



## **DRAFT ITINERARY STUDENT TRIP AUGUST-SEPTEMBER 2011**

Disclaimer: Sensitivity to cultural and religious practice and observance is a strong value of OTI. Any religious sites or events listed on the itinerary are meant for educational purposes only. All participants (students, faculty, staff) are provided opportunities to observe their own religious practices during the trip, including but not limited to prayer service (e.g. Friday prayers); consumption or avoidance of specific foods; observance of Sabbath or other holidays.

### Monday - August 29<sup>th</sup>: Flight to Washington DC

- Be at LAX no later than 7:30 am for security, check-in
- Leave LAX at 9:55 am
- Arrival in Washington DC at 9:59 pm
- Pick-up from Airport to Hotel (Holiday-Inn Capitol Washington D.C.)

### Tuesday – August 30<sup>th</sup>: Washington DC

- 7:45 am leaving hotel to get to White House
- 8:15 am White House Security check
- 9:00 pm MEETING with Ambassador *Dennis Ross* (Middle East Negotiator) at the White House
- Optional Eid El-Fitr morning sermon and prayers at Washington mosque (Muslim end of Ramadan celebration)
- 11:30 am *UCI Vice Chancellor Thomas Parham* addressing the group
- 12:30 am LUNCH with Georgetown Imam and Muslim community members
- 2 pm MEETING with State Department Special Representative to Muslim Communities *Farah Pandith*, and Special Envoy to Monitor and Combat Anti-Semitism *Hannah Rosenthal* about 2011 Hours Against Hate Campaign (at *Washington Institute*)
- 4:00 pm MEETING with *Washington Institute*
- 7 pm REFLECTION and Dinner

### Wednesday – August 31<sup>st</sup>: Washington DC

- 7:30 am Walking to USIP (stopping for short breakfast on the way)
- 9:00 am MEETING with US Institute of Peace with *David Smith, Steve Riskin and Neil Kritz* (till 11 am)
- 11:30 am MEETING with American Task Force for Palestine at UCDC Center
- 1:00 pm Lunch at UCDC (to be catered)
- 3:00 pm MEETING with *Scott Cullinane*, Staff for the Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations House Committee on Foreign Affairs, Congressman Dana Rohrabacher, Chair of the OI house committee
- 4:30 pm. meeting with *Worku Gachou*, Legislative Analyst for Congressman Ed Royce at Rayburn House Office Building.
- 6 pm MEETING with *Stephen Kuperberg* (Executive Director, Israel on Campus Coalition)
- 7 pm DINNER and following REFLECTION

Thursday - September 1<sup>st</sup>: Flight to Tel Aviv

- 9 am MEETING with *Dr. Wesley Reisser* (Department of State Middle East Expert) at hotel
- 11 am Meeting with Muslim Public Affairs Committee (MPAC)
- 1 pm LUNCH
- 2:30 pm Meeting with *Sana Shatel* (ALLMEP) at hotel
- 4:00 pm Leave to airport from hotel
- Leave DCA at 6:59 pm to Philadelphia with connection to Tel Aviv

Friday - September 2<sup>nd</sup>: Jerusalem/Bethlehem

- 3:15 pm Arrival in Ben-Gurion Airport
- 5:30 pm Travel to Bethlehem
- 6:30 pm Check into Mount David Hotel
- 8 pm Dinner at or near (walking distance) hotel
- FREE EVENING

Saturday - September 3<sup>rd</sup>: Bethlehem

- 8:30 am TOUR of Old Town Bethlehem (Church of Nativity, Mosque of Omar, maybe Bethlehem university)
- 11:30 am MEETING with *Bassem Eid* (founder and director of the Palestinian Human Rights Monitoring Group) near Wi'am (maybe Intercontinental hotel)
- 1 pm LUNCH and TALK with *Zoughbi Zoughbi* (director of Wi'am – Palestinian Conflict Resolution Center)
- 3:00 pm TALK with *Prof. Mazin Qumsiyeh* at the Intercontinental or nearby
- 5:00 pm Addameer presentation at Hotel (monitors situation of Palestinian prisoners)
- 7 pm REFLECTION at Hotel (afterwards drive to dinner)
- 8:30 pm DINNER with Dabka Dancing at Grotto Restaurant
- 10:00 pm Going out with Bethlehem University students (optional)

Sunday - September 4<sup>th</sup>: Jerusalem/East-Jerusalem

- 8 am Leave hotel
- 8:30 am Visit Rachel's tomb
- 9:30 am STRATEGIC TOUR with *Danny Tirza* (architect of the separation barrier) – including **Gilo**
- 12:00 LUNCH
- 1:30 pm TALK and TOUR of East-Jerusalem with *B'Tselem* (c.g. Sheik Jarah and Siluan)
- 3:00 pm Meeting with *Bill Van Esveld* (Analyst for Human Rights Watch)
- 5:30 pm Meeting with NGO Monitor (monitors bias of NGO's towards Israel) and Israel Project (educates the press, public officials and the public about Israel)
- 7:30 pm MEETING with Forsan Hussein (CEO YMCA Jerusalem) with following dinner in West-Jerusalem (meeting with former OTI students)
- 10 pm leaving for Bethlehem

**Monday - September 5<sup>th</sup>: Hebron, Ariel**

- 8:30 am TRAVEL to Hebron
- 9:30 am TALK and TOUR with *David Wilder* (Spokesperson Jewish Community)
- 11:00 am TALK and TOUR of Hebron City Center with *Walid S. Abu-Alhalaweh* (PR Director, Hebron Rehabilitation Committee) with following lunch and walk through city
- 1:30 pm Drive to Ariel
- 3:30 pm Meeting with *Ron Nachman* (Mayor of Ariel)
- 4:30 pm TALK with Evacuee/Settler from Gaza
- 5:30 pm Panel with Ariel University Students and residents
- 7:00 pm Leave for Bethlehem (REFLECTION on BUS)
- 9:00 pm Arrival in Bethlehem
- FREE Evening

**Tuesday - September 6<sup>th</sup>: Travel to Jordan**

- 7 am TRAVEL to Border
- 8 am CROSSING to Jordan through King Hussein/Allenby Crossing (3 hours)
- 11 am Travel to Dead Sea
- 12 noon Lunch at Dead Sea
- 1 pm Spending RELAXING TIME at the Dead Sea
- 5 pm Travel to Amman
- 6 pm Check into Hotel in Amman
- 7 pm TALK with *HRH Prince Hassan* following DINNER
- 10 pm Going out in Amman (optional)

**Wednesday - September 7<sup>th</sup>: Jordan**

- 9 am Visit of Wehdat Refugee Camp with *Mohammad Yacoub*
- 11:30 am MEETING at Senat with several member of the Foreign Relations Committee and members of the newly formed Constitutional Reform Committee
- 1:30 pm Lunch with Majali Family/Tribe members
- 3 pm MEETING with Reform Jordan Panel
- 5 pm MEETING with political or economic speaker
- 6:30 pm REFLECTION
- 8:30 pm DINNER with members of student family in Amman

**Thursday - September 8<sup>th</sup>: Jordan/Qalqilia/Nazareth**

- 8:00 am Breakfast with *Dr. Abdul Malik Al-Jaber* (COO Zain Group, member of the board of the World Economic Forum)
- 9:00 am Leave Amman
- 10:00 am Cross border at King Hussein Bridge (Allenby) (3 hours)
- 1:00 pm Leaving for Qalqilia (LUNCH on the way)
- 2:30 pm Meeting with Qalqilia officials with BRIEF TOUR OF CITY
- 3:30 pm Meeting with youth in Qalqilia ([www.qalqilyathefilm.com](http://www.qalqilyathefilm.com))
- 5:00 pm Leave for Nazareth
- 7:00 pm Check into Hotel
- 7:30 pm DINNER and REFLECTION at Hotel
- 9:30 pm Going out in Nazareth (optional)

### Friday - September 9<sup>th</sup>: Jenin

- 8:30 am TRAVEL to Jenin
- 10 am TOUR of Jenin refugee camp with *Mohammad Sayyed* (Popular Committee of Service – Jenin Camp)
- 11:30 am MEET with *Qadoura Mousa* (Governor of Jenin)
- 1 pm LUNCH in Jenin with Woman Cooperative
- 3:00 pm leaving for Nazareth
- 5:00 pm MEETING with *Mohammad Darwashe* (Abraham Fund Initiative) at Hotel in Nazareth
- 6:00 pm REFLECTION in Hotel
- FREE EVENING with optional Sabbath dinner in Nazareth

### Saturday - September 10<sup>th</sup>: Tour of Golan

- Optional tour of Galilee and Golan with *Colonel (ret.) Ron Schatzberg*
  - Visit Druze village that were in the news when Palestinian from Syria came over the border
- Optional tour in the afternoon of Nazareth
- 5:30 pm Meeting/Get-together with Afifi Family with following dinner
- 9 pm Leave for Haifa (check in Hotel at 10:30 pm)

### Sunday - September 11<sup>th</sup>: Haifa

- 9:00 am MEETING with Daniel Orenstein (Technion/ Arava Institute) at Technion with students
- 11:30 am Leave for cemetery
- 12:00 noon TOUR of terror victim burial site (near Haifa) with *Yossi Zur* and *Ron Kehrmann*, whose children died in a suicide attack on a Bus in Haifa
- 1:30 pm LUNCH at Maxim restaurant in Haifa, a joint Arab-Israeli owned restaurant attacked by suicide bomber, TALK with *Tony Mattar* (co-owner)
- 3:00 pm Leave for Ambassador Yaha's home at Kafr Kara
- 4:00 pm COFFEE at Ambassador Yaha's home (first and so far only Palestinian-Israeli Ambassador. Ambassador to Finland, worked in Greece, opened Qatar office and will serve in Turkey) followed by discussion with family and guests
- 5:30 pm Leave for Tel Aviv (REFLECTION in bus)
- 7 pm Check into Hotel
- 7:30 pm DINNER and TALK with *Professor Galia Golan* (Interdisciplinary Center Herzliya (IDC), founder/member Peace Now, former Meretz MK and Executive)
- FREE EVENING

### Monday - September 12<sup>th</sup>: Tel Aviv/Jaffa

- 9:00 pm TALK with *Gilead Sher* (former Israeli Chief Negotiator) at hotel
- FREE MORNING/MID-DAY (10-2pm)
- 2:30 pm TALK with *Dr. Yossi Beilin* (former MK and Israeli justice minister) at hotel
- 4:00 – 4:30 pm BREAK
- 4:30 pm TALK with *Gidi Grinstein* (President and founder of the Reut Institute)
- 6:00 – 6:30 pm BREAK
- 6:30 pm TALK with *Dimi Rieder* (co-founder and editor +972 Magazine) and *Eldad Yaniv* (founder of HaSmol HaLeumi)

- 8 pm REFLECTION
- 9:30 pm DINNER in Old Town Jaffa with Tel Aviv University students
- 11 pm Optional Night Tour

Tuesday - September 13<sup>th</sup>: Gaza/Sderot/Jerusalem

- 8:30 am Leave hotel
- 9 am Meeting with NATAL (Trauma Center)
- 10:30 Meeting with GISHA and potentially Gaza residents

----- Program will be reorganize right now because of security situation in South Israel -----

- 11:30 am TRAVEL to Kerem Shalom (Gaza Crossing)
- LUNCH on bus (sandwiches)
- 2:30 pm TOUR at Kerem Shalom and presentation by *COGAT Commander*
- 4 pm TOUR of Sderot (police station (old rockets), rocket shelter, JNF underground playground) with JNF and Sderot Media Center (possible meeting with residents)

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- 6:00 pm Leave for Jerusalem with REFLECTION on bus
  - 7:30 pm MEETING with Chris Gunnes, Director of UNRWA in Gaza
  - 9:00 pm Check in Lutheran Guesthouse – Dinner (Pizza) with REFLECTIONS

Wednesday - September 14<sup>th</sup>:

- 8 am TRAVEL to Ramallah
- 9 am TALK with Hanan Ashrawi and/or Nabeel Shaath
- 11 am TOUR of Mukata – Palestinian Governmental Complex
- 12 noon LUNCH in Ramallah with Birzeit University students and professors. Meeting with Pal idea group ([www.palideas.ps](http://www.palideas.ps)) members.
- 3 pm Visit Ruwabi and Meeting with *Munib R. Masri* (member of the Palestinian Legislative Council and former Jordanian Cabinet Minister) or *Bashar Masri* and/or members from Patico
- 5:30 pm Visit Bi'lin – meeting with Popular Committee
- 7 pm Leave for Jerusalem (with some Reflection on bus)
- 9 pm FREE EVENING (people get dinner for themselves in the Old City)

Thursday - September 15<sup>th</sup>: West-Jerusalem

- 8 am Tour of Yad Vashem and meeting with Holocaust survivor
- 11:15 am LUNCH in Yad Vashem
- 12 noon leave for Knesset
- 1:00 pm TALK and Tour of Knesset with MK Dr. Einat Wilf (serves on Foreign Affairs and Defense, Education, and House committees)
- 3 pm TALK with *Mark Regev* (spokesperson for the Israeli prime minister) at YMCA
- 5 pm MEETING with MEMRI (The Middle East Media Research Institute) at YMCA
- 6:30 DINNER at YMCA
- 7:30 pm MEETING with Parents Circle at YMCA with following REFLECTION
- FREE EVENING

**Friday - September 16<sup>th</sup>: Jerusalem**

- 7 am Optional morning tour of Al-Aqsa Mosque
- 8:30 am TOUR Old City Jerusalem – All Quarters (Muslim, Jewish, Christian and Armenia) – Jewish Perspective on Old City
- 10:00 am MEETING with Christian Vatican representative - Christian perspective on Old City
- 11:30 am MEETING with Muslim Wafq representative -Muslim perspective on Old City
- 12:30 pm Lunch in Old City or East Jerusalem (sandwiches)
- 2:00 pm MEETING with *Sari Nusseibeh* (President, Al Quds University)
- 3:30 pm Meeting with *Ambassador Gary Grappo* (Quartet) at American Colony Hotel
- 5 pm FREE TIME for shopping or relaxing (and getting ready for dinner)
- 7:00 pm Leave for Dinner
- 7:30 pm Sabbath Dinner with *Rabbi David Aaron* (Isralight)

**Saturday - September 17<sup>th</sup>: Jerusalem - Reflection**

- 8 am Optional Morning tour of the Church of the Holy Sepulcher
- FREE DAY
- 5 pm FINAL OTI REFLECTION in the garden of the Lutheran Guesthouse
- 7:30 pm Goodbye Dinner (after Sabbath ends)
- 8:30 pm Drive to Tel Aviv Airport

**Flight leaves at 11:55 pm (arrival in LAX at 12:50 pm on September 18<sup>th</sup>)**