



JOURNEYS OF DISCOVERY AND INSPIRATION FOR 55+

ABOUT FINDING NORTH

Finding North is a travel program of reflection and meaning making for people 55+ integrating Jewish wisdom and the power of midrash – Jewish storytelling.

Haifa and selected cities around the world serve as lens and landscape for exploration and introspection. Part summer camp, part retreat, part creative workshop.

Join 15-25 participants in an open and welcoming Jewish context.

Encounter inspirational individuals and intriguing faith-based communities. Engage with local innovators and artists. Delve into guided text study. Experience local cuisine. Weave your personal midrash – narrate stories from within your rich life experience.

Step out of your life. Reflect. Reorient. Return.

MINIMUM PHYSICAL REQUIREMENTS:

Participants should be reasonably fit. The physical environment serves as the lens and landscape for all Finding North programs. Expect walking, occasional hiking, climbing stairs, and negotiating sometimes challenging surfaces. Short hikes are an integral part of the program and some countries, including Israel, do not have the same accommodations that we are used to in the United States.

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HAIFA 30-DAY CLASSIC

FEBRUARY 14, 2023 – MARCH 15, 2023

FEBRUARY 27 – MARCH 27, 2024

Our classic program in Haifa

30 days to step out of your life, reflect, reorient, and return.

Combines slow travel, Jewish wisdom, and personal narrative/midrash.

Finding North immerses us in Israeli life as we settle into the rhythm of our port neighborhood of Haifa. We meet the people who are shaping Haifa's shared society and deepen our understanding of Israel's complexities. Each day, as we uncover a layer of Haifa, we peel back a layer of ourselves. Through Finding North's deep and playful narrative approach, we find community, gain insight into our personal stories, and realize Judaism as a language for leading a meaningful life. We begin a journey together in Haifa that we hope will continue long after our time together ends.

Discover wisdom for life's transitions in sacred caves. Bring age-old Jewish texts to life in a boutique winery, examine questions of identity in an outdoor nature workshop, craft stories in an artist hub, rummage through our past in a flea market, search for new perspectives from a rooftop tower.

Craft personal midrash by capturing small moments from our lives that speak volumes. Grounded in the Jewish concept of midrash, we examine these vignettes seeking new sources of understanding.

Encounter Jewish wisdom in texts that reveal truths about our own lives. We study for intellectual nourishment, to integrate Jewish wisdom into our lives, and to connect our stories to the larger Jewish narrative.

Meeting Haifa's varied faith communities while exploring its unique vision of shared society is an integral part of the experience. Expand our view into the rich tapestry of communities in Galilee with weekly day trips.

Slow travel means you'll become an integral part of the neighborhood and get to know its shopkeepers, artisans, and secret gems. Settle into your own rhythm of life, spending time in your favorite coffee shop, kebab joint, or bakery. Live the local life with ample free time in our downtown Haifa home. This 30-day immersive program offers an opportunity to immerse ourselves in Haifa and engage in reflection and meaning making, assess life's journey, and reorient toward life's next chapter.

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SAMPLE WEEKLY SCHEDULE:

While it reflects the rhythm of the week, note that not every week or every day will follow this pattern exactly.

IMMERSIVE PROGRAMMING (4 DAYS PER WEEK)

Breakfast on your own. We meet at 8:45 am, share an intention for the day, and head out for an immersive experience of 5-6 hours. The sites and environs of Haifa will serve as our classroom as we weave together three activities:

- Engaging with the sites and people of Haifa
- Studying text to gain insight from within Jewish wisdom
- Crafting and sharing our stories

Each day has a theme that provides the context for our deeper understanding of Haifa's complex reality, our personal narratives, and the meanings we glean from Jewish texts:

- We may find ourselves rummaging through our past in Haifa's flea market or visualizing Jewish texts in the artistic hub of Wadi Salib.
- We might examine what we choose to display in our life while wandering the Hecht Museum, explore our path in the Carmel Forest, even search for new perspectives from Haifa University's rooftop tower.
- Meeting artists and innovators along the way offers inspiration to envision our own way forward.

After a full day of programming, return to the apart-hotel. Dinner and evening time are yours to enjoy your own way.

DAY TRIPS (1 DAY PER WEEK)

Weekly day trips are designed to enrich the reflective process, provide inspiration, and bring fresh perspectives. They may include a riverbed hike with lunch at a boutique winery; a creative sound workshop followed by a silent hike to an underground chanting hall, even an off-road jeep trek.

FRIDAY AND SHABBAT

Friday is a free day for you to prepare for Shabbat as you please. We'll provide suggestions and meet together in the late afternoon to set the tone for this unique moment in the week.

Shabbat is time for spiritual elevation, celebration, and relaxation. A Finding North Shabbat balances time in sacred community with unstructured free time. We will welcome Shabbat with dinner and services together. Experience the Reform and Conservative communities, Israeli style, and partake in our own creative worship option on Shabbat mornings. Celebrate with a joyful communal lunch; then spend the afternoon relaxing. We gather again late in the day for study, and together we bid farewell to the sanctity of Shabbat with a musical Havdalah.

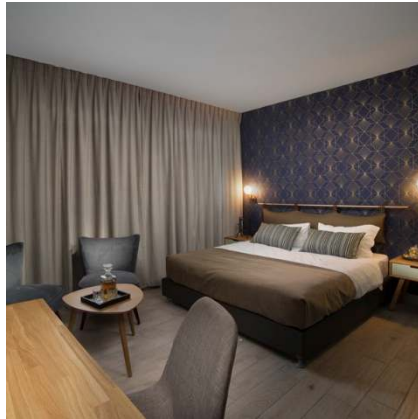
Finding North includes four Shabbatot. Two of these are programmed and two are free to use as you wish. The free Shabbatot will be Thursday-Sunday, the second and fourth Shabbatot. Activities will resume at 4:00

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pm on those Sundays. We offer an optional add-on in Jerusalem for the first free Shabbat. It includes transportation, hotel, some meals, and selected services.

THE DIANA SEAPORT APARTMENTS



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Located in Haifa's lively downtown, a cultural and culinary hub in the vibrant Lower City, the Diana is right in the center of one of Haifa's most interesting and diverse neighborhoods.

HAIFA 30-DAY CLASSIC COSTS

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- Lunch on program days; dinner on programmed Shabbatot.
- Transportation and touring services for all programmed activities.

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- Insurance for trip cancellation/interruption; lost/damaged items; medical treatment, etc.
- All out-of-pocket and personal expenses.
- \$200 per person for gratuities, to be collected in cash at the beginning of the program.

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GEORGIA PEACE PROJECT

MAY 28 – JUNE 11, 2023

A 15-day curated Georgia insider experience

Tbilisi, Kazbegi, Batumi

PEACE PROJECT DEDICATION AND SHAVUOT ADD-ON: (May 25-28) be part of history at the Peace Synagogue dedication, Georgia's first liberal congregation, and join them in celebrating their first Shavuot.

Immerse in the breathtaking landscapes, ancient cities, and seaside resorts of Georgia. Learn to toast the Georgian way, sample the country's famous wines, and cook classic Georgian cuisine. Delve into the country's 2600-year-old Jewish history and engage with the founders of a fledgling liberal Jewish community at the Peace Project: a church, synagogue, mosque, and interfaith space under one roof. Visionary founder Bishop Malkhaz Songulashvili will accompany our group.

[Read about the birth of this community and the dedication of its first Torah](#)

Daily guided text study and storytelling/personal midrash enables participants to engage deeply with the environment and themselves.

Days begin at 8:45 am after breakfast at the hotel. We gather for a kavannah, an inspiration and theme for the day and depart for our first adventure by 9:00 am.

All programs begin on location and are subject to change.

SAMPLE SCHEDULE:

Sunday, May 28: New Beginnings

4 pm: We launch our journey together with an opening ceremony and celebration dinner in a local setting.

Monday, May 29: Foundations, Layers and Myths

Orientation: we get our bearings in Tbilisi and the Finding North process. Walk through the layers of history of old Tbilisi, encountering the city's founding myths and contemporary vibrance. Experience a change in perspectives as we ascend and descend the city's landscape

Tuesday, May 30: Moments of Awakening: Arts and Identity

Tour the National Gallery with Lela Titsuashvili, art historian, curator, and active member of the local Jewish community. She is racing against time to preserve Georgia's Jewish legacy. After lunch in the sculpture garden, engage with the young generation of Peace Project activists as they lead an interactive ceramics workshop.

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<p>Wednesday, May 31: The Georgian Pilgrimage: Walking the Walk</p>	<p>Walking the traditional pilgrimage path leading to the ancient city of Uplisziche, we invite a shift in perspective. What stories emerge from sitting among 3000-year-old ruins? Enjoy a meal with a local farmer whose family has worked his land for over 300 years. Overnight in the village.</p>
<p>Thursday, June 1: Fruit of the Land: Dead Ends and New Beginnings</p>	<p>In a picturesque winery, a passionate vintner reveals the secrets of traditional Georgian winemaking and his own bittersweet journey. The table is set with food and drink, inviting us to consider how we frame our narratives, what callings we choose, and how we construct our identity.</p> <p>Returning to Tbilisi, we spend the evening with the pioneers of liberal Judaism in Georgia.</p>
<p>Friday, June 2: There's a Dinosaur Knocking at my Door</p>	<p>We learn to prepare traditional Georgian food, and local artisans lead craft workshops, including candle making, photography, and calligraphy.</p> <p>We gather at a guesthouse for musical Kabbalat Shabbat and enjoy the food we prepared at the Shabbat table, enhanced by the crafts we made.</p>
<p>Saturday, June 3: Shabbat</p>	<p>Shabbat morning creative service at Beit Knesset HaShalom (an entirely non-traditional way to create space for Shabbat) followed by interfaith communal lunch.</p> <p>Flexible time in the afternoon: take a Shabbat nap or explore Tbilisi on your own.</p> <p>We gather at a local restaurant with a scenic view for Havdalah and dinner.</p>
<p>Sunday, June 4: Travelogs</p>	<p>Depart for Kazbegi Mountains overnight, taking in typical Georgian sites along the way: a centuries-old church, a Soviet monument, and stunning views. The day invites us to consider the nature of a travelog. What are we capturing? For what purpose?</p>
<p>Monday, June 5: Standing in Wonder</p>	<p>The dramatic peaks of Kazbegi provide the backdrop for an unmediated experience in nature that invites us to explore the idea of radical amazement.</p>
<p>Tuesday, June 6: Dual Narratives</p>	<p>In the ancient capital of Mtskheta, where Christianity was proclaimed the official religion of Georgia in the 4th century, we visit Jvari Monastery, grapple with a challenging story of the Jewish route to Georgian Christianity and take in the views as we stroll the picturesque old city.</p> <p>The narrative of St. Nino challenges us to see two perspectives at once.</p>
<p>Wednesday, June 7: By the seaside: Ascent and Descent</p>	<p>An early morning departure by train takes us through the countryside to the Black Sea resort of Batumi. We explore the city, including its synagogue, mosque, and church.</p> <p>We've traveled from the Kazbegi Mountain heights to the sea level of Batumi. We explore ascent and descent in our lives.</p>

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Thursday, June 8: Curated nature, curated culture	The majesty of the Botanical Garden inspires a text study about the original Garden of Eden. What do we cultivate in our own gardens and what do we weed out? We end our day meeting local artists in their gallery and see the product of the skills they have cultivated.
Friday, June 9: Seeing Multiple Realities: the Muslim community of Batumi	We experience the stark contrast between vacation mentality in this seaside resort and the reality of religious discrimination as we meet leaders of the Muslim community and hear their struggle to build a mosque to accommodate their needs. We have the option to attend Jummah prayer services in their makeshift tent. The interaction invites an exploration of what we see and what we miss. After some afternoon flexible time we gather for a seaside musical Kabbalat Shabbat and dinner.
Saturday, June 10: Shabbat and a Spirited Farewell	Meditative musical Shabbat morning experience followed by lunch together. Flexible time to enjoy Batumi. Afternoon workshop to consider the journey and create physical representation of our gleanings. After a musical havdalah, we close with a spirited farewell celebration.
Sunday, June 11	Travel Day

GEORGIA PEACE PROJECT COSTS

DOUBLE OCCUPANCY — \$4200 PER PERSON | SINGLE OCCUPANCY — \$5100 PER PERSON

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- Accommodations.
- Meals as outlined in schedule.
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PALESTINIAN AND JEWISH CHANGE MAKERS

MAY 1 – MAY 14, 2023

A curated two-week program based in Haifa and the Galilee focuses on change makers: Palestinian Israeli and Jewish Israeli innovators and activists who are creating shared society.

Experience Israel through Palestinian Israeli and Jewish Israeli narratives. Be inspired by peace building initiatives from ice cream to pottery to politics.

Our narrative approach offers a framework for reaching across painful differences.

Going behind the scenes at joint ventures such as vineyards, an ice cream factory, even the pickleball court reveals the perspiration and inspiration of these shared society entrepreneurs. In settings from Nazareth's cafes to Haifa's ancient Turkish bathhouse to the Neve Shalom School for Peace, we will hone our compassionate listening skills, develop personal narratives, and acquire tools for change making. Time for reflection and contemplation in Haifa's forests and beaches rounds out the program.

All programs begin on location and are subject to change.

SAMPLE SCHEDULE:

Monday, May 1: Foundations

We launch our journey together with a rooftop breakfast followed by a walk through our home base port neighborhood. Orienting ourselves, we make our way to a 150-year-old Carmelite church where we will introduce the foundations of the FN approach.

With the assistance of our FN team everyone chooses their own lunch from the rich variety of local neighborhood options. After lunch we take Haifa's [funicular](#) to Merkaz Hacarmel for a Haifa orientation led by the joint narrative group Haifa L'Kulanu.

We end our day with a celebratory dinner at Chamam El Pasha, a former Turkish bathhouse.

Tuesday, May 2: Exploring identity and Self-expression

Beit HaGefen and Mural Painting

The multicultural Arab-Jewish Center in Haifa is the setting for an exploration of identity and cultural context, followed by a pluralism walk in Wadi Nisnas. After lunch, we head to Sira Design Cooperative where we will engage in an artistic expression of multiple narratives. We conclude the day exploring Shuk Talpiyot, Haifa's produce market, with Chef Eitan Kiesler and cook dinner together, exploring food as cultural heritage.

Wednesday, May 3: Workshop 1 –

We head to Sindyanna of the Galilee, a nonprofit cooperative led by a team of Arab and Jewish women working to create change from the ground up promoting fair trade, assisting local growers and producers, and providing

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**Sindyanna and
Nazareth**

economic opportunity for Arab women. At Sindyanna, founder Nadia Giol leads the first of three workshops. After lunch we head to the Arab city of Nazareth to meet with activists and explore Nadia's hometown. We enjoy dinner together in Nazareth.

**Thursday, May 4:
Workshop 2 – Street
Art and Staircases**

As we wander the street art and staircases of Wadi Salib, Galia Aviani, political activist, will walk us through its complex, layered, and painful intra-Jewish and interreligious history. After lunch in Wadi Salib, we gather at the Pyramida Center for Contemporary Art for a second facilitated workshop with Nadia Giol. After dinner, we experience music as a conduit for multiple narratives.

**Friday, May 5: Love
for all, hatred for
none: Can we live our
lives without politics?
Who are the
Ahmadiyyas, and how
do they navigate
conflict?**

We enter the world of the Ahmadiyyas, a tiny reformist sect of Islam, numbering between 10 million and 20 million, who settled in Haifa two hundred years ago. Visiting the complex at the heart of the neighborhood, meeting lay leaders and clergy, and experiencing the community Jumma prayer, we ask ourselves what we may learn from their approach.

After lunch we begin preparing for the rhythm of Shabbat on Finding North with a text study and personal midrash.

Liberal communal celebration of Shabbat is a work in progress in Haifa. We explore unorthodox congregations as well as creating our own space.

On this Friday night, we head to Kehillat Or Chadash, Haifa's Reform congregation, for Kabbalat Shabbat services and dinner with congregants.

After dinner, those who would like to can walk back to our apart hotel as a group; those who prefer can take a shuttle together.

**Saturday, May 6:
Shabbat in Haifa**

Breakfast on own (Note that most restaurants/coffee shops in the area are closed on Shabbat but we will have the option to order in advance from a local bakery)

Shabbat morning services at Kehillat Moriyah, Haifa's Conservative congregation. Enjoy the traditional service with the community, or try a creative entirely non-traditional way to create space for Shabbat in an alternate location in the synagogue.

We enjoy Shabbat LUNCH together with congregants at Kehillat Moriyah followed by flexible time: visit a museum (all museums are open on Shabbat though some have reduced hours), take a nap, hang out at the Turkish market, or stroll through the Bahai Gardens (open on Shabbat).

Late afternoon we gather on the roof for a "soundbox." A soundbox is a chamber in the body of a musical instrument that modifies sound and helps transfer it to the surrounding air. We use this concept to collect and share our thoughts as we process our week's encounters.

After seudah shlishit, we have a chance to learn with Rabbi Kerry Olitzky, followed by a musical havdalah on the rooftop.

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**Sunday, May 7: Akko:
Persistence and
Resilience**

Spend the day in the mixed city of Akko with its current complexity and rich history. Begin at Or Torah Synagogue, a Tunisian synagogue known as the “Jariva,” literally covered in mosaics both inside and out. Meet with the director of The Shared Learning program, operating in Israel since 2014 and run by the Abraham Initiatives. Gain an insider’s view of the challenges and hopes. Flexible time to wander the alleyways of the shuk, views of the ancient port, or visit the museums of the old city. At Uri Buri for dinner, renowned chef and owner Uri Buri shares his story of optimism in the face of the very real consequences of conflict. The experience invites us to examine how we pick up the pieces when dreams go up in smoke.

**Monday, May 8:
Workshop 3 –
Working within the
System**

House of Grace, the first rehabilitation facility in Israel for former prisoners, founded by a local Palestinian Israeli family, invites us to explore the inherent tension of working for change within the system. Nadia leads our third workshop followed by lunch together in the garden with text study and personal midrash.

In the evening we experience an Israeli Lag BaOmer. Israelis light bonfires to celebrate this minor holiday marking the 33rd day between the start of Passover and Shavuot.

**Tuesday, May 9:
Theory and Practice:
Do We Walk the
Walk?**

Lag BaOmer at Neve Shalom/Wahat as-Salam School of Peace At Neve Shalom/Wahat as-Salam’s School of Peace, educators will facilitate workshops using their unique approach. We spend the day on site, exploring theory and practice of changing relations between Jewish Israelis and Palestinian Israelis. After lunch we visit Neve Shalom/Wahat as-Salam’s site for spiritual reflection, known as Beit Dumiya/Bayt Sakinah, the Pluralistic Spiritual Centre

**Wednesday, May 10:
Hope Valley: Fairy
Tales and Action Plans**

It was a chance meeting in the valley between Kibbutz Hannaton and Bir al Maksur, a Bedouin village that planted the seed for Rabbi Haviva Ner-David’s debut novel, Hope Valley. Meet the author at Kibbutz Hannaton and walk with her as we encounter the land and the people that inspired her work set against the backdrop of the second intifada. Nadia Giol reappears this day. A sometime collaborator with Ner-David in local activist groups, she joins our trek to share her own tale. The novel offers an unlikely story of friendship and reconciliation inviting us to consider the role of fairy tales in a change maker’s life.

We finish our day with dinner at Rola where we meet the owner, a shared society activist and restaurateur.

**Thursday, May 11: Ice
Cream, Wine, and
Cognitive Dissonance**

We start the day with a short early morning hike at Mount Meron, the second highest peak in Israel, providing a scenic setting for reflection. Lunch en route to nearby Kibbutz Buzza ice cream at Sasa offers dessert and a model of peace through ice cream. at Buzza, a commercial collaboration between a Jewish Israeli resident of the Kibbutz and a Palestinian Israeli restaurateur. A mountaintop ropes course at Sasa challenges us to gain insight into our personal dynamics of change. We finish our day at Ashkar Winery, founded by a second generation Palestinian Israeli winemaker in Kofor Yasif.

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**Friday, May 12:
Ecology and Change
Makers**

An outdoor nature experience at Givat Ha-Ezim with Shomrei HaGan (Keepers of the Garden), whose change making programs are drawn from holistic ecology, tells us as much about ourselves as the natural world in Haifa. The workshop sets the stage for final reflections.

After flexible time, we head to the home of Golan and Jenny for a soulful Kabbalat Shabbat service and dinner.

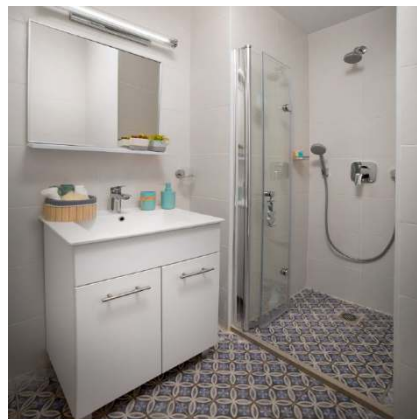
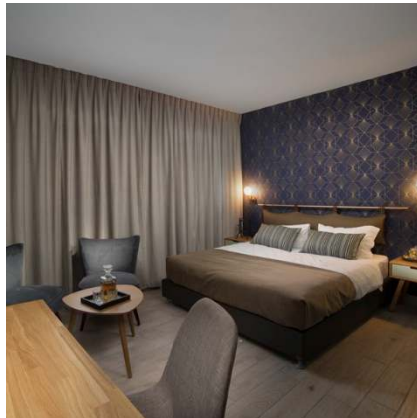
**Saturday, May 13:
Shabbat in Haifa and
a Spirited Farewell**

Shabbat compilation on the rooftop with moments of spirituality, Torah storytelling and study. We enjoy a joyful Shabbat lunch together followed by flexible time in the afternoon. We gather in the early evening and head to Hadar for a final text study with Rabbi Kerry Olitzky, musical havdalah, and a spirited farewell dinner.

Sunday, May 14

Farewell breakfast and sendoff

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PALESTINIAN AND JEWISH CHANGE MAKERS COSTS

The nature of this trip enables us to offer a sliding cost depending on the number of participants.

TIER 1: 14 PEOPLE

DOUBLE OCCUPANCY — \$4750 PER PERSON | SINGLE OCCUPANCY — \$5950 PER PERSON

TIER 2: 18 PEOPLE

DOUBLE OCCUPANCY — \$4100 PER PERSON | SINGLE OCCUPANCY — \$5350 PER PERSON

TIER 3: 20+ PEOPLE

DOUBLE OCCUPANCY — \$3900 PER PERSON | SINGLE OCCUPANCY — \$4700 PER PERSON

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SOUL AND SOIL KANSAS CITY

AUGUST 2023

Finding North Soul and Soil

A program rooted at the mitzvah garden in Kansas City*

Various programs in the works!

Combine the mindfulness of gardening with the magic of Finding North.

Days integrate text study, gardening, arts workshops, and guided personal narrative/midrash. Craft personal stories from within your own rich narrative. Painting, pottery, and garden-side yoga augment our cultivation of skills and self.

Evening programming includes garden-side cocktails, campfires, stargazing.

*The mitzvah garden is a volunteer-supported non-profit teaching the agricultural roots of Judaism and supplying local food pantries.

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PICKLEBALL ISRAEL

APRIL 1 – 10, 2024

Explore Israel through Pickleball!

Play pickleball with locals creating the nascent pickleball scene in Israel. Based in Haifa, we play with a cross-cultural group, gaining insight into Israel's complexity. Day trips take us to practice our game with kibbutzniks on Kibbutz Tzora, share courts and explore shared society in Akko as we facilitate pickleball for disadvantaged youth, and match up with pioneering Israeli pickleballers in the picturesque town of Tivon. Drinks and after-game schmoozing with our hosts give us the insiders' perspective on Israeli reality while Jewish wisdom, storytelling/personal midrash, and local culture are woven into our days.

More details coming soon!

For more information about this or any Finding North program, email info@findingnorthllc.com or call 973-665-4750.

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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What are the physical requirements of the program?

Participants should be reasonably fit. The physical environment serves as the lens and landscape for all Finding North programs. Expect walking, occasional hiking, climbing stairs, and negotiating sometimes challenging surfaces. Short hikes are an integral part of the program and some countries, including Israel, do not have the same accommodations that we are used to in the United States.

What happens if I need to cancel?

Due to the intimate nature of our programs, no refunds will be possible once final payment is due. Until that date, a full refund, minus the deposit, will be given. We therefore encourage participants to purchase travel insurance.

Is there an exception for cancellations due to COVID-19?

If the entire program must be cancelled due to COVID-19, participants will be given a full refund.

In order to protect yourself in the event that you are personally unable to participate due to COVID-19, it is strongly recommended that you purchase travel insurance that includes coverage for COVID-19 related cancellations or expenses.

On Haifa-based trips, will there be time for touring around Israel or visiting family?

Finding North is not a tourist trip and doesn't include visits to places like Jerusalem, Masada, Dead Sea, Tel Aviv, etc. If you are interested in these, on Haifa-based programs shorter than 30 days, we encourage you to make time for these trips before or after Finding North.

The 30-day program includes two free Shabbatot to use any way you'd like, including visiting other parts of the country. Free time begins in the late afternoon/early evening on designated Thursdays and the program resumes at 4:00 pm the following Sunday.

[Dekel Tours](#) will be happy to help you set up tours or other leisure day activities, as well as private transportation, lodging when you're away from Haifa, and more.

What kind of studying will we be doing?

Finding North embraces the informal educational approach and celebrates the many ways people learn. The sites and environs of our location will serve as our classroom. We may find ourselves examining Jewish texts and sharing our stories in an artist colony, rummaging through our past in a flea market, examining what we choose to display in a museum, exploring our path in a forest, even searching for new perspectives from a university rooftop tower.

Will meals be provided?

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Food is an integral layer of the Finding North experience. It offers insight into the cultural milieu. Please review the details of the specific Finding North program as each is unique and meals do vary.

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FINDING NORTH TEAM



RABBI GOLAN BEN-CHORIN, ED.D.

Spiritual Director and Finding North co-founder, Golan is a third-generation Israeli Reform spiritual leader. A lifelong educator, his focus is engaging people in Jewish living and guiding the construction of Jewish identities.



JOHANNA GINSBERG

Finding North's other co-founder and narrative coach, Johanna is a journalist and attorney who believes everyone has a story to tell and that our narratives connect us to what really matters.



RABBI KERRY M. OLITZKY, DHL

Consulting Advisor and mentor, Kerry is a leader in the development of innovative Jewish education, particularly for adults. He is the author of over 75 books and hundreds of articles and was named one of the 50 Leading Rabbis in North America by Newsweek.

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