



Study Trip Itinerary
January 6 – 9, 2008

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SUNDAY, JANUARY 6

6:30 pm

Cocktail reception

7:30 pm

Opening dinner and orientation

Speakers:

- Minister Isaac Herzog, Minister of Welfare and Social Services, Minister of the Diaspora, Society, and Fight Against Anti-Semitism
- Shawki Khatib, Chairman, Higher Arab Monitoring Committee
- Rabbi Michael Melchior, Chairman-Knesset Committee on Education, Culture and Sports and Co-Chair, Knesset Jewish-Arab Caucus

Moderators:

- Brian Lurie, Task Force Co-Chair
- Jeff Solomon, Task Force Foundation Forum Chair / Andrea and Charles Bronfman Philanthropies

MONDAY, JANUARY 7

8:00 – 9:15 am

- **Speaker:** Professor Elie Rehkess, Senior Research Fellow at the Moshe Dayan Center for Middle Eastern and African Studies / Director, Konrad Adenauer Program on Jewish-Arab Cooperation in Israel, Tel Aviv University
- **Speaker:** Mohammad Darawshe, Director of External Relations, The Abraham Fund Initiatives
- **Moderator:** Sir Jeremy Beecham, New Israel Fund UK, Vice Chairman of the Local Government Association
- **Topic:** Historical overview; perspective on national, political and identity issues; status of the Arab citizens in light of the recent Israeli-Palestinian talks

9:30 am

Depart for Wadi Ara

10:30 am – 2:00 pm

This visit will be lead by Shuli Dichter, Ali Haider (co-directors, Sikkuy) and additional experts in the Wadi Ara region.

Bus 1	Bus 2
10:30 – 11:00 am <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Meet at Kibbutz Ma'anit (Narbata)• Visit the ancient Jewish settlement; discuss the modern history of Jewish settlement in the region and the relations with the surrounding Arab communities since 1948	10:45 – 11:15 am <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Arrive in Um al Fahm at the medical clinic (also the Magen David Adom station) in the basement of the main mosque• Meet with director of the clinic and hear about the plans to build a major medical center in Um al Fahm to serve the Jewish and Arab residents of the region
11:45 am <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Travel to Um al Fahm	12:00 pm <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Arrive at Kibbutz Ma'anit (Narbata)• Visit the ancient Jewish settlement; discuss the modern history of Jewish settlement in the region and the relations with the surrounding Arab communities since 1948

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<p>12:45 pm</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Travel to Um al Fahm Art Gallery 	
<p>1:00 – 2:00 pm</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Brief tour of the gallery with Said Abu-Shakra, Founder and Director • Lunch 	<p>1:00 – 2:00 pm</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Brief tour of the gallery with Said Abu-Shakra, Founder and Director • Lunch
<p>2:15 pm Travel to Nazareth</p>	<p>2:15 pm Travel to Nazareth</p>

4:00 – 7:00 pm

This summit will be lead by Helmi Kittani, Director, and staff from the Center for Jewish-Arab Economic Development.

Welcome

- Eytan Biderman, Chair, Center for Jewish-Arab Economic Development
- Harriet Mouchly-Weiss, Member, Task Force Executive Committee and Chair, Commission on the Jewish People, UJA-Federation of New York

Approaches to Economic and Business Development in the Arab Sector

- Moderator - Helmi Kittani, Director, Center for Jewish-Arab Economic Development
- MK Ghaleb Majadele, Minister of Science, Culture and Sports
- Oren Magnezi, Prime Minister's Office

- Patsy Landa, Social Investor
- Dov Lautman, Chair, Delta Galil Textiles, Kav Mashve
- Professor Yossi Tamir, Chair, Tevet

Discussion / Workshops:

A. Economic Development and Joint Jewish-Arab Employment Zones

- Facilitator - Professor Rasem Khamaisi, University of Haifa
- Professor Aziz Haider, Hebrew University of Jerusalem
- Professor Itzhak Schnell, Tel Aviv University
- Tamim Yassin, businessman
- Kaid Abu-Ayyash, businessman
- Rajah Badran, Center for Jewish-Arab Economic Development
- Yishai Sorek, Ministry for the Development of the Negev and Galilee

B. Women in Business and the Economy

- Facilitator - Dr. Miri Lerner, School of Management, Tel Aviv-Yafo Academic College
- MK Nadia Hilou
- Galia Albin, businesswoman
- Kiram Baloum, Center for Jewish-Arab Economic Development
- Rogette Hinawi, businesswoman
- Dr. Khaled Abu Asbe, Van Leer Institute
- Miriam Dagan, Givat Haviva

C. Integration of Arab Professionals into Appropriate Employment

- Facilitator - Mr. Adi Bildner, HP Indigo
- Professor Daoud Bshouty, The Technion
- Professor Majd al-Hajj, University of Haifa
- Irit Tamir, Kav Mashveh
- Amjad Abu-Ria, Hi-Tech Entrepreneur
- Smadar Nehab, Tsofen

7:00 – 8:00 pm

Travel back to Herzilya

8:30 pm

Dinner in Herzliya

TUESDAY, JANUARY 8

8:00 – 9:30 am

Breakfast

- **Speaker:** Shlomit Amichai, Director General, Ministry of Education
- **Moderator:** Charlene Seidel, VP of Philanthropy, Jewish Community Foundation of San Diego
- **Topic:** Education system update regarding Israeli Arabs

9:45 – 11:15 am

- Meeting with members of the Israeli Forum of Foundation's Focus Group on the Arab Sector
- This focus group has been engaged in a learning process in which different areas of shared interest as well as prospects for possible collaboration and leveraging are being explored.
- This Forum is an informal network of over a 100 professionals representing major donors in Israel.
- The joint meeting will provide excellent opportunity to share ideas and explore possible collaborations.

Panel:

- Philanthropic initiatives and the Arab community in Israel
- The role of Arab NGO's

Panelists:

- Jeff Solomon, Task Force Foundation Forum Chair / Andrea and Charles Bronfman Philanthropies
- Peter Adler, Chair, Israeli Foundation Forum, Pratt Foundation representative in Israel
- Don Futterman, Chair, Israel Arab Focus Group of the Israeli Foundation Forum, Moriah Fund representative in Israel

Case Studies:

- Howard Sohn, Vice Chair and executive, Fohs Foundation, will share his foundation experience funding media projects as a vehicle to promote social change.

- Kay Weinberger, Trustee, Clore Israel Foundation, will share her foundation experience establishing the Sir Charles Clore Jewish-Arab Community Centre in Wolfson neighborhood of Acre.

Discussion groups facilitated by Task Force trip participants:

- Trip participants will have the opportunity to share various facets of their grant-making experiences

11:30 am

Travel to Sahknin

1:30 – 5:15 pm

Sahknin / Misgav

This visit will be lead by Amiran Golden (Director, Shatil, Northern Israel office) and Yonatan Oren (JDC).

1:30 – 2:00 pm

- Presentation at the Yodfat bridge on the regional complexities
- Panorama view of Sahknin Valley to the north and Beit Netofa Valley to the south
- Perspective from board members of Neighbors for Joint Development in the Galilee:
 - Daniel Kahana, Architect, Urban/Regional Planner and lecturer at the Technion - Israel Institute of Technology
 - Mustafa Abu Roomi, Architect and Urban Planner

2:00 pm

Travel to Sahknin

2:10 – 2:45 pm

- Welcome from Muhammad Bashir, Mayor of Sahknin
- Tour a gift bazaar and hear from women involved with the New Israel Fund's micro business "Northern Exposure" project at the El Najah elementary school in Sahknin
- Lunch with professionals working on programs to empower women
 - Wafa Shahin, Tress Zvidat Kosterman and Tahrir Tarabeya - A Zahara
 - Angelica Cnaane and Nazira Cnaane - El Galil
 - Zuhira Husein and Wafa Husein - Deer Hana municipality
 - Hanna Shalate – El Amal
 - Jalal Safadi, Ma'an association

2:45 – 3:10 pm

- Briefing with Tzafona by Zeev Hayout, CEO and Jerry Schenirer, VP Economic Development
- Moderated by Doug Krikler, CEO, UJIA
- Tzafona was established in June 2006, in the spirit of the decision of the Government of Israel No. 34489 from March 31st, 2005 by the Jewish Agency for Israel and private entrepreneurs to advance northern Israel economically and socially.
- Meet with education and community leaders of Sahknin

3:10 – 4:00 pm

- **Discussions on education in Sahknin with:**
 - Camal Zvidat- Principal of El Najah elementary school.
 - Salua Abu Ria, Principal of Taha Husein junior high school
 - Gazi Abu Ria, Writer, Educator
 - Amira Musa – CEO of El Amer
 - Nagua Seid Ahmed, student
 - Nabia Abu Slah – Head of Education branch in Sahknin, Chairman of the Arab Education Supervision Committee
 - Nabila Espanioly – Head of Al Tufula
 - Camal Abo Yunis – Co Principal of Jewish-Arab school in the Galilee

4:00 pm

Travel to Misgav

4:15 – 5:15 pm

- **Discussions on education at the Misgav community center with:**
 - Liat Bleher - General Director, Misgav Community Center
 - Omer Naor – Director of youth/education department, Misgav Community Center
 - Oren Azar- Director, Misgav Musical Center
 - Sapir Bluzer – CEO, Pupil Council in Misgav and all of Israel

6:30 – 8:00 pm

Dinner in Druze village
Usafiya, Carmel

8:00 pm

Travel back to Herzilya

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 9

8:00 – 9:00am

Briefing

- **Speaker:** Shamay Assif, Director of Planning Administration, Ministry of the Interior
- **Speaker:** Yehuda Bachar, Director General of the Authority Settling Bedouin Land Issues, Ministry of Construction & Housing
- **Moderator:** Sarah Silver, Executive Director, Alan B. Slifka Foundation
- **Topic:** Overview of the Bedouin community in the Negev – challenges and potential solutions

10:30 – 5:00pm

This visit will be lead by Kher Albaz (Segev Shalom), Amal ElSana Alh'jooj (Jewish Arab-Jewish Center for Equality, Empowerment and Cooperation [AJEEC]), Yonatan Oren (JDC) and Vivian Silver (Negev Institute for Strategies of Peace and Development [NISPED]).

	Bus 1	Bus 2
10:30 am	Pick up Kher Albaz at Beit Kama Junction	Pick up Amal Elsana Alh'jooj and Vivian Silver at Beit Kama Junction
11:00 – 11:30	Tour of Segev Shalom, one of seven recognized Arab-Bedouin villages: with Saed Elchrumi, Head of the Local Council and Kher El Baz, Head of Social Services	Meeting in Segev Shalom with NISPED-AJEEC's Bedouin and Jewish volunteers from the gap-year projects: A Year of Community Volunteerism; facilitated by Amal Elsana Alh'jooj, Director of AJEEC
11:30 – 12:00	Meeting in Segev Shalom with NISPED-AJEEC's Bedouin and Jewish volunteers from the gap-year projects: A Year of Community Volunteerism; facilitated by Amal Elsana Alh'jooj, Director of AJEEC	Tour of Segev Shalom, one of seven recognized Arab-Bedouin villages with Saed Elchrumi, Head of the Local Council and Kher El Baz, Head of Social Services
12:00 – 12:15	Travel to Abu Tlul, unrecognized Bedouin village	Travel to Abu Tlul, unrecognized Bedouin village

12:15 – 12:35 pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Visit the village infirmary and well-baby clinic • Presentation: Dr. Younis Abu Rabiya, Kupat Holim and Dr. Ilana Belmaker, Head Physician, Ministry of Health, Southern Region 	Meet at the neighboring school with Atiya El Asam, Head of the Local Committee
12:35 – 1:00 pm	Meet at the neighboring school with Atiya El Asam, Head of the Local Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Visit the village infirmary and well-baby clinic • Presentation by Dr. Younis Abu Rabiya, Kupat Holim and Dr. Ilana Belmaker, Head Physician, Ministry of Health, Southern Region
1:00 – 1:25 pm	Travel to Abu Grinat, newly recognized village of Abu Basma Regional Council	Travel to Abu Grinat, newly recognized village of Abu Basma Regional Council

1:00 – 3:00 pm

Presentation at Abu Grinat School by Amram Kalagi, Mayor of Abu Basma Regional Council and lunch with community leaders and experts

Table 1: Theme: Social Change – Community Development

- Sultan Abu Obayed, Co-Director of Shatil, Beer Sheva
- Amal Elsana Alh'jooj, Director AJEEC
- Amal Al Kum – Women's Association in Segev Shalom

Table 2: Theme: Social Change – Community Development

- Chitam Abu Bader, Volunteer Coordinator, Bedouin Volunteer Tent
- Kher El Baz, Director, Social Services, Segev Shalom
- Nadia Alturi – student of Social Work, BGU
- Professor Jack Habib – Director, JDC Myers-Brookdale

Table 3: Theme: Education

- Dr. Sarab Abu Rabiya – Oxford University, International Department of Development Studies

- Rula El Atauna, Director, Association for Promotion Advanced Education for Bedouin Women
- Jolila Elkranawi, past student of Hebrew Literature; community activist

Table 4: Theme: Education

- Dr. Saleem Jaber, Director of Arab-Bedouin Track, Achva College for Education
- Jamal Elkrinawi, Academic Counselor for Arab Students at BGU; Supervisor of Social Work Students;
- Safa El Atauna, Student, BGU, English Department

Table 5: Theme: Employment

- Sigal Selach, Tevet – Coordinator of Minorities Division, JDC
- Aatef Abu Ajaj, Director of Economic Development Division, NISPED-AJEEC

Table 6: Theme: Employment

- Dr. Nuzha Al Huzayel, Sawa Micro-Loan Program for Bedouin Women, Rahat (not confirmed)
- Vivian Silver, Executive Director, NISPED
- Jamal Elkrinawi, Academic Counselor for Arab Students at BGU; Supervisor of Social Work Students

Table 7: Theme: Employment

- David Bagleiter, Technological College, Beer Sheva
- Chader Abu Sheich, Bedouin Businessmen's Forum
- Yousef Abu Jaffer, Finance Department, Rahat Municipality; Director, Association for the Promotion of Health, Education & Welfare

Table 8: Theme: Unrecognized Villages – The Land Issue

- Dr. Thabet Abu Ras, Director of "Together": The Arab-Jewish Center for Dialogue and Shared Society
- Hedva Radovanitz, New Israel Fund

Table 9: Theme: Unrecognized Villages – The Land Issue

- H'sein El Refaya, Head of Regional Council for Unrecognized Villages
- Ariel Dloomy, Project Director, AJEEC

Table 10: Theme: Volunteerism

- Ibrahim Abu Shareb, Director, Bedouin Volunteer Tent – NISPED-AJEEC
- Monira Abu Rimshe, Coordinator, Year of Volunteerism for my Community, NISPED-AJEEC
- Chana Lasman, Coordinator of Volunteerism, Elka-Joint

	Track 1	Track 2
3:00 – 3:45 pm	Travel to Sami Shamoon College in Beer Sheva	Travel to Technological College in Beer Sheva
3:45 – 4:30 pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Visit the college with students in small groups • Presentation of 100 Engineers project with local business representatives 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Visit the college with students in small groups • Presentation of Abu Basma-Intel practical engineers project
4:30	Gather for Closing Discussion Lecture Hall, Minkoff Building, Sami Shamoon College	
5:00 pm	Depart for Tel Aviv	Depart for Tel Aviv

7:30 pm
Farewell dinner

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