

Twin Cities Cardozo Society Israel Experience

Tentative Itinerary

May 20-27, 2019

Travelling Legal Scholar: Prof. Oren Gross

Guide: Rabbi Rob Kahn

Monday, May 20

Participants arrive to Israel on individual flights

Transfer to Jerusalem; Stop for scenic view when arriving to Jerusalem
(Panoramic into the Has Promenade in Jerusalem – daylight permitting)

Hotel check in at Leonardo Plaza

7:30 PM

The Mood of the country, opening dinner and overview at Joy restaurant in Mamilla with legal scholar Prof. Oren Gross, and guide Rabbi Rob Kahn

Overnight / Leonardo Plaza in Jerusalem

Israeli breakfast

8:00 – 9:30 AM

Meeting at hotel with leadership from the Jewish Agency for Israel. Learn about the overall governance of the Jewish Agency and its impact on Israel and the global Jewish community. A member of the Israel-Diaspora Lobby will also join the meeting and discuss the lobby's agenda, successes, and challenges. Learn about Jewish Agency programs that support religious pluralism in Israel.

9:45 AM - Depart for Supreme Court visit

10:15-11:30 AM

VIP Tour of Supreme Court

Israel's legal system is a combination of Jewish, Turkish, and British law adapted and molded to suit modern Israeli realities. Today you will visit the Supreme Court building and have the opportunity to meet one of Israel's judges. With its striking design, the building is a fitting home for the judicial branch of government. This breathtaking modern building overlooks the Sacher Park and the Jerusalem neighborhood of Nachlaot

11:30 AM-12:45 PM

Meeting with Supreme Court Deputy President Hanan Melcer

1:15–3:30 PM

Free time and lunch on own at Machane Yehuda

Machane Yehuda market is an extra special treat. Immerse yourself in the day-to-day life of Israelis and wander through the iconic market. Mingle among locals as they eat, shop, work, and convene.

4:00- 5:30 PM

JDC visit. The American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee (JDC) works in 70 countries to alleviate hunger and hardship, rescue Jews in danger, create lasting connections to Jewish life, and provide immediate relief for victims of natural and man-made disasters

Free Night to explore Ben Yehuda or the Tachana or the Shuk and feel Jerusalem's nightlife. Dinner on your own.

8:00 PM - Optional - Enjoy ***Night Spectacular***- the **Tower of David comes to life with a spectacular light show**. The story of Jerusalem unfolds in a blaze of images, characters and sound as giant breathtaking images and lights are projected onto the walls, archeological ruins, bridges, water cisterns and the hidden pathways of the citadel

Overnight / Leonardo Plaza Hotel in Jerusalem

Wednesday, May 22, 2019

Israeli breakfast at hotel

8:00 AM – Depart hotel for Yad Vashem

8:30-11:00 AM

Accompanied by a docent, visit **Yad Vashem** –Israel's National Holocaust Memorial. The **Museum** presents the story of the Shoah from a unique Jewish perspective, emphasizing the experiences of the individual victims through original artifacts, survivor testimonies and personal possessions. The architecturally striking building is a long linear structure in the form of a spike that cuts through the mountain, and the exit emerges dramatically out of the mountainside, affording a view of the valley below. During the visit we will pay tribute to the "**Righteous among the Nations**" at Avenue of the Righteous, for risking their lives to save Jews during the Second World War. We will also stop to pay tribute to the one and a half million children who were murdered in the Holocaust at the **Children Memorial**

11:00 AM – depart Yad Vashem for Old City

11:30 AM-12:30 PM

Lunch at restaurant in Old City. Prof. Oren Gross leads discussion about legal topics relating to the Holocaust

12:30-2:30 PM

Old City Walking Tour

Visit the **Jewish Quarter of the Old City** and uncover the layers of Jewish history from the time of the First Temple until the present day. Discover the stories, traditions and legends behind the stones in the ancient city of Jerusalem

Tour the **Christian Quarter**. Walk the **Via Dolorosa** which begins at the eastern edge of the Old City, opposite the **Mount of Olives**. Following the **Stations of the Cross**, ending at the **Church of the Holy Sepulcher** which is situated on the hill called Golgotha or Calvary. The Church contains the last five Stations of the Cross including the sites of Jesus' crucifixion and resurrection and burial.

2:30-4:00 PM – Free time in Old City

4:30-5:30 PM

Briefing at hotel with Real Estate attorney who can discuss real estate issues with the Churches (e.g., Greek Orthodox) and the special status of land in Israel.

7:00 PM

Dinner at Jerusalem restaurant with **senior member of Israel's Attorney General's office**.

Overnight / Leonardo Plaza Hotel in Jerusalem

Thursday, May 23, 2019

Israeli breakfast, hotel check-out

8:00-9:15 AM

Briefing at hotel on the topic of "Religious Law and Civil Law"

9:30 AM - Depart for the south, joined by Jewish Agency for Israel representative who will speak about the **Fund for the Victims of Terror**

11:00 AM-1:00 PM

Overall briefing covering the Palestinian Issue, with **Col. (Res.) Grisha Yakubovich**, former Head of the Civilian Department in the IDF's Coordinator of Government Activities in the Territories unit, at Assaf Siboni Overview

Proceed to Sderot

1:15 – 2:15 PM

Lunch with Soldiers who serve in the area

2:30 -3:30 PM

Life under Fire, tour Sderot together with **Kobi Harush**, Sderot Security Chief

3:45 PM – depart Sderot for Dan Panorama, Hotel check-in

6:00–7:00 PM

Briefing at hotel – Law & National Security/ War on Terror/ Women in the Military

7:00 PM

Free night to explore Tel Aviv / Dinner on own

Overnight/ Dan Panorama Hotel, Tel Aviv

Friday, May 24, 2019

Israeli breakfast

8:30-11:00 AM

Briefing and Immigration tour in South Tel Aviv with **Jean Marc Liling**, an attorney specialized in migration and refugee law, Executive Director of CIM (the Center for International Migration and Integration)

11:30 AM-1:30 PM

Walking culinary tasting tour of Shuk HaCarmel and lunch with Chef Avi Steinitz, one of Israel's top chefs

2:00-4:00 PM

Celebrate the spirit of the first modern Israeli city at the **Nahalat Binyamin street festival and Carmel market**

4:30-5:30 PM

Ben Dror Yemini presentation at hotel: Current Events – Balancing the Media (attorney and author of “Industry of Lies”).

Optional - 7:30 PM

Just before sundown, we will welcome Shabbat together

8:30 PM

Dinner at hotel, joined by a partner of a major law firm. **Discussion facilitated by Prof. Gross and Rabbi Kahn. (Parshat HaShavua by Rabbi Rob Kahn)**

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Saturday, May 25, 2019

Israeli breakfast
Optional Shabbat services

10:00-11:30 AM

Meet with Christina Hilou-Asaad from Israel's Public Defender's Office.

Christina will speak about her work with the public defender's office, as well as about being an Arab-Israeli lawyer.

Free time – afternoon at leisure

Feel the Shabbat atmosphere as many Tel Aviv residents take a day's break from their busy work weeks. Enjoy the beauty of the sea and the urban setting of the city life.

Celebrating Shabbat Tel Aviv Style: Take in the Tel Aviv sites as you walk southwards towards Jaffa. Ascend from the old port of Jaffa through the renovated alleyways to the Jaffa Overlook for an introduction to Tel Aviv at the place where it all began. – Lunch on own

Return to the hotel by bus or enjoy the rest of the afternoon at leisure and return to the hotel on own.

7:30 PM

Havdalah service by the beach or at the hotel

Dinner on own and evening at leisure in Tel Aviv

Overnight / Dan Panorama Hotel, Tel Aviv

Israeli breakfast; Hotel check out

8:00-9:30 AM

Speaker in private room at coffee shop at the Old Train Station (Hatachanah) in Tel Aviv – with **senior members of Military Advocate General's office of the Israel Defense Forces**

10:30 AM-12:00 PM

Short tour of **IDC Interdisciplinary Center** in Herzliya, followed by meeting with IDC president, professors, and E. David Fischman alumni. The E. David Fischman Scholarship is administered by the St. Paul Jewish Federation.

12:00-1:00 PM

Meet with President Aharon Barak, a Professor of Law at the Interdisciplinary Center in Herzilya and a lecturer in law at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, the Yale Law School, Central European University, Georgetown University Law Center, and the University of Toronto Faculty of Law.

Barak was President of the Supreme Court of Israel from 1995 to 2006. Prior to that, he served as a Justice of the Supreme Court of Israel (1978-95), as the Attorney General of Israel (1975-78), and as the Dean of the Law Faculty of the Hebrew University of Jerusalem (1974-75).

Barak is considered one of the most brilliant and productive legal experts of our times. His rulings have influenced all fields of law in Israel and are studied by attorneys and researchers from around the world.

1:45-3:15 PM

Lunch in Daliyat al-Karmel with Druze attorney who will discuss the Druze community and legal system. Daliyat al-Karmel is a Druze town in the Haifa district of Israel. It is the country's largest and southern most Druze town.

4:00-6:00 PM – Tour Haifa, including the Bahai Gardens and German Colony. Haifa is Israel's third largest city, beautifully set on the slopes of Mount Carmel facing the Mediterranean Sea. Haifa Bahai Gardens "the Jewel of Haifa" is the Bahai world center, and it was recognized in 2008 by UNESCO as a World Heritage site.

6:00 PM – Depart Haifa for Safed

7:00 PM - Check into Safed hotel. **Free night** to explore Safed. Dinner on your own

Overnight / Ruth Rimonim Hotel, Safed

Israeli breakfast. Hotel check out.

8:00-9:30 AM

Tour Safed, including Jewish sites, synagogues, and main street of old city

9:30 AM - Depart for the Golan Heights

10:30 AM-12:30 PM

We will **board jeeps and travel on the Golan Heights**, one of Israel's most beautiful and controversial regions, including **Security Briefing** en route.

12:30 PM - Depart Golan Heights for Poriya Hospital

1:30-3:30 PM

Visit the **Baruch Padeh Medical Center (Poriya Hospital)**, including **light lunch**, tour and a panel discussion with several of the medical staff. Poriya Hospital's diverse medical staff will share stories about how an Israeli hospital works in and with its multi-ethnic community to improve health and prevent chronic disease. Christians, Jews, Muslims, Druze, and Circassians all live and work together at Poriya Hospital to serve the local community. Learn how wounded Syrians are treated at Poriya Hospital with Israeli government funds, and transported back to the border by the IDF when they have recovered.

Proceed to Caesarea

4:30-6:00 PM

Explore Caesarea, a magnificent site, a national park where amazing ancient harbor ruins, beautiful beaches, and impressive modern residencies sit side by side. Originally an ancient Herodian port city located on Israel's Mediterranean Coast, Caesarea has been restored to create one of Israel's most attractive and fascinating archeological sites.

6:00-8:00 PM

Closing dinner and wrap-up at Port Café restaurant in Caesarea

Evening

Depart for the airport
Return flight to the US