

# Tree of Life Journey to the Holy Land

January 2 to 13, 2024  
Optional Extension to Bosnia – January 13 to 19

To discover how to be  
human now is the reason  
we follow the star!



In all his letters Mazin Qumsiyeh, our good friend, founder of the Palestine Natural History Museum, professor at Bethlehem University and author of “Sharing the Land of Canaan” closes with the important reminder to “Stay Human.”

As we all struggle with so much inhumanity, we need that wise reminder now more than ever, and we need those who exemplify what it means to “stay human” even when surrounded by so much violence, hate, greed and fear.

If you also are in search of your deeper humanity, if you wish to move beyond theologies and politics of exclusion, if you want to meet Tree of Life’s extraordinary ensemble of friends — Christians, Muslims, Jews and those of no particular faith identity who everyday demonstrate what it means “To Stay Human”, please join us! We’d love to introduce you to our friends!



*Children of Gaza Dreaming  
of Peace by Malak Mattar*

Our journey in the Land of Promise – the Land of too many broken promises – will be from January 2nd to January 13th, and then, for those who can join us for the extension, we will have the extraordinary opportunity to visit Bosnia, a place that continues to struggle but in courageous and compassionate individuals demonstrates a more hopeful future!

Leading this journey will be Ghoufran Allababidi, President of Tree of Life Educational Fund and Miki Nermin, former Tree of Life journey leader, Bosnian genocide survivor as a child, and a leader in the Bosnian community

## Palestine – January 2 - 13, 2024

## Bosnia – January 13 - 19

### *COSTS*

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#### **Palestine – 10 days**

Adult, double occupancy	\$ 2500
Adult, single occupancy	\$ 3500
Student, age 25 and under	\$ 2300

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#### **Bosnia – 6 days**

Adult, double occupancy	\$ 700
Adult, single occupancy	\$ 1000
Student, age 25 and under	\$ 700

Both segments include all hotels, breakfasts and dinners, bus transportation, transfers from airport, major tips for guides and bus driver, entrance fees. Neither includes airfare and personal expenses.

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#### **Airfare Costs**

Roundtrip JFK – Tel Aviv – Sarajevo – JFK: \$1,540 group rate  
Palestine only – TBD

**Deadline for applications, \$500 deposit, and airfare payment is October 1, 2023.**

Tree of Life will provide a limited amount of need-based scholarship assistance towards the cost of Israel/Palestine journey costs only, not the extension.

Applications for scholarships MUST accompany the main application in addition to a \$500 refundable deposit.

If you have questions, please contact:

Ghoufran Allababidi, president of Tree of Life Educational Fund – [Ghoufran@tolef.org](mailto:Ghoufran@tolef.org) or  
Rev. David W. Good, founder of Tree of Life Educational Fund – [Davidwgood@fccol.org](mailto:Davidwgood@fccol.org)

## *APPLICATION*

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Application for the January 2024 Journey may be made in one of these ways:

- **ONLINE (preferred):** Complete and submit online here: <https://bit.ly/tol-journey-2024>

OR

- **BY EMAIL:** Download this PDF then open in Adobe Acrobat to fill out. Save a copy of the filled out application with your name. Return as an email attachment to [ghoufran@tolef.org](mailto:ghoufran@tolef.org) and [elaine@tolef.org](mailto:elaine@tolef.org). Download here: <https://tolef.org/journeys/journey-application/>

OR

- **BY MAIL:** fill in the printed application. Mail to:

Tree of Life Educational Fund, P.O. Box 968, Old Lyme, CT 06371

## *PAYMENT*

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A refundable deposit of \$500 and payment for group airfare are due at the time of application. **Deposit payment must be received by October 1, 2023.**

**Full payment is due by December 1, 2023.**

Additionally, we urge each participant to consider making a tax-deductible gift to Tree of Life Educational Fund. Your gift will support grants for those otherwise unable to afford the journey, as well as efforts to promote justice and peace in Israel/Palestine. In the past, such contributions have been anywhere from \$5 to \$10,000. Your gift of any size makes a difference. If you have questions about the journey, please contact Ghoufran or David.

We would prefer that payment be made online through our website and SafeSave payment gateway. As SafeSave charges us 3% per transaction, please consider adding a commensurate amount to your payment to cover this expense.

**To pay online go to: <https://tolef.org/journeys/payment>.**

If you do not wish to pay online, please send a check payable to Tree of Life Educational Fund.

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Name (as it appears on passport) \_\_\_\_\_  
First Middle Last

Check the segment(s) of the journey you are applying for:      How will you be paying?  
Holy Land only      Holy Land and Bosnia      Online      By Mail

Are you applying for a scholarship towards journey travel?      Yes      No  
If so, a Scholarship Application MUST accompany this application

Do you have a passport valid through July 2024      Yes      No  
(Passport must be valid for 6 months beyond trip.)

Do you have at least 6 blank pages in your passport? (The travel requires this.)      Yes      No

Name (as you like to be called) \_\_\_\_\_

Date of birth (mm/dd/yyyy) \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address: Street Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing address (if different) : Street Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency contact (name, relationship, phone)  
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This journey will involve some walking. Please describe any accessibility needs:  
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Please list dietary restrictions: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Please list allergies, medications, and medical conditions in case of emergency:  
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Tree of Life honors a three-part covenant for its journeys:

1. Before the journey, to begin learning by reading texts and watching films the trip leaders recommend.
2. During the journey, to travel in a spirit of humility, being willing to listen more than we speak, to live simply, and to honor the hospitality extended to us. We journey to listen to Christian, Jewish, and Muslim voices of conscience, not to engage in demonstrations or tell people who live in Israel/Palestine what they should or should not do.
3. When we return home, to do what we can to amplify the voices of conscience we have had the privilege of hearing, sharing our reflections and experiences as we feel called.

Do you accept the three-part covenant printed above?    Yes                    No

Please let us know about skills and gifts you could contribute to the journey, such as taking photos, sharing updates via social media, leading music, etc.

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Please provide a brief biographical statement to share with fellow travelers (about 100 words).

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Please provide a high-resolution digital image of yourself to share with fellow travelers (jpg or pdf). Send as an email attachment to [elaine@tolef.org](mailto:elaine@tolef.org) and [ghoufran@tolef.org](mailto:ghoufran@tolef.org).