aviv (Breakfast and Lunch included)

Day 3: Thursday, June 5 - Reflecting on Loss, Pursuing Peace (Guide & Transportation)

After breakfast, check out of your hotel and head to a volunteering experience with **Citrus&Salt**.

Make your way to Jerusalem for a presentation on how the **Rabbis for Human Rights** organization's day-to-day work has evolved since the start of the war. Discuss how settler violence impacts Palestinians living in Area C.

Then, meet a member of the **Bereaved Family Circle Forum**, Maoz Inon (if available) who is also the co-president of **Interact**.

Close the day with a **facilitated conversation** processing the narratives heard throughout the day.

Hotel: Arthur Hotel, Jerusalem (Breakfast included)

Day 4: Friday, June 6 - Preparing for a hopeful Shabbat (Guide & Transportation)

This morning, meet with a member of "**Early Starters**", an educational humanitarian organization that brings back a healthy childhood to young children in emergency situations and vulnerable communities around the world.

Then, visit a **medical facility** to discuss the complexities of service to a cross-section of Israeli and Palestinian society during wartime: severe injury, mental health crises, staffing challenges due to military call-ups and political tension.

Take time at your hotel to prepare for **Shabbat** and head to **Kol Haneshama** to meet with **Rabbi Oded Mazor** before a shabbat service and dinner.

Hotel: Arthur Hotel, Jerusalem (Breakfast and Dinner included)

Day 5: Saturday, June 7 - Life & War Experiences (2 Guides & Transportation)

Depart for a walking tour along the **Old City Ramparts**, offering views towards the boundaries of Jerusalem, and subjects for discussion on areas both on and off the map.

Meet with 2 representatives from **Combatants for Peace**, before returning to East Jerusalem to visit the **Educational Bookshop** for a conversation with a **Palestinian cultural figure**. Back at your hotel, hear the perspective of an **Israeli combatant** in active duty or reserves. *Hotel:*

Arthur Hotel, Jerusalem (Breakfast and Lunch included)

Day 6: Sunday, June 8 - From a National view to a Communal one (No Guide, Transportation)

Visit the new **National Library** in Jerusalem for a tour.

Then, travel North, stopping at **Bat Shlomo Winery** for lunch & wine tasting.

At your hotel, have an online conversation and briefing with a former **Gaza resident** on the current situation there.

Hotel: Nof Tavor, Mizra (Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner included)

Day 7: Monday, June 9 - Intercommunal Solidarity (No Guide, Transportation) Full day Afula Gilboa

Hotel: Nof Tavor, Mizra (Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner included)

Day 8: Tuesday, June 10, Afula Gilboa (No Guide, Transportation)

Close the program with a **wrap up session** facilitated by your group leader.

Check out and travel to the airport for your flight home OR opt for a private extension tour (by request).

(Breakfast included)