**Baltic Opinion Leaders**

**February 22-27, 2020**

***Itinerary is subject to change***

**Saturday, February 22, 2020 – Day 1**

WELCOME TO ISRAEL!

2:55-8:10pm Arrival to Israel on multiple flights; proceed to the Carlton Hotel, Tel Aviv

10:00-11:55

Overnight Carlton Hotel, Tel Aviv

**Sunday, February 23, 2020 – Day 2**

7:00-8:15am Breakfast at the hotel

8:30-9:15am **Welcome and Orientation**, with **Sebastian Rejak**, Senior Program and Policy Officer, AJC Central Europe, and **Barnabas Turai**, Communication and Media Officer, AJC Central Europe, at the hotel

9:15-10:30am **Introduction to Israeli History, Politics and Society**, discussion with **Dr. Einat Wilf**, Former Member of Knesset (Israel’s Parliament), Writer and Commentator, at the hotel

11:15-12:30pm **Visit Yediot Media Group** and meet **Attila Somfalvi**, Journalist and Political Analyst, *Ynet*, **and with senior journalists (TBD)**, followed by light lunch

12:45-12:450pm Proceed to Beer Sheva

2:30-3:00pm **Collaboration between Government, Academia and Private Sector**,

meet with **Roy Zwebner,** CEO, Gav-Yam Negev Advanced Technologies

Park

3:15-4:15pm **Cyber Security Challenges for National Infrastructure**, meet senior speaker, Israel National Cyber Directorate (INCD)

4:30-5:30pm **Visit Cyber Security Experience Centre**

Proceed to Tel Aviv

7:30-9:30pm **Group Dinner at Yulia restaurant**

10:00-11:55

Overnight Carlton Hotel, Tel Aviv

**Monday, February 24, 2020 - Day 3**

7:00-8:00am Breakfast at the hotel

8:20-8:25am Proceed to the Institute for National Security Studies (INSS)

9:00 -9:45am **Homeland Security**, briefing with **Dr. Meir Elran**, Senior Research Fellow, Head of the Homeland Security Program, INSS

9:45-10:30am**The Strategic Climate in the Middle East**, briefing with **Dr. Kobi Michael**, Senior Research Fellow, INSS

10:35-10:00am Proceed to helipad

11:30am-12:30pmHelicopter flight to Tefen Industrial Park

1:00-2:30pm  **The Arab Israeli Community**, lunch and discussion with **Ibrahim Abu Ahmad**, Senior Researcher, Alma Research and Education Center, and **Daniel Salame**, Correspondent on Arab Affairs, *YNET*, at the Center

3:15-4:30pm  **Security Challenges in Northern Israel**, overview on the Lebanon border, including a briefing by **Lt. Col. (res.) Sarit Zehavi**, Founder and CEO, Alma Research and Education Center, at Har Adir

5:00-6:00pm Helicopter flight to Tel Aviv

7:00-7:30pm **Review and Reflection** with **Sebastian Rejak**, Senior Program and Policy Officer, AJC Central Europe, and **Barnabas Turai**, Communication and Media Officer, AJC Central Europe, at the hotel

7:30-9:30pm **Free evening and dinner on own**

10:00-11:55

Overnight Carlton Hotel, Tel Aviv

**Tuesday, February 25, 2020 – Day 4**

7:00-7:45am Breakfast at the hotel and check out

8:15-8:20am Proceed South

10:00-11:00am **Life on a Kibbutz near the Gaza Border,** visit **Kibbutz Nahal Oz,** and meet with **Yael Raz-Lachyani,** Spokesperson

11:15-12:45pm **Israel and International Law**, briefing by **David Benjamin**, Founder and Director, Security and International Law Specialists (SILS), at the Black Arrow Monument, followed by light lunch

Proceed to Jerusalem

3:00-5:00pm **Guided Tour at Yad Vashem Holocaust Memorial**

5:00-6:00pm **The Impact of the Holocaust on the Baltics,** discussion with

**David Silberklang**, Senior Historian, International Institute for Holocaust Research, and Editor-in-Chief, Yad Vashem Studies, at Yad Vashem

7:30-9:00pm **Review and Reflection over dinner** with **Sebastian Rejak**, Senior Program and Policy Officer, AJC Central Europe, and **Barnabas Turai**, Communication and Media Officer AJC Central Europe, at La Guta restaurant

10:00-11:55

Overnight Herbert Samuel Hotel, Jerusalem

**Wednesday, February 26, 2020 - Day 5**

7:00-7:45amBreakfast at the hotel

8:00-9:15am **Overview of Israel’s Elections**, discussion with **Prof.** **Reuven Hazan**, Former Political Science Department Chair, Hebrew University of Jerusalem, at the hotel

Proceed to Ramallah, accompanied by a Palestinian guide

10:30-11:30pm **The Mood in the Palestinian Street**, discussion with **Dr. Khalil**

**Shikaki**, Director, Palestinian Center for Policy and Survey Research, at his office

12:15-2:00pm **An Inside Look at Palestinian Media**, meet with **Mohammed Daraghmeh**, Senior Correspondent, Associated Press (AP), West Bank and Gaza Strip, at Darna restaurant

2:30-3:30pm Proceed to Jerusalem

4:30-5:30pm **Israeli–Palestinian Relations: The Road Ahead**, discussion with **Yarden Vatikai**, Former Director, Communications Office, Office of the Prime Minister, at the hotel

7:00-9:00pm **Tour of Mahane Yehuda Market**, including dinner

10:00-11:55

Overnight Herbert Samuel Hotel, Jerusalem

**Thursday, February 27, 2020, Day 6**

Breakfast at the hotel and checkout

8:30-9:30am **Geopolitical Tour of Jerusalem**, guided by **Dr. Danny Tirza**, General Manager, Yozmot Consultation, Management & Guidance Company

10:00-12:30pm **Tour of the Old City of Jerusalem**,

12:430-1:00pm Proceed to restaurant

1:00-2:30pm **Closing Session and Evaluation over lunch,** with **Sebastian Rejak**, Senior Program and Policy Officer, AJC Central Europe, and **Barnabas Turai**, Communication and Media Officer, AJC Central Europe,

at Kaffit restaurant

2:30-2:35pm Proceed to Ben Gurion Airport

5:40pm Depart Israel on Lot Polish Airlines flight #5156