

Escorting Seminar for Kom-Mit-Nadev volunteers during their stay in Germany

February 19 - 23, 2014
in Berlin

Seminar Program

Wednesday, February 19, 2014

Arrival of participants until 01.00 pm

1.00 - 2.00 pm Lunch

2.00 - 4.00 pm ***Reunion in Berlin – „How is it going ...?!“***
Volunteers present their work and daily life in Germany,
Workshop with Kathrin Ziemens and Keren Pardo

4.00 - 4.30 pm Coffee and break

4.30 - 6.30 pm ***"How is it going ...?"*** continuing workshop

Meeting with Christine Mähler, ConAct,
Coordination of Kom-Mit-Nadev in Germany

7.00 pm Dinner

8.30 pm Shared activity in Berlin

Thursday, February 20, 2014

9.00 am – 1.00 pm ***"Border Experiences – Everyday life in Divided Germany"***
„Palace of Tears“ at Train station Friedrichstraße
Guided tour and discussion with Juliane Bethge and Bianca Ely

1.00 - 2.30 pm	Lunch and break
2.30 - 4.30 pm	<i>Anti-Semitism and Israel-related stereotypes in the multicultural society in Germany – Educational approaches</i> Introduction to the work of the Kreuzberger Initiative gegen Antisemitismus (KIgA) and workshop <u>Malte Holler</u>
4.30 - 5.00 pm	Break
5.00 - 6.30 pm	<i>„Experiences in Germany“</i> Talk and discussion <u>Keren Pardo</u> and <u>Kathrin Ziemens</u>
7.00 pm	Dinner

Friday, February 21, 2014

10.00 am	Visit to the German Bundestag: Meeting with Gitta Connemann (MdB) Member of the German Federal Parliament
11.45 am	Visit on the glass roof of the Bundestag
1.00 pm	Lunch option
3.00 pm	Return to the Youth-Hotel

Beginning of the bilateral Networking Seminar for Israeli and German long-term volunteers

Volunteering in Israel – Volunteering for Germany?

Background

Since more than 50 years young people from Germany volunteer in Israel in a great variety of projects: They work in agriculture, in Museums or commemoration sites and mostly they work in social projects, supporting elderly people – among them often Holocaust Survivors - ,supporting handicapped people, youngsters, children or other groups of the Israeli population who need help and receive support by Israeli civic projects. The motivation for these services often relates to the past, the persecution of Jews in Germany and Europe, and

Kom-Mit-Nadev ist ein bilateral entwickeltes und von deutschen und israelischen Organisationen getragenes Freiwilligenprogramm. Es arbeitet in Trägerschaft von ConAct – Koordinierungszentrum Deutsch-Israelischer Jugendaustausch und der Israel Youth Exchange Authority. Derzeit wird es gefördert durch das Bundesministerium für Familie, Senioren, Frauen und Jugend, das Bundesamt für Familie und zivilgesellschaftliche Aufgaben und die Israel Youth Exchange Authority.

includes the wish to contribute to a prospering Israeli civil society in the present, located in the politically complicated area of the Middle East.

Since four years a group of Israeli volunteers comes to Germany with the program of Kom-Mit-Nadev. The idea is to offer young Israelis the chance to live and experience everyday life in Germany, to become part of discourses and routines of civil society in Germany and thus to support processes of getting to know and learning from one another in a deeper sense. The Israeli volunteers work in projects of social welfare, with youngsters and children, in community centers, universities, museums and commemoration sites. Most of the projects are by intent not connected to Jewish life in Germany, but to German civil society in its great variety.

The idea of this seminar is to bring together Israeli volunteers, who presently do their service in Germany, with German volunteers who have shortly come back from their volunteer service in Israel – in order to start a networking process:

Questions to discuss

- **What are significant experiences you have been making while volunteering in Israel or Germany?**
- **What was fruitful, enriching, interesting? What was difficult, disturbing, challenging?**
- **Where do you see similarities and what are major differences in experiences?**
- **How can we contribute in Germany and Israel in order to make volunteer services and these long-term visits even more fruitful and valuable?**
- **How do the volunteer services in both countries serve the bilateral German-Israeli relations and are there ideas for improving and deepening these relations?**

4.00 pm	Welcome & coffee
4.30 – 5.30 pm	Getting to know one another
5.30 - 7.30 pm	Exchange of Experiences – Volunteer Services in Israel and Germany Workshop with <u>Jana Jelitzky, Berlin</u>
7.30 - 8.30 pm	Dinner
8.30 pm	Shared activity in Berlin (Minigolf, Bowling Festival etc.)

Saturday, February 22, 2014

- 9.00 – 12.00 am **7 x young –**
Your training ground for solidarity and respect in Berlin:
7 art installations on young people's experiences
under the Nazis
 Visit of the exhibition and workshop with
Guy Band and Juliane Schmitz
- 12.30 - 2.00 pm Lunch
- 2.00 - 4.00 pm ***Future perspectives ?***
Ideas and visions for networking
in German-Israeli volunteer services and youth contacts
 Workshop
- 4.00 - 4.30 pm Coffee & Break
- 4.30 - 6.00 pm Continuing the workshop
- 6.00 - 6.30 pm Coffee & Break
- 6.30 - 7.30 pm Preparing a shared evening – culture & games
- 8.00 pm Dinner
- 8.30 pm **Culture & games** - Created by the seminar participants

Sunday, February 23, 2014

- 9.00 – 11.00 am ***If I could make a change, I would...***
German-Israeli relations – discourses and open questions

 Discussion with Guests:
Nirit Bialer, Founder of the Cultural Project 'HaBait' in Berlin
Lukas Welz, Head of AMCHA Germany (requested)

 Moderation: Bernhard Krane, Action Reconciliation Service for Peace
- 11.00 – 11.30 am Coffee & Break

11.30 – 12.30 am Closing Circle & Seminar Evaluation
End of the seminar - Lunch

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