



Jerusalem: The Capital City of the Jewish People

Event	Dates	
Departure	Monday May 28	
Community 1	Tuesday May 29 - Wednesday May 30	West Hartford
Travel	Thursday May 31	
Community 2	Friday June 1 - Sunday June 3	Ottawa
Travel	Sunday June 3	
Community 3	Sunday June 4 - Tuesday June 5	Buffalo
Return	Wednesday June 6	
Chief Educator	Rabbi Reuven Spolter	
Israel Engager	Eitan Morrell	
Artist	Yitchok Meir Malek	



**Rabbi
Reuven Spolter**

Community Educator

Rabbi Raised in Silver Spring, MD, Reuven Spolter served as the rabbi of the Young Israel of Oak Park in Michigan until his aliyah in 2008. He then served as a Judaic studies instructor and Academic Coordinator of the Elkana Campus of the Orot College of Education from 2008 until 2018. Rabbi Spolter also serves as the Shorashim Coordinator for English-speaking countries for Irgun Rabbanei Tzohar. A graduate of Yeshiva University with an MA in Secondary Jewish Education and Rabbinic Ordination from the Rabbi Isaac Elchonon Theological Seminary, he has taught and lectured to groups of all ages in communities around the world.

Rabbi Spolter lives with his family in Yad Binyamin, Israel.

Links to Classes, Lectures and Articles by Rabbi Spolter

- [Rabbi Spolter's Website](#)
- [Classes by Rabbi Spolter on YUTorah.org](#)
- [Articles and Lectures on Rabbi Spolter's Blog](#)

Proposed Lecture Topics

1. The Two Sides of Jerusalem – Then and Now
2. Yom Yerushalayim: What are We Celebrating?
3. Jerusalem: The Imaginary and the Real
4. Rabbi Kook and Loving the Holy Land
5. What is Jerusalem and why is it our Holy City? (for children and teens)



Yitzchok Meir Malek

Jewish Artist

Yitzchok Meir is an excellent communicator, performer, and public leader who builds strong and lasting relationships and represents himself and his partners respectfully and professionally. He is deeply passionate about strengthening our connection to Eretz Yisrael and unity among Jews, which he believes is the key to sustained independence and strength in the Holy Land.

Every ounce of Yitzchok Meir Malek's energy, passion, and focus has been devoted to the goals of Jewish Unity: building deep connections between Jews of all kinds, and to Eretz Yisrael. Today he leads a fresh, grassroots movement with growing and sustainable momentum that uses the power of music, shared events, holiday celebrations, and social projects to provide a deeply meaningful and engaging experience of unity between all Jews.

Links to Yitzchok Meir's Work

- [Yitchak Meir's Facebook Page](#)
- [Yitzchak Meir's PledgeMusic Site for his New Album](#)

Proposed Activities

1. Musical Presentation on the Songs of Jerusalem
2. Musical Workshop: Writing a Song for Jerusalem (children or adults)
3. Communal Sing-Along
4. Classroom or Assembly Concert
5. Hebrew Music Concert
6. Musical Kabbalat Shabbat and Havdalah Services, candlelighting
7. Chazzan during Tefillah on Shabbat
8. Talks on Motivation and Inspiration



Eitan Morell

Israel Engager

After Eitan Morell served in the IDF as a tank gunner, he studied Middle Eastern and Jewish history at Bar Ilan University. He is a licensed tour guide, and lives in Talmon with his wife and six children. Eitan regularly leads groups and talks on topics related to Jerusalem.

Links for Eitan Morell

[Eitan's Website](#)

Proposed Lecture Topics (for full lecture descriptions [see here](#))

1. Jerusalem of Gold – the Iconic Song by Naomi Shemer
2. The Gaon of Vilna in Jerusalem
3. A Connecticut Yankee in King Davids Court
4. The Divided City
5. The Road to Jerusalem
6. A Year in the Life a State: Nov 1947- Nov 1948
7. Archeology and Politics in Jerusalem