

**NEW ISRAEL FUND Study Tour**  
**The Battle for Israel's Soul: Democracy, Human Rights and Social Justice**  
**November 8-15, 2012**

**(First Draft itinerary, subject to change)**

**Thursday, November 8<sup>th</sup> - Welcome to Israel!**

Arrival and check-in at Inbal Hotel in Jerusalem

4:30 – 6:15 pm      **NIF Orientation:** Introductions of participants and to NIF with Aviva Meyer, Associate Director, New Israel Fund  
*Location: Hotel*

6:30 pm              Depart hotel for welcome dinner

6:45 – 8:45 pm      **Welcome Dinner** Rachel Liel, Executive Director, NIF Israel  
*Location: La Guta Resturant, Derech Beit Lechem 34, Jerusalem*

*Overnight in Jerusalem*

**Friday, November 9<sup>th</sup>**

8:30                  Depart hotel

9:00 am – 11:00 am    **The Secular Yeshiva in Jerusalem** (NIF grantee) – Meeting and tour

11:00 – 1:00 pm      **"Divisions and Pluralism: Gender segregation in Jerusalem"** with Shira Ben-Sasson Furstenberg, NIF grants officer

1:00 – 2:30 pm      Lunch and meeting with activists of **The Sheikh Jarrah Solidarity Movement**, NIF Grantee, at the Ambassador Hotel

2:30 – 4:30 pm      Touring in Jerusalem or free time

Shabbat in Jerusalem Home hospitality with NIF Board, staff, or activists

*Overnight in Jerusalem*

## **Saturday, November 10<sup>th</sup>**

- 10:00 am – 3:00 pm Free time or optional touring (on foot) in Old City of Jerusalem (lunch on your own)
- 4:30 pm Depart hotel for American Colony Hotel
- 5:00 – 6:15 pm Outlook for Peace, a Palestinian perspective, with **Maha Abu-Dayyeh Shamas**, Director of the Jerusalem Women's Centre for Legal Aid and Counseling (WCLAC), Palestine
- 6:15 pm Dinner in the pasha's room at the American Colony Hotel
- 7:00 pm **"Israel at a Crossroads: Democracy, Palestinian Israelis, and Israel's Future"** with author and journalist **Gershom Gorenberg**

*Overnight in Jerusalem*

## **Sunday, November 11<sup>th</sup>**

- 8:00-9:30 am **"Shatil and the Social Justice Protests"** Breakfast meeting with Shatil Director, **Ronit Heyd**, and **Talia Sasson**, NIF board member and Co-Chair of International Council
- 9:30 – 1:30 pm Tour of Hebron with NIF grantee **Breaking the Silence** or tour the separation barrier with NIF grantee **Ir Amim**
- 1:30 – 4:30 pm Optional Touring or free time in Jerusalem
- 5:30-6:45 pm **Conflict Transformation and Management Center (CTMC) Workshop:** Debrief after morning's experience with Shatil's CTMC which address both Israel's internal and external conflicts
- Free time in Jerusalem

*Overnight in Jerusalem*

## **Monday, November 12<sup>th</sup>**

- 8:30 AM Check out and depart Hotel
- 9:00 – 11:00 Knesset, Supreme Court, or meet with Yuval Yavneh, NIF Associate Director in Israel and Director of NIF's Grants Department, to discuss current strategies in NIF grant-making.

- 11:00-12:30 Meet with Hagai Elad, Director of NIF's flagship grantee, **Association for Civil Rights in Israel (ACRI)** for an update on current issues on the civil/human rights agenda in Israel
- 12:30 – 5:00 PM Depart for Tel Aviv, lunch on own and tour of TA
- 6:00-8:00 PM Mid term wrap-up session with Aviva Meyer and Merav Mizrahi

*Overnight in TA, David Intercontinental Hotel*

### **Tuesday, November 13<sup>th</sup>**

- 7:30 AM Breakfast
- 8:30 AM Depart hotel for the Negev
- 10:00 – 11:30:00 AM “**NIF and Shatil Addressing the Needs of the Negev**” with Sultan Abu Obaid, Shatil Negev Director
- 11:45 – 1:00 PM “**Promoting New Models for Cooperation in the Negev**” meeting with Amal al Sana and Vivian Silver, Co-Directors, Arab-Jewish Equality Empowerment Center (NIF grantee) and members of Shatil's Negev Leadership Network
- 1:15 – 4:00 PM Lunch and a tour of an unrecognized Bedouin village and visit to Lagiya Bedouin Weaving Center
- 4 PM Depart for Tel Aviv
- 5:30 PM Approximate arrival in Tel Aviv
- 7:30 PM “**Democracy in Recession**”: with **Naomi Chazan**, NIF President and former Deputy Speaker of the Knesset, over dinner

*Overnight in TA*

### **Wednesday, November 14<sup>th</sup>**

- 7:00 – 8:00 AM Breakfast
- 9:00AM – 10:15 AM “**Creating a New Community**” meeting with the **Fishka Club for Russian-Speakers** (NIF grantee)
- 10:30 – 11:45 AM “**A Place of Our Own**” meeting with NIF grantee, the **Women's Courtyard** in Jaffo

Noon-2:30 PM Lunch on your own and tour of Jaffa

3:00-4:30 PM **"Building a Model for the Ethiopian Community"** Discussion and Ethiopian lunch with **Friends by Nature**, NIF grantee  
*Location: Gadera*

5:30 – 6:30 PM **"Philanthropy in Israel"** meeting with Elah Alkalay, NIF Board member and Chair of NIF Grants Committee

Evening free  
*Overnight in TA*

**Thursday, November 15<sup>th</sup> *Looking Forward***

8:30 AM Breakfast and check-out of hotel (suitcases can be left in lobby storage)

9:00 – 10:30 AM **Voices of the Future:** Share the vision of young activists devoted to social justice and pluralism

11:00-1:00 Museum visit

1:30 PM Lunch on your own  
Free time  
Or  
optional touring in with guide

5:00 – 6:45 PM Wrap-up in the hotel

7:00 PM Depart for farewell dinner

7:30 – 9:30 PM **Farewell Dinner at Beit #3 in Jaffa**