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EDUCATION, RESILIENCE, AND RENEWAL

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# DROR ISRAEL SOLIDARITY MISSION

Join us on a journey of hope in post-October 7 Israel, to explore the healing and rebuilding programs being implemented by Dror Israel throughout Israel. We will visit sites that tell the story of Israeli society today, visit communities that have been affected, and meet Dror Israel educators on the ground in a wide variety of programs:

- Meet with families of hostages and survivors of October 7
- Speak with key decision makers
- Learn about short- and long-term programs addressing the emotional needs of the children of the north and the south
- Visit and receive a unique perspective and briefing by witnesses of the massacre of October 7 in the south and learn about the rebuilding efforts underway
- Interact with young people and leaders at our Jewish Arab, and Druze Youth Movement branches
- Tour and meet the members of the 21<sup>st</sup> century kibbutz changing Israel today
- Join with members of an agricultural kibbutz who were impacted by the war in the north working in an orchard that teaches and provides leadership skills for the next generation of Israelis

## DATES

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 2 —  
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2025

Program begins in Tel Aviv on the evening of Sunday, November 2 and ends after lunch on Friday, November 7 in Tel Aviv.

## PROGRAM COST:

\$3,980 Land only - based on double occupancy  
Single occupancy - \$4,915

DEPOSIT:  
**\$750**

If the trip is cancelled by the US Friends of Dror Israel due to force majeure, then all monies paid by a participant, less a reduced non-refundable fee in the amount of \$500, shall be refunded

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# DROR ISRAEL SOLIDARITY MISSION

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## LEADERSHIP

### DAN JUDSON

Provost of Hebrew Collage

### SANDY FALK

Physician who specializes in women's health in cancer survivors and the Editor in Chief for the Merck Manual

### RUTH KAPLAN

Former Director of CJP Boston-Haifa Connection and Community Relations for the Consulate General of Israel to New England

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# AGENDA

**NOVEMBER 2<sup>ND</sup>:** Arrival, introduction and exploring Israel's many challenges

**NOVEMBER 3<sup>RD</sup>:** Visiting the South- How does civil society confront and deal with trauma?

**NOVEMBER 4<sup>TH</sup>:** How can grassroots educational programs build a society?

**NOVEMBER 5<sup>TH</sup>:** Educators Kibbutzim and coexistence in the North

**NOVEMBER 6<sup>TH</sup>:** Rebuilding the North

**NOVEMBER 7<sup>TH</sup>:** Dror Israel's Vision and Strategy for Healing and Rebuilding

## “WHAT KIND OF STATE OF ISRAEL DO WE WANT?”

*YITZHAK RABIN Z"l, AUGUST 1993*

More than a year and a half after October 7, Israeli society is faced with enormous challenges of healing and rebuilding. At this historic crossroads, we must answer the question of the late Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin. On our unique journey, we will learn how Dror Israel is a central educational force in the healing and rebuilding of Israeli society, and the return and renewal of evacuated communities. Through visiting Dror Israel's educational programs throughout the country and meeting with communities from the western Negev in the South and communities throughout the North, we will explore the significant challenges Israelis face today and how they can be addressed through collaborative efforts. Additionally, we will discuss the partnership and shared destiny between Israelis and American Jews.



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# WELCOME: WHAT KIND OF STATE OF ISRAEL DO WE WANT?



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## SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 2

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Welcome Toast

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Dinner + Discussion

*An in-depth conversation about  
"The Challenges of Israeli Society"  
with a key journalist*

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*The Royal Beach Hotel in Tel Aviv*



# WHAT TOOLS DOES CIVIL SOCIETY HAVE TO DEAL WITH TRAUMA?



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## MONDAY, NOVEMBER 3

Breakfast	<i>At the hotel</i>
Kibbutz Be'eri	<i>Tour the kibbutz with kibbutz members</i>
Re'eim parking lot	<i>Nova Festival Victims Memorial</i>
Kibbutz Hatzerim	<i>Visit the temporary location of Kibbutz Be'eri and see the Kibbutz's re-established preschools</i>
Lunch	<i>with Kibbutz Be'eri's preschool's directors</i>
Kibbutz Re'eim	<i>Tea and fruit with participants of the new Educators' Community established during the war</i>
Sderot	<i>Visit the Educators' Kibbutz building, "Memorial and Heroes Park" on the site of the former police station, underserved neighborhood community projects and Youth Movement branch</i>
Dinner	<i>with Dror Israel educators from the Sderot Educators' Kibbutz and Bedouin communities</i>
Summary of the day + Drive to Tel Aviv	

*The Royal Beach Hotel in Tel Aviv*

# HOW CAN GRASSROOTS EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITY BUILD A SOCIETY?



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## TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 4

Breakfast	At the hotel
Rishon LeZion	Activity with senior citizens who are participants in Dror's Community Network for the Elderly
Hostages Square	Meet with hostage survivors and a leader of the Hostages and Missing Families Forum
Lunch	at Buber Center at Beit Berl College and meet with the Director of Dror Israel's Education Studies track in partnership with the college
Beit Berl College	Meet with a key leader to discuss the Israeli education system and Dror Israel
Ramatayim Branch in Hod Hasharon	Visit one of our biggest Youth Movement branches
Dinner and Discussion	Participate in Israeli food workshop in Ra'anana along with expert speakers who will share an overview of the Middle East as well as the leaders of 4Mena (a coalition of educational organizations from the Middle East and North Africa Region founded by Dror Israel)
Summary of the day + Drive to Tel Aviv	The Royal Beach Hotel in Tel Aviv

# EDUCATORS' KIBBUTZIM OF DROR ISRAEL AND COEXISTENCE INITIATIVES



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## WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 5

### Breakfast

*Early breakfast at the hotel; depart for the North*

### Akko Educators' Kibbutz and Eshbal Educators' Kibbutz

*Group 1: High school in Haifa (activity with students),  
tour the old city of Akko en route to the Akko  
Educators' Kibbutz*

*Split into two groups:*

*Group 2: High school/elementary school in Karmiel,  
tour Eshbal Educators' Kibbutz*

### Lunch and Discussion

*Groups reunite in Akko, followed by a panel discussion  
on the Arab community during the war*

### Free time in Akko's Old City Market

### Mazra'a Youth Movement branch

*Visit the Arab youth movement branch near Nahariya*

### Ghetto Fighters' House

*Visit the world's first Holocaust museum established  
by survivors of the Warsaw Ghetto Uprising*

### Dinner

*at Educators' Kibbutz in Akko with educators*

### "Jam" Club in Akko

*Performance by "Hashayara", an inspirational Israeli  
band that performs for soldiers, evacuees and Jewish  
communities in the US*

*Ayala Hotel in Ayelet Hashachar*

# RE-BUILDING OF THE NORTH



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## THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 6

Breakfast

*At the hotel*

Kibbutz Ravid

*Work in the educational orchards of Dror Israel in Ravid\volunteer in the local school*

*Tour of the Kibbutz and the award-winning Dror Galil High School*

Lunch

Natural spring near Kiryat Shmona *A refreshing stop at a local natural spring*

Kiryat Shmona *Tour the city and attend panel on rehabilitating educational initiatives*

Dinner in Metula *Visit with residents and educators*

Summary of the day at the restaurant in Metula

*Ayala Hotel in Ayelet Hashachar*

# DROR ISRAEL'S VISION AND STRATEGY FOR HEALING AND REBUILDING



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## FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 7

Breakfast

*At the hotel*

Tel Hai

*Visit the historical Tel Hai Museum and the Roaring Lion Monument*

Return to Tel Aviv

Long-term programs for the rehabilitation of Israeli society

*Conversation with directors of Dror Israel educational institutions*

Lunch

Summary of the Mission and Farewells

