

Trip to Israel and Palestine 5/21/10-6/12/10

Presentation to Buffalo State College students

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Antiquity

Hatred

Modernity

Friendship

Age

Hardheadedness

Youth

Understanding

Ugliness

Conflict

Beauty

Hope

Tikkun olam / shalom / salaam

5-21-10 - 5-23-10

Start of my great adventure - leaving home and [Buffalo](#), the flight to [Ben Gurion International Airport](#), first days in [Tel Aviv](#) and [Jerusalem](#), and the first visit to the [Western Wall](#).

5-24-10 - 5-25-10

Visits to the [JDC - Eshel](#) program offices, [Melabev](#) dementia care program, [Gerontech](#), stroll through the [Mamila](#) pedestrian [mall](#), Jerusalem [Old City](#) shopping, sites (including the [Church of the Holy Sepulchre](#)) and new friends, evening in West Jerusalem, and a trip and dip in the [Dead Sea](#).

5-26-10 - 5-28-10

The start of our great [Compassionate Listening](#) group [adventure](#) - views from the [Ecce Homo](#) [convent](#), talk overlooking Bethlehem and Beit Jala on a windy morning, meeting with [Amotz Asa-El](#) (Senior Columnist, Jerusalem Post), waiting for [Gilad Shalit](#) in front of the [Prime Minister's residence](#), [Women in Black](#) and [Sheik Jarrah](#) Friday demonstrations, the [Tomb](#) of [Shimon HaTadik](#), and off to Breslev synagogue and yeshiva for Shabbat.

5-29-10 - 5-30-10

Saturday and Sunday of our first week together - [Hebron](#), visit with Hashem and family, dinner and dance at the Everest Hotel in [Beit Jala](#), [Bethlehem](#), [Church of the Nativity](#), visit with Farhan Alqam (former Mayor of [Beit Ummar](#)), and dinner and listening with Wounded Across Borders members. A busy weekend.

5-31-10

A Monday close encounter with the [barrier wall](#), visit to the [Holy Land Trust](#), Phil's magic hands, and listening at kibbutz [Kfar Etzion](#).

6-1-10 - 6-2-10

[Bethlehem University](#), [Al-Arroub refugee camp](#), [Ein Kerem](#), [Notre Dame de Sion](#) [convent](#), [St. John Ba-Harim church](#), kids, tall guy, motorcycle, kite, keys, bees, [Jesus](#) feet and more.

6-3-10

[Sderot](#), [turkey testicles](#) for lunch, the [Three Arches YMCA](#) and [King David](#) hotels.

6-4-10

[Bat mitzvah](#) video photo shoot, visit with [Naftali Lau-Lavie](#) and [Shabbat](#) at [Efrat](#).

6-5-10

The [Jerusalem Great Synagogue](#), final [Compassionate Listening Project](#) session, [practicing for Itzhak Perlman](#), fond farewells, lunch and a shave in the [Old City](#).

6-6-10

Goodbye to Jerusalem and the Three Arches, camel rides, drive to the [Galilee](#), [Gan Hashlosha](#), first view of the [Sea of Galilee](#), [Maimonides Tomb](#) in [Tiberias](#), and [Capernaum](#).

6-7-10

[Tabgha](#), the [Church of Heptapegon](#) ("Seven Springs") / [Loaves and Fishes](#), [Mount of Beatitudes](#), [Tel Dan nature reserve](#), [Tel Fahr](#) in the [Golan Heights](#), lunch, [Bedouin](#) sales, supermarket, and swimming in the Sea of Galilee.

6-8-10

Heading back to Tel Aviv, [Caesarea](#), picnic at the Roman aqueduct, drive past [Herzliya](#), dinner at [Gordo](#), and fond farewells between Compassionate Listeners.

6-9-10

Train to [Haifa](#), the [Ba'hai Shrine and Gardens](#), [German Colony](#), birds, Haifa dockyards, train back to Tel Aviv, and clean laundry delivered to my hotel room.

6-10-10

The [Milbat Center](#), [Sheba/Tel Hashomer Hospital](#), [Tel Aviv Museum of Art](#), [Rabin Square](#), and sunset in Tel Aviv.

6-11-10

Last looks at [Tel Aviv](#), [United States Embassy](#), [Old Jaffa](#), [Ilana Goor's museum/gallery/home](#), the [Ayalon Institute](#), Shabbat dinner with Jeri and family, then home.

6-12-10

The trip home, welcome back, mini-[hookahs](#), and [camel leather](#) purse.