

## **Shaul Arieli Tour & Lecture Guide**

**Shaul Arieli** is considered to be an '*encyclopedia*' of the Israeli-Palestinian political process, and is one of Israel's leading experts on the demarcation of the future Israeli-Palestinian border and the route of the Separation Barrier. Shaul served as commander of a brigade in the Gaza Strip. As part of his military service he was responsible for the preparation of the official negotiations with the Palestinians, as head of the Interim Agreement Administration under the Rabin government, and head of the Peace Administration in the Barak Government. Since retiring from the IDF in 2001, Shaul has dedicated himself to advancing an Israeli-Palestinian permanent status agreement, is a member of the Council for Peace and Security of Geneva Initiative ([www.geneva-accord.org](http://www.geneva-accord.org)), and was amongst the leading negotiators in the process that brought about the Geneva Initiative in December 2003.

For a full bio see: <http://www.shaularieli.com/77951/About-Shaul-Arieli>

Shaul exemplifies an all-embracing insight into the core of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. The following represents a selective list of tours and lectures given by Shaul which presents a critical account of and alternative solutions to issues on Israel's national agenda: refugees, Jerusalem, settlements, borders, security, the Separation Barrier, the disengagement and convergence, the roadmap, Geneva initiative, PLO and Hamas, the Arab world, the international community etc.

### **Tour # 1 - Jerusalem Periphery**

Tour will deal with the following subjects and issues of conflict:

- War of Independence and the creation of the demarcation lines, commonly known as the Green line, set out in the 1949 Armistice Agreements between Israel and its neighbors.
- Unclaimed territory in and around Latrun – the Latrun enclave, between the War of Independence and the Six Day War.
- The security needs of Israel and the negotiation of these needs under:
  - Alon Plan (1967)
  - Sharon Plan (1977)
- The settlement initiatives in Judea and Samaria.
- Key subjects on Jerusalem, including the Old City, the historic geographic basin, AL-Quds and East Jerusalem, West Jerusalem, the united city, Jerusalem periphery, The Triangle, and more.
- Proposals for Jerusalem -
  - The Clinton Parameters and the Camp David Summit (2000)
  - Annapolis Conference (2007)
- Negotiations on Israel - Palestine borders (Oslo and Annapolis)
- Consequences of the Wall around Jerusalem on the Israeli and Palestinian way of life.

Track: Modi'in, Nebi Samuel, Mount Scopus, Mount of Olives, Abu Dis (aka Area B under joint Israeli and Palestinian control, Ramat Rachel (optional). Discussion and explanations are provided on the bus while in route, and at the observation points. Tour begins at 8:00am and ends at 2:00pm, (estimated).

See Map attachment 'Jerusalem Periphery'. Maps will be distributed to each participant on the tour.

## **Tour 2 – Obstacles of the Separation Wall on Israel's borders around the Sharon and Samaria**

The tour addresses the Israeli West Bank barrier, where the tour route will be on roads adjacent to the barrier, from Makzir to Modi'in Illit.

The Tour will deal with the following subjects and issues of conflict:

- War of Independence and the creation of the demarcation lines, commonly known as the Green line, set out in the 1949 Armistice Agreements between Israel and its neighbors.
- Exchange of territory between Israel and Jordan in 1949, known as the "Little Triangle" – a concentration of Israeli Arab towns and villages adjacent to the Green Line,
- Alon Plan (1967)
- Sharon Plan (1977)
- The settlement initiatives in Judea and Samaria.
- The hidden policy behind construction of the barrier fence, and its construction process from 2002 to 2012.
- Negotiations on Israel - Palestine borders (Oslo and Annapolis)
- Consequences of the Barrier Wall on the Israeli and Palestinian way of life.
- The relationship between the Army, the Defense Minister and the Supreme Court on the subject of the separation barrier.
- Development of Yesha Council's (The Council for Judea, Samaria Gaza) position towards the separation barrier.
- Why are there demonstrators in Bil'in, Ni'lin (Palestinian villages located in the Ramallah), and other villages?

Track: Kazir, Baqa al-Gharbiyye, Tsufin, Alfei Menashe, Beit Arie, Modi'in Illit. Discussion and explanations are provided on the bus while in route, and at the observation points along the barrier fence. Tour departure is from Tel Aviv at 8:00am and ends at 5:00pm, (estimated).

See Map attachment 'Sharon and Samaria. Map will be distributed to each participant.

## **Tour No. 3 - Gaza Perimeter**

The tour is conducted around the Gaza Perimeter. Discussion and explanations are provided on the bus while in route, and at the observation points to include topics such as:

- Gaza Strip history
- Gaza Strip borders
- Gaza in the War of Independence and Six Day War
- Jewish settlement in Gaza - Gush Katif
- Settlement in the Negev
- Retaliation raids in Gaza

Track: Netiv Haasara, Black Arrow Memorial site, Nahal Oz, Katif Crossing, Nirim

Tour departure is from Tel Aviv at 8:00am and ends at 5:00pm, (estimated).

## **- Selected Lectures -**

### **Lecture 1: The Israeli-Palestinian conflict**

The lecture focuses on the essence of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, from its very origin, through the crisis's along the way, around the negotiation tables, and on the core issues through three formative junctions:

- The Balfour Declaration (1917) and the British Mandate (1922) - recognizing the right of the Jewish people to self-determination and tools to implement it and its non-acceptance by Arabs in Israel.
- The UN Partition Plan (1947) for the creation of independent Arab and Jewish States, the War of Independence (1948-1949) - the State of Israel, and the post war legacies.
- Six-Day War (June 1967) and Resolution 242 (November 1967) – territorial assets and the basis for settling the conflict.

The lecture will introduce the different narratives of the parties involved and address questions of interest to the public in Israel:

- What was the opening trigger to the conflict.
- What was promised and what was not promised in the Balfour Declaration.
- What was the legitimate basis for the establishment of the State of Israel?
- Why was the British Mandate of 1922 not realized?
- Why did the Arabs reject the Balfour Declaration (1917) and the British Mandate (1922), and the Partition Resolution.
- What are the dissimilarities between sovereignty and Nakba (in Arabic Catastrophe).
- What did the Six Day War bestow onto Israel?
- What is the relationship between Israeli settlement and security - before and after the establishment of the State of Israel.
- What happened in the negotiations between Israel and the PLO in relation to 4 core issues? Did Barak and Olmert give everything? What are possible conditions that will make an agreement possible.
- What options have been proposed for a two-state solution, which calls for "two states for two peoples."

### **Lecture 2: The “Territorial Aspect” of the Israeli - Palestinian conflict**

The lecture focuses on the following topics:

- Development of Israel's borders from the Sykes–Picot Agreement (officially known as the Asia Minor Agreement) of 1916, until present.
- Offers of a territorial division as proposed in negotiations between Israel and the PLO
- Land swap

### **Lecture 3: Jerusalem in the Israeli - Palestinian conflict: Past, Present and Future**

The lecture focuses on the following topics:

- The history of diplomatic and political solutions on the subject of Jerusalem during the 20th century
- Division of Jerusalem and unification of Jerusalem

- Progression of the unified Jerusalem between 1967-2012
- Separation Barrier in Jerusalem
- Urban Trends in Jerusalem
- Policy proposals raised by both Israeli and Palestinian negotiation teams at Camp David, Taba, Geneva, and Annapolis.

#### **Lecture 4: The Pitfall between Separation and Security**

The lecture focuses on the following topics:

- Development of the State Separation concept and its implementation on the ground
- The background of the decision to build the Barrier Fence
- The real and illusionary motives for setting the norms of the Barrier
- Development of the Barrier Fence
- The relationship between the Army, the Ministry of Defense and the Supreme Court on the subject of the separation barrier.
- The gap between the Barrier Fence and a permanent border.

#### **Lecture 5: Exchange of populated territories between Israel and the Palestinians**

The lecture focuses on the following topics:

- The formation of the Arab minority in Israel
- Historical and legal precedents for exchange of territories
- The positions of the parties on both sides to such proposals
- The physical potential for implementation of territorial exchange
- The implications of territorial exchange on the interests of the State of Israel

#### **Lecture 6: The Consequence of Occupation on Israel's National Security**

The lecture focuses on the following topics:

- Perception of settlement under Zionist doctrine
- Classification of different types of conquest
- Components of National Security
- The implications of occupation – in the economic, social and security arenas

#### **Lecture 7: Borders and Security**

The lecture focuses on the following topics:

- Evolution of the rising need for security during the British Mandate
- The Six-Day War and UN Resolution 242
- The threats of old approaches and new approaches
- The connection between border lines and security needs, and with other needs
- Security arrangements which are required