

Eight Days of Inspiration: Good People in Israel



Feb 7 - 14, 2019



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Marking a decade of impact, The Good People Fund invites you to join supporters and friends traveling to Israel in February to meet our visionary partners and see how their work uplifts lives and communities throughout the country.

During this eight-day trip, you will get to know people working quietly and without fanfare to change reality for those lost or invisible in the midst of a thriving economy.

You will meet Lilach, who is offering women wishing to escape a life of prostitution a chance to learn a skill in the fashion industry and translate it into a secure livelihood. You will meet Gideon, who is driven to ensure that people in need have enough food to eat or a roof over their heads. And Shoshi, who helps provide social integration and relationship skills to adults with disabilities.

They are but three of the people who will inspire you, among many more - all ordinary people who found their path into meaningful and life-changing work through their passions and refusal to look the other way. *They* are our best teachers on how to live a good life.

Mingled with these encounters will be more traditional adventures, such as a visit to the bustling Carmel *shuk* (market), where you will find flavors of halvah that you couldn't possibly imagine, or the most luscious strawberries you have ever tasted. And, speaking of food ... did you know that Israel has become one of the world's leading culinary destinations? You will have the chance to taste it every day.

Join us! Whether a first-time visitor to Israel or not, *Eight Days of Inspiration* will expose you to an entirely different side of Israel not experienced in more traditional trips.



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Details:

The cost, based on double-occupancy, is only \$3249 per person. Single supplement is \$715. The trip includes:

3 nights at the Mt. Zion Hotel in Jerusalem, 4 nights at the Dan Panorama in Tel Aviv

7 breakfasts, 3 lunches, and 4 dinners

Tour bus and guide, admission fees to any sites (when appropriate), and transfer to and from Ben Gurion Airport for those arriving near the scheduled beginning and end of the trip (2/8 by 5:00 p.m. and 2/14 by midnight or so).

Gratuities included!

\$300 DEPOSIT TO HOLD YOUR PLACE BY OCT. 31; BALANCE DUE IN 60 DAYS

Please note that credit card payments require a 2.5% service charge

CANCELLATION POLICY: Cancellation fees apply regardless of the reason, including medical and family matters. We highly encourage you to take out separate, comprehensive travel insurance that will cover unexpected cancellations.

REFUNDABLE AMOUNT NOTIFICATION PRIOR TO ARRIVAL

100% refund >45 days prior; 75% refund 31 - 44 days; 50% refund 15 - 30 days; No refunds <15 days

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SPECIAL NOTE:

You can arrive a few days earlier, or stay longer and add even more to your itinerary. Feel free to contact our land provider, Michelle at michelle@israelseminar.com for assistance with these add-ons, or air travel/airport transfers, or any other questions you may have about travel.



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Welcome to Israel

Thur, Feb 7

Depending upon your arrival time, you will either meet the agent at the airport or travel to Jerusalem on your own.

5:00 pm

Group will meet at the Mt. Zion Hotel-Jerusalem.

7:00 pm

Welcome dinner!

Overnight

Jerusalem

Fri, Feb 8

Jerusalem: The City of Gold

8:00 – 9:00 am

Breakfast at your hotel

9:30 – 11:15 am

Meet with **Yoni Yefet-Reich**, the dynamic founder of **Kaima**, a sustainable organic farm in Beit Zayit, right outside of Jerusalem. Kaima provides drop-out youth with a unique educational work environment that turns their lives onto a positive trajectory. Lunch as a group in Abu Gosh.

1:30 – 4:00 pm

Return to Jerusalem and spend the rest of the afternoon at leisure, exploring the city and preparing for Shabbat.

Evening

Welcome Shabbat at an Egalitarian service at the **Davidsons Center**.

Dinner at your hotel with a brief introduction to our tzedakah work in Israel

Overnight

Jerusalem

Sat, Feb 9

Shabbat in the Holy City

Morning

Breakfast at your hotel

Optional: Attend Shabbat morning services at a local synagogue.

1:30 pm

Lunch at your hotel joined by **Dr. Paul Liptz**, social historian and lecturer at Tel Aviv University



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After lunch and speaker feel free to take a Shabbat nap or on your own:

Optional: Visit the **Israel Museum**, ranked among the world's leading art and archaeology museums. Founded in 1965, the Museum houses encyclopedic collections, including works dating from prehistory to the present day, in its Archaeology, Fine Arts, and Jewish Art and Life Wing, and features the most extensive holdings of biblical and Holy Land archaeology in the world. The tour will include a look at the **Dead Sea Scrolls** and the Holy Land model of Second Temple Period Jerusalem.

Optional: Venture into the alleyways of Jerusalem's **Old City** for a tour of the religious and cultural focal points of all four quarters. The tour will include a visit to the **Old Arab Bazaar**, historical and modern places of interest in the **Jewish Quarter** including the Western Wall, the **Church of the Holy Sepulcher** in the Christian Quarter and an overview of the Temple Mount, the Dome of the Rock and the El Aksa Mosque.

Evening Enjoy dinner on your own along **Ben Yehuda street** or at **Mahane Yehuda market** as it comes alive at night.

Overnight Jerusalem

Sun, Feb 10 Northern Exposure

7:30 – 8:30 am Breakfast at your hotel and checkout.

8:45 Meet your guide in the hotel lobby and travel to **Kibbutz Shluchot**.

10:45- 12:30 pm Visit with Menachem Stolpner, a former Brooklynite social worker who began Shai Asher, **Milton's Gift**, to offer meaningful employment opportunities to young adults with mental and developmental disabilities.

1:00 – 2:00 pm Enjoy a typical grill lunch in nearby Beit Shean.

2:00 – 4:30 pm Travel to **Zichron Ya'akov**, a picturesque town that was established over a hundred years ago by early Zionists. The town is rich in modern-day Israeli history that tells the fascinating stories of Israel's pioneers. Meet with representatives from a local **"giving circle"** who have raised tens of thousands of shekels to help refugees throughout the country.

4:30 pm Travel to Tel Aviv and check in at the Dan Panorama Hotel.

Evening Dinner on own in the beautiful city of Tel Aviv

Overnight Tel Aviv



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Mon, Feb 11 Tel Aviv: A Cultural Mosaic

7:30 – 8:30 am	Breakfast at your hotel
8:30 am	Meet your guide in the hotel lobby.
9:00 – 11:00 am	Hear from founder, Lilach Tsur Ben-Moshe, while we visit Yotsrot , a dynamic organization that provides vocational training in the fashion world and economic empowerment to women escaping prostitution.
11:30 – 1:00 pm	The Gateway to the Land of Israel: Explore the ancient port city of Jaffa including its alleyways and marketplaces. The city had its beginnings more than 5,000 years ago and has grown and changed over the millennia to include the old city, as well as the surrounding neighborhoods. Stop for lunch on own.
1:30 – 3:00 pm	Option 1: Rothschild Boulevard: Walk along the main avenue of Tel Aviv, which used to be known as Rehov HaAm (the Street of the People) at the time of the establishment of the State of Israel. Stop at Independence Hall , where the new state was declared in 1948. The street embodies the stories of poets, dreamers, visionaries, warriors and generals who changed the course of Israeli history. Option 2: A Taste of Tel Aviv: Wind your way through the Carmel Market to taste spices, fruits and veggies, and local delicacies. Whether you prefer salty or sweet, you will be able try new foods, and hear the stories of the vendors. Their stories hail from Morocco Yemen, Ethiopia, and more, bringing an international flavor to the Middle East.
3:30 – 4:00 pm	Stop at the Rabin Square , a public city square located in central Tel Aviv where Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin was assassinated following a peace rally in 1995
4:30 – 6:30 pm	Street Art Tour: Come decipher the “writing on the walls” as you explore southern Tel Aviv’s bohemian neighborhoods . Explore graffiti, street signs, and bumper stickers filled with humorous Hebrew gems and insights into contemporary Israeli culture. The do's and don'ts of Tel Aviv's underground art scene intertwine with the history of this bustling and dynamic part of Tel Aviv.
Evening	Dinner at Rosinka joined by Rabbi Levi Lauer , founder of Atzum , an Israeli organization established to remedy societal injustices and encourage social activism.
Overnight	Tel Aviv

Tue, Feb 12 Tel Aviv: Untold Stories



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8:00 – 9:00 am	Breakfast
9:00 am	Meet your guide in the hotel lobby.
9:30 – 11:00 am	Tour one of Tel Aviv's most interesting and diverse neighborhoods, Neve Sha'anani . The tour delves into the complexities of refugees in Israel and in the world while exposing a whole new aspect to Israeli social politics.
11:30 – 1:30 pm	Meet Gideon Ben Ami, a former successful restaurateur and learn about his project, Pesia's Kitchen which creatively feeds the hungry people of Tel Aviv and beyond.
Afternoon	There will be several opportunities to work with Gideon as he goes about his good work. Spend time in some of the local ganim or daycare centers where refugee children stay while their parents work. Help sort and distribute 2 tons of donated produce collected by Leket , Israel's largest food retrieval organization
Evening	Dinner on own, followed by meeting with Fainy Sukenik from Ba'asher Telchi and Esty Reider and Estee Shushan , founders of Nivcharot . These Hareidi women will share insights on their work that addresses the unique challenges of women in the Hareidi world.
Overnight	Tel Aviv

Wed, Feb 13 Of Horses and Druze

7:30 – 8:30 am	Breakfast
8:30-11:30 am	Meet your guide in the hotel lobby and continue to INTRA- Israel National Therapeutic Riding Association . Meet with founder, Anita Shkedi and learn how therapeutic horseback riding techniques strive to help soldiers with PTSD as well as individuals suffering from physical disabilities.
11:30 – 4:00 pm	Travel to Dalyat-Ha-Carmel , home of the Israeli Druze community. Learn about Druze culture and its unique relationship with the country. Enjoy typical Druze home hospitality with one of the community's leaders. Lunch on own
Evening	Return to Tel Aviv and dinner on your own at one of the many gourmet restaurants now a part of the city's scene.
Overnight	Tel Aviv

Thur, Feb 14 Tikun Olam in All its Forms

8:00 – 10:00 am	Breakfast and visit with Shoshi Margolin , the dynamic head of Inbar, an organization which provides opportunities for meaningful relationships, love and
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marriage for people with disabilities.

10:30 – 12:00 pm	Go downtown to visit with David Baskin and Ilan Kedar , founders of Ani Shlishi , a unique program that has found creative ways to help youth-at-risk and save the planet at the same time.
12:00 – 3:00 pm	Lunch on own in the Nahalat Binyamin neighborhood .
3:00 – 5:00 pm	Check out of hotel leaving luggage with concierge and walk to nearby Neve Tzedek , undoubtedly one of the most beautiful areas in Tel Aviv. Neve Tzedek was the first neighborhood built in the “new” city of Tel Aviv, back in 1887. At the beginning of the 20th century Neve Tzedek was the home of many artists and writers, but in the following years the area suffered from neglect. Only in the 1980's, the place recaptured its former prestige, and has since become a stylish yuppie residence with plenty of restaurants, galleries and designer shops. Spend some time exploring the neighborhood.
Evening	Return to hotel, pick up luggage and proceed to farewell dinner at Maganda, a traditional Middle Eastern restaurant which features an enormous array of salads and grilled meats.
Per flight time	Transfer to Ben Gurion Airport.
Overnight	Flight

*** Final program subject to change based on confirmations of sites and activities*