



Welcome to Kaleidoscope 2019!

Kaleidoscope 2019 will begin 9^{am} Sunday morning November 3rd, 2019 – and end after dinner Thursday evening November 7th, 2019. Optional wrap-arounds** on weekend before and after.

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Kaleidoscope is an intensive multi-dimensional exploration of Israel and the Palestinian territories through a wide-angled lens.

This unique program covers politics, society, religion, culture, law, business, finance and technology. Unlike other Israel tours and missions, Kaleidoscope offers a view of Israel from the inside rather than the outside, and encourages participants to engage creatively and critically with a diverse range of perspectives. The approach is sophisticated and nuanced, experiential and informal. Participants play a key role in shaping and leading sessions.

Participants engage – creatively and critically – with some of the brightest minds and most important personalities in Israel today. These include, among others, top Israeli and Palestinian leaders; celebrated writers, judges, scientists, doctors, film-makers and performers; grassroots social activists; prominent entrepreneurs, business leaders and investors; and senior military strategists.

On the following pages are: comments from some of the participants in Kaleidoscope 2017, some photos from the sessions, and a copy of the draft 2019 itinerary. If you are interested in finding out more about Kaleidoscope, please do not hesitate to contact us at our email addresses below.

Cost: USD\$1950 (flights not included) . *Register Now! \$100 off for anyone who registers by January 31, 2019. Please contact to register: Lynda@KaleidoscopeIsrael.org*

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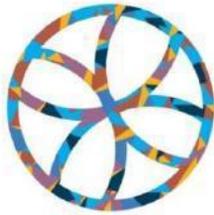
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The **wrap around dates for Kaleidoscope are - same popular idea as last time – the weekend before and after. The wrap around concept is an added extra. We will organise hotels to help you with the logistics, but there is no official Kaleidoscope programming. Groups may use this time for their own purposes. (\$200 USD per 2 night wrap around per person in double occupancy room)



Kaleidoscope
Engaging Israel at a Crossroads

KALEIDOSCOPE PROGRAM

DRAFT – Subject to Change
November 3-7, 2019

***Kaleidoscope** is a multi-dimensional exploration of Israel through a wide-angled lens. With no partisan agenda, participants engage – creatively and critically – with the vibrant complexity of Israel. This program is designed by **Makom - The Education Lab of The Jewish Agency**, who provides Kaleidoscope's highly experienced team of expert educators and guides. Tour logistics are managed by **Keshet Tour Company**.*

To register or obtain more information, please contact: Lynda@KaleidoscopeIsrael.org

- Makom's daily orientation will provide a contextual framework for the issues and explore the evolving questions and perspectives of the participants.
- The program is subject to change. **Speakers listed are illustrative and have not yet been confirmed.**

SUNDAY, November 3

Kaleidoscope: Seeing Israel -- Exploring the "New Jew"

9am Convene in Tel Aviv

Orientation for the Day - Looking through a Kaleidoscope: Makom's educational framing on ways of seeing modern Israel.

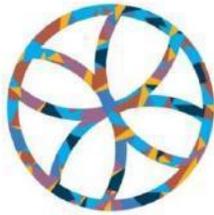
The new [Beit Hatfuzot](#): How the Museum of the Diaspora became the Museum of the Jewish People and what that suggests for the evolving nature of Jewish identity in Israel.

Travel North

The **Successes & Failures of Zionism:** [Prof. Fania Oz-Salzberger](#). One of Israel's leading public intellectuals, a historian of the modern period, co-author with Amos Oz of "Jews and Words", and director of Paideia Institute for Jewish Studies.

Evening at local Winery – [The Jews Are Coming](#) is a popular biting, satirical comedy that revisits episodes in Jewish history to make sense of today's complex reality. It is an example of vitality in the secular population using arts and culture to reengage Jewish culture. Watch clips and hear from the creators, writers, or cultural critics.

Overnight: Zichron Yaacov



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MONDAY, November 4

Microscope: Societal Challenges & Activist Responses

Optional sunrise activity - meditation on the mountain overlooking the stunning coastline

Orientation to the day -- Exploring 4 visions for Israel, based on President Reuven Rivlin's **Four Tribes of Israel**: Secular, Traditional, Haredi & Arab

Tour **Nazareth and Nazareth Illit: A Microcosm of Israel's Societal Challenges** – for Jews, Muslims and Christians.

Urban Kibbutz: Meet members of **Kibbutz Mishol**, one of a network of urban educational kibbutzim that undertake social, cultural and educational projects living within, and not separate from, the wider community. Discuss **intentional communities** with **James Grant-Rosenhead**.

Meeting members of the **Garin Torani**: Modern Orthodox activists who seek to raise the levels of observance amongst the Jewish population.

An Arab Perspective: Visit with **Khaled Kasab Mahameed**, at his **Holocaust museum for Arabs**. Discuss the place of the Holocaust in both Arab and Jewish understandings of Israel.

Travel/Overnight in Jerusalem

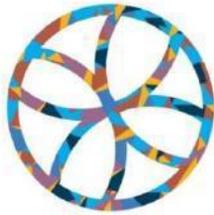
TUESDAY, November 5

Gyroscope: The twists and turns of Jewish Tradition and Renewal

Orientation to the day – Israel as a Jewish State, Israel as a Democratic State: Exploring the Declaration of Independence, the Nation-State Law, and the Human Dignity Law.

Diverse trends in Israeli & North American Jewish Life: Conversation with **Shmuel Rosner**, contributing writer to the New York Times, and author of the latest research into the distinctive nature of Israeli Judaism, for the **Jewish People Policy Institute**.

Religious Activism in Israel - Challenging from Within. Meet with Rabbi **Menachem Bombach** (Hassidic visionary high school principal); **Tehila Friedman** (Modern Orthodox liberal activist); **Nir Braudo** (Head of the Bina Secular Yeshivot); **Prof Michal Muskat Barkan** (pluralist seeking educational change following the murder of Shira Banki at the Pride Rally); and Anat Hoffman (President of Women of the Wall)



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Israel as both a Jewish and Democratic State with Former Vice-President of the Supreme Court Justice [Elyakim Rubinstein](#)

Discussion with **Members of Knesset** – [Stav Shafir](#) (Zionist Union) and [Yehuda Glick](#) (Likud)

Jerusalem Cinematheque - **Panel of leading Jewish and Arab filmmakers** moderated by [Steven Silver](#), followed by Film Screening & Discussion

WEDNESDAY, November 6

Stethoscope – Listening to Fears and Hopes of Friends and Foes

Orientation to the day – learning to listen like Sherlock Holmes

War of Return – former Labor MK and leading public advocate Dr. [Einat Wilf](#), co-author of a new book on the Palestinians' unique [refugee status](#) and how that is a key obstacle to peace.

Following this session, participants will have a choice between two journeys:

- **Journey 1:** Gush Etzion – Jewish-Arab Coexistence & Separation

Visit Gush Etzion with [Sara HaEzni Cohen](#) – who grew up in Kiryat Arba and is a granddaughter of one of the founders of the community.

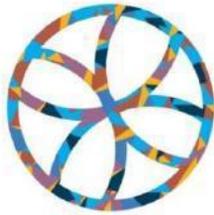
Visit [Bethlehem](#) and environs with **Mutasem** – a Palestinian tour guide – and appreciate the daily life of the residents. Include seeing the wall, it's art, and the [Walled-Off Hotel](#) together with the Banksy mural. (NB. This is area A, so Israeli citizens need special clearance.)

Meet those striving to craft a way forward from the [Bethlehem Development Foundation](#), comprised of leaders with vast experience of national Palestinian politics and economics.

Visit [Shoreshim-Roots-Judur](#) at the Gush junction to meet with Jewish Rabbi Shaul Yudelman and Palestinian Ali Abu Awwad striving for peaceful coexistence, together.

- **Journey 2:** Ramallah – Business and Politics in the Arab Sector

Visit Ramallah and meet with prominent Palestinian political and business leaders of the Palestinian National Authority.



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Meet **Mahmoud Muna** – the proprietor of the [Educational Bookshop](#) in East Jerusalem to hear about the nature of life for East Jerusalem Arabs and his challenge to the Israelis.

TRACKS 1 - choose from:

- **Co-existence Projects**
- **Law and Human Rights**

The Conflict to Our Ears - Panel of journalists at Jerusalem Press Club followed by group reflection on the conflict.

THURSDAY, November 7

Telescope: The Future is Now

Optional Sunrise activity - walking tour along seamline of neighborhoods

Orientation to the day & travel to Tel Aviv

TRACKS 2 – choose from:

- Innovation in **Technology, Business and Finance**
- **Social activism**

What should it mean to be a Jewish People? [Jonny Ariel](#) leads an **interactive exercise with young Israelis** on what the Jewish People, as a People, should do next.

Looking again through the Kaleidoscope: Closing circle - **So how was Israel for you?**

“That’s Why I’m Still Here” Performance of stories and songs, by [Robbie Gringras](#) and [Adam Mader](#), about sustaining a mature relationship with Israel in light of its realities.

Farewell Dinner – 9pm: End of Kaleidoscope / Transportation will be provided to wrap around hotel and central bus station if requested.



Drawing Outside the Lines - celebrated cartoonist Shay Charka shows how cartoons help to address complex Israeli realities – in conversation with Robbie Gringras



Meeting in Ramallah with Ambassador Amal Jadou, European Department Head at the Palestinian Ministry of Foreign Affairs

"Kaleidoscope was a terrific program. It was intense and enlightening but also very enjoyable. The mix of events was excellent and the flow and structure were very good." (Trevor Norwitz, Partner, Wachtell, Lipton, Rosen & Katz, NY)

"Kaleidoscope was a unique, inspiring, stimulating experience that challenged, questioned and upended my understanding and perspective. It was fearless in its approach, honest, and brilliantly curated. It awakened an explosion of thoughts and emotions which both excited and scared. In five short days we traversed a continuum of hope and doubt, but it was always authentic. Each day felt like it could not get any better, and then it did. While I brought back more questions than answers, I also have a treasure trove to ponder for a long time. Thank you for the privilege." (Beverley Gold, Financial Director, Hermes Canada)



Jonny Ariel in conversation with Sharren Haskel, the youngest



The Film Panel – Kaleidoscope participant Steven Silver engages with eight top Israeli filmmakers



"I am the only person in our group who is not Jewish. Try to see Israel through the eyes of a visitor for the first time – and that's me. I would sum up my feelings by saying I am completely blown away by everything I've seen and experienced here in Israel. I've been married to Wendy for 35 years, our three children have been bar and bat mitzva'd, and I have been part of her wider Jewish community during that time. Here with you this week I've experienced so many of the feelings and qualities that I've come to know over the years – discourse, conversation, intellectual engagement, laughter, friendship, loyalty and love.

*It has been my honor to be with you and to experience Israel with you and all it means. I am profoundly moved by the experience. I feel three thousand years of history tapping me on the shoulder, and it has shaken me to the core. I come away with a very positive impression of Israel and the Israeli experience... The challenges are there – the Palestinian question, discrimination, freedom of expression – but these are the challenges of a healthy society engaged in self-examination. I have one homeland and right about now I could sure use a second. You are very fortunate to have Israel as a place you can come to as your second home. " **(John Schmidt, Director, Kew Media Group, NY)***

*"Kaleidoscope was a life altering trip for me. Having been so many times to Israel, this trip opened up an entirely different exposure and one that I am most grateful for. It gave me a real insight into the complexities of Israel today from an intellectual, political, social, educational and cultural perspective. Nothing changed my love for Israel but it opened up my eyes to things I possibly didn't want to acknowledge before. An incredibly thought provoking trip, one that I cannot stop thinking about and talking about." **(Robyn Buchman, Chair, Israel Engagement Committee, UJA Federation of Toronto)***



Leading Israeli author Assaf Gavron discusses his award winning bestseller *The Hilltop*



Briefing by INSS Director and former IDF Military Intelligence Head General Amos Yadlin

*"The program really allowed individuals to take what they wanted from the trip. For me, it was about learning who is not included in our narrative about Israel, whether historically or presently. I also appreciated that the group was diverse in age and where participants were from. It allowed for a lot of different viewpoints. The trip to Ramallah was incredible. It put the conflict into perspective and the difficulty of finding a solution a reality." **(Madeleine Sarick, Lawyer, VP Samuel Sarick Limited Developments; President at an Egalitarian-Conservative Synagogue in Toronto)***



“Everything about the Kaleidoscope program was superb-the team of staff, guides, and esteemed presenters provided admirable variety and a breadth of opportunities for an interesting cohort of fellow travelers to explore. We had amazing access to articulate leaders who could address relevant issues facing Israel today based on experience and knowledge. Diverse viewpoints were provided and dialogue was respectful. Staff and guides presented historical frameworks that were very useful in understanding current issues.” (Linda Rakoff, retired social worker)



A student from the Galilee entertains the Kaleidoscope group with a song at a lunch with Jewish and Arab graduates of the Sparks of Change co-existence program



Col. Grisha Yakubovich (former IDF Head of Government Activities in the Territories) conducts a field tour

“Thanks again for your inspired and dedicated work on Kaleidoscope. I never expected it to be life changing, but thanks to your team and Stephen Pincus' transformational leadership, it was. I feel far less of a 'yored' now and far more of an Israeli living in Baltimore who cannot wait to get back to Israel. Also, to my surprise, during the incredible five day trip, I moved a little closer to Israel's political centre.” (Desmond Kaplan, Chief Child & Adolescent Neuropsychiatry Medical Director, Sheppard Pratt, Baltimore)



Tea with Salima, a mother of seven who fights to change the status of women in Rahme, an unrecognized Bedouin village on the outskirts of Yeruham