

## \* YISHAY SHAVIT Tour Educator



Yishay was born on a kibbutz in the Northern part of Israel. It was an “old school kibbutz, with communal childcare and unconditional love for this country and its people.” In 2000 he has moved to Jerusalem, fell in love with the city and hasn’t looked back.

Yishay, a history and hiking lover, was first introduced to the world of guiding at the age of 15, in the youth movement. After high school, he served in a Tank Unit of the Israeli Army for three years. He then started guiding in various museums, in the Knesset (Israel’s parliament) and the supreme court. In 2007 he received a formal guiding education. “Travelling was part of my day-to-day routine since the day I was born,” he says and explains why it was the most natural career choice.

As a licensed guide, Yishay has vast experience working with Federations, Interfaith groups, families, adults, Birthright groups, etc. The areas of his expertise are history, politics, and theology connected to Jerusalem. “Jerusalem is the place I feel most connected with – both personally and professionally,” he says.

Yishay holds a bachelor’s degree in History and a master’s degree in Jewish History from Hebrew University, focusing on Indian Jewry and contemporary Jewry. There isn’t a single trip into which his academic knowledge is not woven.

Yishay strongly believes in what our sages taught in the Mishna: *“Make your Torah study a fixed habit. Speak little and do much. And receive every person with a smile.”*

Yishay speaks fluent Hebrew and English and a little bit of Hindi. When not guiding, he enjoys spending time with his wife Noa and their two sons – Yotam and Assaf. He also loves reading about history and occasionally enjoys a glass of good wine.