



# BIRTHRIGHT ISRAEL FELLOWS COHORT FOUR

*Sunday, March 27, 2016* | י"ז באדר ב' תשע"ו

BIRTHRIGHT ISRAEL AS A JOURNEY IN JEWISH  
IDENTITY BUILDING: THE JOURNEY BEGINS

**12:00pm WELCOME | ברוכים הבאים**

*Mission Bay Patio*

**1:00pm LUNCH | ארוחת צהריים**

*Mission Bay*

**2:00pm THE JOURNEY BEGINS | יוצאים לדרך**

*Mission Bay*

1. Welcome and Ritual Opening
2. Conversations around the Tables: Why are you here?
3. Who's Who and Setting Expectations

**3:00pm CREATING A NEW COMMUNITY | יוצרים קהילה חדשה**

*Mission Bay Patio*

Jon Adam Ross

Initial encounters matter. Today's icebreakers model how to help transition into new contexts and in beginning to develop a sense of community.

**4:00pm CREATING A BIRTHRIGHT ISRAEL CULTURE**

**יוצרים תרבות "תגליתית"**

*Mission Bay*

Zohar Raviv | International VP of Education | Birthright Israel

**4:30pm SMALL GROUPS: INTROS & PROCESSING | עיבוד בקבוצות**

**6:00pm**      **HAFSAKAH | הפסקה**

**6:30pm**      **DINNER | ארוחת ערב**

*Paradise Terrace*

**7:30pm**      **THE ONGOING JEWISH JOURNEY**

- **Group A:** Bay View
- **Group B:** Dockside

**9:00pm**      **TIE-IN SESSIONS | שיחות שיקוף**

**10:15pm**      **CLOSING CIRCLE AND LAILA TOV | סיכום יום ולילה טוב**

*Mission Bay Patio*

*Monday, March 28, 2016* | י"ח באדר ב' תשע"ו

## BIRTHRIGHT ISRAEL AS A MEANING MAKING EXPERIENCE

**8:00am**      **BREAKFAST | ארוחת בוקר**

*Sunset Terrace and Ballroom*

**8:45am**      **REGA SHEL LIMMUD | רגע של לימוד**

- Clare Goldwater | **Cultivating Curiosity** | *Sunset I*
- Jan Katzew | **In Leadership, Less is More** | *Sunset II*
- Shalom Orzach | **I have a Confession...** | *Sunset Deck*
- Zohar Raviv | *Sunset Ballroom*
- Esther Abramowitz | **As If...Keilu** | *Sunset III*
- Rachel Smith-Savaya | **The Positive Potential of Shabbat** | *Paradise Terrace*
- Scott Copeland | **Like a Reed, Like Grass, Like Rain... Leading, Listening, and Meeting in our Educational Work** | *Sunset Terrace*

**9:45am**      **MEANING MAKING | יצירת משמעות**

*Sunset Ballroom*

Aliza Goodman

This short framing session highlights the role of the educator in creating meaningful moments throughout an educational experience. What constitutes meaning on a Birthright Israel trip? How is it related to the stories we share and the ritual we do? What is your role in creating connection between the content and the participants themselves?

**10:30am**      **MEANING MAKING WORKSHOPS: ROUND 1**

**Conveying Content and Meaning Through Stories**

**העברת תוכן ומשמעות ע"י סיפורים**

*Sunset Ballroom*

Carl Schrag | Michael Soberman | Scott Frankel

Drawing from your online work, you will develop a story with a specific purpose and meaning, and practice using personal stories as a tool for engagement.

**Uncovering Meaning Through Shabbat & Ritual**

**שבת טקס ומשמעות**

*Sunset I & II*

Jon Adam Ross | Rachel Smith-Savaya

This physical, non-verbal workshop will explore Jewish prayer rituals through their primal, experiential, and performative elements. The goal is to give you access to prayer and ritual programming that provides multiple entry points for diverse groups of participants.

### **Relating and Relationship Building**

#### **בניית מערכות יחסים**

*Sunset III*

Jan Katzew

It is essential for anyone leading a Birthright Israel experience to build a relationship with the participants, the other staff members, the land of Israel, literally and figuratively, and everyone with whom you interact. Together, we will re-create and reflect upon real-life examples of when relationships with people, objects, and places not only make a difference, they make all the difference.

**12:00pm**

### **BIRTHRIGHT ISRAEL:**

#### **MARKETING THE PROGRAM, MARKETING YOURSELF**

*Sunset Ballroom*

Jeff Reinstein and Andrew Kasdan | Birthright Israel

**1:00pm**

### **LUNCH AND BREAK | ארוחת צהריים והפסקה**

*Sunset Terrace and Ballroom*

**2:30pm**

### **MEANING MAKING WORKSHOPS: ROUND 2**

#### **Conveying Content and Meaning Through Stories**

#### **העברת תוכן ומשמעות ע"י סיפורים**

*Sunset Ballroom*

#### **Uncovering Meaning Through Shabbat & Ritual**

#### **שבת טקס ומשמעות**

*Sunset I & II*

#### **Relating and Relationship Building**

#### **בניית מערכות יחסים**

*Sunset III*

**3:45pm**

### **ELECTIVES | קבוצות עניין**

*Sunset Terrace and Ballroom*

- 4:45pm**      **BREAK | הפסקה**
- 5:15pm**      **MEANING MAKING WORKSHOPS: ROUND 3**
- Conveying Content and Meaning Through Stories**  
**העברת תוכן ומשמעות ע"י סיפורים**  
*Sunset Ballroom*
- Uncovering Meaning Through Shabbat & Ritual**  
**שבת טקס ומשמעות**  
*Sunset I & II*
- Relating and Relationship Building**  
**בניית מערכות יחסים**  
*Sunset III*
- 6:30pm**      **DINNER | ארוחת ערב**  
*Sunset Terrace and Ballroom*
- 7:30pm**      **TIE-IN SESSIONS | שיחות שיקוף**
- 9:00pm**      **CONTEMPORARY ISRAEL: A LANGUAGE OF PEOPLE & SOUNDS**  
**ישראל העכשווית: שפה של אנשים וצלילים**  
*Paradise Terrace*  
Udi Krauss
- 10:00pm**    **CLOSING CIRCLE AND LAILA TOV | סיכום יום ולילה טוב**  
*Paradise Terrace*

*Tuesday, March 29, 2016* | י"ט באדר ב' תשע"ו

## HADRACHA AND EXPERIENCE BUILDING

**8:00 am**     **BREAKFAST | ארוחת בוקר**

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- Clare Goldwater | **Cultivating Curiosity** | *Sunset I*
- Jan Katzew | **In Leadership, Less is More** | *Sunset II*
- Shalom Orzach | **Planting Questions** | *Sunset Deck*
- Zohar Raviv | *Sunset Ballroom*
- Esther Abramowitz | **As If...Keilu** | *Sunset III*
- Rachel Smith-Savaya | **The Positive Potential of Shabbat** | *Paradise Terrace*
- Scott Copeland | **Like a Reed, Like Grass, Like Rain... Leading, Listening, and Meeting in our Educational Work** | *Sunset Terrace*

**9:45am**     **HADRACHA AND EXPERIENCE BUILDING**

*Sunset Ballroom*

Aliza Goodman

**10:00am**     **CREATING EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES:  
WEAVING NARRATIVES**

**יצירת הזדמנויות חינוכיות: שזירת נראטיבים**

In this session, you will practice using themes and values as organizing principles for conveying meaning, followed by practice in planning site-based activities that incorporate themes and stories.

- **Group א:** Natalie Blitt | *Sunset I & II*
- **Group ב:** Shalom Orzach | *Sunset III*
- **Group ג:** Carl Schrag | *Sunset Ballroom*
- **Group ד:** Clare Goldwater | *Sunset Terrace*

**11:15am**     **UNDERSTANDING YOUR PARTICIPANTS 1:**

**Finding Meaningful Connections Throughout the Trip and Back Home**

*Sunset I, II, & III*

Aliza Goodman | Tour Educators

**Engaging with Diverse Perspectives in Meaningful & Respectful Ways**

*Sunset Ballroom*

Rabbi Mychal Copeland and Rabbi Keara Stein, InterfaithFamily

- 12:00pm LUNCH | ארוחת צהריים**  
*Sunset Terrace and Ballroom*
- 1:00pm UNDERSTANDING YOUR PARTICIPANTS 2:**  
**Finding Meaningful Connections Throughout the Trip and Back Home**  
*Sunset I & II*  
Aliza Goodman | Tour Educators  
**Engaging with Diverse Perspectives in Meaningful & Respectful Ways**  
*Sunset Ballroom*  
Rabbi Mychal Copeland and Rabbi Keara Stein | InterfaithFamily
- 1:45pm BREAK | הפסקה**
- 3:15pm GROUP DYNAMICS AND TEAM BUILDING | דינאמיקה קבוצתית ובניית קבוצה**  
*Sunset Ballroom*  
Michael Soberman  
We will explore the educational pre-conditions required for facilitating immersive educational experiences like Birthright Israel. The bottom line – when building experiences, it is important to have a plan, both from an educational perspective and from a group dynamics perspective.
- 4:00pm GROUP DYNAMICS AND TEAM BUILDING: SKILLS & PRACTICE דינאמיקה קבוצתית ובניית קבוצה: כלים ודרכי עבודה**  
**Discussion and Conversation Facilitation Techniques**  
Clare Goldwater | Anne Lanski | *Sunset I & II*  
**Group Dynamic Activities**  
Jon Adam Ross | Daniel Tatar | *Sunset III*
- 6:00pm #BRIfellows**  
*Sunset Ballroom*  
Aaron Bock | Birthright Israel
- 6:30pm DINNER | ארוחת ערב**  
*Sunset Terrace and Ballroom*  
Closing Remarks by Dr. Zohar Raviv
- 7:30pm TIE-IN SESSIONS | שיחות שיקוף**
- 9:00pm BONFIRE ON THE BEACH**  
*Beach*

**10:00pm**    **CLOSING CIRCLE AND LAILA TOV | סיכום יום ולילה טוב**

*Beach*



*Wednesday, March 30, 2016* | כ' באדר ב' תשע"ז

## THE ROLE OF THE BIRTHRIGHT ISRAEL FELLOW

- 7:30am**      **CHECK OUT AND BREAKFAST | ארוחת בוקר**  
*Sunset Terrace and Ballroom*
- 8:30am**      **PUTTING IT ALL TOGETHER | AN EXPERIENCE IN THE FIELD**  
**קשירת קצוות | חוויה בשטח**  
A culminating experience in the field that helps you put together everything you've learned over the past several days.
- 9:00am**      **ON SITE ACTIVITIES**
- 10:00am**     **TIE-IN SESSIONS: WRAP UP AND LOOKING AHEAD**  
**שיחות שיקוף: סיכום ומבט לעתיד**
- 11:00am**     **CLOSING CEREMONY | טקס סיום**
- 11:30am**     **L'HITRAOT! | להתראות**