



Bearing Witness Collective

Equipping Advocates for Israel

Our Mission

The Bearing Witness Collective aims to provide participants with a comprehensive, first-hand understanding of Israel: its society, security challenges, and broader regional dynamics. By fostering informed perspectives, the trip seeks to support the development of multigenerational voices within public life who can engage thoughtfully and confidently in discussions about Israel.

Previous itineraries & training include:

Understanding the Facts

Engaging with leaders and organizations shaping Israel's response to October 7th, such as:

- Fleur Hassan-Nahoum – politician, media commentator, secretary-general of Kol Israel, special envoy for trade and innovation
- Colonel Danny Tirza (Res.) – Former Head of IDF Strategic Command
- Colonel Richard Kemp CBE – Former Commander of British Forces in Afghanistan, terrorism expert, journalist, and media commentator
- ZAKA Search & Rescue
- Charlotte Korchak – Founder, Jerusalem Education Institute
- StandWithUs
- Alma Research & Education Center
- Lt Col Eyal Dror (Ret.), founder & commander of Operation Good Neighbor Project
- Yotam Dagan – Former Israeli Navy SEAL Commander, now a therapist and trauma expert
- Yotam Barneis – Led the team identifying October 7th victims' remains
- Chaim Malespin – IDF Yahalom, elite combat engineering forces: tunnel warfare
- Kyle Blank – Executive Director, Israel Friends
- Doron Keidar – Executive Director, Temple Mount advocacy group Cry From Zion

Understanding Locations

Visiting and hearing first-hand accounts at sites pivotal to the October 7th massacre, such as:

- Kibbutzim Nir Oz, Kfar Aza, Be'eri
- Magen David Adom's Command Center and state-of-the-art underground facility
- Gaza and Lebanese/Syrian borders
- Majdal Shams (Druze Community)
- Nova Music Festival site and Car Graveyard memorial
- Hostage Square in Tel Aviv
- Sderot & Ashdod
- Judea and Samaria
- Nitzanei Oz (Civilian Guard)
- Temple Mount

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Understanding the People

Showing Israelis "You are not alone":

- Facilitating meaningful encounters with attack survivors, IDF personnel, and citizens, offering opportunities to listen, support, and show solidarity.
- Spending time with evacuees.
- Engaging in conversation with the Druze community in the north.
- Connecting with Holocaust survivors.

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