

# AFRICAN HERITAGE DELEGATION TO PALESTINE/ISRAEL

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## TRAVEL TO ISRAEL/PALESTINE AND WORK FOR CHANGE AT HOME!

Join Interfaith Peace-Builders for a unique opportunity to learn about the current situation in Palestine/Israel and the effects of the Israeli occupation. Your on-the-ground experience will enrich your understanding of the conflict as you meet courageous Israelis and Palestinians working for peace and justice, and witness the current realities of life in Israel and the occupied Palestinian territories. Participants on Interfaith Peace-Builders delegations return to North America energized and transformed.

Learn directly from Israelis and Palestinians, be an eyewitness to the reality of the occupation, support those working for peace, and enrich your education and advocacy efforts in your home community.

### WHY AN AFRICAN HERITAGE DELEGATION?

This is the 3<sup>rd</sup> African Heritage Delegation organized by IFPB. Like the previous two trips, it will raise awareness, heighten activism, and further link struggles between African Heritage communities in the US and those working for justice in Israel/Palestine. Given the racism directed towards Palestinians and other communities of color in the Middle East, the growth of the boycott, divestment and sanctions movement, and the mounting relevance of an Apartheid analogy to Israeli policies, voices of African Heritage communities are increasingly important to strengthen and support struggles for justice in the Middle East. This delegation will:

- **Exchange** lessons learned from Black Power, Civil Rights, anti-apartheid and anti-racist, pro-justice, struggles in the US with doing such work in Palestine/Israel;
- **Strengthen** a cadre of African Heritage leaders who have on-the-ground experience in Israel/Palestine; and
- **Further link** activism in African Heritage communities with peace and justice work in other communities.

This program is built upon existing efforts within African Heritage communities and will strengthen work focusing on Apartheid in Israel, justice in Palestine, and the growth of boycott, divestment and sanctions campaigns nationally. **Nothing can do more to amplify such voices than an on-the-ground experience which will allow you the chance to develop strong and lasting relationships with Palestinian and Israeli activists.**

### WHO CAN APPLY?

Any member of an African Heritage community is encouraged to apply for this delegation. Applications will be accepted on a rolling basis and on a sliding pay-scale. Preference will be granted to community leaders, activists, artists and others who display a strong commitment to activism in their communities. Download an application at [www.ifpb.org/africanheritage](http://www.ifpb.org/africanheritage).

Interfaith Peace-Builders has two additional delegations in 2014 which have open applications. Please see [www.ifpb.org](http://www.ifpb.org) for more information and to apply.



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## FEATURES OF THE DELEGATION

Interfaith Peace-Builders has led 47 delegations and taken over 900 people to Palestine/Israel. Each of our delegations includes quality programming, but many have a specific focus. As a participant on the African Heritage Delegation you will:

- Attend a one day pre-departure orientation in Washington DC
- Travel in the West Bank and Israel with experienced delegation leaders and professional local guides
- See how the continuing Israeli occupation and current cycle of violence affect Palestinian and Israeli communities
- Learn from Palestinians about their nonviolent resistance
- Meet Israeli peace activists working for an end to the occupation
- Share experiences with representatives of African-Palestinian communities and Israeli communities of color
- Examine the US role in the conflict
- Stay in Palestinian and/or Israeli homes for 1 - 3 nights
- Visit selected religious and cultural sites
- Receive expert support for your work in your local community



## EXPERT LEADERS AND LOCAL GUIDES

IFPB combines experienced leaders from the US with professional multilingual guides from Israel/Palestine who bring a range of knowledge, perspectives, and expertise. We will announce delegation leaders soon.

**COST:** The cost of this delegation is \$2200 + round-trip international airfare. IFPB, with our partners and allies, is raising funds in the hope that we can offer some participants financial help to make the delegation possible.

Apply now or call IFPB for more info. *Space is limited, apply today at [www.ifpb.org/africanheritage/](http://www.ifpb.org/africanheritage/)*



## ADDITIONAL OPPORTUNITIES TO VISIT PALESTINE/ISRAEL WITH INTERFAITH PEACE-BUILDERS:

- **May 31- June 13, 2014**

*Today's Realities and Tomorrow's Leaders Delegation*

- **October 25 - November 7, 2014**

*Olive Harvest Delegation*

*(concurrent with African Heritage Delegation)*

- **May, August, and October 2015**

*check website for exact dates and themes*

Get the latest on upcoming delegations at [www.ifpb.org/delegations/upcoming.html](http://www.ifpb.org/delegations/upcoming.html)

**DONATE:** If you cannot join this delegation, please donate what you can. All funds will support the participation of those who would not otherwise be able to attend.

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