

THE EVANGELISCHE AKADEMIE DER PFALZ and  
SIGTUNASTIFTELSEN invite you to join

# Retreats in Space and Time

13 – 21 March 2010



## A Nine-Day Program\* on Desert Spirituality, Monasticism, Liturgy and Cultural Heritage in the Holy Land



PARTICIPANTS OF ALL faith traditions – and none – are welcome to join this experiential study program, exploring the spiritual and cultural traditions of the Judean and Negev Deserts, with focus on the history and current reality of the monastic life and liturgies of living Christian communities – of both East and West – in the Holy Land.

You are welcome also to walk together with us on the “Abraham Path”. This is a people-to-people initiative promoting an understanding of past cultural diversity as a positive model for contemporary societies, in the Middle East and elsewhere.

LECTURERS – *Daniel Rossing*, Director of the Jerusalem Centre for Jewish-Christian Relations.

*Henry Raphael Carse*, leader of experiential study programs in Desert Spirituality, Contemporary Pilgrimage and Interfaith Dialogue.

*Avner Goren*, archaeologist and Director of the Abraham Path in Israel.

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DAY 1

**Saturday March 13**

**ARRIVALS**

*Dinner and Overnight at the Armenian Guest House in Jerusalem*

DAY 2

**Sunday March 14**

**JERUSALEM**

Orientation tour of Jerusalem – “City of the Between” – including the principal holy places of Judaism, Christianity and Islam, with focus on the Holy Sepulchre/Basilica of the Resurrection and on observing a variety of Eastern and Oriental Orthodox liturgies. Group discussion.

*Dinner and Overnight at the Armenian Guest House in Jerusalem*

DAY 3

**Monday March 15**

**THRESHOLDS OF DESERT SPIRITUALITY**

Departure at dawn for the Judean Desert, hiking and silent time, visits to Wadi Kelt, the Monastery of St Gerasimus and the desert Hermitages, and the Monastery of Temptation in Jericho. Seminar en route: “Basics of Monastic Desert Spirituality”.

*Dinner and overnight at the Rumanian Orthodox Pilgrim Guest House in Jericho*

DAY 4

**Tuesday March 16**

**PARADISE IN THE WILDERNESS**

Early departure and hike in Nahal David and the Ein Gedi Nature Reserve. Seminar en route: “Themes from the Songs of Songs”. Evening discussion.

*Dinner and Overnight in Margoa Hotel in Arad*

DAY 5

**Wednesday March 17**

**EXODUS – FROM SLAVERY TO FREEDOM**

Pre-dawn departure and hike in HaMakhtesh HaGadol in the Negev. Seminar en route: “Themes in the Life of Moses – Rejection, Refuge, Radiance, Resistance, Restoration/Return”. Evening seminar: “Themes in the Land of Abraham”.

*Dinner and Overnight in Margoa Hotel in Arad*

DAYS 6 – 7

**Thursday March 18 – Friday March 19**

**WALKING TOGETHER THE ABRAHAM PATH** – a route which follows in the footsteps of the narrative of Abraham/Ibrahim, serving as a platform for sustainable tourism and a focus for highlighting the shared cultural heritage of the peoples of the Middle East.

Founded at Harvard University, the Abraham Path is endorsed and assisted by the United Nations Alliance of Civilizations, UN World Tourism Organization and the World Heritage Alliance. National trails are currently being developed in Turkey, Syria, Jordan, Palestine and Israel. For more information: [www.abrahampath.org](http://www.abrahampath.org)

Our program includes walking parts of the 60 km route from Beersheba to Arad, and visiting sites such as Tel Sheva, Tel Arad, the Bedouin village of Rahat, the Falahin village of Drijat, and Abraham's Well in the city of Beersheba.

DAY 8

**Saturday March 20**

**BETHLEHEM**

Departure for Bethlehem and visits to the Church of the Nativity and the Theodosius Monastery.

*Overnight at the Guest House of the Bridgettine Sisters in Bethlehem*

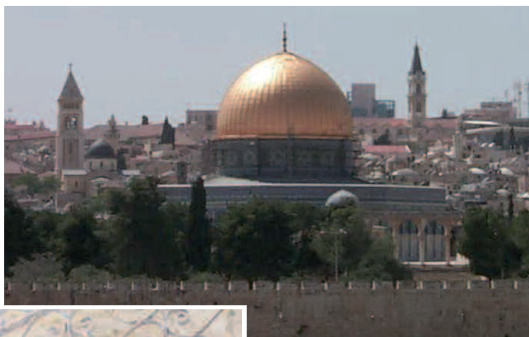
DAY 9

**Sunday March 21**

**DEPARTURES**

Departure from Bethlehem to Jerusalem and transfer to airport.

*\* The itinerary is a guideline, not a contract, and is subject to changes.  
One extra overnight in Jerusalem, March 21-22, can be arranged.*



For more information about costs etc. and application before 13 January 2010, please contact one of the course facilitators and co-organizers below:

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