



Beit Ben-Yehuda

an International Meeting Center
and Guesthouse in Jerusalem



Explore Jerusalem – meet its people

Beit Ben-Yehuda is a seminar center and guesthouse situated not far from the Old City in Jerusalem. Its educational programs offer guests a range of language courses, individually tailored excursions and the opportunity for interethnic and interfaith encounters.

We invite you to come to the »Holy City«, to meet local people, to hear their family stories and to explore their cultures and daily lives. In cooperation with numerous local partners, we offer you a variety of activities on several topics related to Jerusalem.

Beit Ben-Yehuda is operated by the German organization Aktion Sühnezeichen Friedensdienste (ASF), Action Reconciliation Service for Peace, which has been organizing interfaith and intercultural dialogue programs in Israel for over 50 years.

Encounters in Jerusalem – our programs

Beit Ben-Yehuda lets you explore the country through the eyes and stories of its people. We offer you customized programs and activities that provide you with deep insights into Israel's multifaceted past and present.

Our educational programs combine meetings with local experts in various fields, excursions to places of historical and religious interest, and provide space and infrastructure for group discussions, lectures and reflections.

Excursions

In addition to our educational programs, we organize various excursions and daytrips, i.e. tours of the Old City of Jerusalem, the Dead Sea, museums, memorial sites, Bethlehem and Jericho. Contact us – our multilingual staff will gladly provide you with further information.





Our educational programs

For more than 50 years Aktion Sühnezeichen Friedensdienste (ASF) has been involved in intercultural understanding and dialogue programs in Israel. We invite you to benefit from our wide network of contacts to projects, institutions and experts in the country.

Beit Ben-Yehuda offers programs ranging from one to several days in duration. They include excursions, exchanges and seminars that address the following topics:

> Facing history – How to deal with the Holocaust today

Delve into the history and the lasting impact of the Holocaust on Israelis through encounters with survivors and their children. Explore Yad Vashem, the Holocaust Remembrance Center, through guided tours. Meet young German volunteers of ASF, who work for a year with Holocaust survivors, meet providers of mental health and social support services for Holocaust survivors in Israel and hear about their daily work.

> Israel – Land of diversity

Explore the fascinating melting pot of modern Israeli society. Meet new immigrants and see first-hand the work of absorption centers, encounter different cultural groups in Israel, visit projects that foster Jewish-Arab coexistence, social inclusion and speak with LGBT activists. We offer exchanges, meetings and tours that leave sufficient space for discussion, debriefing and reflection.

> Longing for Jerusalem – the cherished city

Through guided tours and exchanges, you will explore the significance of Jerusalem for various groups, religions, the Zionist movement, and hear about their own narratives on the complex situation today. Join intercultural tours

through the Old City, focusing on social, political and religious issues. Take part in informative walks in East and West Jerusalem, where you will meet local people and hear about their personal connections to Jerusalem. Converse with representatives of different political and religious movements about the role of Jerusalem in the Israel-Palestine conflict.

> A house for all believers – Jerusalem and its religions

Meet local people of different faiths and explore the special relevance of Jerusalem for Judaism, Christianity and Islam. Visit holy places and houses of prayer, take part in rituals and services and join a traditional Shabbat dinner. Discover through encounters with faith-based activists and organizations the contribution that religion can provide to coexistence and peace.

> A beer with Amir – Meet with young Israelis

We offer you opportunities to meet with young Israelis in a coffee shop or bar to find out about their daily lives, their perspective on Israeli society and Jerusalem.

> Language courses

Beit Ben-Yehuda offers regular language courses in Hebrew, Arabic or Yiddish. All courses are published on our website. Individual course programs can be accommodated on request. The language courses include excursions and tours in and around Jerusalem.

All elements of our educational programs can be tailored to your individual interests. For further information go to www.beit-ben-yehuda.org

The Guesthouse

The historic building Beit Ben-Yehuda is situated in the Jerusalem area of Talpiot, between the Old City of Jerusalem and Bethlehem. It was erected by Eliezer Ben-Yehuda, the driving spirit behind the revival of the Hebrew language (Ivrit). In order to commemorate his achievements, the city of Jerusalem entrusted the building to Aktion Sühnezeichen Friedensdienste to be used as an educational and intercultural space.

Next to the historic building, a modern guesthouse provides you with an attractive infrastructure for educational seminars in Jerusalem:

- > Ten guestrooms with a total of 48 beds
- > A seminar room for a maximum of 15 persons
- > A seminar room for a maximum of 20 persons
- > A multifunctional dining room seats a total of 50 persons
- > Balconies and terraces for personal recreation and small group work
- > A smartboard, whiteboard, flipchart and projectors for presentations and seminars
- > Free WiFi throughout the building
- > Wireless simultaneous translation equipment

Boarding:

- > Accommodation possible with or without breakfast
- > Meals provided through a catering service
- > A modern, fully equipped vegetarian kitchen is available to guests

Contact us – our multilingual staff is glad to assist you:

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