

Zachor Journey to Poland & Israel

May 17 – 28, 2017

Itinerary Proposal

(As of October 18, 2017 – Subject to Change)

Wednesday May 17

- 10:15 PM departure from JFK Airport on LOT flight #27

Thursday May 18 *Arrive in Poland which was home to over 3,300,000 Jews before the Shoah*

- 12:40 PM arrival at Chopin Airport in Warsaw
- Tour the **Polin Museum of the History of Polish Jews**. *Learn about the ups and downs and diversity of 1,000 years of Jewish life in Poland in what was once the center of the Jewish world.*
- Visit the **Nozyk Synagogue**, the only surviving pre-war synagogue in Warsaw.
- Check-in at our hotel
- Dinner

Overnight: Novotel Centrum Hotel, *Warsaw*

Friday May 19 *Warsaw-Chelmno-Lodz-Krakow*

- Breakfast at the hotel - Pack bus and depart hotel
- Stand in solemn memory at the site of the **Chelmno Death Camp** where the Nazis murdered hundreds of thousands of Jews using gas vans.
- Visit the memorial at the **Radegast Railway Station in Lodz**, from where over 140,000 Jews were sent to be murdered at Auschwitz and elsewhere
- Continue to Krakow – Packed Lunch en-route
- Check-in at our hotel in Krakow
- **Kabbalat Shabbat** at local synagogue(s)
- **Shabbat dinner at the Krakow JCC** - *meet local leaders and learn about their vision for the Krakow Jewish community.*



Overnight: Golden Tulip Kazimierz Hotel, *Krakow*

Shabbat May 20 *Shabbat in Krakow. Prior to WWII, the 60,000 Jews of Krakow were 25% of the city's population.*

- Breakfast at the hotel
- Shabbat morning prayer services at local synagogue(s)
- Shabbat lunch
- Meet a "**Righteous Gentile**" who risked all to save Jews during the Shoah.
- **Processing Session**
- Walking tour the historic **Krakow Old Town Square**
- Dinner and **Havdallah** (9:09 PM)

Overnight: Golden Tulip Kazimierz Hotel, *Krakow*



Sunday May 21 *Krakow-Auschwitz-Rzeszow*

- Breakfast at the hotel – pack bus and depart hotel
- Explore the **Kazmierz Old Jewish Quarter** of Krakow. Sites include: Ramah Synagogue and Cemetery, Isaac and Temple Synagogues
- See part of the **Nazi era Krakow Ghetto** including a section of the Ghetto Wall
- Head to **Auschwitz-Birkenau** Polish State Museum & Memorial where over 1,000,000 Jews were murdered.
- Packed Lunch
- Start at the site of **Auschwitz II Birkenau Death Camp**
- Continue to the **Auschwitz I Concentration Camp**. Visit the barracks, museum exhibits and gas chamber.
- Dinner
- Check-in at our hotel in **Rzeszow**



Overnight: Hotel Rzeszow, *Rzeszow*

Monday May 22 *Rzeszow-Lancut-Belzec-Lublin*

- Breakfast at the hotel - Pack bus and depart hotel
- Stand in memory at the site of the **Old Synagogue in Rzeszow**. *The 14,000 Jews of Rzeszow were about 35% of the town before the Shoah.*
- Continue to the **Glogow Forest Memorial** *near Rzeszow* where the Nazis murdered thousands of Jews from Rzeszow, Kolbuszowa, Glogow, Lancut, Lejansk, Sokolow and elsewhere.
- Visit the beautifully restored 18th century synagogue in **Lancut**, *home to 2,000 Jews before the Shoa*
- Packed Lunch
- Stand in solemn memory at the museum and memorial at the site of the **Belzec Nazi Death Camp** where over half a million Jews – including most of the Jews of Galicia- were murdered.
- Head to **Lublin** whose *38,000 Jews were 30% of the city before the Shoah*
- See the site of former **Chachmei Lublin Yeshiva** (*now the Ilan Hotel*) *founded in 1930 by Rabbi Meir Shapiro to bring a new dignity and status to the study of Torah. Rabbi Shapiro also founded the Daf Yomi movement.*
- Check-in and dinner at our hotel

Overnight: Campanile Hotel, *Lublin*

Tuesday May 23 *Majdanek – Warsaw* *Warsaw was home to over 350,000 Jews before the Shoah*

- Breakfast at the hotel - Pack bus and depart hotel
- Learn and remember at the site of the **Majdanek Concentration Camp**.
- Packed Lunch
- Continue to Warsaw
- Explore “The Life that Was” at Warsaw’s **Genscha Street Cemetery**. *Dating to 1799, it has over 200,000 graves. It also includes mass graves for thousands of Jewish victims of the Nazis in the Warsaw ghetto.*
- Walk the **Jewish Path of Remembrance** from the UmshlagPlatz, to Mila 18 and the Rappaport Memorial in what had been the Nazi era **Warsaw Ghetto**
- Ceremony at the **Rappaport Memorial**
- **Processing Session** and Dinner
- Head to Warsaw’s Chopin Airport for LOT flight #151 departing at 10:55 PM



Wednesday May 24 - Yom Yerushalayim (Jerusalem Re-Unification Day)

- 3:45 AM arrival at Ben Gurion International Airport in Israel.
- Transition ceremony at the **Zaglembie Shoah Memorial** in the Modiin Forest
- Ascend to **Jerusalem**; celebrate our arrival with *Shehechyanu*
- Check-in, breakfast and relax at our hotel in Jerusalem
- Lunch on your own
- Afternoon: Join in the celebration of **Yom Yerushalayim** as Israel marks 50 years since the miraculous victory in the Six Day War.
- *Visit some of the sites associated with the struggle for Jerusalem in 1948 and 1967.*
- Dinner



Overnight: Dan Panorama Hotel, *Jerusalem*

Thursday May 25 *Settlements: An Obstacle to Peace?*

- Breakfast at the hotel
- Session at the hotel with **Khaled Abu Toameh**, former Arab Affairs Correspondent for the Jerusalem Post. *Can Israel and the Palestinian Authority Make Peace?*
- Visit the restored Jewish communities of **Gush Etzion and Efrat**; see firsthand what a settlement is.
- Meet with **Roots/Judur/Shorashim**: The Palestinian Israeli Initiative for Understanding, Nonviolence and Reconciliation, bringing together Jews & Arabs living in the Efrat/Gush Etzion area for dialogue and interaction.
- Wine tasting and lunch at the award winning **Gush Etzion Winery**
- See the new audio visual program at the **Kibbutz Kfar Etzion** Heritage Center that tells the dramatic story of the Jewish communities that were destroyed in Gush Etzion in 1948.
- Meet **Efrat Mayor Oded Ravivi** : *Are Settlements an Obstacle to Peace?*
- Evening and dinner on your own in Jerusalem

Overnight: Dan Panorama Hotel, *Jerusalem*

Friday May 26 *The Complex Mosaic of Modern Israel*

- Breakfast at the hotel
- Meet former Jerusalem City Council member **Anat Hoffman**, Director of the Israel Religious Action Center & a leader of **Women of the Wall**. Learn about the struggle for religious pluralism in Israel
- Head to an "**Ultra Orthodox**" neighborhood for dialogue with local residents to gain deeper understanding of the values and goals of this community which is the fastest growing segment of the Jewish world.
- Lunch on your own
- Visit one of Jerusalem's many **churches**, meet local clergy and learn about the Christian presence and traditions in Jerusalem
- Time on your own in Jerusalem. Return to the hotel to prepare for Shabbat
- **Shabbat Candle lighting** : 6:56 PM
- **Kabbalat Shabbat** at one of Jerusalem's many synagogues or join thousands in greeting Shabbat with song, dance and prayer at the **Kotel**.
- Walk back to the hotel for **Shabbat Dinner**

Overnight: Dan Panorama Hotel, *Jerusalem*

Shabbat May 27 *Shabbat Shalom in Jerusalem*

- Breakfast at the hotel
- Enjoy the special atmosphere of Shabbat in Jerusalem by exploring the city on your own or participating in **Shabbat prayers** at one of Jerusalem's many synagogues. Synagogue options include Shira Chadasha, Kol HaNeshama, The Great Synagogue, and Moreshet Israel.
- *Note: The Israel Museum is open from 10 AM – 4 PM. The Tower of David Museum is open from 10 AM – 2 PM.*
- Late morning **study session**
- Shabbat Lunch at the hotel followed by Shabbat rest and free time.
- 6:00 PM - Meet for our **summary session** and **farewell dinner**
- **Havdallah** (8:17 PM)
- 8:45 PM – Check out of the hotel and pack bus for departure to Ben Gurion International Airport

Sunday May 28 *Shalom Ulehitraot!*

- 12:45 AM departure from Ben Gurion International Airport on El Al flight #001
- 5:50 AM – Arrive at JFK Airport

- Listed activities and speakers are subject to availability.
- Program will be staffed by a Keshet Tour Educator plus a local tour guide in Poland
- Underlined meals are included in the package price.
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