Beloved Land: Israel and Palestine Through the Kaleidoscope

Beloved Land is a unique, 4-part, year-long course of study through the ALEPH Ordination Program (AOP) engaging with the incredible opportunities and challenges that come from a contemporary Jewish State.

Beloved Land explores the challenges of Jewish self-governance on the national scale that have sharpened the existential, ethical and spiritual dilemmas that occupy us all as budding klei kodesh, as Jewish spiritual leaders in a new paradigm.

What forms of Judaism and Hebrew culture are being born, revived, or snuffed out?

How do we live with/share space with the Other, both Jews from around the globe and Palestinians who are also indigenous to the region and also love the Land.

Our study is informed by a multi-tiered (4-Worlds) methodology, that integrates intellectual-historical, existential-affective, spiritual-meditative, and embodied forms of engagement.

Program Details

- Two sequential semester-length video conference courses of historical, literary, artistic and spiritual inquiry, required as prerequisites for the Israel and Palestine experience.
- 23 day ALEPH Ba-Aretz, Israel and Palestine residential program based in Jerusalem. We will explore the Land and its people. We will dive into immersive Torah learning in our Beit Midrash u-Ma’aseh. Through our travels and meetings, we will encounter a wide array of Jews and Palestinians, artists, settlers, peace-makers, just-folks, gender-pioneers, Torah-scholars and seekers.
- Follow-up pre-OHALAH seminar for processing and integration that will enable students to reflect on their experience, and develop facilitation and leadership skills to bring back to their communities.

Costs

- Each semester long course costs the regular AOP course fee of $1,030.
- ALEPH Ba-Aretz costs $6,800 which includes standard double occupancy housing for the program. Need based subsidies/scholarships may be available.
- Costs for the pre-OHALAH seminar are covered in the ALEPH Ba-Aretz fees, although participants are responsible for their own housing/hotel room.

For more information, please visit https://aleph.org/belovedland.