

AHLAN WA-SAHLAN!

Welcome to the ELCJHL educational ministries. We appreciate your interest and hope this guide makes it easy for you to visit our programs.

This brochure provides detailed descriptions of how to get from the Old City in Jerusalem to each of the ELCJHL schools/educational programs. It provides bus and walking directions in order to minimize costs for those traveling on a small budget or for those interested in experiencing local public transportation; however, taking a taxi is also an option at any point in the journey. If you decide to take a taxi, important Arabic phrases to know for communicating with taxi drivers are:

Lutheran church: “kin-EE-say Luther-EE-a”

Lutheran school: “mah-DRAH-say Luther-EE-a”

If you plan to visit multiple schools/programs in the Bethlehem region, it would probably be wise just to hire a taxi to take you from place to place throughout the day. Khaled Abu Dai-yeh is a reliable taxi driver who is familiar with ELCJHL ministries. His number is 052-227-9706.

If you are simply going to one school/program, you will easily be able to find a taxi once you get into Bethlehem. **Always make sure to agree on the fare before you leave!**

The ELCJHL Schools and Educational Programs are working to educate the next generation of Palestinian citizens and leaders in a spirit of creativity and tolerance. We pursue this goal by offering our students the highest quality educational opportunities in the region in a safe, open, and stimulating environment.

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AL-MAHABA KINDERGARTEN, JERUSALEM

► Starting point: Blue bus station near Damascus Gate. Take Bus 75 to the top of the hill. When you get on the bus, tell the bus driver you are going to “Augusta Victoria.” Sometimes the bus will take you right to the Augusta Victoria gate, but other times it will drop you at an intersection at the base of the Lutheran World Federation property. Walk up the hill toward the LWF gate and the Ascension Church tower. The kindergarten is located directly south of the church. Approximate cost: 4.5 shekels

► If you get lost or are having difficulty communicating with your bus or taxi driver, call the school: **02-628-1010**

SCHOOL OF HOPE, RAMALLAH:

► Starting point: Green bus station near Damascus Gate. Take Bus 18 from the bus station all the way to the last stop, a few hundred meters from the *manara* in the heart of Ramallah. Approximate cost: 6.5 shekels

► Once off the bus, walk toward the *manara*, a roundabout with lion statues. When you get to the *manara*, take the road to the left of Stars and Bucks coffee shop and start walking toward the clock circle (a roundabout without lion statues). Once you arrive at the roundabout, look for Diamond Restaurant (it's a blue glass building). Take the road to the right of Diamond Restaurant and walk along this road for 5-10 minutes until you get to another roundabout. Take a right at the roundabout and walk down the hill. The School of Hope is on the left, about a 3-minute walk down the hill. Look for the school's mint green door.

► If you get lost or are having difficulty communicating with your bus or taxi driver, call the school: **02-295-3977**

VISITING ELCJHL EDUCATIONAL MINISTRIES



A VISITOR'S GUIDE TO NAVIGATING PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION AND TAXIS WHEN VISITING ELCJHL SCHOOLS/EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS

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SCHOOLS SOUTH OF JERUSALEM:

Traveling to all three schools in the south begins at the blue bus station near Damascus Gate.

EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN SCHOOL, BEIT SAHOUR

► Take Bus 21 from the bus station all the way to the end of the route, which is a large intersection in Bethlehem known as “Bab-iskak.” Approximate cost: 6 shekels

► Once at Bab-iskak, ask the taxi driver to take you to the Lutheran School in Beit Sahour (In Arabic: “Madrassay Lutherea fi Beit Sahour”). During the day the price should be 15 shekels and not more than 20.

If the driver does not know where the school is, ask to go to “Souk al-Shab.” You can walk there with these directions:

► Souk al-Shab is a crossroads with the bus station on one corner (if you are entering from the Bethlehem direction, it is on your right hand side). Walk up the street to the right toward the bus station. The road splits about 200 feet up from the crossroads of Souk al-Shab, so take the farthest left street. Follow this road and stay on the main street as it veers up and sharply to the right. After this, keep following the road as it curves around a mosque to your left. Directly around the mosque is another V in the road. Continue straight along the rightmost road for about two minutes. You will see the Greek Orthodox Church in front of you. The green gate directly across the street and to the right is the entrance to the Lutheran School. The whole walk should take about five to seven minutes.

► If you get lost or are having difficulty communicating with your bus or taxi driver, call the school: **02-277-2720**



DAR AL-KALIMA, BETHLEHEM:

► Take Bus 21 from the bus station all the way to the end of the route, which is a large intersection in Bethlehem known as “Bab-iskak.” Approximate cost: 6 shekels

► From Bab-iskak, take a taxi to the school. Tell the taxi driver to take you to “Madrassay Dar al-Kalima.” Expect to pay about 10 shekels and not more than 15 shekels.

► If you get lost or are having difficulty communicating with your bus or taxi driver, call the school: **02-276-7871**

ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION CENTER AND TALITHA KUMI SCHOOL, BEIT JALA:

► Starting point: Blue bus station near Damascus Gate. Bus 21 will drop you off at the gates to the school. Tell the bus driver you are going to “Talitha Kumi.” After you pass through the Beit Jala checkpoint, the bus will make a stop on a side road, then turn around and head up the hill to Beit Jala. You will see the Talitha Kumi gates shortly after you reach the top of the hill. The EEC is on the school’s campus, with signs leading to it. Approximate cost: 6 shekels

► If you get lost or are having difficulty communicating with your bus or taxi driver, call the EEC: **02-276-5575** or Talitha Kumi: **02-2741247**

BOYS BOARDING HOME, BEIT JALA:

► Starting point: Blue bus station near Damascus Gate. Tell the bus driver you are going to the Lutheran Church in Beit Jala (“kin-EE-say Luther-EE-a f-EE Beit Jala”) and the bus will drop you at the gates to the church. The boys’ home is on the same property. Approximate cost: 6 shekels

► If you get lost or are having difficulty communicating with your bus or taxi driver, call the home: **02-274-6931**

The ELCJHL schools educate approximately 2,500 students between the ages of 3 and 18. The schools have always enrolled both boys and girls, Muslims and Christians. Of our students, approximately 55 percent are boys and 45 percent are girls. Although Palestinian Christians constitute less than 2% of the population in Palestine, 60 percent of the students in the Lutheran schools are Christian and 40 percent are Muslim.

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