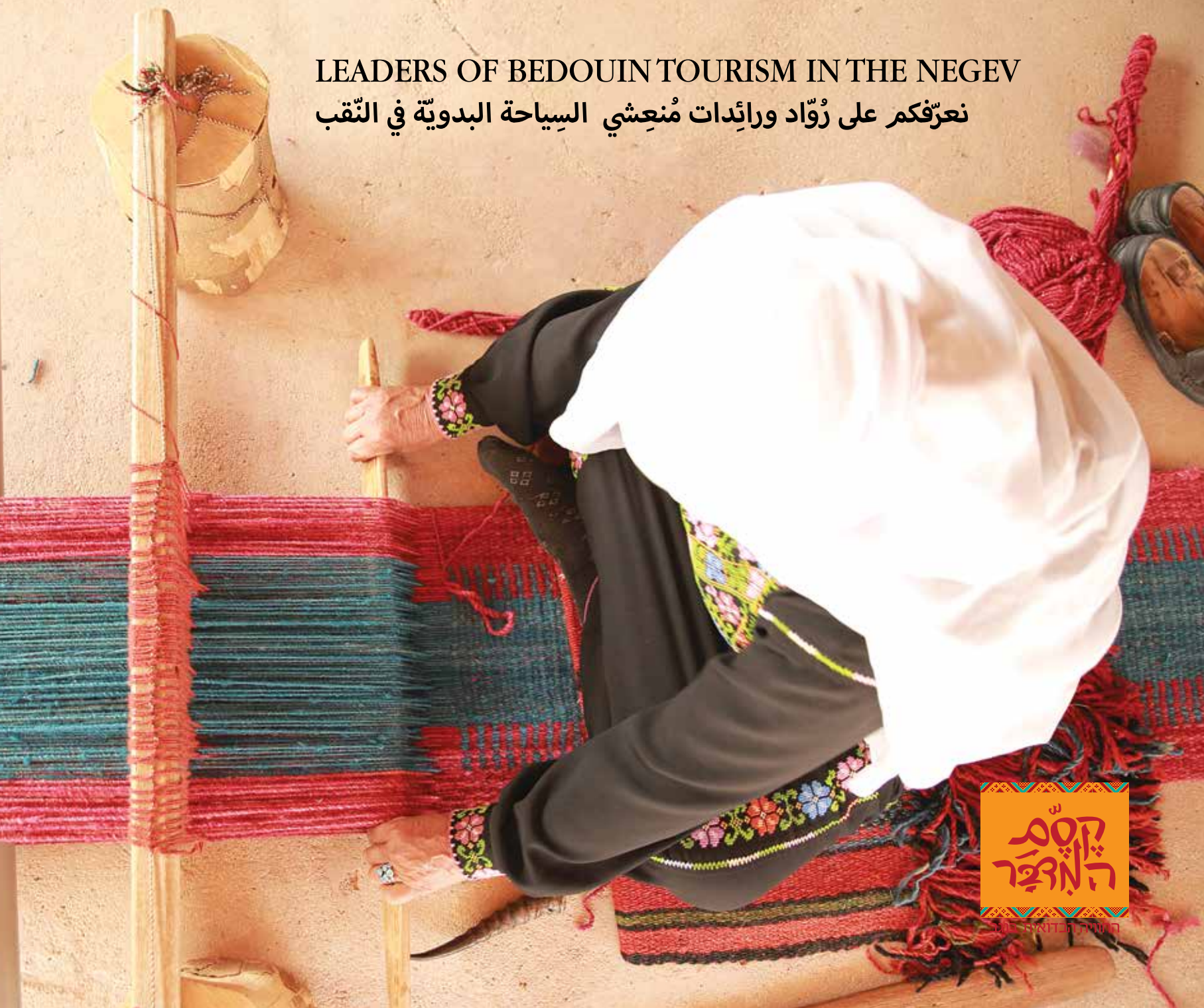


LEADERS OF BEDOUIN TOURISM IN THE NEGEV

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Dear Partners, Ahalan wa-sahalan!

Just an hour and a half's drive from Israel's central region is the Negev — a world of abundant fragrance, color, and flavor that will inspire you and replenish your energies. In addition to its history, sites, and landscapes, the Negev has an ancient and fascinating tribal community with a rich and fascinating culture: the Bedouin.

Bedouin tourism, which has developed in recent years, introduces the public to new cultural and culinary experiences, as well as opportunities to learn about Bedouin society and culture.

We of the Negev Development Authority, the Agriculture and Rural Development Ministry, the Social Equality Ministry, and the Ministry for the Development of the Negev and the Galilee invite you to discover the magic of the Bedouin desert, engage in traditional handicrafts with inspiring women entrepreneurs, work with medicinal herbs using unique traditional methods, cook meals over an open fire, drink bitter black coffee and sweet tea in a Bedouin hospitality tent, and listen as the sheik tells his stories.

In this booklet, we have chosen to put the spotlight on leaders of Bedouin tourism — women and men who created hospitality centers, attractions, and social, tourist and economic initiatives. Mariam of Desert Daughter founded the world's first natural Bedouin cosmetics company. At Amal's Huriah Palace, you can dine like a spice merchant from days gone by. Salem will introduce you to Rahat, Israel's largest Bedouin city. Asad will show you how to prepare medicinal tea from desert plants. Jaber will host you in a cave and share its secrets with you. Amal of Sidreh will introduce you to the Negev's first weaving workshop. Zenab will show you her breathtaking artwork. Amal of Segev Shalom will tell you about her grandmothers' heritage, and Naama al-Sana will be glad to weave you whatever your heart desires.

All of the people mentioned above have one thing in common: They are groundbreaking leaders, on an individual and societal level, who enable us to learn the secrets of the desert and of the Bedouin society that lives there — its values, customs, and cuisine from ancient times to our own day.

We invite you to an unforgettable cultural and culinary experience suitable for families, groups, and individuals, flavored with wonderful hospitality in the best Bedouin tradition.

We wish to express our deepest gratitude to the leaders of Bedouin tourism.

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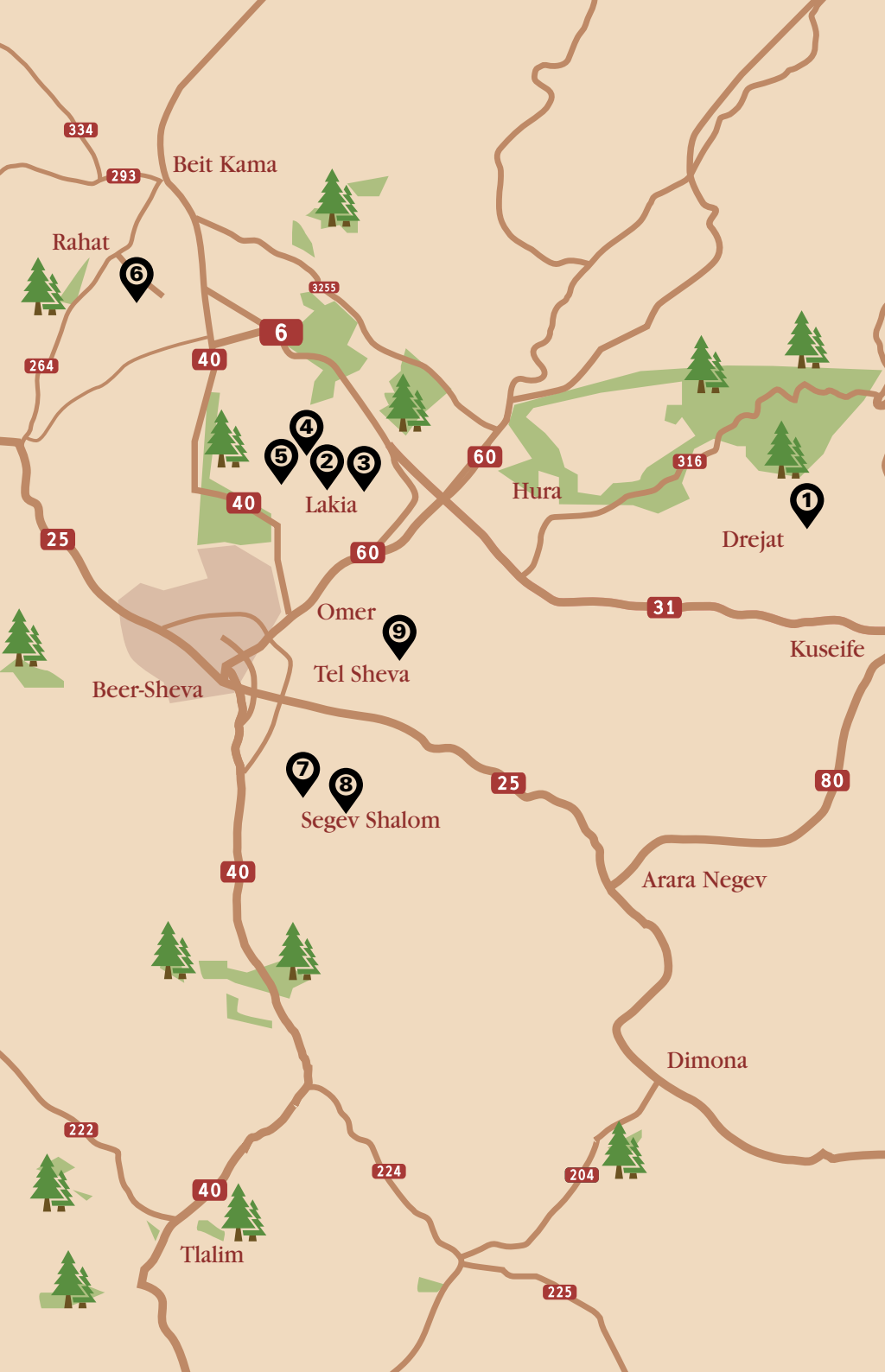
The Bedouin Tourism team

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For more information and to schedule group tours, please join our Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/kesemhamidbar/> or send us an e-mail at bedo.tourism@gmail.com, and we will be happy to help you!

A woman wearing a dark blue hijab with large, colorful circular patterns in green, pink, and white is applying henna to the arm of a young girl. The girl has brown hair with a small purple and yellow clip and is wearing a light grey t-shirt. She already has some henna designs on her arm, including a line of dots and a larger pattern. The woman is holding a small yellow container of henna. The background is a warm, orange-toned wall.

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at the “Desert
Magic Festival”
in Lakia



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Jaber Abu Hamad The Drejat Mountain Cave *Drejat*

Jaber Abu Hamad

Jaber Abu Hamad lives in the village of Drejat on the fringe of the desert, at the foot of Mount Amasa facing Arad and the Dead Sea. One of the first in the Bedouin community to complete the tour-guide certification course, Jaber specializes in desert guiding and in the history of tribal and Arab settlement in the Negev. His intriguing story begins with the journey of his grandfather, who brought the cave-dwelling culture, which had been common in the southern Hebron hills since ancient times, when he came to Drejat. Jaber lived in a cave with his wife and children and their sheep and camels, leading the life of a farmer. He tells of his father and sisters who lived in the cave, together with the story of Drejat, which has become a jewel of culture, education, and economic development in Arab society in the Negev. It boasts an unemployment rate of zero percent, and its people have preserved their ancient tradition and culture to this day. Ask Jaber anything; he will be happy to answer.



The Drejat Mountain Cave



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The Drejat Mountain Cave - Drejat

The Drejat Mountain Cave Guided tours of the ancient stone caves, an overlook of the area (the Tomb of Sheikh Mas'oud) and moonlight walking tours. A fascinating visit to Drejat, with its tales from ancient times and the story of the cave where Jaber, the host, grew up. Watch bread being baked in the traditional tabun oven and taste it when it is done. Drink excellent bitter coffee and sweet tea from the mountains. At the end of the tour, which lasts approximately an hour and a half, you can enjoy traditional rural hospitality with a host family (by appointment). Kosher meals provided by a catering company with kashrut certification may be requested in advance. You can enjoy live, authentic oud music during or after the meal, which is served Bedouin-style, with the guests reclining. You can also see the traditional jewelry, dresses, and carpets, and the spices that are offered for sale.

Group tours are arranged by appointment.

Organized groups and hikers in the area may arrange overnight lodging in tents or in guest rooms in the village.



Naama al-Sana Desert Embroidery *Lakia*

Naama al-Sana

Naama al-Sana was born to an extraordinary family in Lakia. Naama, who started out as a shepherd, received an Honorary Citizen of the Negev award in 2016 from Ben-Gurion University of the Negev. She has taken part in the process of social and community change since the 1980s, when a group of young Bedouin women formed in order to improve the lives of Lakia's residents. The Association for the Improvement of the Status of Women in Lakia, which she established in 1996 and directs to this day, was officially recognized as the first Bedouin non-profit association in the Negev.

The Association operates a successful embroidery program that provides Bedouin women with an income and helps to preserve the community's heritage. It also runs a mobile library that serves more than 1,500 children, as well as educational programs for women and teenagers, empowerment programs, and a visitors' center.



Desert Embroiders Visitors' Center



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Desert Embroidery

Desert Embroidery The visitors' center offers cultural activities for tourists from Israel and from abroad, with emphasis on encouraging understanding and coexistence. Through lectures, home-cooked meals, and the Desert Embroidery shop, with its breathtaking displays of embroidery collections, the center provides an income for Bedouin women and for the Association's work. The visitors' center has won the Mapa tourism website's Partner of the Year Award for several years as one of the most recommended places to visit in Israel.

The Desert Embroidery shop is open every day from 10 A.M. to 3 P.M. Additional activities such as meals, workshops, lectures, and catering, are available by appointment.



Amal Abu Karen The Huriah Palace *Lakia*

Amal Abu Karen

By profession, Amal Abu Karen is an oncological nurse at Soroka Medical Center. But this remarkable woman has also revived and developed the Huriya Palace, a center that offers traditional Bedouin hospitality and provides employment for Bedouin women. Built under Ottoman rule in the early eighteenth century, the Huriah Palace is located in the Bedouin community of Lakia in the northern Negev. Amal's family history is intertwined with that of the building. When one of her ancestors, a spice merchant in Gaza, visited Lakia and Be'er Sheva on business, his ventures there were so successful that he decided to remain permanently and set up shop. He paid a Christian architect to plan and build his home. Over time it became the first khan in the Negev. The khan, built in an ecologically-friendly style, served as a shelter for most of the village's residents during times of conflict and instability in the region. Although the village residents had called the building The Palace of the Haj, Amal renamed it in memory of her grandmother, Huriah, who worked for its preservation and development.



The Huriah Market, Lakia



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huriah-palace

The Huriah Palace offers hospitality in the finest Bedouin tradition. It serves authentic country-style meals; breakfast includes mangish (flatbread covered, before baking, with a mixture of olive oil and za'atar — wild thyme, sumac, and sesame seeds), salad, home-cured olives, tabun-baked pita, labaneh and homemade hummus, and coffee and tea. Lunch and dinner include a variety of fresh salads and entrées such as maqluba (a mixture of rice, chicken, and vegetables; vegetarian meals are also available); ouzi (a mixture of beef and rice with traditional spices topped with roast vegetables, nuts, and seeds); and kabsa (spicy red rice and chicken). Dessert includes tea, coffee, and traditional desserts such as maamoul cookies and basbusa cake. The site, which also serves as a visitors' center, offers lectures about the status of Bedouin women, the history of Huriah Palace, and Amal's own story. It also offers workshops in traditional Bedouin crafts such as jewelrymaking, cooking, and henna preparation and painting.

*The site may also be rented for events, and a Dabka troupe is available for hire.
Visits are by appointment.*



Khadra Alsanah and Amal Alnasasrah Sidreh-Lakia Weaving *Lakia*

Khadra Alsanah and Amal Alnasasrah

A leader of social and economic change among Bedouin women in the Negev and the Bedouin community as a whole. She and other women founded the Sidreh association in 1997 to improve quality of life for Bedouin women. They chose the name Sidreh, a tree that grows in the desert, to show the power of Bedouin women and their ability to grow even in adverse conditions. Sidreh established a carpet-weaving enterprise that provides financial empowerment for women. The factory employs 200 women. Sidreh also set up a program that teaches literacy skills to illiterate women. It works on behalf of women's rights, and serves as a hub for Bedouin women entrepreneurs. Khadra has received various prizes for her groundbreaking work. After having raised up a young generation of women leaders, Khadra works for Sidreh on a volunteer basis. Amal Alnasasrah from Rabat, is Sidreh's executive director. Amal's story is an unusual one due to her commitment and determination to work on behalf of Bedouin women, including women of color and women at the lowest strata of Bedouin society.



Sidreh, Lakia



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Sidreh Organization

Sidreh operates a visitors' center that includes a Bedouin hospitality tent as well as a presentation and demonstration of the weaving process and the kinds of wool that are used. The women of Sidreh give lectures in Hebrew, Arabic, and English about women's economic initiatives. Sidreh's products are on display at the center, where visitors can purchase rugs, pillows, purses, and other hand-woven products.

Visits are by appointment.



Asad al-Asad, Medicinal Herb Farm Negev Plant Nursery *Lakia*

Asad al-Asad

The grandson of a well-known and beloved Bedouin sheikh, Asad grew up in an unrecognized village near Lakia. Even as a child he was close to nature and the wonders of desert plants. He often accompanied the elderly men and women as they gathered desert plants and used them to treat problems such as stomachache, kidney ailments, broken bones, and burns.

Although Asad had various opportunities to study and begin a career in various fields, his love for desert plants spurred him to open a plant nursery and preserve the tradition of Bedouin herbal medicine.

Asad gathers and raises the desert herbs, and shares his knowledge with the public.



The Negev Plant Nursery, Lakia



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The Negev Plant Nursery is a small magical garden in Lakia. Among the medicinal herbs and the spices is a traditional tent where Asad hosts visitors. There he demonstrates the uses of the healing desert plants and teaches about Bedouin tradition.

Asad offers lectures, workshops for children and school pupils, social activities, and team-building activities for businesses, all by appointment. He provides traditional hospitality with tea, coffee, and meals by prior arrangement.

The plant nursery is open daily from 8 A.M. to 6 P.M. Visitors can enjoy hospitality in the tent, drink coffee and herbal tea, learn about medicinal herbs and spices, hear stories from Bedouin tradition, and, of course, purchase herbs to bring home.

A wide-angle photograph of a vast desert landscape. In the foreground and middle ground, there are numerous rows of green, leafy medicinal plants growing in a sandy, arid environment. The plants are arranged in a grid-like pattern, with black plastic mulch visible between them. In the background, the terrain is flat and extends to a distant horizon under a clear sky. A small, dark object, possibly a vehicle, is visible in the distance on the right side.

**Meet the secrets
of tradition
Bedouin herbal
medicine**

Wadi Atir



Salem Abu Siam

Salem's Tent

Rabat

Salem Abu Siam

A leading tour operator, Salem Abu Siam gives visitors a glimpse of traditional Bedouin agriculture combined with authentic Bedouin tourism in Rabat. Salem was born in a tent in the Ketef Betarim region, also known as Goral Hills region – Tawil Abu Jural in the Be'er Sheva corridor. The eldest son of his parents, he began doing farm work throughout Israel at the age of ten in order to help support the family. He finished his formal schooling in eighth grade in Tira and became the first person from the Bedouin community to attend the Mikve Israel agricultural school. Salem became a school principal and later worked for the Agriculture Ministry as a farming instructor for Bedouin tribes. In 1967 he taught local farmers from various tribes, farming methods for field crops, seed recycling, resting the soil by letting the field lie fallow for a year, fertilization techniques, and methods of weed and pest extermination. He taught modern agricultural methods to Bedouin farmers at the same time. A certified tour guide, Salem recently began offering traditional Bedouin hospitality in an authentic tent.



Salem's Tent, Rahat



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TourwithSalem

Salem's Tent Short day trips in the Negev, including Bedouin heritage tours and tours of Kuseife and Derijat. Among his topics are the new Bedouin woman, desert agriculture, and shepherding. He also offers a desert safari that includes camel riding, a visit with the women of the El-Abid tribe, and Rahat be-Rega (Rahat at a Glance).

Any of the tours may be combined with a visit to Salem's tent for a lovely, home-cooked breakfast, lunch, or dinner. As you sit around a tray of mansaf or maqluba, you can enjoy choice Bedouin dishes served by Salem's wife and the members of his family. Visitors to Salem's tent can have their choice of seating arrangements: on cushions with back rests, pillows, rugs, and mats, or on chairs at a table. Salem provides authentic Bedouin hospitality for private events such as birthday celebrations, family affairs, and social gatherings.

Tours and meals are by appointment.



Amal Abu Alkom Grandmothers' Heritage House *Segev Shalom*

Amal Abu Alkom

Amal Abu Alkom, who was born in an unrecognized village, had to leave school in eighth grade in order to help support her family. Amal founded the non-profit association Bedouin Women for Themselves. In 2013 she won the Yaffa London-Yaari Prize, which was awarded to four women engaged in groundbreaking social projects. Amal has spent many years helping other women realize their potential and fulfill their dreams. Amal established a woman-to-woman cooperative support fund to improve life in Segev Shalom. She runs projects to encourage learning and distributes blankets and heaters in winter. Amal and the women's community are supported by the Shabaf Foundation and assisted by the Tor Hamidbar NGO. Her work includes collaborative projects with the Joe Alon Center Museum of Bedouin Culture; sustainability projects with the Heschel Sustainability Center; socially-aware business projects with the Jewish Agency and Israel Chemicals; and volunteerism with Ruach Tova. One of its anchors is Grandmothers' Heritage House, a socio-ecological and tourism project that is well worth a visit.



Bedouin Women for Themselves, Segev Shalom



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Grandmothers' Heritage House is a tent where Bedouin grandmothers and grandfathers offer workshops on topics such as Bedouin jewelrymaking, medicinal herbs, and Bedouin art. Visitors to Segev Shalom can receive a hospitality package that includes workshops, a lecture by Amal about the status of Bedouin women, coffee and traditional Bedouin hospitality, and tasty, traditional Bedouin meals.

Workshops, lectures, and visits are by appointment.



Zenab Garbia Zenab's Gallery *Segev Shalom*

Zenab Garbia

Zenab was born in the unrecognized village of Wadi Na'am to a family of the Azazme tribe. Her family had three mothers, twelve daughters, and four sons. The death of Zenab's father when she was young resulted in her leaving school in ninth grade to help her mother support and run the household. She painted during those years, but never attached any importance to her art. She discovered art only at the age of 24, and decided to study the subject. She went back to school, completed her high-school studies at an academy in Be'er Sheva, and passed her matriculation examinations. She then enrolled in Kaye Academic College of Education in Be'er Sheva — an act in which she takes pride to this day — and graduated with honors. A leading artist in the Bedouin community, Zenab produces original works that combine traditional Bedouin embroidery with ceramics.

Zenab works as an art teacher in a school in Segev Shalom. Her vision is to establish an art school in the Bedouin community.



Zenab's Gallery, Segev Shalom



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Zenab's Gallery Visitors will be impressed by the variety of her collections and the displays of her artwork. She takes joy in the meticulous creation of her items, using the best-quality clay and glazes so that they look like new even after many years. Her ceramics, which are fired in a kiln that reaches 1200 degrees Celsius, are dishwasher- and microwave-safe. Her ornamental works are durable in all kinds of weather and can be kept indoors or out. A visit to Zenab's Gallery may be combined with a group workshop and an inspiring lecture by Zenab herself.

*Visits to Zenab's Gallery are by appointment.
Her artworks may be viewed on her website.*

A close-up photograph of an elderly woman, likely of Bedouin descent, engaged in the traditional craft of kneading dough. She is wearing a white headscarf (hijab) and a light purple long-sleeved sweater over a dark, intricately embroidered vest. Her hands are weathered and skilled, working with a large, smooth ball of pale dough. The background is dark, with a hint of a colorful, patterned wall on the left. A green circular graphic in the upper right corner contains the text "Enjoy the best of Bedouin cuisine".

Enjoy the
best of
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cuisine



Mariam Abu Rakayek Desert Daughter *Tel Sheva*

Mariam Abu Rakayek

Desert Daughter is a place where stories and healing herbs intertwine. Mariam, a proud daughter of the Bedouin Abu Rakayek family and the creator of Desert Daughter, invites you to the visitors' center in Tel Sheva for a fascinating meeting that stirs the senses. Enjoy a fascinating lecture spiced with Mariam's inspiring stories while sipping tea in her traditional tent. Mariam began learning the secrets of desert healing herbs, passed down from generation to generation in her family, in childhood. She earned a BA in business administration in London, continued her studies, and built upon the family tradition of using the desert's healing herbs to create products that are licensed by Israel's Health Ministry. Mariam employs a staff of Bedouin women, each with her own story of determination and inner strength.



Desert Daughter, Tel Sheva



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Desert Daughter At the visitors' center in Tel Sheva, you can sample Desert Daughter's cosmetics and natural-health products, which are based upon a Bedouin family tradition that goes back more than four hundred years. These unique products are available for purchase at attractive prices, and you can even create some of them yourself at workshops given by members of the Desert Daughter team. You can also find a variety of cosmetic products made with camel's milk, which is known for its unique medicinal qualities. At the visitors' center, which is located on the lower slopes of Tel Sheva and overlooks the eastern Negev mountain ranges and Nahal Be'er Sheva, you can enjoy a wide range of experiences (in addition to lectures) and a delicious lunch. Watch a demonstration of how Desert Daughter's products are made and take part in a workshop where you can make your own medicinal blends from desert herbs. Let the desert winds waft you southward to the magical hospitality tent where healing herbs combine with inspiring stories for an experience that you will always remember.

Visits are by appointment.

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شكراً The Shukran Market

Things that cannot be found in any shop

The Shukran Market is a mobile market whose owners and operators are entrepreneurs from the Bedouin community. A colorful, authentic project, Shukran takes visitors on a magical journey to the desert's mysteries.

The Shukran Market is a joint project of Bedouin entrepreneurs, the Agriculture Ministry, the Negev and Galilee Development Ministry, the Negev Development Authority, the Social Equality Ministry, and Maof, the Economy and Industry Ministry's Small and Medium Business Agency.

The Shukran Market has traveled to various festivals in Israel, such as the Na'im Lehakir Festival in the Idan haNegev Industrial Park over the Sukkot holiday, and at the Beit Kama Junction during the Darom Adom (Scarlet South) Festival in the spring, which celebrates the blooming of the red anemones in the northern Negev.

The Shukran Market, which travels everywhere in Israel, offers visitors an opportunity to get to know, and to purchase, products by Bedouin entrepreneurs. It is available for events, with the option of adding a Bedouin tent, a Dabka troupe of traditional Bedouin dancers, workshops, and other activities.

The Shukran Market offers a variety of items such as candies // Turkish delight // Bedouin-style cookies // spices // medicinal herbs // Bedouin-style coffee ground to order on the premises // handicrafts // jewelry // embroidery // decorative items // camel's-milk soap // natural cosmetics and more....



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Bedouin Festivals and Celebrations

We hold colorful, flavorful, and authentic festivals of Bedouin tourism every year. An experience for the whole family, these festivals take place throughout the year in various regions of the Negev.

The festivals include activities such as workshops, guided tours, shows, and meals. Most of them are free or available at affordable rates. We feel that it is very important to hold these festivals and have them attended by families — Jewish and Arab alike — from all over Israel.

Examples of activities that take place during the various festivals

Workshops Embroidery, weaving, and making bracelets and pompoms // Picking desert herbs and using them to prepare natural healing ointments // Henna painting, Bedouin jewelry-making, and various authentic crafts // The natural landscapes and medicinal herbs of the desert

Walking tours Guided tours // tracking instruction // traveling exhibitions of the Museum of Bedouin Culture, bikes, tours with social-justice themes // jeep tours // tours of Bedouin villages and caves

Culinary tours Home-cooked meals // culinary workshops // the preparation of maqluba // falafel, and Bedouin sweets // meals in the outdoors

Cultural performances Cultural shows // presentations // Dabka troupes // instrumental music and singing

Lectures Lectures on women's status // topics of socioeconomic and environmental significance // introductions to groundbreaking women entrepreneurs.



Kesem ha-Midbar

Partial list of festivals and events: *The Na'im Lebakir Festival in the Idan ha-Negev Industrial Park // The Kesem Hamidbar (Desert Magic) Festival during the Sukkot holiday // A celebration of Bedouin culture and nature workshops during the Darom Adom Festival // The Ramadan Nights walking tours in Rabat // The Coffee Festival*

More places to visit

Bedouin society is undergoing dramatic changes vis-à-vis tradition and progress, rural and urban life, and heritage and modernity. Below is a partial list of organizations, non-profit associations, and projects that are taking part in this change — which makes them very interesting to visitors, whether individuals or groups.

Project Wadi Attir

A sustainable farm that offers guided tours, workshops for children, lectures, and locally-produced goat cheese for purchase, East of Hura

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Bereshit Farm

A visitors' center that teaches about camels and camels' milk, Tarabin village, near Rahat

- 📍 Bereshit Farm, tarabin
 - 📞 Eyal Lifshitz, 052-4406455
 - @ www.bereshitmilk.com
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Desert Ship (Sfinat Hamidbar) Khan

A desert khan, or wayside inn, that offers hospitality and lodging in a Bedouin tent, bungalows and a guest house for groups, tours on camelback, kosher Bedouin meals, and a selection of tours and activities, Mashabei Sadeh Junction

- 📍 Sfinat hamidbar
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A Step Forward

Advancing Education in Rahat. A non-profit association for social change. Learn the story of the Afro-Bedouin community in the Negev, watch a film about it, and hear a lecture, Rahat

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A New Dawn in the Negev

A non-profit association for the advancement of social programs in Rahat and for equality, coexistence, and peace among all residents of the Negev. It conducts educational tours for getting to know Rahat's young people, Rahat's Back Yard, and other social-awareness projects, Rahat Jamal Alkirnawi and Shlomit Somech-Lehmann, co-executive directors,

- 📍 A new dawn, Rahat
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Rahat Women's Association

A non-profit association of Bedouin women. They offer a hospitality tent, workshops, and lectures on the status of women, Rahat

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Olive Press

Visitors' Centre (seasonal), Rahat

- 📍 Olive Press, Rahat
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Almahabash Theater of Rahat

The Almahabash Theater of Rahat, a participant in the Fringe Theater Festival, meets in the Rahat Community Center

- 📍 Almahabash Theater of Rahat, Rahat
 - 📞 Sahel 052-775-8999
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The Museum of Bedouin Culture and Heritage

This well-known museum conducts tours for groups at the museum and offers a Bedouin hospitality tent. Guided tours of nearby Bedouin villages, given by licensed Bedouin guides, are available in cooperation with various tourist associations

- 📍 Joe Alon Center, Lahav Forest
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- 🌐 joealon.org.il

Negev Institute for Strategies of Peace and Development

This association created the Jawla ("tour" in Arabic) project to introduce visitors to Bedouin society. The following tours are offered daily in Hebrew and in English:

1. Women making change: The status of Bedouin women
2. The culture of modern Bedouin society
3. Economic development and social and business initiatives
4. Transition to permanent communities
5. Traditional and advanced medicine in Bedouin society

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Directory of Bedouin tour guides

Licensed tour guides, sheikhs who provide hospitality, and tours

Field	Name	Activity/Area of expertise	Telephone number
Licensed Bedouin tour guides	Ibrahim Abu Kaf	Licensed tour guide and tracker, researcher of Bedouin tribal culture and tradition. Offers tours all over Israel	054-5400332
	Ibrahim Abu Kaoud	Offers tours on the topic of Bedouin and desert heritage; organizes camel-riding and jeep tours	050-5426391
	Awda Abu Akud	The Wandering Tent — Puts up tents all over Israel with exhibits and lectures about Bedouin culture and heritage. Camel-riding is also available.	050-5426391 050-5309134 awda1962@hotmail.com
	Nasser Abu Hamed	Licensed guide, Drejat; specializes in Bedouin heritage	050-3308117
	Mansour Abu Karen	Licensed tour guide, specializes in Bedouin heritage, Lafia	052-2917508
	Izat Abu Rabia	Licensed tour guide, specializes in Bedouin heritage and culture	054-2162465
	Hamed Talalkeh	Licensed tour guide; conducts walking tours, educational tourism	050-5560875
	Jabar Abu Hamad	Licensed tour guide: The Mountain Cave, Drejat. Offers tours all over Israel	054-7969576
	Salem Abu Siam	Licensed tour guide, the Rahat hospitality tent; offers tours throughout the Negev	050-6241570
	Khaled Abu Ajaj	Licensed tour guide; specializes in Bedouin heritage	
Sheikhs	Sheikh Hassan Abu Kaf	A magical hospitality tent in Umm Batin (near Be'er Sheva/Omer). Enjoy a glass of tea while you listen to Sheikh Hassan tell his stories.	052-2706584
	Sheikh Iyad	Offers walking tours in partnership with the Black Hebrew Israelite community in Dimona. Organizes tours and Bedouin culture and heritage events	054-9116466
	Sheikh Mahmoud Garbia	A sheikh and mediator who specializes in the desert and in conflict mediation. He offers unique tours in the field, including overnight lodging. He welcomes visitors to his farm near Segev Shalom	050-8440039
Jeep tours	Naji Abu Zakika	Specializes in jeep tours for small groups, tours of caves, water cisterns, and ecological themes; owns an authentic exhibit of Bedouin heritage	054-5662997

A man with a mustache, wearing a red and white checkered keffiyeh and a tan jacket, is seated and playing a stringed instrument, possibly a baglam or sazes. He is holding the instrument's neck with his left hand and the body with his right hand. The instrument has a wooden body with several small holes. The background shows a rustic setting with a brown wall and a patterned rug.

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