**Arab Civil Society Leaders Delegation  
March 1-6, 2020**

**Sunday, March 1, 2020- Day 1**

9:20am-8:10pm Arrival to Ben Gurion Airport on multiple flights

Proceed to Tel Aviv

7:30pm Optional Group Dinner

Overnight: Carlton Hotel, Tel Aviv

**Monday, March 2, 2020- Day 2 (election day)**

Breakfast at the hotel

8:30-9:00am **Welcome, Orientation,** with **Dr. Abdullah Sawalha**, Founder, and Director,

Center for Israel studies –Jordan (CIS), and **Benjamin Rogers**, Associate

Director, Policy and Middle East Initiatives, Department of Policy and

Diplomatic Affairs, AJC, at the Hotel

9:00-10:30am **Introduction to Israeli History and Politics**, discussion with

**Professor Asher Susser**, Professor Emeritus, Middle Eastern History, at

Abraham Hostel TLV CON

11:00-12:30pm**Israel and Its Neighbors**, a panel discussion with **Professor Bruce Maddy-**

**Weitzman** Head of the International B.A program at Tel Aviv University and

is a Senior Research Fellow at the Moshe Dayan Center, **Sima Shine(CON)**,**,**

senior research fellow at the Institute for National Security Studies **and**

**Uzi Rabi (CON)**, Director of the Dayan Center of Middle Eastern and

African History at Tel Aviv University,at Abraham Hostel TLV

1:00-2:15pm **Tour of Jaffa**, including light lunch

2:40-5:00pm **Visit at Peres innovation Center,** including a meeting with Chemi Peres

5:30-6:30pm **COGAT’s Role with The Palestinians**, discussion with **Brig, Gen. Guy**

**Goldstein,** Deputy Head of COGAT**, at TBD** REQ

7:30pm **Dinner with Author A.B. Yehoshua,** at Hatraklin - meat & wine BistroCON

Overnight: Carlton Hotel, Tel Aviv

**Tuesday, March 3, 2020- Day 3**

Breakfast at the hotel

7:30-8:00am Depart the hotel; proceed to the helipad

08:15-9:15am Helicopter flight to Mizphe Dado

9:30-10:30am **Security Challenges in Northern Israel**, an overview of the Lebanese Border,

including a briefing by **Brig. Gen. (res.) Nitzan Nuriel**, Research Fellow,

International Institute for Counterterrorism, IDC Herzliya, at Mount Adir

CON

11:00-11:45am Visit Hizzballa Tunnel

12:00-12:30pm Helicopter flight to Eshkol Water Institute

12:30-1:45pm Visit and Tour the Eshkol Water Institute

2:00-2:30pm Helicopter flight to Haifa

3:00-4:00pm **Arab - Israeli Co-Existence,** discussion with **Tony Matar**,Owner of Maxim

Restaurant**,** at the restaurant CON

4:30-5:30pm **Accelerator for Arab-led startups**, discussion with **Fadi Swidan**,

Director, Nazareth Business Center and Accelerator and **MindoLife**

high-tech company, at MindoLife CON

Proceed to Tel Aviv

Free evening and dinner on own

Overnight: Carlton Hotel, Tel Aviv

**Wednesday, March 4, 2020- Day 4**

Breakfast at the hotel, and checkout

8:00am Depart the hotel, proceed to the Gaza border

9:30-11:00am **Overview on the Southern Border,** briefing with **Col (res.) Grisha**

**Yakubovich**, former Head, Civilian Department, Israel Defense Forces

(IDF) Coordinator of Government Activities in the Territories Unit, at Sderot CON

11:30-1:00 **Life on a Kibbutz near the Gaza Border,** Visit Kibbutz **Kfar Aza,** and meet

with **Chen Kotler**, at the Kibbutz*,* including lunchCON

Proceed to Jerusalem

3:00-5:00pm Visit Yad Vashem Holocaust Memorial Museum

Check-in at Herbert Samuel Hotel

6:30-7:30pm **Israel Foreign Policy and the Middle East**, discussion with **Haim Regev**, Deputy Director-General, Head, Middle East Division, at the hotelCON

7:45pm Depart hotel

8:00pm **Dinner,** **Review, and Reflection,** with **Dr. Abdullah Sawalha**, Founder, and

Director, Center for Israel studies –Jordan (CIS), and **Benjamin Rogers**,

Associate Director, Policy and Middle East Initiatives, Department of Policy

and Diplomatic Affairs, AJC, at a local restaurant

Overnight: Herbert Samuel, Jerusalem

**Thursday, March 5, 2020- Day 5**

7:30am Depart hotel

8:00-9:30am **Interfaith Relations in Israel,** breakfast, anddiscussion with **Rabbi David**

**Rosen,** Director, Interreligious Affairs, AJC, at his home CON

10:00-11:00am **Identity, Justice, and Religion: A deeper look at the Israeli- Palestinian**

**Relationship,** with **Dr. Tal Becker,** Principal Deputy Legal Advisor,

Ministry of Foreign Affairs, at the hotelCON

Proceed to Ramallah accompanied by **Emad Said**, Palestinian tour guide

12:00-1:30pm Portland trust/ Hi Tech company + including lunch

2:00-3:00pm **The Mood in the Palestinian Street**, lunch and discussion with **Dr. Khalil**

**Shikaki**, Director of the Palestinian Center for Policy and Survey Research,

at Darna restaurant CON

4:30-5:30pm **Putting It All Together**, discussion withLt.Col. (res.)

**Avital Leibovich**, Director, AJC Jerusalem at the hotel CON

Proceed to Jerusalem

7:30pm  **Closing Session and Evaluation, dinner** with **Dr. Abdullah Sawalha**,

Founder and Director, Center for Israel studies –Jordan (CIS), and **Benjamin**

**Rogers**, Assistant Director, Policy, AJC Office of Government and

International Affairs, at Angelica restaurant

Overnight: Herbert Samuel, Jerusalem

**Friday, March 6, 2020- Day 6**

Breakfast at the hotel and checkout

9:00am Depart hotel

9:30-2:00pm **Tour of the Old City of Jerusalem,** including light lunch

11:30-1:00pm **Jumma prayer at the Al-Aqsa Mosque,** accompanied by **Emad**

**Said**, Palestinian tour guide

2:00pm Depart for Ben Gurion Airport

Depart Israel on various flights