

IAAE Mission to Israel July 11 - 18, 2011

Monday, July 11

Tel Aviv

- Through 2:00pm Delegation Arrives
Transfer from Ben Gurion Airport
Check-in at Dan Hotel in Tel Aviv
- 6:00pm Meet in the hotel lobby
Depart for the Yitzhak Rabin Center
- 6:30pm Cocktail Reception on the terrace
- 7:00pm Welcoming Remarks by:
Ms. Dalia Rabin, Chair of the Yitzhak Rabin Center
Rabbi Nachum Braverman, Founder of IAAE
- “The New Landscape of the Middle East”
Opening dinner session with:
Dan Meridor, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Intelligence & Atomic Energy in the Israeli Cabinet (Likud)
- 9:30pm Dinner concludes/Return to hotel
- Overnight at the Dan Tel Aviv

Tuesday, July 12

Tel Aviv

- 8:30am Depart for the Yitzhak Rabin Center
- 9:00-10:15am “Israel’s Neighbors”
Discussion of Egypt, Jordan, Lebanon & Syria with:
Prof. Yoram Meital, Chair of the Chaim Herzog Center for Middle East Studies & Diplomacy at Ben-Gurion University; special research emphasis on Egyptian politics, culture and nationalism
Prof. Asher Susser, Senior Research Fellow at the Moshe Dayan Center for Middle Eastern & African Studies; former Director of the Center; specialization in the history and politics of Jordan and the Palestinians; religion and state in the Middle East; and Arab-Israeli issues
Amb. & Prof. Itamar Rabinovich, Visiting Professor at the Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University, former Israeli Ambassador to the U.S. and Israel’s Chief Negotiator with Syria
- in the conference room
- 10:15am Break
- 10:30-11:45am “Israel’s Neighbors: The Second Circuit”
Discussion of Iran, Turkey, Libya & the Gulf States with:
Prof. David Menashri, Head of the Middle Eastern and African History Dept and Senior Research Fellow at the Moshe Dayan Center for Middle Eastern and African Studies; focus on the social and political history of modern Iran,

Islamic Radicalism, Shi'i political thought and the Persian Gulf
Dr. Alon Liel, former Director General of Israel's Foreign Ministry and former Israeli Ambassador to Turkey

11:45am Break

12:00-1:15pm **"Gaza & Hamas"**
Avi Issacharoff, Palestinian & Arab Affairs Correspondent for Haaretz
Dr. Anat Berko, Counter-Terrorism specialist and advisor, Member of Israel's Counter-Terrorism Team and Israel's National Security Council

1:15pm Lunch

2:00-4:00pm **Tour of The Israeli Museum at the Yitzhak Rabin Center**
The Israeli Museum details the history and development of the modern State of Israel from the 1920's through the assassination of Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin on November 4, 1995

4:00pm Return to hotel/Break

6:30pm Depart for dinner

7:00pm **Dinner in Jaffa**

9:00pm Dinner concludes/Return to hotel

Overnight at the Dan Tel Aviv

Wednesday, July 13

Tel Aviv - Akko

8:30am Depart for the Yitzhak Rabin Center

9:00-10:15am **"The Mosaic of Israeli Society"**
Prof. Yedidia Stern, Professor at Bar-Ilan University Law School, Vice President of Research at the Israel Democracy Institute on projects of Religion & State and Business & Democracy

10:15am Break

10:30-12:00pm **"The Make-Up of Israel's Coalition Government"**
Discussion on the structure of the government and party agendas with:
Prof. Shlomo Avineri, Professor of Political Science at the Hebrew University
Mr. Aluf Benn, Editor-in-Chief, Haaretz

12:00pm Lunch

12:30-2:00pm **"From Oslo to Today"**
Panel on the Israeli-Palestinian peace negotiations, historically & today:
Gilead Sher, Israel's co-Chief Negotiator at the Camp David Summit and Taba talks
Brig. Gen. Udi Dekel, former Head of the IDF Strategic Planning Division & former Chief of Israel's Negotiation Team
Pini Meidan, former Mossad official, Policy Advisor to Prime Minister Ehud Barak and member of Israel's Negotiation Team with the Palestinians

2:00-6:00pm **Tour of the Security Barrier**
 Led by **Brig. Gen. (ret.) Shaul Arieli**, former Head of the Interim Agreement Administration in the Rabin government, former Head of the Peace Administration in the Barak government and leading experts on the route of the separation barrier

7:00pm Arrive in Akko
 Check-in at the Palm Beach Acre Hotel/Break

7:30pm **“Israel’s Arab Communities”**
 Dinner & discussion with:
Mr. Shimon Lankri, Mayor of Akko
Mr. Rafik Halibi, Druze journalist
Dr. Ahmad Tibi, Deputy Speaker of the Knesset and Head of Ta’al, the Arab nationalist party in Israel

9:30pm Dinner concludes/return to hotel

Overnight at the Palm Beach Acre Hotel

Thursday, July 14
 Akko-Jerusalem

7:30am Helicopter brief over breakfast

8:15am Depart for helicopter tour of the north
 North along the coast to Rosh HaNikra – East along the Lebanese border to the Golan Heights–South along the Jordan Valley – Land in the West Bank

12:00pm **“The Settlers’ Voice”**
 Lunch with **Adi Mintz**, former Managing Director of Yesha Council & member of Elad’s Management Board

3:00pm Depart for Jerusalem

4:00pm Check-in at King David Hotel/Break

5:00-6:30pm **“The Holy City of Jerusalem”**
 Panel discussion with:
Prof. Yaacov Bar-Siman-Tov, Professor of International Relations for the Study of Peace & Regional Cooperation at the Hebrew University, Head of the Jerusalem Institute for Israel Studies
Amb. Dore Gold, President of the Jerusalem Center for Public Affairs, former Representative of Israel to the United Nations
Dr. Daniel Seidmann, founder of the Israeli NGO, Terrestrial Jerusalem, a Senior Advisor to the Kairos Project
 -in the hotel

7:00pm Dinner with **Jerusalem Mayor Nir Barkat**

9:00pm Dinner concludes/return to hotel

Overnight in Jerusalem

Friday, July 15

Jerusalem

- 8:30am **“International Law and Human Rights”**
Prof. Ruth Lapidot, Professor Emeritus at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Professor at the Law School of the College of Management and Senior Researcher at the Jerusalem Institute for Israel Studies
Graciela Lopez, former Coordinator of Protection Activities in Gaza for the International Committee of the Red Cross
- at the hotel
- 10:30am Depart for Israel’s Supreme Court
- 11:00-12:00pm **“Israel’s Justice System”**
Meet with Chief Justice Dorit Beinisch
- 12:15-1:15pm Lunch
- 1:30-3:30pm Guided tour of Yad Vashem Holocaust Memorial
- 3:30pm Return to hotel/Break
- 6:30pm Meet in lobby to walk to the Old City
- 7:00pm **Welcoming of the Sabbath at the Western Wall**
- 8:00pm Shabbat Dinner in the Old City

Overnight in Jerusalem

Saturday, July 16

Shabbat in Jerusalem

- 10:00am **Guided walking tour of the Old City of Jerusalem**
Tour led by Ian Stern
- 2:00pm Tour ends
- 8:30pm Shabbat ends/depart for dinner
- 9:00pm Dinner

Overnight in Jerusalem

Sunday, July 17

Ramallah

- 8:00am Depart for Ramallah
- 9:00-4:00pm **“The Palestinian Leadership”**
Dr. Salam Fayyad, Prime Minister of the Palestinian Authority
Dr. Saeb Erekat, Head the Palestinian Negotiation Steering and Monitoring Committee

Maj. Gen. Jibril Rajoub, former head of the Palestinian Preventive Security Force in the West Bank

4:00pm Depart Ramallah
5:30pm Break
7:00pm Dinner
9:00pm Depart for Jerusalem

Overnight at King David hotel

Monday, July 18

Jerusalem

9:00am Depart for the Bank of Israel
9:30-11:00am **“Israel’s Economy: Succeeding Amidst Threats”**
Meeting with **Dr. Stanley Fischer**, Governor of the Bank of Israel
11:00-2:00pm Free time in the Machne Yehuda (open market) & the Old City
2:00-3:30pm **“The U.S.-Israel Relationship”**
Discussion with:
U.S. Ambassador James Cunningham
Amb. & Prof. Moshe Arens, former Member of Knesset, Minister of Defense,
Minister of Foreign Affairs and Israeli Ambassador to the U.S.
- at the hotel
3:45-5:15pm **“Israel from the Opposition”**
Ms. Tzipi Livni, Israeli Opposition Leader and leader of Kadima, the largest party in the Knesset
6:00pm Closing session led by Charlie Kupchan
7:00pm Dinner
8:00pm Depart for Ben-Gurion Airport