



The 2010 Yad Vashem Institute /CCJ Seminar 4th – 15th October 2010

This unique programme is offered solely by CCJ.

CCJ is the UK's leading agency for the Church's relationship with the Jewish people. Since 1942 we have pioneered Christian and Jewish dialogue, making great headway in theological, community and cultural understanding. To understand the Jewish people it is said one has to understand the Holocaust. Over the last 20 years or so Christians have engaged in theological reflection about the Holocaust which has been an insightful and rich experience in our understanding of ourselves and our interface with the Jewish people at all levels.

The Seminar comprises an intensive 10 days of lectures, seminars and workshops specifically for clergy and lay leaders. The programme is designed jointly by the Head of the British Desk at Yad Vashem, and Dr Jane Clements, CCJ consultant. It features lectures from international scholars and opportunities to engage with **rabbis** exploring religious and theological perspectives. The topics covered include **Jewish life before the Holocaust, communities, the history of Jewish/Christian relations, art, the Final Solution, survivor stories and theological issues.**

See the **sample programme**

What past participants have said:

Coming to Yad Vashem has been an experience of a lifetime, one I will never forget. I am encouraged by the positive attitude encountered here. I will teach this subject to my congregation/community with the respect and integrity it deserves.

This course should be required for all persons in training for Christian ministry.

Prior to this seminar I had supposed that Christians 'dealing' with the Holocaust consisted of addressing the embedded emotional aftermath in terms of grief, shame and assumed guilt. A programme of brilliant lectures combined with sustained hands-on wonderful hospitality has shown me the need also for close historical and theological research in a spirit of gratitude, comradeship and warm friendship.

One of the most intense and rewarding times of my life.

Yad Vashem has offered a unique and special opportunity to 'sit at the feet' of scholars of great learning and the privilege of glimpsing a tiny part of the tragic testimonies of those who endured the Holocaust. I leave Yad Vashem feeling humbled and with gratitude to those who have made these 10 days possible.

..... a profound privilege.

'Abraham went as God told him', a pilgrim travelling in unfamiliar territory seeking only God's way, even when that way is one that perplexes. At the end of these ten days I reflect that Abraham, our father in faith, accompanies us on the journey we have been making and will continue, each on our own path, when we leave Eretz Yisrael. May Abraham teach us never to settle for the easy answer nor to be deflected from the path. May we learn from him how to wrestle with the questions and may his courage be ours as we encourage others to walk with us on this journey.

The seminar **also** includes:

- Day tour of the **Galilee** (including **Nazareth** and **Capernaum**) and the **Jordan valley**,
- Walking tour of the **Old City** of Jerusalem including the **Western Wall** and the **Church of the Holy Sepulchre**
- Visit to **Bethlehem** with an opportunity to meet and worship with Palestinian Christians.
- Visit a **synagogue** in Jerusalem as they celebrate the beginning of the Sabbath.
- Each day begins with a short time of prayer led by members of the group.
- Sunday worship with Arabic speaking Evangelical Lutheran Christmas Church in Bethlehem and coffee with the congregation afterwards.
- Early morning Eucharist at the Anglican Cathedral of St George and Roman Catholic mass at the Church of the Holy Sepulchre.

Places are extremely limited and are taken up very quickly.

The cost is just **£832** which includes flights, in-country transport, all taxes, full board, excursions, entry fees, tours. Please complete the on-line application form and send to:

cjrelations@ccj.org.uk marked **Yad Vashem Seminar**

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