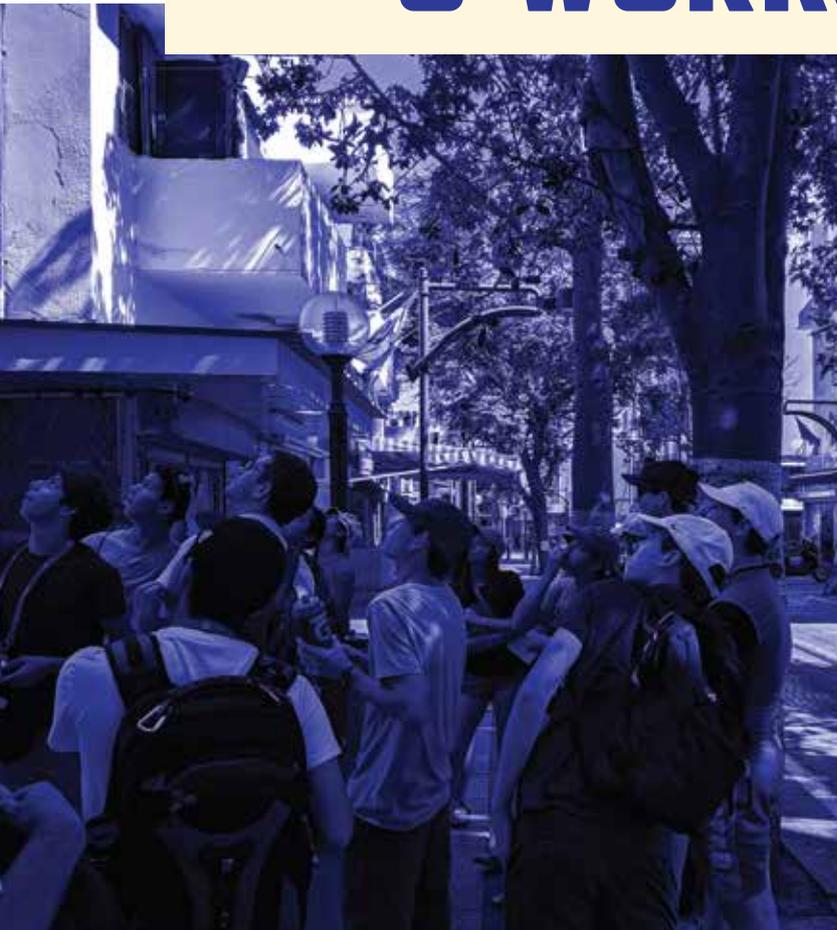




THE JEWISH
MOVEMENT FOR
SOCIAL CHANGE



TOURS & WORKSHOPS



BINA TEL AVIV TOURS AND WORKSHOPS

BINA offers a variety of tours and workshops that engage with complex social issues facing Israel as a Jewish and democratic state. Our tours offer your groups the opportunity to understand and engage with these issues, guided by educators and activists working in the field day-to-day.

Our tours and workshops show your group a different side of Israel - a diverse, amazing and challenging side - that will generate discussion in a safe, non-coercive environment.

THE STRANGERS AMONG US

IMMIGRATION, REFUGEES AND JEWISH VALUES IN A JEWISH STATE

This tour explores the fascinating neighborhood of Neve Sha'anun as a microcosm of Israel's diverse and complex society. One of the greatest accomplishments of Israel over the last 70 years has been the absorption of millions of Jewish immigrants and refugees from all over the world. In recent years, Israel has seen a significant rise in non-Jewish immigrants such as migrant workers, asylum-seekers and refugees, presenting new challenges to the Jewish State. We will see firsthand how diverse groups have left their impact on Israel and on the neighborhood. We will explore challenges facing Israel and the neighborhood today, and creative initiatives to address those challenges, using Jewish texts as our guide. How has the global refugee crisis affected Israel and what can we learn from Israel's experience? What does it mean to be a modern Jewish and democratic state in the 21st century? How will decisions made today affect Israel for the next 70 years?



THIS TOUR CAN BE COMBINED WITH MIFGASH WITH: A REFUGEE/ASYLUM-SEEKERS, A JEWISH RESIDENT OF SOUTH TEL AVIV AND/OR A BINA STUDENT/VOLUNTEER IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD.



LEVINSKY PARK; OLD CENTRAL BUS STATION; NEVE SHA'ANAN PEDESTRIAN MALL; NEW CENTRAL BUS STATION; LEVINSKY PARK LIBRARY; BINA NATURE GARDENS CAMPUS.



2-2.5
HOURS



THE LARGEST BUS STATION IN THE WORLD

VISION AND REALITY IN SOUTH TEL-AVIV

The activity revolves around the vision and reality of the New Central Bus Station in south Tel Aviv, one of the city's most unusual and fascinating sites. The tour will present the entrepreneurial spirit that led to the establishment of the neighborhood and the bus station, the vision for success and the reality of failure. It will reveal the unique sub-culture that has evolved in the empty spaces of the station and the communities which it serves. The tour will raise questions of social, financial and racial gaps in the "White City." The tour will include a walking tour of the Central Bus Station and processing session. Processing session can include text study and/or interactive activity in the street art exhibit on the 7th floor



THE TOUR BEGINS AT LEVINSKY PARK, WITH THE REST OF THE TOUR ENTIRELY INSIDE THE STATION, FROM THE ABANDONED 2ND FLOOR AND MOVING UP, CONCLUDING WITH PROCESSING AND LOOKOUT AT TEL AVIV SKYLINE FROM THE 7TH FLOOR TERMINAL.



2-2.5
HOURS

JEWISH PRIDE

THE GLOBAL JEWISH AND QUEER CAPITAL

How did Tel Aviv become Israel's LGBTQ capital and hub of cosmopolitanism? This tour will explore the modern history of Tel Aviv and how it became intertwined with the queer history of Israel and Tel Aviv. Along the way we will explore the interconnection of religious pluralism, secular Jewish culture, synagogue & state, queerness and broader topics of diversity in Tel Aviv and Israel – and the successes and challenges of pluralism in Tel Aviv today. Includes a processing session in Gan Meir.



SHALOM TOWER; INDEPENDENCE HALL; TEL AVIV GREAT SYNAGOGUE; BAR NOAR; SHENKIN PARK; GAN MEIR



2 HOURS



HAIFA - ALL OF ISRAEL BETWEEN THE MOUNTAIN AND THE SEA

Haifa is the city where you can find every group in Israeli society in one place. This tour dives deep into the Jewish identities in Haifa, its many communities and demographic groups, from new arrivals to established populations. On this tour, we will look at Haifa through the lens of the individual resident and the community - what is the place of community? What values does each community represent? And what question does it raise in our own Jewish identities?



LOUIS BOARDWALK; UPPER HADAR SYNAGOGUE; RAMAT VIZNICH ULTRA ORTHODOX NEIGHBORHOOD; NORDAU PEDESTRIAN MALL IN HADAR; MADATECH; BEIT HAGEFEN.



2
HOURS

BEER SHEVA - DESERT RENEWAL

This tour exposes participants to the issues facing Beer Sheva from its earliest settlements until today. These issues include: living alongside Arab populations; the revitalization of the Old City through local initiatives; social changes; leadership and local pride; and more. The tour prompts a variety of questions - what is urban preservation, and what is worth preserving? What instigates renewal, and how does that renewal impact tradition?



REMEZ PARK; ALENBY PARK; OLD CITY PEDESTRIAN MALL; BEER SHEVA YOUTH CENTER; BINA SECULAR YESHIVA IN BEER SHEVA; FRINGE THEATER AND "ASHAN HAZMAN."



2.5 HOURS



JERUSALEM - ON BORDERS AND MEETING POINTS

“The new Israeli order requires us to adopt a renewed perception on various sectors in Israeli society, to shift from the previous conception of Majority-Minority to a world of partnerships and unity. To fully understand the nature of this partnership is a mission for all Israeli society” (Reuven Rivlin, President of Israel. June 2015).

Israeli society stands at crucial juncture, where many opposing sectors are battling to define Israel’s identity, with divided views on religion, nationality and social issues.

On our tour we will meet both of these aspects; the conflicts and the connections, the borders and meeting points. We will experience all this in a meaningful and personal way on the historic streets of Jerusalem, which best represents Israeli society on all it’s differences and it’s unity. On our journey through Jerusalem we will study and process texts from Jewish wisdom and experience the beauty and diversity of the people of Israel.



OUR TOUR WILL BEGIN ON HA’NEVIIM ST. AND PASS THROUGH THE ETHIOPIAN CHURCH, MEA SHE’ARIM AND MUSRARA NEIGHBOURHOODS.



2 HOURS



MIFGASH

AUTHENTIC VOICES

Add a mifgash (encounter) to any of our tours or learning sessions, and don't just show your group Israeli social action - meet it first hand! Get to know young Israeli activists, students from the Secular Yeshiva, asylum seekers or residents of south Tel Aviv. Our mifgashim are conducted in an open, discussion-based format. Mifgash speakers are carefully vetted to ensure maximum engagement with your group. We can even bring young activists from the Secular Yeshiva to join small group "hevruta" learning with your group participants.

SHABBAT, HOLIDAYS AND OTHER SIMCHAS

BINA offers your group an authentic Israeli experience for Shabbat, Havdalah, Jewish holidays or other celebrations and ceremonies.

Kabbalat Shabbat or Havdalah - Welcome (or bid farewell to) Shabbat in the Israeli secular style. Visit us at the Secular Yeshiva, or bring a BINA facilitator to your group hotel for a ceremony combining tradition and renewal, including music and Jewish learning.

Holidays - Join an authentic Israeli holiday celebration with Israelis and visitors from all over the world! BINA hosts public events for Jewish and Israeli holidays combining learning, music and art, with content offered in a variety of languages. Your group can join an existing event, or we can design a special content segment to fit your needs.

Ceremonies - BINA's locations around Israel offer perfect venues to begin or end your trip. Welcome your group to Israel with a "Shehechyanu" ceremony in our botanical gardens in south Tel Aviv, or bid farewell with a celebratory bonfire and pita-making workshop in our urban farm.



LIMMUD

INTERACTIVE LEARNING SESSIONS AND WORKSHOPS

BINA's limmud (study) sessions and workshops are built to be interactive, inclusive, and empowering. Through these sessions, we want participants to learn about and experience the Israeli Hichadshut Yehudit (Jewish Renaissance) firsthand, by exploring Jewish texts from all ages through an open and inviting approach that encourages each individual to make their own meaning and take ownership of their heritage, in ways that are relevant to their lives and to important social issues of today.

Limmud sessions are led by skilled BINA educator/facilitators and can be independent or combined with tours or mifgash with BINA student/volunteers. Sessions are offered at the BINA Secular Yeshivot in Tel Aviv, Haifa and Be'er Sheva, or can be brought to your group hotel or other locations

Leading topics include:

We Declare: Study Israel's Megilat Ha'atzmaut (Declaration of Independence). What were the Jewish and secular sources that inspired this modern Megila? How has Israel succeeded in realizing its vision, and what challenges lie ahead for the balance of Judaism and democracy? What meaning does the Megila have for Israelis today and what relevance does it have for us?

Secular and Pluralistic Judaism in Israel: From the Kotel to conversions to government funding, how did the current situation come to be and what hope lies ahead for Jewish pluralism in Israel? How do Israeli Jews define "secular" and what do the Jewish sources have to say about it?

The Global Refugee Crisis and Israel: How has the global refugee crisis affected Israel and what can the world learn from Israel's experience? Does Israel as a Jewish state bear a special responsibility to all refugees, or only to Jewish refugees? Explore these issues through Jewish sources from ancient times to the present.



WHY CHOOSE BINA?

QUALITY

BINA has over 20 years of experience running high-quality educational and service-learning programs that are pluralistic, empowering, and transformative.

IMPACT

Tour groups with BINA help support long-term social change programming in communities around Israel, and expose visitors to opportunities for future engagement.

ISRAEL

BINA offers a unique and complex view on Israeli society that invites each visitor to find their personal connection to Israel and their Jewish identity.

"Coming to BINA was a fantastic way to conclude our interfaith Israel trip to Israel in Tel Aviv, after 9 days of touring and exploring Israel together. BINA's social justice work is inspirational, and helps visitors to Israel understand the role of Judaism in the public square. BINA uniquely brings a progressive Jewish voice to that conversation."

"Thank you so much! As a Jewish educator and teacher for this group, I really appreciate the humanity, depth and openness you brought, as well as the clear Jewish values."

BINA'S TOURS AND WORKSHOPS ARE PERFECT FOR:

SYNAGOGUES AND COMMUNITY MISSIONS | SCHOOLS AND YOUTH GROUPS | TAGLIT/BIRTHRIGHT AND STUDENT GROUPS | STUDY TOURS AND PROFESSIONAL GROUPS | FAMILY TOURS AND PRIVATE GROUPS

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