



A Vibrant and Inspiring
Jewish Community



Israel & Palestine Supporting the Peacemakers

January 17-25, 2027

TOUR ITINERARY

Day 1: Arrival and Introductions - Sunday, January 17

Optional pre-stay accommodation available in Jaffa / Tel Aviv.

Arrive at Ben Gurion Airport and transfer to Tel Aviv.

After time to settle in, gather with your guides for introductions, an overview of the journey, and an opening conversation about approaching the present moment with honesty, curiosity, and care.

Overnight: Dan Panorama, Tel Aviv

Meals: Dinner Included

Day 2: Israeli Society at a Crossroads - Monday, January 18

Begin the day in conversation with an expert analyst offering an overview of Israel following October 7 and the war in Gaza, covering Israeli public opinion, political change, and the competing visions shaping the country's future.

After a walking tour exploring the evolution of historic Jaffa and nearby Neve Tzedek, largely the Arab neighborhood of Al Manshiye before 1948, meet Palestinian and Jewish organizers from Standing Together working jointly for equality, security, and peace. Gather for a group dinner.

Overnight: Dan Panorama, Tel Aviv

Meals: Breakfast and Dinner Included

Day 3: Conscience, the Arts & Academy - Tuesday, January 19

Meet Rani Jaeger and members of the reservist movement *Miluimnikim* in the morning to discuss military ethics, civic responsibility, and whether the army's ethical code is being upheld.

Continue to Haifa for a tour through the largely mixed Jewish-Arab neighborhoods of Wadi Nisnas and Hadar, followed by an afternoon with Deraya, a project promoting Arab-Palestinian-Israeli student leadership on university campuses. Enjoy dinner as a group.

Overnight: Dan Panorama, Haifa

Meals: Breakfast and Dinner Included



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Day 4: Galilee Perspectives - Wednesday, January 20

Head to Nazareth in the morning to meet Maoz Inon for an exploration of the city highlighting Palestinian Christian and Muslim perspectives.

In the afternoon, continue to the Jezreel Valley to meet Jewish activists from Spirit of the Galilee, who discuss locally rooted efforts to strengthen relationships between communities during a time of fear and division. Return to Haifa for an evening at leisure.

Overnight: *Dan Panorama, Haifa*

Meals: *Breakfast Included*

Day 5: Road to Jerusalem - Thursday, January 21

Drive south towards, making short stops to better understand the geopolitics of the barriers between the West Bank and sovereign Israel, and through the coastal plain.

Ascend to Jerusalem for an afternoon meeting with Rabbi Zachary Truboff, author of *Zionism in Crisis*, for an examination of Zionism, Jewish power and questions of religious responsibility facing Jewish communities today. Check in to your accommodation and enjoy a group dinner nearby.

Overnight: *Dan Panorama, Jerusalem*

Meals: *Breakfast and Dinner Included*

Day 6: Human Rights, Preparing for Shabbat - Friday, January 22

Begin the day with Rabbis for Human Rights on a visit to a Palestinian community in the contested E-1 area east of Jerusalem and Area C communities to learn about protective presence initiatives, olive harvest solidarity, and how Jewish teachings inform this work.

Continue to Bethlehem/Bayt Jala to hear from representatives of the Parent's Circle-Bereaved Families Forum about how personal loss has shaped their commitment to reconciliation.

Welcome Shabbat with a local egalitarian congregation, followed by a festive community or home-hospitality dinner with facilitated reflection led by the two rabbis.

Overnight: *Dan Panorama, Jerusalem*

Meals: *Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner Included*





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Day 7: Jerusalem Shabbat - Saturday, January 23

Spend a slower, spiritually centered day in Jerusalem. Participate in morning t'filot, Torah study and a communal lunch with learning that connects the week's encounters to Jewish text. An optional, guided walking tour through the Old City's Jewish Quarter to the Kotel is offered in the afternoon.

Close Shabbat in a conversation with Rabba Tamar Elad-Appelbaum on spiritual leadership and rebuilding civic trust, followed by a musical Havdalah. Explore Jerusalem at leisure in the evening.

Overnight: *Dan Panorama, Jerusalem*

Meals: *Breakfast and Lunch Included*

Day 8: Responsibility and Return in the South - Sunday, January 24

Travel south to meet Avi Dabush and community members from the Gaza border region. Visit sites of memorial marking the events of October 7 and discuss realities of displacement, recovery, and efforts to create a safer future for both Israelis and Palestinians. Return to Jerusalem in the evening.

Overnight: *Dan Panorama, Jerusalem*

Meals: *Breakfast and Lunch Included*

Day 9: Monday, January 25 - Partnership and Possibility

Spend the morning on a "Dual Narrative" tour with two guides - one Israeli, one Palestinian - around the Temple Mount/Noble Sanctuary complex, hearing diverse perspectives on a site of critical importance to key national and religious narratives.

Take time at leisure around the Old City or West Jerusalem Mahane Yehuda marketplace, then gather for an afternoon roundtable featuring representatives from leading peace organizations on their distinct approaches to partnership and the difficult work of sustaining hope without denying present realities. The journey concludes with a facilitated closing session:

What have we learned from those who continue to act for human dignity, and what responsibilities do we carry back to our congregations?

After a group farewell dinner, transfer to Ben Gurion Airport for evening departures. *Optional post-stay accommodation available in Jerusalem.*

Overnight: *N/A*

Meals: *Breakfast and Dinner Included*

