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## AMERICAN PROFESSORS PREPARE TO LEAVE ON 2017 INAGURAL WINTER FACULTY FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM IN ISRAEL

**23 to Take Part in Academic Exchange Exploring  
Israel's History, Politics, Culture, and Economy**

**New York, NY: November 7, 2017** – Twenty-three professors from universities and colleges across the U.S. will soon experience a once-in-a-lifetime and insightful journey as they prepare to depart on [Jewish National Fund \(JNF\)](#) and Media Watch International's sponsored [2017 Inaugural Winter Faculty Fellowship Program in Israel](#).

Participants will spend 11 rigorous days from December 27, 2017 to January 9, 2018, traveling throughout Israel, meeting Israeli professors from their respective disciplines and with the same, or similar, research interests, all with the goal of developing collaborations, research projects, co-authoring articles, and establishing exchange programs between faculty and students. The trip is a fully-paid intensive program to Israel for full-time U.S.-based academics from a recognized university/learning institution.

“It was an excellent opportunity to accelerate the internationalization of my program and research while learning about the diversity, plurality of political views and vibrancy of modern Israel,” said 2016 Faculty Fellowship Program in Israel participant Professor Ryan Hamilton of Siena Heights University’s Engineering Department.

During the trip, the participants will meet Israelis from all walks of life and will hear from a variety of speakers. They will also be exposed to contemporary Israeli society, culture, historical sites, the people and the way of life in Israel.

Participating U.S.-based schools for the 2017 trip include: Johns Hopkins University, Emory University, Arizona State University, University of Florida, Liberty University, Ohio State University, University of Pennsylvania, Baylor University, University of Rhode Island, Providence College, St. Ambrose University, West Virginia State University, South Dakota State University, University of Texas-El Paso, and California State University-San Marcos.

The Winter Faculty Fellowship Program in Israel is a competitive academic fellowship that invites full-time university and college faculty members to apply to participate in a two-week Winter Fellowship in Israel. The program links scholars from diverse disciplines with their Israeli counterparts at major institutions for the purpose of initiating exchanges and collaborations.

The academics will also meet with professionals and experts involved in government, industry, education, media, and other sectors to understand the many facets of Israel's evolving national and international policies. Those who take part will gain a deeper awareness of Israel as a 'start-up nation,' its success in water innovation, and how the country addresses regional and global challenges.

To learn more about the universities and professors taking part in the 2017 Inaugural Winter Faculty Fellowship Program in Israel and from prior years', or to register for the 2018 program, visit <http://www.ff2israel.org/> by contacting Rene Reinhard at 212.879.9305 ext. 235 or Eileen Wedeen at 212-439-7855.