

How does it work?

Are you gay, looking for a relationship and love to hike?

First of all, feel free to ask anything in private messages.

At this Facebook page you would find the dates and general information about trips. In order to get exact details about times and locations of trips – you have to join the mailing list at tiulimg@gmail.com. After you decide to come to a specific trip, write us from where are you coming, whether you're arriving at car (and how many places you've got) or need a ride, and whether you prefer to contact the ride at phone or email (same for guys that need to contact you in order to join the ride).

Trips take place mostly at the area of Jerusalem-Beit Shemesh or Haifa, but there might be also trips at Galil or Judaeen desert.

What are the differences with alternatives?

Meeting in person is slightly different of meeting at Internet. Here there will be no games of which one sends pictures earlier (and if the other returns his own). The gap of outer visibility in picture and reality is irrelevant. No one comes in multiple identities and then disappears. Sexual suggestive, along with privacy invasion, blocking and disappearing or any other disrespectful behavior is forbidden. Trips are not a job interview style date but a social meeting with soft atmosphere which enables meeting new gay friends or relationship potentials. Eventually, a replacement to 3D meeting, facial expressions, smell, movement and voice of a real guy that you like does not exist. (We can't make you replace phone numbers with him, it's on your responsibility ☺. You can try to find his number at our WhatsApp group, if he's a member at it.)

Are those trips organized trips?

Not at the normal sense of 'organized'. Which means we're not going to spend money on those trips, and therefore the trip has no cost. Buses as well as tour guide would not be hired (But each trip member could enrich us!), there wouldn't be paramedics or security guys (But if any member volunteers you are welcome). See it as a friends-organized trip which allows you to meet new gay guys.

Because it's no cost, you're obligated to nothing. You've came and didn't enjoyed? (which wouldn't happen) you can always not come once again. You have nothing to lose while coming.

Are there any terms to attend?

Yes. The first and most important rule is that anyone that comes must preserve the good atmosphere and respect towards others. Respecting privacy, personal space and having a pleasant behavior is all you need. Anyone that wouldn't respect those rules would not be allowed to come again.

Second term – compatibility with group's goal. The group is meant for gays looking for a serious relationship or friends, and for gay couples, and not for straight or curious guys who not intend to be involved with a man ever, but love to hike.

I love to hike but have no time for...

Great for hearing about us anyway! Most people work or busy but most likely that sometime there would be an opportunity to come along. Maybe at holidays? Maybe next year? It's worthwhile to follow up.

I have no car. How could I join trips?

Ahh, when you will have a car you could pick some friends who don't have one. Meanwhile you can join someone that comes with a car ☺.

Usually there are more hitch hickers than car owners, but at last moments there is always some cancelations and join ups, so if you're interested to come and will be requesting a night before you still have a low chance to be able to join us.

In order to ensure a place in a ride, ensure we understand you are interested to come to a specific trip - depending on a ride – and not only "maybe" if it will set up, as sooner as possible. If there will be a ride nearby, the one who requests earlier gets priority.

After getting email or phone of the car owner, you have to contact him as soon as possible (not too late at night). Make sure you both understand exactly where and when you've set up him to pick you up.

Of any change regarding arrival including delay in arrival please inform us in order that we can be prepared for it, and if required not preventing another friend to have the ride you've canceled arrival to.

Is fuel participation mandatory?

Yes. It's mandatory unless it's nearby and the car owner forgive you for not participating at fuel. Participation is at ride cost divided by number of the passengers.

What are the ages of participators?

It's diverse, changes between trips and depends on arrival possibilities of group members. The mailing list includes 18 years old and younger along with 50 and older, so all range of the ages come to trips. Both 16 and 60 years old guys deserve a better place to meet guys for a relationship. You might ask about of the nearby trip and we will tell you the ages of subscribers as much as we know and according to the moment.

Are there are studs that come?

Do you consider yourself a stud? So assume there are more of your type ☺. (And anyone is attracted to another type of men, so there would be guys you will be attracted to and some you won't. And also the opposite.)

I'm closeted, how can it fit for me?

At Thursdays less people are available to travel so it might let you feel more comfortable to come. You could use an alternative fictive email in order to get updates, and a fictive name at the trip. You will be the only to choose what details to reveal to which person at the trip, thus no one will know anything you wouldn't want him to know about you. At the trip itself if someone asks we're just a group of friend

hiking (They can't guess we're gays). Moreover, we've prepared some backup stories to cover you ☺.

I'm religious, how can it fit for me?

Thursday trips start at 8-11 AM and end before of sunset. Friday trips start at 8-9 AM and end at 12-13 PM, in order to let religious guys enough time to go back with their ride to a place from which they can get a bus home. Atmosphere at trips will respect religion. Anyone that will act not appropriate will not be allowed to come again.

I don't know anyone and I'm too shy to come...

If you have gay friends invite them to come either. There are great people and welcoming atmosphere so shyness is overcome pretty quickly ☺. Some shy guys will feel more comfortable at small trips (on Thursdays) and some on Fridays. Eventually, it's worth the try ☺.

Are those trips tough?

It's not extreme trips and we don't rush anywhere, we walk leisurely. It would also not be a boring trip of half a kilometer in 10 minutes, to whom guys will arrive from distance... Not all trips are the same. Some would include ups and downs and some would be easy flowering trips. There's another group that makes extreme trips if you're into it.

Do we sleep in tents on trips?

Thursday trips start at 8-11 AM and end before of sunset. Friday trips start at 8-9 AM and end at 12-13 PM. Trips are always one day or half day, there aren't two days' trips. There is another group that travels usually on Friday + Saturday, send a private message to get its details.

Do guys come from afar?

Depends on whom that manages to come. On some trips near of Jerusalem guys from Haifa and Be'er Sheva arrive.

Why is sex forbidden at trips?

We try to avoid the judgmental and non-pleasant atmosphere which is necessarily involved in sexual platforms. In addition, religious and closeted guys should be respected also. There are plenty places to find sex. If this is what you're up to you're not welcome in our group. You can open a group of your own, good luck.

One that will act with sexual suggestive or behave inappropriate won't be able to join us again.

Do we swim or splash at water on trips?

If there will be water ☺, we apparently will avoid it. In such case, as well as it respects the group code and participants are comfortable with it – enjoy it.

We're a couple. Can we come?

Yes. You might not be looking for a relationship (and we totally favor you!), but most chances you're familiar with other gay guys and you will support our ability to

know each other. Besides that, you might be a good example for us and we could be a healthy and accepting environment for you.

Are lesbians welcome? Bisexuals who wouldn't consider a relationship with a guy? Straight guys who love to hike? Married (to women) gay guys?

Unfortunately, not. Maybe in person we would love to travel with you but it does not fit with group's goal. Yes, traveling is fun (much!), but what's the point at gay guys that will fall in love with you and you would break their heart?

Lesbians – there's nothing against you either, but this is a guys' group and a place for finding a serious relationship for gays, sorry.

Married gays (to women) – if your wife knows about your sexual orientation and totally accepts the fact you're looking for a man for serious relationship – we got no problem and you're welcome. Else – your place is not with us.

Are there any feminine guys at the group?

Probably as their percent in population, discounting those who do not love hiking.

I'm FTM transgender. Can I come?

You're a man and attracted to men? You're welcome.

I'm not Jew / Israeli and doesn't live in Israel. Am I invited?

There is no discrimination against non-Jews and you're invited. You will be surprised to meet other participants who aren't Jew (Druze, Arabs etc.). You deserve a better place to meet guys either.

If you're a tourist you are invited also, something serious could come out of it. We wouldn't want anyone that will fall in love with you to leave Israel, but maybe you will fall in love with Israel and come here ☺.

Where can I find guys' pictures from the trips?

We are jealous of members' privacy, so facial pictures would not be sent (without blurring). Come and see that it's much nicer and fun to meet guys in person than looking at pictures.

Is there's a WhatsApp or Facebook group of the trips?

A WhatsApp group is limited to 256 members (and there are more at the mailing list ☺). A WhatsApp group might not be suited to closeted, and it's important for us that closeted will feel comfortable to come! There is such a group which is intended to allow you to find the number of one of the guys you've met at the trip but were too shy to ask his number – you could find it here.

A Facebook group might also not be suited to closeted compared to email. Information from a secret Facebook group could not be spread (only by a screen shot), in contrary to email which is very easy to spread the word ☺.

Besides, there are already some very successful secret Facebook groups for gays, why should we open another one?

What do I need to bring with me to the trips?

Enough drinking water for a half-day or one-day trip (1.5, 3 or 4.5 Liters according to trip plan), something to eat (for a half-day or a day according), a hat and sunscreen. It is recommended to bring walking shoes (especially if it was raining previously). It's very important to bring up good mood! (but if you're depressed come along and we will try to encourage you ☺).

Does the group success?

And what is success measured at? There were already been guys that met at the group and arrived another trip hands hold. How much dates for each trip considered a success?

There is a wide variety of guys and the fact that closeted and young guys appear, and the amount of guys that come testifies a success in our view, but of course more than that could be done. How do you want to contribute to it?

For a summary, what are the etiquette for the trips?

1. At the trip we are walking slowly together. Not running because it's dangerous and not fun, and we walk together because it allows us to ensure that everyone manage to make the trip and feel good, is not facing problems such as a shoe been torn, sprained ankle, weakness, or went too far and missed up the road mark or curve, and it's really more fun to walk together. Walking alone is really not fun and doesn't allow to know each other and wouldn't happen. Each one that comes must check each 5 minutes that the latter catching up. If you feel not good in the middle of the trip – tell us. We will ensure you get all the help we could give and you'll manage to finish the trip successfully and nicely.
2. There wouldn't be any sexual contact at the trips, including kisses. You can walk hand hold. We're happy you've found a guy you're connected to, but resist yourself to the end of the trip when you've got privacy.
3. We keep Israel's nature clean and certainly do not make a mess. You could bring up trash bag to collect some garbage of the way.
4. Before you take a picture of other guys – ask their permission to do it, as well as before sharing it on social media (WhatsApp, Facebook, Instagram).

How can I spread the word?

Share our Facebook page and email tiulimg@gmail.com.