

**Program Catalog**

**Please contact us for prices or to discuss tailored programs**

**The Silence of Rabbi Yossi:** a seminar/tour integrating text study with a tour of the magnificent excavations at Zippori. Texts bring to life the ruins of Roman- and Byzantine-era Zippori, and enable discussions of dilemmas relevant then as now: What is our attitude to "foreign" culture? May we use art depicting foreign gods in our homes and synagogues, for decorative purposes? What is the relevance of these texts, written 1500 years ago, to our lives today?

Key topics: living in two cultures; development of the Oral Law.

**2-3 hrs.**

**Appropriate for all kinds of groups, and families.**

**A Tale of Two Cities:** seminar/tour focusing on various models of Jewish-Roman relationships, in the context of the Great Revolt in Yodfat and Zippori. Participants visit both sites, read period texts describing the period of the Revolt and its aftermath, and discuss modern-day parallels. This may be combined with a mosaic workshop in Zippori, drawing water from the cistern and firing Roman-style catapults in Yodfat.

**5-7 hrs.**

**Appropriate for all kinds of groups, and families.**

**Lost in Safed:** experiential exploration. After a short introductory lecture about the history of Safed, focusing on its Golden Age as the capital of Jewish mysticism in the 16<sup>th</sup> century, participants embark upon a structured tour of Safed in small groups, based on a fictional mystery plot, involving text study, visual cues, and personal encounters. The group reconvenes at the end of the route for a short debriefing session. This is an opportunity for a self-guided, independent small-group experience, often appreciated by participants in groups who are spending long intensive days together...Also, lends itself well to groups of families, as there are different elements (dramatic plot, navigation by visual cues, higher level discussion) that appeal to different ages.

**2 hrs.**

**Appropriate for all kinds of groups, and families.**

**Exploring Akko:** a structured small-group navigational game in the narrow streets of the Old City of Akko, in which participants are exposed to Akko multi-layered history as well as its multicultural present.

**2 hrs.**

**Appropriate for all kinds of groups, and families.**



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**Misgav - mosaic of villages:** seminar/tour focusing on villages in the Misgav regional council. Visit a kibbutz with an educational vision for the region, a Bedouin village, a mixed religious/non-religious village, a village settled by nature-lovers on the outskirts of large nature reserve, a community of people with special needs... Each of these villages is its own world; together they form a microcosm of Israeli society.

**Half / Full day.**

**Appropriate for all kinds of groups, and families.**

**Note this option:** one hour at **Shorashim**, on development of the community focusing on: socialism and privatization, creating a Masorti community, immigrant absorption, relations with Arab neighbors.

**New Judaism in the Galilee:** full-day seminar on the varieties of new Jewish communities in the Galilee in the 21<sup>st</sup> century. Introductory study session plus three encounters with different communities (chosen in consultation with the group's staff) from among:

- Masorti or Reform community  
(Hannaton, Shorashim, Har Halutz, communities in Kfar Vradim, Karmiel)
- Eshchar (Pluralistic) - Nahalal-Nigun Halev (Jewish Renewal)
- Modern Orthodox (Moreshet, Hoshaya) - Or Ganuz (Kabbalistic)
- Lavi or other Orthodox Kibbutz - Eshbal (secular)

Depending on route, a short hike or historical site visit can be included, e.g., Yodfat, Khirbet Amudim, ancient synagogue site, etc.

**Full day. Appropriate for all kinds of groups, and families.**

**Sites and Sources:** study tours integrating text study and discussion with touring:

- Bet She'arim 1.5 hours
- Yodfat 1.5 hours
- Acco – half day
- Tiberias - half day
- Safed - half day
- Meiron (and/or Khirbet Shema) – 1.5 hours
- Elijah in Haifa (Elijah's cave, Stella Maris, Ahmadiya mosque, Bahai shrine, Muhraka)  
Half day to full day depending on route.



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**Neighbors:** personal encounter. An examination of the challenge of creating a Jewish, democratic state: introductory lecture, and structured discussion with Palestinian residents of the Galilee (youth and/or adults), citizens of Israel, in their village or town. The discussion leads to a personal understanding of the differences and similarities between the two groups, and explores (among other topics) family life, community, religion, culture, language and politics. Ends with a short summary discussion.

**2.5 hrs.** minimum 30 pax.

**Appropriate for teens, adults, and families.**

**Galilee Circus:** The Galilee Circus is a youth circus for Jewish and Arab children and teens (6-18), a moving display of intercultural cooperation, and fun to watch. We offer the following program:

- Introductory lecture on Jewish-Arab relations in the Galilee (and in general).
- Informal workshop wherein the circus kids help the audience learn various juggling and balancing skills

This activity usually takes place in Shorashim and Dir el Assad, and is generally possible on weekday afternoons. It provides a good framework for encountering Jewish-Arab issues for middle schoolers.

**1.5 hrs.** minimum 30 pax

**Appropriate for all kinds of groups, and families.**

The two programs, **Neighbors & Galilee Circus**

If you have the time, we recommend combining the two programs:

Beginning with a lecture on Jewish – Arab relations, followed by structured discussion with Arab residents of the Galilee, ending with a circus workshop.

**Neighbors + workshop: 3 - 4 hrs.** minimum 30 pax

(10% discount already included for the combined programs)



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### Additional Activities

The following can be combined with tours, or suggested as evening programs (especially for family groups). Each runs for about 60-90 minutes.

**Utopia Now!** – Simulating the planning and creation of a new community: teams try to reach consensus on guiding values, governance, economy, religious life, admission policy, etc.; comparison of results to the real history of communities in the Galilee. Suggestion: combine with the Misgav tour (above).

**The Midrash Game:** understand the process of Oral Law. Suggestion: combine with the Zippori tour described above.

**Partition? Partition!** Simulation exercise on the debate over partition of Palestine. Suggestion: combine with the Neighbours encounter program described above.

### Lectures

- The “denominations” in Judaism, past and present
- The New Jew: Zionism as a revolution in Jewish identity
- The Jewish roots of Christianity
- Spiritual search in the Galilee
- The New Jew: Jewish identity in Israel
- State, community, and authority: the dilemma of Jewish law in our time
- Messianism in Judaism
- Other topics in Jewish thought/history – inquire.

Lectures generally 1.5 hours.

### Notes

- We are of course happy to prepare longer seminars, from a day to two weeks, combining the above programs with other activities in the region, organized thematically or geographically.
- Please contact us for prices, which include staff transportation, materials, but not admission fees. There is no VAT as we are an Amuta.