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Finding Peace in the Promised Land

Lessons for life and love learned on the Israel Trail

Aryeh Green, author of [*My Israel Trail: Finding Peace in the Promised Land*](#), hiked the entire length and breadth of Israel on **Shvil Yisrael** – the **Israel National Trail** – following his divorce. The lessons he learned on the physical trek, enabling the personal growth to move ahead with his life, and his intimate encounter with the Land and people of Israel along the way, are the uplifting basis of his **inspiring talks about his ‘journey’**.

“What a **fascinating journey** Aryeh presents us with and takes us on. It is a **beautiful exploration of self and identity**; the movement of his body through Israel echoes the movement of his spirit from loneliness and fear to strength and fulfillment. What a metaphor for so many of our journeys in this life!” [Mayim Bialik](#), actress (*Big Bang Theory*, *Blossom*); author; activist (*Grok Nation*); neuroscientist.

Aryeh’s success in facing and meeting personal challenges – from an excruciatingly steep ascent to the excruciating loneliness of the trek and of life after divorce – is powerful and **captivating**. A frequent and popular speaker on campuses and in communities, Aryeh has spoken for AJC, JNF, RJC, Hillel, Hadassah, AIPAC, SWU, ZOA, synagogues of all streams, church groups, Jewish federations, JCRCs, JCCs and Israel’s embassy and consulates.

Aryeh’s Shvil-related talks focus on the trek itself and the **unique perspective** it offers on Israel’s history, people and geography; and on the **healing process** of recovery from personal challenges. They can also [apply the five elements to new approaches to the Arab-Israel conflict](#)... or combine all three. The talks, accompanied by photos and videos from the trek and full of humorous anecdotes, can change the way people look at Israel – and at their own beliefs and illusions – and offer tools to meet others’ own personal challenges to boot.



“In his new book about walking the land of Israel, Aryeh Green unabashedly demonstrates his love of the land of Israel, the state of Israel, and the people of Israel. His **passion, persistence and curiosity shine through** in this user-friendly, engaging new book.” [Natan Sharansky](#), Chairman of the Jewish Agency; former Israeli deputy prime minister and Soviet dissident.

“Walking alone through a beautiful country is conducive to thinking creatively. Aryeh Green’s wonderful description of his 42-day hike throughout Israel will make you think hard about the state of the nation-state of the Jewish people at this critical time in its history. It’s a **worthwhile journey on which to embark**.” [Alan Dershowitz](#), Harvard Law.

“Deeply moving and **profoundly thoughtful**, My Israel Trail is a **must for lovers of Israel, nature, and the human spirit**. Aryeh Green has done an immense service to us all.” [Michael Oren](#), Israeli Deputy Minister & Member of Knesset; former Israeli ambassador to the US; historian and scholar of the Middle East.

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Aryeh Green Speaker Profile

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In Brief: Dynamic, knowledgeable, passionate, inspiring speaker for community and campus. Author of the book [My Israel Trail](#), about hiking the 600-mile Israel National Trail and the search for peace in the Middle East; Chief Strategy Officer at [EnergiyaGlobal](#), an Israeli developer of renewable energy projects for Africa; director emeritus of [MediaCentral](#), a Jerusalem-based project of HonestReporting providing support services to foreign journalists based in or visiting Israel. High-tech business consultant and executive; public diplomacy ('hasbara') spokesman; regional democracy activist; reserve briefing officer in IDF Spokesperson's Unit. See talk on "[Re-awakening Zionism](#)" (video) in LA, co-sponsored by the Israeli Consulate, Simon Wiesenthal Center, StandWithUs, Beverly Hills Synagogue and ZOA; see article "[Myths and Madness in the Middle East](#)". More info, videos and articles can be found [here](#) and on his blog [Aryeh's Israel Outlook](#).

Background: Born in Washington, DC; grew up in San Francisco; made Aliya in 1984. Policy advisor to Natan Sharansky since late 1990's; served on executive staff of Sharansky's Yisrael B'Aliya party; was senior member of minister Sharansky's staff in Israel's prime minister's office, responsible for contacts with Palestinian and other Arab democracy activists as well as for relations with 'next generation' Jewish leaders and coordination of hasbara activities, including on campus.

Over 25 years in business, mostly high-tech, with various executive management positions and consulting work for public and private Israeli companies, including ECI Telecom, Aladdin, Bank HaPoalim, Pfizer, AudioCodes, Moto Guzzi and others. Former managing director of the G3 Associates business consulting firm in Jerusalem. Seven years public sector work in education, including as founder/director of Students For Israel, a Jerusalem seminar center training visiting students in advocacy skills for their return to campuses abroad.

BA in psychology from UC Berkeley, MA in international relations from Hebrew University, MSc in business management from Boston University and Ben Gurion University. Publications include articles in Haaretz, The Jerusalem Post, NY Times, Wall St. Journal, JCPA's "Academics Against Israel and the Jews", Jewish Policy Center, Israel21C, Washington Jewish Week, Aspen Times, SF "J", Israel Insider, and various online forums. Married to Miriam since 2015, with 9 children between them, when not promoting Israel and renewable energy, Aryeh grows grapes and makes wine in his spare time.

Topics: [Detailed description of topics on following page]

- **Finding Peace in the Promised Land:** *A Story of Love, Loss and Healing on the Israel National Trail*
- **5 Steps to Arab-Israel Peace:** *A Radical Approach to Resolving Conflict in the Middle East*
- **Re-Asserting the Legitimacy of Israel:** *Indigenous people returning to our ancestral homeland*
- **Three Myths of the Middle East:** *Fundamentals in pro-Israel advocacy and argument*
- **Current events** in Israel and the Middle East: *An insider's update on regional developments*
- A new approach to **Israel's media relations:** *embracing journalists rather than attacking them*
- **Human Rights & Freedom in the Middle East:** *Natan Sharansky's approach to peace*
- **Human Rights in Jewish Sources:** *Roots of western human rights theory*
- The **New Anti-Semitism:** *A "3D" approach to anti-Israel attitudes*
- **Religious Zionism** in Israel vs. **Modern Orthodoxy** in the West: *A unified theory of Judaism*
- **GeoPolitics** of the Middle East: *Understanding the context of the Arab-Israeli conflict.*
- **"Middle Israel"** – Is there a centrist consensus in Israel? (or, *The Saga of a Fanatic Moderate*)
- **A Jewish State?** *Jewish identity in modern Israel (response to Yoram Hazony's analysis)*
- The **View From Here** - *An American Immigrant's Perspective*
- **Crossing the Chasm** in Israel - *What divides us, what unites us as Israelis*
- **An Israeli Nokia?** *Israel as a global high-tech center: what's missing, what's needed.*
- **Welcome to Israel:** *3500 years of Jewish history in 35 minutes! (For visiting groups)*



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Aryeh Green: Lecture/discussion topics (detail):

Finding Peace in the Promised Land: *A Story of Love, Loss and Healing on the Israel National Trail*

A fascinating, uplifting story, with photos/videos, of the 1000km trek along Shvil Yisrael, with personal growth discoveries and a great deal of humor.

5 Steps to Arab-Israel Peace: *A Radical Approach to Resolving Conflict in the Middle East*

Applying the lessons learned hiking the Israel National Trail to create a new dynamic for peace in the region.

Re-Asserting the legitimacy of Israel and Zionism: *Indigenous people returning to our ancestral homeland*

An illuminating and provocative discussion of Jewish identity; Judaism as more than 'just a religion'; Zionism as the national liberation movement of the Jewish people and Jews as a civilization.

Three Myths of the Middle East: *Fundamentals in pro-Israel advocacy and argument*

A presentation of three fundamental misperceptions regarding Israel, the Arab and Muslim world, and the nature of the Arab-Israeli conflict, applicable in all realms of advocacy from campus activism to lobbying.

Israel's Challenges in the Media: A Different Approach: *Embracing journalists rather than attacking them*

An in-depth look at Israeli 'hasbara' (public diplomacy) efforts and how to promote accuracy and fairness in reporting about Israel and the conflict from the region by providing services rather than just information.

Human Rights & Freedom in the Middle East: *Natan Sharansky & a "process" for real peace for the region*

A presentation of Sharansky's call to "take back" the banner of human rights by returning to a traditional definition of the concept and applying it to the Middle East, including promoting democracy and liberty in Palestinian and Arab society.

Human Rights in Jewish Sources: *An exploration of the roots of western human rights theory*

From Aristotle through St. Augustine and Grotius to Jefferson, an exploration of the most basic principles of "human rights" from a Jewish perspective. Based on sources beginning with Breishit (man's creation "in the image of God"), continuing through the Mishna, Gemara, Rambam and others, and including modern Jewish philosophers and jurists.

The New Anti-Semitism: *A "3D" approach to anti-Israel attitudes*

An exploration of traditional themes of anti-Semitism and how they have been now used to justify anti-Zionism and anti-Israel propaganda. Delegitimization, Demonization and Discrimination of Jews has now morphed into vilification of the Jewish State. Comparison of legitimate criticism of Israeli policies versus denial of the State of Israel the right to exist.

Religious Zionism in Israel vs. Modern Orthodoxy in the Western world: *A unified theory of Judaism*

An exploration of the three main streams of Jewish life – Modernity, Torah, and Zionism – how they interact and conflict, who the personalities are and were in their development, and how they can come together to create a "whole" Jew.

GeoPolitics of the Middle East: *Understanding the context of the Arab-Israeli conflict.*

A look at the geography of the region from a historical perspective, including the creation of historical boundaries and the physical realities which relate to efforts at resolving the conflict.

A Jewish State? *An answer and a prescription for Yoram Hazony*

Analysis of the conclusions of Hazony's 2002 book "The Jewish State", prescriptions for improvement, and discussion of the balance between Israel's democracy and Jewish identity, including recent examples relating to the withdrawal from Gaza, state land ownership and the IDF.

"Middle Israel" – Is there a centrist consensus in Israel? (or, *The Saga of a Fanatic Moderate*)

A presentation of the real consensus in Israel on various topics, as not normally presented by the media or by interested partisans. Subjects include the security barrier, a Palestinian state, the Jewish identity of the State of Israel, economic liberalism, and many others.

The View from Here - *An American Immigrant's Perspective*

Personal anecdotes and review of the immigrant experience, from thirty+ years as an "oleh". Perceptions of the pleasures and pains of Aliya; a celebration of western Aliya with a lot of humor.

An Israeli Nokia? *Israel as a global high-tech center: what's missing, what's needed*

An evaluation and discussion of Israeli business management practices, from major multinationals through high-tech start-ups – including issues of culture, ethics and organizational behavior practices.

Welcome to Israel: *3500 years of Jewish history in 35 minutes! (For visiting groups)*

An inspiring overview of Jewish history and the modern miracle of Jewish sovereignty in the Land of Israel, reflecting two central themes of *connection* to the Land and *wandering* from it.

