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1. Places/Organizations to Visit

** = Will arrange for special presentations

A. Lutheran Ministries

Evangelical Lutheran Church in Jordan and the Holy Land (ELCJHL) **

- Bishop Munib Younan
- www.elcjl.org
- Email: administration@elcjl.org
- +972 (0)2-626-6800
- For a list of congregations, see "Visiting the Holy Land and ELCJHL" <http://www.elca.org/Our-Faith-In-Action/Justice/Peace-Not-Walls/What-We-Do/Travel.aspx>

Educational Ministries of the ELCJHL **

- Dr. Charlie Haddad
- <http://www.elcjl.org/ed/emmission.asp>
- Email: chaddad@elcjl.org
- Tel: +972 (0)2-626-6865
- See brochure "Engaging Educational Ministries" <http://www.elca.org/Our-Faith-In-Action/Justice/Peace-Not-Walls/What-We-Do/Travel.aspx>

International Center of Bethlehem (ICB), Diyar Consortium, Dar Al Kalima College, Health and Wellness Center **

- Rev. Mitri Raheb
- <http://www.diyar-consortium.org/>
- Email: info@annadwa.org
- Tel: +972 (0)2-277-0047

Lutheran World Federation Jerusalem, Augusta Victoria Hospital and chapel, vocational training program **

- Rev. Mark Brown
- www.lwfjerusalem.org
- Email: mark@lwfjerusalem.org
- +972 (0)2-628-2289

Jordan River Baptismal Site **

- Rev. Samer Azar
- www.baptismsite.com
- Email: evluthch@orange.io
- Tel: +962 (0)6-552-4328

B. Overall Conditions

Alternative Information Center (AIC)

- Located in Beit Sahour, with an office in Jerusalem, AIC offers resources and seminars that look critically at the Israeli-Palestinian conflict.
- www.alternativenews.org
- Email: connie@alt-info.org
- Tel: +972 (0)2-277-5444 (Beit Sahour)
- Tel: +972 (0)2-624-1159 (Jerusalem)

The Applied Research Institute of Jerusalem (ARIJ) **

- Located in Bethlehem, ARIJ produces high quality, professional research studies as well as settlement reports and strategic analysis.
- <http://www.arij.org>
- Email: pmaster@arij.org
- Tel: +972 (0)2-274-1889

Palestinian Academic Society for the Study of International Affairs (PASSIA)

- Publishes the annual *Passia Diary*, as well as thorough issue papers. One of the best directory resources for West Bank and Gaza government agencies, NGOs, educational and research institutions and commercial listings throughout the region, the *Diary* also contains excellent maps of region from historical period, illustrating settlement activity, political changes and occupation.
- www.passia.org
- Email: passia@passia.org
- Tel: +972 (0)2-626-4426

United Nations Office for Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA)

- Provides information, briefings on the situation and maps showing the separation barrier and movement obstacles
- Suhad Sakalla
- www.ochaopt.org
- Email: sakalla@un.org
- Tel: +972 (0)2-582-9962

C. Refugee Camps and Palestinian Organizations

Badil **

- Resource Center for Palestinian Residency and Refugee Rights
- www.badil.org
- Email: info@badil.org
- Tel: +972 (0)2-277-7086

Ibdaa ** (Arabic for "creation")

- Cultural Center at Dheisheh Refugee Camp, Bethlehem: "Ibdaa strives to provide an environment where the children can explore the true meaning of childhood, which they have been deprived of by Israeli Military Occupation and overwhelming poverty." (ArtSchool Palestine)
- Tel: +972 (0)2-277-6444

Lajee Center, Aida Camp **

- Located in Bethlehem
- www.lajee.org
- Email: info@lajee.org
- Tel: +972 (0)2-275-0789

Shuafat Refugee Camp **

- The only refugee camp located in Jerusalem
- Dr. Salim Anati
- Tel: +972 052-375-4835

Tent of Nations **

- Located in the hills of Bethlehem, Tent of Nations is an organization that brings people from all around the world to learn about working together for peace and nonviolent resistance.
- Daoud Nassar
- www.tentofnations.org
- Email: tnations@p-ol.com; info@tentofnations.org
- Tel: +972 (0)2-274-3071

D. International Accompaniment Groups

Christian Peacemaker Teams (CPT) **

- CPT operates in Hebron and the village of At-Tuwani in the south Hebron hills, providing an international presence and protection against settlers to local shopkeepers, shepherds and school children. CPT offers a rooftop tour of Hebron as well as the opportunity to visit their home in At-Tuwani.

- www.cpt.org
- CPT Team in Hebron: cptheb@palnet.com
- CPT Team in At-Tuwani: cpttuwani@cpt.org

Ecumenical Accompaniment Program in Palestine and Israel (EAPPI) **

- A program of the World Council of Churches, EAPPI brings internationals to the West Bank and Jerusalem for three months to experience life under occupation. Ecumenical Accompaniers (EAs) provide a protective presence to vulnerable communities, monitor and report human rights abuses and support Palestinians and Israelis working together for peace. EAs conduct alternative tours in the areas of Bethlehem, Hebron, Jayyous, Jerusalem, Tulkarem and Yanoun.
- <http://www.eappi.org/en/get-involved/visit-eappi.html>
- Email: eappi.advocacy@gmail.com
- Tel: +972 (0)2-628-9402

International Women's Peace Service (IWPS)

- Stands in solidarity in nonviolent, direct action with Palestinians, documents human rights violations and works with the media
- <http://iwps.info/>
- Tel: +972 (0)9-251-4644
- Email: iwps@palnet.com

E. Israeli Organizations

B'Tselem ** (Hebrew for "in the image of," also used for human dignity)

- Israeli information center for human rights in the Occupied Territories
- www.btselem.org/English
- Email: mail@btselem.org
- Tel: +972 (0)2-673-5599

Breaking the Silence **

- Organization of veteran Israeli soldiers
- http://www.shovrimshatika.org/index_e.asp
- For tours of Hebron and South Hebron Hills, contact tours2hebron@gmail.com (visit the website for tour dates)

Coalition of Women for Peace

- <http://coalitionofwomen.org/home/english>
- Coalition of 10 Israeli feminist peace organizations

Interreligious Coordinating Council in Israel (ICCI)

- Offers educational seminars on inter-religious dialogue and conflict resolution
- Ophir Yarden, Director of ICCI's Center for Interreligious Encounter with Israel
- www.icci.org.il
- Email: education@icci.org.il
- Tel: +972 (0)2-561-1899

The Israeli Committee Against House Demolitions (ICAHD) **

- Provides tours of settlement activity and house demolitions
- www.icahd.org
- Email: tours@icahd.org
- Tel: +972 (0)2-624-5560

Jerusalem Center for Jewish-Christian Relations (JCJCR)

- www.icahd.orghttp://www.jcjr.org
- Daniel Rossing, Director General
- Email: danielr@jcjr.org
- Tel: +972 (0)2-676-4103

Machsom Watch

- Women against the Occupation and in favor of human rights monitor checkpoints and offer daily reports
- Hanna Barag
- www.machsomwatch.org/en
- Email: machsomwatch@gmail.com
- Tel: +972 054-530-0385

Women in Black

- Women hold a silent vigil every Friday from 1-2 pm at the following locations:
 - Haifa vigil – corner Hagefen and Ben-Gurion
 - Jerusalem–Hagar Square (corner King George & Gaza)
 - Tel Aviv – corner King George and Ben-Zion
- <http://www.womeninblack.org/en/>
- http://coalitionofwomen.org/home/english/organizations/women_in_black

Zochrot

- Israeli organization raising awareness of the Nakba (Arabic for "catastrophe," referring to the displacement of thousands of Palestinians with the creation of the modern state of Israel)
- www.nakbainhebrew.org/index.php?lang=english
- Email: zochrot@netvision.net.il
- Tel: +972 (0)3-695-3155

F. Israeli Perspective

Kehillat Yedidya Synagogue

- www.yedidya.org.il
- Email: adyed@013.net.il
- Tel: +972 (0)2-679-0540

Kehilat Kol Haneshama Synagogue

- <http://www.kolhaneshama.org.il/eng/Staff>
- Email: Luli Harris-Jensen, development@kqh.org.il
- Rabbi Levi Weiman-Kelman rabbi@kqh.org.il
- Tel: +972 (0)2-672-4878

Shabbat meal with Israeli families

- Leah Lublin
- Email: llublin@netvision.net.il
- Tel: +972 050-764-7360

State of Israel; Ministry of Foreign Affairs **

- <http://www.mfa.gov.il/>

Visit a Kibbutz

- Kibbutz Sha'ar Hagolan, located by the Sea of Galilee
- www.elmulgolan.co.il
- Email: info@elmulgolan.co.il
- Tel: +972 (0)4-667-7544

Visit with Settler Group

- Pauline Nunu
- Email: pnunu@alquds.net

Yad Vashem

- Holocaust Museum
- www.yadvashem.org
- Email: general.information@yadvashem.org.il
- Tel: +972 (0)2-644-3400

G. Palestinians and Israelis Working Together

Israel/Palestine Center for Research and Information (IPCRI)

- Hanna Siniora and Gershon Baskin
- <http://www.ipcri.org/>
- Email: hanna@ipcri.org; gershon@ipcri.org
- Tel: +972 (0)2-676-9460

Neve Shalom/ Wahat al-Salam: “Oasis of Peace”

- Cooperative village of Israelis and Palestinian Arabs with Israeli citizenship
- www.nswas.org
- Email: info@nswas.org
- Tel: +972 (0)2-991-5621

The Parents Circle-Families Forum

- www.theparentscircle.com
- *Palestinian office:* +972 (0)2-234-4554, +972 (0)2-234-4774
- Email: alquds@theparentscircle.org
- *Israeli office:* +972 (0)3-535-5089
- Email: contact@theparentscircle.org

H. Theological Organizations/Speakers

American Jewish Committee

- Rabbi David Rosen
- <http://www.ajc.org>

Islamic Court of Justice

- Sheikh Tayseer Rajab Tamimi
- Tel: +972 (0)2-279-1204

Islamic Research Center

- Dr. Mustafa Abu-Sway
- Tel: +972 (0)2-626-3122

Rabbis for Human Rights

- www.rhr.israel.net
- Email: info@rhr.israel.net
- Tel: +972 (0)2-648-2757

Religious Society of Friends (Quakers)

- Ms. Jean Zaru, Presiding Clerk, Quaker Meeting Ramallah
- www.ramallahquakers.org/
- Email: ficr@palnet.com

- Tel: + 972 (0)2-297-1314

Sabeel Palestinian Liberation Theology Center

- www.sabeel.org
- Email: sabeel@sabeel.org
- Tel: +972 (0)2-532-7136

I. Temple Mount Area and City of David/Silwan

Al-Aqsa Mosque

- Dr. Ekrima Sa'eed Sabri
- Tel: +972 (0)2-628-4886
- Sheikh Azaam Al-Khatib
- Contact person: Yusef El Natsheh
- Tel: +972 (0)2-628-9965

Jawad

- Palestinian coordinates tent/tunnel talks in Silwan
- Tel: +972 054-688-0302

Western Wall Tours

- Israeli Perspective on Temple Mount/Western Wall
- <http://www.thekotel.org>
- Tel: +972 (0)2-627-1333

Yoni Misvachi

- Israeli archeologist speaking about Silwan tunnels
- Tel: +972 054-566-7299

2. Places to Stay

A. Old City Jerusalem

Casa Nova

- www.custodia.org/casanovaj
- Email: casanovaj@custodia.org
- Tel: +972 (0)2-628-2791

Ecce-Homo Convent

- www.eccehomoconvent.org/
- Email: eccehomo@eccehomoconvent.org
- Tel: +972 (0)2-627-7292

Gloria Hotel

- www.gloria-hotel.com
- Email: gloriahl@netvision.net.il
- Tel: +972 (0)2-628-2431 or +972 (0)2-628-2432

Knight's Palace

- www.knightspalace.com
- Email: kp@actcom.co.il
- Tel: +972 (0)2-628-2537

Lutheran Guesthouse

- www.guesthouse-jerusalem.com
- Email: info@guesthouse-jerusalem.co.il
- Tel: +972 (0)2-626-6888

B. East Jerusalem

Golden Walls

- www.goldenwalls.com
- Email: info@goldenwall.com
- Tel: +972 (0)2-627-2416

Lutheran World Federation Guesthouse

- www.lwfjerusalem.org/guesthouse.htm
- Email: info@lwfjerusalem.org
- Tel: +972 (0)2-627-9908

Pontifical Institute Notre Dame of Jerusalem Center

- www.notredamecenter.org
- Email: info@notredamecenter.org
- Tel: +972 (0)2-627-9111

Ritz Hotel Jerusalem

- www.jerusalemritz.com
- Email: reservation@jerusalemritz.com
- Tel: +972 (0)2-626-9900

St. George's Pilgrim Guesthouse

- www.j-diocese.org/newsdetail.php?id=52&th=2&page_id=52
- Email: StGeorges.GH@j-diocese.org
- Tel: +972 (0)2-628-3302

C. Bethlehem

Bethlehem Lutheran Guesthouse (Abu Jubran)

- www.pilgrimage.annadwa.org
- Email: guesthouse@annadwa.org
- Tel: +972 (0)2-277-0047

Grand Hotel

- www.grandhotelbethlehem.com

- Email: info@grandhotelbethlehem.com
- Tel: +972 (0)2-274-1602

Star Hotel

- Email: htstar@palnet.com
- Tel: +972 (0)2-274-3249

D. Beit Jala

Abraham's Herberge (Lutheran guest house)

- <http://www.abrahams-herberge.com/english/willkommen.htm>
- Email: abrahamsherberge@t-online.de
- Tel: +972 (0)2-274-2613

E. Ramallah

Grand Park Hotel

- www.grandpark.com
- Email: info@grandpark.com
- Tel: +972 (0)2-298-6194

F. Tiberias

Casa Nova

- http://holylandcgh.org/guesthouses/Tiberias/casa_nova_tiberias/index.htm
- Tel: +972 (0)4-671-2281

Pilgerhaus-Tabgha

- http://holylandcgh.org/guesthouses/Tiberias/pilgerhouse_tabgha/index.htm
- Email: pilgerhaus@tabgha.co.il
- Tel: +972 (0)4-670-0100

YMCA Peniel-By-Galilee

- Email: ymca_galilee@hotmail.com
- Tel: +972 (0)4-672-0685

G. Nazareth

Casa Nova

- http://holylandcgh.org/guesthouses/Nazareth/casa_nova_nazareth/index.htm
- Email: casanovanazareth@yahoo.com
- Tel: +972 (0)4-645-6660

Rosary Sisters Guesthouse

- Tel: +972 (0)4-655-4435

St. Margaret's Episcopal Guesthouse

- Tel: +972 (0)4-657-3507

3. Alternative Tour Resources

A. Tour Agencies

Alternative Tourism Group (ATG) – located in Beit Sahour

- <http://www.atg.ps/index.php>
- Email: info@atg.ps
- Tel: +972 (0)2-277-2151

Authentic Tourism (Lutheran ministry)

- www.pilgrimage.annadwa.org
- Organized through International Center Bethlehem
- Email: pilgrimage@annadwa.org
- Tel: +970 (0)2-277-0047

Guiding Star

- www.guidingstarltd.com
- Email: info@guidingstar2.com
- Tel: +972 (0)2-627-3150

B. Tour Guides

Hisham Sharabati (Hebron)

- Email: h_sharabati@hotmail.com
- Tel: +972 059-962-9000

Issa Sakran (Galilee)

- Tel: +972 052-237-8944

Iyad Qumri (Jerusalem)

- Email: ifqumri@bezequint.net
- Tel: +972 050-521-6280

Lisa Khoury (Jerusalem)

- Tel: +972 (0)2-582-8255 or +972 050-541-3025

Michael Wohlrab (Jerusalem)

- Tel: +972 052-547-0524

Said Mreibe (Jerusalem)

- Email: mreibe@yahoo.com
- Tel: +972 054-756-5526

Tony Boyadgian (Jerusalem)

- Email: tkboyadgian@netscape.com
- Tel: +972 052-286-9470

Wisam Salsaa (West Bank towns: Bethlehem, Jenin, Nablus, etc.)

- Email: wisamts@yahoo.com
- Tel: +972 052-235-7498

Please see also [A Code of Conduct for Tourism in the Holy Land](#), from the Palestinian initiative for Responsible Tourism.
<http://www.atg.ps/index.php?page=1178694470.1227348702>