

# **APN Israel Study Tour 2016**

## Americans for Peace Now Israel Study Tour 12-17 November, 2016

### <u>Draft Schedule (As of May 2016)</u>

This schedule is a working document and will change. It is meant to be illustrative of our intent. Please do not use this schedule for planning purposes.

#### Saturday night, Nov. 12: Jerusalem

Evening Reception – Meet and greet. Meeting with fellow tour participants, with Peace Now staff and Board members, and with other guests.

Note: This is the eve of Israel's official Yitzhak Rabin Memorial Day. If the Rabin memorial rally will be held that evening at Rabin Square in Tel Aviv There is a possibility that we will travel to Tel Aviv to attend it.

### Sunday, Nov 13: Jerusalem

**Morning**: Tour orientation and general orientation regarding the Israeli-Palestinian conflict and possible other themes examined during the tour. Speakers: Expert on the Conflict and APN Staff.

**Late morning and early afternoon**: East Jerusalem tour including visit to the Temple Mount / Haram al-Sharif and possible tour of Western Wall tunnels. Traditional Middle Eastern lunch.

**Afternoon**: Visit to the Knesset or to the Foreign Ministry. Meeting with Israeli government officials and/or members of the Knesset.

Dinner at restaurant/bookstore in downtown West Jerusalem with an Israeli author or prominent journalist.

**Night**: Free time in downtown West Jerusalem (walking distance from the hotel).

## Monday, Nov 14: The South

Morning: Travel to the south.

**Late morning**: A visit to Sderot including lookout over the Gaza Strip. **Noon**: Briefing at a community bordering the Gaza Strip. Lunch at a Kibbutz near the border.

Afternoon: Meeting with local peace activists.

**Evening**: Dinner either in Beer Sheva or in Jerusalem with a speaker

### Tuesday, Nov. 15: West Bank

Early morning: Meeting with the US Consul General in Jerusalem

Morning: Visit to West Bank settlement and illegal outpost

Late morning: Tour of Rawabi, the first Palestinian town built in the West Bank since 1967

Noon - Afternoon: Ramallah - tour of the town and meeting with:

- Palestinian Authority officials
- Young activists / civil society leaders
- Palestinian journalists and public opinion experts

**Evening**: Free. Return to Jerusalem before dusk. Free evening to explore Jerusalem. Dinner on your own.

#### Wednesday, Nov. 16: The North

**Early morning**: Leaving for the north for a day that focuses on Jewish-Arab relations in Israel and on the role that Arab citizens of Israel play in the conflict.

**Morning**: Nazareth – meetings with leaders of Israel's Arab community **Afternoon**: Haifa:

- Focus on Jewish-Arab relations and cooperation
- Meeting with experts on Israel's northern front: Syria, Lebanon and beyond.

Dinner in Haifa

### Thursday, Nov. 17: Tel Aviv

Early morning: Depart to Tel-Aviv for a day in Israel's bustling cultural and

economic center.

Morning: Meetings with prominent Israeli leaders in various fields

Early afternoon: A walking tour of historic Tel Aviv

Afternoon: Free time in Tel Aviv or Jaffa

**Late afternoon – evening**: Meeting with Peace Now activists

**Evening**: Debrief and farewell