

# EDUCATORS SEMINAR

## FEBRUARY 14-22

### DAY ONE: Sunday, February 13

- Depart 10.20AM on Continental #2426

#### Overnight: Flight

### DAY TWO: Monday, February 14

#### THEME: JERUSALEM THROUGH THE SENSES

- 9:15 am Arrive at **Ben Gurion International Airport**.
- Welcome by our representative and assistance with arrival formalities
- Transfer to hotel in **Jerusalem**.
- Check into hotel and refresh in rooms. [Snack and bottled water provided ;allow 45 - 1 hour time in rooms for freshening up]
- Festive opening lunch at hotel - milk meal
- Depart for seminar opening at magnificent overview from the **Haas Promenade**. שהחיינו Circle and text study.
- Diversity and Demography in Jerusalem @ 2011. Visit Orthodox, secular and mixed neighborhoods to better understand the complexity and ever changing demographic spread of Jerusalem. Conclude with a walk through the multiethnic and colorful neighborhood of **Nachlaot**.
- Experience the sites, smells, and tastes of Jerusalem while walking through the **Machaneh Yehuda Market**.
- Dinner with group in area of Shuk (market).
- Return to hotel.

#### Overnight: Prima Royale Hotel, Jerusalem

### DAY THREE: Tuesday, February 15

#### THEME: SPACE AND TIME IN THE HOLY CITY

- 7:30 - 8:30 Working Breakfast at the hotel [Community working groups will meet over breakfast - allow one hour for breakfast]
- **What Makes a Place Holy: Morning in the Old City of Jerusalem.**

- Visit the **Southern Wall Excavations and the Davidson center [including virtual presentation]**. Discover the layers of destruction from the end of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Temple Period and better understand why this is also the Masorati Wall. [Text study and Journaling at Southern Wall, weather permitting]
- Personal time at the **Western Wall**.
- Lunch on own in the **Jewish Quarter**.
- **From Destruction to Destruction and Yet We Survive and Thrive: Yad Vashem**
  - The **Art Museum**.
  - The **Toy Exhibit**.
  - The **Shoah Film Archive**
  - The **Children's Memorial**
  - **Yanusz Korcaz statue**
  - A concluding **Memorial Service** [Each participant will select a reading and they will organize this Memorial service before coming to Israel.]
- Time on own: Return to hotel to freshen up OR downtown Jerusalem on own.
- Dinner on own.

**Overnight: Prima Royale Hotel, Jerusalem**

**DAY FOUR: Wednesday, February 16**

**THEME: 2000 YEARS FIGURING OUT KLAL YISRAEL**

- 7:30 Breakfast at the hotel.
- Check out of hotel.
- 9:00 Depart for the Galilee.
- 10:30 Zichron Yaakov, light milk lunch session Overview of Israeli School System at Bistro, Carmel Winery
- 12:00 Visit elementary school, HaChitah, in Zichron Yaakov:

“PEOPLEHOOD” Guiding content question:

In your content and educational programming, how do you build connections between your students and the concept of Peoplehood/Klal Yisrael?

- 2:00 depart Zichron (snacks on bus)
- 3:00 Israeli Army: Ido Yaakoby, reserve Colonel – Kibbutz Lavi
- Check into hotel
- 5:30 Dinner at Makom B'Sejera
- Working session.

**Overnight: Kibbutz Lavi Guest House, Galil**

**DAY FIVE: Thursday, February 17**

**THEME: GALIL KEHILLAH'S UNIQUENESS; WHAT MAKES MID-WEST U.S. KEHILLAH UNIQUE?**

- School Teams working Breakfast at the hotel.
- 9 - 11 **Zippori** - אימתי - ואם לא עכשיו? Enter into the world of the great Rabbis, codifiers of the Mishna, using their writings and life stories to unlock the secrets of rabbinic Judaism, while exploring the well developed excavations and reconstructions at Zippori. Text study and Reflection at Zippori (weather permitting).
- 11:30 - 2 Lunch Conversation with Roberta
- Freshen up at Guest House (one hour).
- Stop at Carmiel Mall on way back to Guest House
- 6:00 Depart for Kibbutz Sasa and Garin Sabar: Visit Kibbutz Sasa on the Lebanese border and meet with the members of Garin Sabar
- Dinner with Garin Sabar at Kibbuta Sasa.
- Return to hotel.

**Overnight: Kibbutz Lavi Guest House, Galil**

**DAY SIX: Friday, February 18**

**THEME: SPACE AND TIME IN THE HOLY CITY: YOUR NEW PERSPECTIVES?**

- Working Teams - breakfast at the hotel.
- Check out of your hotel and depart for Jerusalem through the Jordan Valley.
- Re-introduction at **Mt. Scopus** overview with Jerusalem on return to city. Text study and Reflection (weather permitting).
- Check into hotel.
- Lunch on own.
- Free time in Jerusalem with optional return to now 'familiar' **Machaneh Yehuda Market**. Experience the hectic and colorful final preparations before Shabbat.
- Candle lighting at hotel. [4:52]
- **Kabbalat Shabbat** services at a local synagogue or at the Kotel.
- Shabbat Dinner at your hotel (at one table together).

**Overnight: Prima Royale Hotel, Jerusalem**

**DAY SEVEN: Saturday, February 19**

**THEME: WAYS TO MAKE ACTIVITIES STILL RESTFUL ON SHABBAT**

- Breakfast at the hotel.
- Optional **Shabbat Services**.
- **Free Shabbat in Jerusalem** with optional visits to:
  - The Museum of the History of Jerusalem at **David's Citadel**, for a walk through the history of Jerusalem from the time of Abraham 4,000 years ago to the end of the British Mandate over Palestine.
  - The **Tisch Family Zoological Gardens**, a beautifully landscaped habitat with a special focus on preserving Biblical fauna, geared to children of all ages (2–80)
  - The **Old City Ramparts** for a walk along the ancient walls of the city.
  - **Israel Museum: Shrine of the Book**, one of the most creative and innovative museums in the world with a wide and eclectic collection, ranging from Judaica and archaeology to Renaissance and contemporary Israeli art, including the Dead Sea Scrolls of the Shrine of the Book and the newly restored Second Temple Period Model of Jerusalem. [Ticket/voucher available for Israel Museum in morning for those who wish.]
- Lunch at hotel (not required, please notify in advance if you intend to eat with us at the hotel).
- The **Israel Museum**, Judaica wing (closes 4 pm)
- Ben Kodesh Lechol **Havdallah** (6:05)
- Dinner and evening on your own

**Overnight: Prima Royale Hotel, Jerusalem**

**DAY EIGHT: Sunday, February 20**

**THEME: QUMRAN KEHILLAH'S UNIQUENESS: WHAT MAKES MID-WEST US KEHILLAH UNIQUE?**

- 7:00 Working Breakfast at hotel
- 8:30 Depart for Jordan River Valley
- Visit Qumran where Dead Sea Scrolls were discovered.
- Relax and soak in the minerals at Mineral Beach at the Dead Sea
- Box lunch
- 2:00 Return to Jerusalem
- 5:00 PM Israeli Society @ 2011 Dialogue with scholar **Paul Liptz** of the Tel Aviv University and the Anita Saltz International Education Center of WUPJ at the hotel.
- 7:00 Evening and dinner on your own

**Overnight: Prima Royale Hotel, Jerusalem**

**DAY NINE: Monday, February 21**

**THEME: EDUCATIONAL PLANNING IN A COMPLEX SOCIETY IS...  
COMPLEX**

- 7:00 Breakfast at the hotel.
- Check out of the hotel.
- 8:30 Depart for **Ramle**. [Partnership 2000 sister city]
- 9:30 – 10:30 Visit **Beit Sefer Ofek** and Principal, Dori Navo in Ramle to better understand educational challenges of Ramle as a mixed city in Israel.
- 11:00 Visit **Machon Merchavim**, which was established in 1998 as an Israeli non-governmental organization (NGO) to create a fairer society for all Israeli citizens through Active Shared Citizenship Education.  
[<http://www.machon-merchavim.org.il/>]
- 1:00 Lunch on your own in area of Ramle shuk (open market).
- 3:00 Visit **Kibbutz Gezer WITH DAVID LEICHMAN**, next to one of the oldest excavated sites in Israel– a Cannanite town as well as the location of one of the oldest children's text books ever found. Meeting between ancient and modern, archaeology and kibbutz...
- Check into hotel.
- Dinner on own.

**Overnight: City Hotel, Tel Aviv**

**DAY TEN: Tuesday, February 22**

**THEME: NAVIGATING CHANGE IN A YOUNG SOCIETY**

- 7:30 – 8:30 School Teams working Breakfast at the hotel.
- 9:30 Walk through the new **Rabin Museum** with Museum staff, dedicated to the history of society and democracy in Israel, with the life of Yitzhak Rabin serving as a connecting thread between the various sections of the exhibition, both chronologically and substantively.
- 12:30 Lunch and dialogue at the **HUB TLV**, space for social innovation that brings together people who want to make a change, and are willing to take the risk.  
[<http://telaviv.the-hub.net/public/>]
- Return to hotel to freshen up OR put feet in the Mediterranean Sea
- 6:30 Performance and 8:30 Dinner at The "Nalaga'at" Center, located at the Jaffa port in Tel Aviv  
[<http://www.nalagaat.org.il/home.php>]

**Overnight: City Hotel, Tel Aviv**

**DAY ELEVEN: Wednesday, February 23**

**THEME: SPACE AND TIME: IS TEL AVIV A HOLY CITY?**

- Discover Tel Aviv through its walls: take a walk through the early neighborhood of **Neve Tzedek**, experience the power of the simplistic **Bauhaus architecture** and rediscover the early years through the writings of Bialik and Agnon and the art of Rubin and Gutman.
- Visit the **Nachalat Binyamin** pedestrian mall, with its restored buildings and sidewalk artists, and continue onto the colorful Carmel Market and then to Shenkin, one of Israel's most avant-garde streets.
- Lunch on your own.
- Return to your hotel.
- Afternoon Working Sessions (in meeting room in hotel)
- Reflection session: Taking it all home. (in meeting room in hotel)
- Late Check Out.
- Enjoy a middle-eastern style, festive farewell dinner with a Yemenite touch at **Maganda**, with a varied selection of salads and grilled meats, located in the Yemenite Quarter of Tel Aviv.
- Transfer to **Ben Gurion Airport**.

Overnight: Flight

**DAY TWELVE: Thursday, February 24**

**ARRIVAL**

- Arrive Newark 4.50AM

