



Intentional Community Trip November 4th – 11th, 2018

Sunday, November 4th

9:00pm - Arrival in Israel! Meet the other participants who are joining this unique experience at Ben Gurion airport, where you will be met by your guide.

Travel to Hotel
Check-in



Overnight – ANA Haifa

Monday, November 5th

Past to Present

Group Orientation at Hotel

Hike in the Arbel Overlooking the Galilee and Golan, this area has ties to ancient Israel as well as a holdout with Roman forces before the destruction of the temple. On the hilltop, we will meet ourselves and each other, and begin our journey together.

Group building; an opportunity to frame the conversations for the coming days.

Lunch in the Kibbutz Degania Dining hall

Meeting with Muki Tzur Muki Tzur is a renowned scholar and expert on the Kibbutz movement. As the first intentional community, we will learn about the early history and the transitions that have taken place over the last 20 years.

Where did we start and how did we get to the present iteration of intentional communities? What is an intentional community, and why does it make a stronger community?

Travel to Haifa

Meet with members of Intentional Communities in the Hadar Neighborhood

The Hadar neighborhood is home to several different communities, we will divide into small groups to meet with different representatives in a more intimate setting, and to hear about their community models.

How does an urban community interact with their Human Environment? What does it feel like to be a member of an intentional community? How can communities interact and cooperate?

Dinner at Robin Food Robin Food is a social business and a one-of-a-kind restaurant that uses saved produce from local grocery stores and shop owners to prepare vegan cuisine. We will meet with the founders and help prepare our meal as well as be joined by the community members we met earlier.

How can self-generated income be used to actualize vision?

Overnight- ANA Haifa



Meet with members from Mishol the Urban Kibbutz in Nazareth Illit

This will be a special visit as your guide James Grant-Rozenhead is one of the members of the Kibbutz and he will share their unique model. An extended visit will provide opportunities to ask in-depth questions and explore specific examples of the activities of the Kibbutz.



What challenges arise when co-living, and how can they be resolved? How does the kibbutz model work as a framework for co-housing? How does a shared vision unite the community?

Lunch in Afula

Meet with Tarbut Afula

Tarbut believes that the essence of the artistic process is to build upon and expand the reality of 'what is' into the realm of 'what can be'. Its mission is to use art and culture as a vehicle for self-empowerment and social change to reshape the future of Israel, promoting values of social solidarity, equality, democracy and tolerance. We will go on an interactive tour and learn about their model of community.

How can art effect change in the public sphere and what is the role communities can play in that exchange?

Travel to Jerusalem

Dinner at the Hotel
Overnight –ANA Agron - Jerusalem

Wednesday, November 7th
Decision Making from Different Angles

Travel to the Knesset

Meeting with a representative from the Ministry of Diaspora Affairs The Ministry is a partner in the Hakhel program and their representatives will share their vision of community. Members of the Knesset will join the conversation to share their point of view.

Top-down decision making: how do decisions made in the Knesset effect local communities? How do the decision makers view the communities acting for social change in their remits?

Interactive program with Aharon Ariel

In the Rose Garden of the Knesset

Which models of decision making exist, and in which situations are they best implamented?

Lunch and conversation with Shorashim/Judur/Roots The group will meet with Palestinian and Israeli activists and discuss the work being done by Roots. Roots is a place where local peoples can take responsibility. Their work is aimed at challenging the assumptions our communities hold about each other, building trust and creating a new discourse around the conflict in our respective societies. This is a grassroots and local model for making change — from the bottom up.

How can citizens decide and create a better future? Decision making at the level of the individual.

Visit to Pardes: the Pluralistic Beit Midrash Through text study, we will we explore the role of the Beit Midrash as a community hub in Jewish tradition and extrapolate that to our own community models.

What is the role of Jewish tradition and leaning in our communities?

6:30 pm- Independent Dinner in Mamilla / Old City

Overnight: ANA Agron - Jerusalem

Thursday, November 8th
Social Periphery in the Center of Israel

Travel to Gedera

Ethiopian Community in Gedera We will meet with members of the Friends By Nature community network of Ethiopian intentional communities. We will learn about their history and immigration to Israel as well as the work they are doing in the neighborhoods. Following the meeting, we will eat a traditional Ethiopian lunch in the homes of the community members.

How can a marginalized group form an outward-looking community? How was this community built?

Travel to Lod

Tour and Conversation with the Garin Torani Lod Lod is a fascinating city, located 20 minutes from Tel Aviv but ranked one of the poorest cities in the country. It is a mixed Arab/Jewish city with historical connections to the three major religions. The Garin Torani is the largest intentional community in the country and we will hear about their successes and challenges. We will be guided by Beni Prince, who you may remember from the JICC 2018.

The power of religious communities to effect change in the urban sphere and what does success look like?

Travel to Jerusalem

Optional Eco Tour of the Shuk The Machane Yehuda shuk is one of the biggest in Israel. It testifies to the greatest abundance the land of Israel has ever seen. This tour will explore the significance of contemporary environmental issues related to the production and consumption of food. In this tour of the Machane Yehuda Market through an ecological lens, the educator will describe the emergence of globalized food in Israel in the past thirty years, and discuss what is fueling the growth of this phenomenon.

How can ecology and consumerism be combined seamlessly and sustainably?

6:30pm- Independent Dinner in Mahane Yehuda

Overnight – ANA Agron - Jerusalem

Friday, November 9th

Going South

Travel to Sderot

Meeting with Noa Asher Berkley Noa is part of the intentional community Migvan in Sderot and a mentor in the Hakhel program. She will address community issues as well as discussing life on the Gaza border.

How can an intentional community function in this volatile region?

Lunch in Beersheva

Meeting and Tour with the Reshet The Reshet is a community of young adults in their 20's and 30's who chose to stay in Beersheva after their university studies to create a vibrant and inviting scene for young adults. Their programs range in scope, we will meet with the founder of the community.

What tools can be used to create local change and promote urban renewal?

Travel to Mitzpe ramon

Check-in

Prepare for Shabbat

Egalitarian/Orthodox service Options

Shabbat with Garin Torani in Mitzpe – Shabbat dinner in the homes of community members

After a long week, enjoy a home cooked meal and an opportunity to better understand the community's vision.

Tish at hotel

Overnight: Ana Mitzpe Ramon

Saturday, November 10th

Shabbat an Island in time

Optional Egalitarian/Orthodox services

Lunch in the hotel

Meeting with the Dror Yisrael community Dror Yisrael is the socialist youth movement that also spawned intentional communities across the periphery, we will meet with the members and hear about the social change initiatives.

How communities can use businesses to push their agenda for social change?

Seuda Shlishit and Final Conversation

Havdalla

Star Gazing in Mitzpe Ramon

Overnight – ANA Mitzpe Ramon

Sunday, November 11th

Back to Reality - Incorporating the Lessons Learned

Check out

Travel to the Airport

