



Sabeel 1st International Gathering

1st - 7th December 2019
Bethlehem, Palestine

PROGRAMME

Sunday, 1st December

12:00-15:00	Registration desk open Hotel Check-in – Bethlehem Hotel
15:30	Busses depart for Wi'am
15:30-16:45	Opening Reception at Wi'am
17:30-18:30	Opening Worship at St Francis Church, Bethlehem
19:00-20:00	Welcome Dinner at Bethlehem Hotel

Monday, 2nd December

Update on the Current Situation - Bethlehem Hotel

07:00-08:00	Breakfast
08:15-08:30	Devotion/Reflection - Michelle Miller (Christian Peacemaker Teams) <i>3rd Floor</i>
08:30-09:05	Sami Abu Shehadeh <i>Is there a partner for the Palestinians in Israel?</i>
09:05-09:40	Cathrine Abuamsha <i>Palestinian Authority and human rights violations.</i>
09:40-10:10	Break
10:10-10:45	Budour Hassan <i>The reality in Palestine today.</i>
10:45-11:20	Sam Bahour <i>The way forward.</i>
11:20-11:55	Nasser al Kidwa <i>Is there an alternative to international law?</i>
12:30-13:30	Lunch
13:30	Busses to Lutheran Church - Beit Sahour

Kairos Palestine - Lutheran Church, Beit Sahour

14:00 – 14:45	Welcoming words - <i>Rev Munther Issac</i> Update on Kairos - <i>HB. Michel Sabah</i>
14:45 – 15:00	Break
15:00 – 15:45	Lecture about the Christians in Palestine and the Arab World. <i>Sami el-Yousef and Muna Mushahwar</i>
16:00 – 18:00	Each group will visit a Church or the Mosque. This will be hosted by the priest of each church, the Imam, and around 10 people from each congregation. <i>What are the challenges facing each Church/Mosque congregation?</i> <i>How do they respond to these challenges?</i> <i>What do they expect from the global churches?</i>
	Greek Orthodox Church, Greek Catholic Church, Latin Church, Lutheran Church, Mosque.
19:00-21:00	Dinner at the Tent Restaurant with the local Christians and folklore dancing performance.

21:15 Evening Reflections (optional)
3rd Floor

Tuesday, 3rd December

0700-0800 Breakfast
0815-0830 Devotion/Reflection - *Rev John McCulloch (Church of Scotland)*
3rd Floor

Al-Liqa - Bethlehem Hotel

08:30-09:15 The Message of Al-Liqa “Dialogue and Meeting”
09:15-10:15 “Is the Islamic-Christian dialogue still possible?”
(a reading in the concepts and goals)
Fr. Jamal Khader Moderated by Saleem Zoughbi

10:15-11:15 “A hampered march or shared concepts
(Christian-Islamic dialogue/Al-Liqa’ Centre)
Barakat Fawzi Al-Qasrawi Moderated by Mariam ‘Awad

11:15-11:45 Break
11:45-12:45 Educating on acceptance and respecting the difference:
Where are we in all of this?
Rahab Tmaish Moderated by Fr. Iyad Al-Twal

12:45-13:45 Has religious extremism become an ideology for building a state?
First Model: Israel
Johnny Mansour Moderated by Hanadi Soudah-Younan

14:00-15:00 Lunch
15:00-16:00 Has religious extremism become an ideology for building a state?
Second Model: The Arab Middle East
Sa’eed ‘Ayyad Moderated by Hanadi Soudah-Younan

Bethlehem University

16:15-17:30 Meeting students in Bethlehem University
17:30-18:30 Christmas Concert - Bethlehem Academy of Music Ensemble
19:00-20:00 Dinner at Bethlehem Hotel
21:00 Evening Reflection (optional)
3rd Floor

Wednesday, 4th December

Challenges of the Muslim and Christian Community - Jerusalem

07:00-08:00 Breakfast
08:00-08:15 Devotion/Reflection - *EAPPI*
3rd Floor

09:00-10:30 Passia - *YMCA East Jerusalem*
11:15-12:15 Church of the Redeemer (Lutheran)

Challenges of Christian community - Raffoul Rofa
 12:30-13:30 Church of the Resurrection (Holy Sepulchre) - *Bishop Atallah Hanna*
 13:45-14:30 Lunch
 1500 Bus to Tantur

A Jewish Perspective - Tantur Ecumenical Institute

16:00-17:00 Parents Circle - Rami Elhanan & Basem Aramin
 17:15-18:30 **Panel**
 Shari Sarah Motro
An Israeli Perspective - after the Nation State Law
 Rabbi Daniel Roth
Jewish theology amid the situation in Israel/Palestine & the work of Mosaica
 Nurit Peled
Israeli Curriculum
 19:00-20:00 Dinner at Bethlehem Hotel
 21:00 Evening Reflection (Optional)
3rd Floor

Thursday, 5th December

Sabeel and Kumi - Bethlehem Hotel

07:00-08:00 Breakfast
 08:30-10:00 Communion
 10:30-11:30 'Broken' film showing
 11:45-12:30 Kumi Workshops
 12:30-13:30 Lunch

Evangelical Christians and Christian Zionism - Bethlehem Bible College

14:00-14:45 Welcome to Bethlehem Bible College
 Christian Zionism as Imperial Theology
Rev Munther Issac
 14:45-16:00 Workshop Time 1
 16:00-16:30 Refreshment Break
 16:30-17:15 Workshop Time 2
 17:30-18:30 Closing Panel – Christ at the Checkpoint: Engaging Evangelicals on
 Christian Zionism: Lessons Learned
Rev Munther Issac and Jack Munayer
 18:30-20:00 Dinner with Community
 21:00 Evening Reflection
3rd Floor

Friday, 6th December

07:00-08:00 Breakfast
08:00-13:30 Tours with NGOs (inc. lunch)

Culture as Resistance - Dar al-Kalima University

13:45-14:00 Arrival at Dar al-Kalima Auditorium
14:00-15:00 Introduction and Short Film about the Institution
Short Q&A and Bible Study *Rev. Mitri Raheb*
15:00-15:30 Refreshment Break
15:30-16:30 Workshops
16:30-17:00 Dance Performance
17:00-20:00 Dinner for all

Saturday, 7th December

08:30-09:30 Musalaha Ministry of Reconciliation - Bethlehem Hotel
Shireen Awad

Workshops

Thursday 5th December
Bethlehem Bible College

Workshop 1 Theology of the Land *Rev Dr Munther Issac*

This workshop will provide biblical answers to the most common Christian Zionist arguments about Israel, the Promised Land, and the chosen people.

Workshop 2 What is Dispensationalism? *Yousef Khoury*

This workshop will introduce the theology of dispensationalism, which is very popular among many evangelical Christian Zionists, and offer ways of engaging with this theology.

Workshop 3 Messianic Jews *Hedva Haymov*

Introducing the Messianic Jewish community: their theology and views of the conflict

Workshop 4 Christian Zionism's fig leaf: The manipulation and subjugation of Palestinian Christians. *Jack Munayer*

Christian Zionists have a major flaw in achieving their goals: The Palestinian Christians. Therefore, this workshop aims to examine how Christian Zionists (and in many cases the State of Israel) use and manipulate Palestinian Christians for their purposes. It shall also examine the shift in attitude that attempts to subjugate and oppress Palestinian Christian voices.

Friday, 6th December
Dar al-Kalima

Workshop 1 Screenings of films made by Dar al-Kalima students with Q&A *Workshops 1 and 2 will rotate after 30 minutes*

Workshop 2 Music exchange with Dar al-Kalima students and teachers *Workshops 1 and 2 will rotate after 30 minutes*

Workshop 3 Culinary tourism (learn to cook Arabic food) *Limited to 13-15 people

Tours

Friday 6th December

Tour 1

Good Shepherd Collective

Participants will listen to the story of Bedouin community of Um al-Khair, their story of displacement from their ancestral lands in al-Arad in the Negav during the creation of the state of Israel and how they purchased land in the South Hebron Hills in the 1960's, only to have an Israeli military established on their property. In the village, you will learn about the history of home demolitions, the bureaucratic processes of home demolitions, and how the community has reminded on their lands despite dozens of their homes being demolished. More importantly, with every home but two currently under the threat of demolition, you will learn how the community formed the Good Shepherd Collective as a means to nonviolently resist displacement by building a broad-based coalition of Palestinians, Israelis, and Jews to push back on the settler organisations advocating for the displacement of indigenous communities. During your time in Um al-Khair, villagers and members of the Good Shepherd Collective will provide a guided tour through the village, share how they have leaned into their Bedouin history and culture to build a community of resiliency. Guests are also invited for a traditional Bedouin meal and natural native tea.

Tour 2

Tent of Nations

A talk about the political reality of this area of Bethlehem, the history of the farm, the fourth way of nonviolent resistance, and the work being done at the Tent of Nations. Followed by a detailed tour of the farm explaining the area and ending at the Olive Grove Chapel with a reflection and prayer.

Tour 3

Jahalin Solidarity

The group will travel to the Bedouin community of Khan al-Ahmar, including Bedouin lunch as well as overviews from, and a tour inside, Ma'ale Adumim settlement. The tour will focus on issues of forcible displacement of refugee Bedouin, settler colonialism, and other occupation policies (water, roads, wall, checkpoints, permits, land grab, etc).

Tour 4

JAI/YMCA/YWCA

The group will travel to Olive Groves outside Bethlehem to hear about the difficulties of farming in this place. They will join the farmers in planting Olive Trees and have lunch on the farms.

Tour 5

Wi'am Centre for Conflict Resolution

The group will travel the Wi'am Centre in the shadow of the wall in Bethlehem. There they will hear about the work of the centre, walk along part of the wall, and visit Aida Refugee Camp.

About the Speakers

Sami Abu Shehadeh

Sami Abu Shehadeh is a member of the Joint List representing the Arab nationalist Balad party. He was previously Director of the Yaffa Youth Movement and, before that, a member of the Tel Aviv-Jaffa City Council.

Cathrine Abuamsha

Cathrine Abuamsha is an advocacy lawyer at the Local and Regional Advocacy Department of Al-Haq. Within her work, Cathrine takes part in conducting position papers, legal memorandums and studies that help influencing policies and legislations, in addition to delivering legal aid to Palestinian victims of human rights violations perpetrated by the Palestinian Authority, all in pursuance of the protection and promotion of International Human Rights, justice and the rule of law within the Occupied Palestinian Territory.

Formerly, Cathrine was an intern at the International Legal Research and Advocacy Department of Al-Haq and a legal research intern at Badil Resource Center for Palestinian Residency and Refugee Rights. Cathrine has been a certified practicing lawyer since January 2017. She is an Open Society Foundation grantee of the Palestinian Rule of Law Award 2017, which she received to pursue her LL.M. program. Cathrine obtained her LL.M. degree focusing on International Law and Human Rights from Syracuse University College of Law in New York in 2018, and her LL.B. degree from Al-Quds University in 2014.

Budour Hassan

Budour Hassan is a law school graduate and freelance writer based in Jerusalem

Nasser al-Kidwa

Nasser al Kidwa is the chairman of the board of the Yasser Arafat Foundation and former Deputy Special Envoy of the United Nations and League of Arab States for Syria.

Sam Bahour

Sam Bahour is a business development consultant living in Ramallah. He frequently provides independent commentary on Palestine and serves as a policy adviser of Al-Shabaka, the Palestinian Policy Network.

Shari Sarah Motro

Shari Sarah Motro was born in New York and grew up in Herzliya. She studied philosophy at Yale and law at NYU. Motro practiced law at Davis Polk and Wardwell and worked as a senior fellow at Empax before joining the faculty of the University of Richmond School of Law in 2005. She also taught at Yale College, University of Fribourg, and Georgetown University. While she remains affiliated with the University of Richmond, Motro now sits at the Jerusalem Van Leer Institute. Her writing bridges cultures and religions in and through Jerusalem.

Rabbi Dr Daniel Roth

Rabbi Dr. Daniel Roth is the Director of Mosaica - The Religious Peace Initiative. In addition to his role at Mosaica, Roth is a core faculty member at Bar-Ilan University's Conflict Resolution, Management and Negotiation Graduate Program, at Tel Aviv University's International Program in Conflict Resolution and Mediation, and at Hebrew University's Coexistence in the Middle East summer program, where he teaches graduate courses on religion and peacebuilding. Roth is also the founder and

director of the Pardes Center for Judaism and Conflict Resolution, based in Jerusalem, as well as the founder of the 9AdarProject: Jewish Week of Constructive Conflict, known in Israel as DiburHadash: The Israeli Week of Mediation and Dialogue (a project of Mosaica). In addition, Roth is a regular lecturer for MEJDI (multi-narrative) Tours and National Geographic. Roth was a senior research fellow at George Mason University's Center for World Religions, Diplomacy and Conflict Resolution. He holds a Ph.D. from Bar-Ilan University's Conflict Resolution Program where he wrote on Jewish models of pursuing peace and reconciliation comparing them to Islamic and Western models. He holds a MA in Talmud from Hebrew University, B.Ed in Jewish Philosophy and Talmud from Herzog Teachers' College, is a certified court mediator, and studied for eight years in Yeshivat Har-Etzion during which time he received Orthodox rabbinic ordination.

Dr Nurit Peled

Dr Nurit Peled is an Israeli philologist, professor of language and education at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, translator, and human rights activist. She is a 2001 co-laureate of the Sakharov Prize for Freedom of Thought awarded by the European Parliament. She is known for her research on the portrayal of Palestinians in Israeli textbooks, which she has criticized as being anti-Palestinian. She has also criticized George W. Bush, Tony Blair, and Ariel Sharon for fostering anti-Muslim views.

Adv. Raffoul Rofa

Adv. Raffoul Rofa holds a Master's degree in Law (LL.M., 1996) from the University of London, United Kingdom. He was admitted to the Israeli Bar in 2003 and as a Solicitor of the Supreme Court of England and Wales in 2007. Adv. Rofa has been a board member of the World Vision Jerusalem, West Bank Gaza office since 2008 and its chair since 2009. He joined the world vision Board of Directors because he was interested in contributing to the work of an organization which works for the benefit of children and seeks to improve their lives. He has been the director of the Society of St. Yves since 2008.

Bishop Atallah Hannah

Theodosios (Hanna) of Sebastia (born 1965) is the Archbishop of Sebastia from the Greek Orthodox Patriarchate of Jerusalem. He is often named in Western news sources as Atallah Hanna, Atallah and Theodosios both meaning "gift of God" in Arabic and Greek, respectively. Theodosios, who was ordained on the 24 December 2005 at the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, is the second Palestinian to hold the position of archbishop in the history of the diocese.

Shireen Awad

Shireen Awwad is the Dean of students and instructor at the Bethlehem Bible College where she teaches educational and leadership courses. She has a Masters degree obtained from Texas A&M University in Educational Administration. She joined Bethlehem Bible college in 2004. Then her second MBA from Tel Aviv university. She is also involved in womens ministry. An active leader for Musalaha for many years. Shireen has been a womens group leader and consultant for many years.

