



A Program of the Museum of Jewish Heritage



We are dedicated to making your experience rich in content and superior in comfort.

This unique travel program combines the expertise and resources of two organizations that cherish the traditions, achievements, and faith of Jewish communities – past and present – around the world. Jewish Heritage Travel and the Museum of Jewish Heritage are delighted to have the opportunity to share this rich, varied, and poignant history and culture with you on these select trips. We look forward to traveling with you.

Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow

The Jews of Poland

May 3–15, 2018



Detail from interior of Remuh Synagogue, Krakow.

Program Overview

Before World War II, Poland's three million Jews represented one of the largest and most influential Jewish communities in the World. Poland's diverse Jewish community included Hasidim, secular Jewish intellectuals, Yiddish writers, Zionists, and Socialists.

Today, an impressive new museum has opened in Warsaw; Jewish festivals in Krakow and other parts of Poland attract tens of thousands each year, synagogues are re-opening; a chief rabbi has been appointed and Hebrew classes are being offered.

Our trip will include Warsaw where a highlight will be the Museum of the History of Polish Jews where we will explore Poland's 1,000-year Jewish history. Additionally we will visit other sites of interest in Warsaw, including the monument to the Warsaw Ghetto Uprising, the remains of Mila 18, and the Umslagplatz — site from which Jews were deported to Treblinka.

In historically rich Krakow, we will tour the once thriving Jewish district of Kazimierz with its many surviving synagogues, the pre-war Jewish cemetery and the largest medieval market square in Europe. Additionally, we will visit the Auschwitz-Birkenau State Museum and newly expanded Auschwitz Jewish Center.

Traveling with us throughout will be trip leader Aryeh Maidenbaum and accompanying scholar, Rabbi Amichai Lau-Lavie — who will help us explore the phenomenon of a renewal of Jewish life in Poland. We invite you to join us on this exciting trip.



Krakow Market Place.

Tentative Daily Itinerary*

Thursday, May 3 | Krakow

Afternoon: check in to deluxe Sheraton Hotel in Krakow.

Evening: Overview and Introduction to trip by our accompanying scholar, Rabbi Amichai Lau-Lavie.

Orientation and an opportunity to get to know one another, followed by Welcoming Dinner at our hotel (included).

Friday, May 4 | Krakow

Welcome and lecture by Maciek Zabierowski, coordinator of the Learning and Special Projects division at the Auschwitz Jewish Center. Maciek will be our guide for the day as we tour the Kazimierz District and visit its important Jewish sites. Some of the sites we will see in the Jewish district this morning include the Alte Schul; the Remuh, Isaac, High and Tempel Synagogues; the former Jewish streets and market place, and the old Jewish Cemetery.

During the course of our day, lunch on our own before visiting the former Ghetto area; the new memorial on the Deportation Square, and remnants of the ghetto wall from 1941. Our last stop of the day will be the Galicia Museum, documenting remnants of the Galitzianer heritage in Poland and Ukraine today.

Evening: Shabbat dinner at the JCC Krakow with some members of the Krakow Jewish community (included).

Saturday, May 5 | Krakow

Morning: free to attend Services OR explore sites of personal interest in Krakow on our own.

Afternoon: Walking Tour to Wawel Castle (seat of the Polish monarchs until 1596).

Evening: Presentation by Rabbi Amichai Lau-Lavie, followed by dinner on our own.



White Stork Synagogue, Wrocław

Sunday, May 6 | Krakow

Our day will begin with a walking tour of Krakow's Old Town and the Rynek (main town square), a UNESCO world heritage site. Old Town is a 13th century medieval town — the largest of its kind in Europe.

Break for lunch on our own in Old Town before visiting Schindler's Factory. We will end our day with a visit to Plaszow, a former forced labor camp, to view an important memorial dedicated to the Polish Jews.

Monday, May 7 | Krakow — Auschwitz-Birkenau — Krakow

Morning: Auschwitz Jewish Center for a tour and a light lunch followed by an afternoon guided tour of Auschwitz-Birkenau concentration camp and memorial.

Tuesday, May 8 | Wrocław

Depart Krakow for Wrocław. Formerly known as the German city of Breslau, Wrocław was the European Capital of Culture for 2016. En-route, visit Katowice for a tour of the Silesian Museum, one of the largest in Poland containing works of Polish art including some remarkable portraits by Stanisław Wyspiański.

Break for lunch on our own.

Arrive Wrocław for a late afternoon check in to the deluxe Wrocław Art hotel with time to rest and relax before dinner (included).

Wednesday, May 9 | Wrocław

Walking tour of Old Town Wrocław, including the Rynek and the Old Market Square; White Stork Synagogue; the "Little Synagogue;" Takowa Street (including monument to the "New Synagogue" that was torched during Kristallnacht) and Swidnicka Street (site of the former Jewish theater).

Presentation by Professor Marcin Wodzinsky, Director of the Center for the Culture and Languages of the Jews, and Department of Jewish Studies of the University of Wrocław and author of several books and articles. Dr. Wodzinsky's special fields of interest are the social history of the Jews in nineteenth-century Poland, the regional history of the Jews in Silesia, and Jewish sepulchral art.

Evening: Free, dinner on our own.



Castle, Warsaw

Thursday, May 10 | Lodz

Depart Wroclaw for Lodz where we will have a guided tour of the impressive Jewish cemetery before breaking for lunch on our own at Manufaktura — an arts center, shopping mall, and leisure complex. The complex, formerly a large manufacturing plant owned by a Jewish industrialist, represents Poland's largest renovation project since the reconstruction of Warsaw's Old Town in the 1950s. We will also visit Radegast Station, today a memorial and museum. The former wooden railway station building houses a museum which contains books with lists of names of those who were deported from Radegast Station to Kulmhof and Auschwitz.

Overnight at Andel's by Vienna House Hotel at the Manufaktura complex.

Evening free, dinner on our own.

Friday, May 11 | Warsaw

Depart Lodz for Warsaw, with a stop in Piotrkow Trybunalski, family ancestral home of Rabbi Amichai Lau-Lavie for a tour. Arrive Warsaw, check in to the 5 star, deluxe Hotel Bristol – one of Warsaw's finest hotels, perfectly located near the Old Town.

Evening: Shabbat dinner at our hotel (included).

Saturday, May 12 | Warsaw

Morning: (optional) Services led by Rabbi Amichai Lau-Lavie at our hotel. OR explore sites of personal interest in Warsaw on our own.

Afternoon: Depart hotel for a walking tour in Warsaw that will include the Old Town, Market Square and the Barbican (surviving remnant of Old Town's defensive structure).

Break for lunch on our own in Old Market Square, an area filled with street vendors, cafes, shops, galleries, and some of Warsaw's top restaurants, all within easy walking distance.

Evening: 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.: Presentation by Rabbi Amichai Lau-Lavie, followed by dinner on our own.



National Museum of Warsaw

Sunday, May 13 | Warsaw – Umschlagplatz – Warsaw

Depart our hotel, by coach, for Umschlagplatz (where the Jews were gathered for deportation to Treblinka) before continuing to Mila 18 — site of Jewish Fighting Organization in the ghetto uprising. From Mila 18, we will walk to the Museum of the History of the Polish Jews for a private guided tour — with ample time for lunch on our own at the Museum, and time to visit the Museum’s lovely gift shop.

This afternoon, we will visit the Nozyk Synagogue where we will meet with Rabbi Michael Schudrich — Chief Rabbi of Poland.

Monday, May 14 | Warsaw

Depart for the Jewish cemetery — where many Jewish luminaries were buried over the years. The Warsaw Jewish Cemetery, one of the largest Jewish cemeteries in the world, contains over 200,000 marked graves as well as the mass graves of victims of the Warsaw Ghetto. Break for an early lunch on our own before a visit to the National Museum of Warsaw for a private, guided tour.

Our tour at the Museum will focus on “Polish-Jewish Exchange” through works of art from the Nineteenth and Twentieth centuries and include Jewish themes in Polish art as well as the contributions of Jewish collectors and patrons. An especially prominent component of this tour is the work of artists Maurycy Gottlieb, Moise Kisling Eugeniusz Zak and Henryk Berlewi.

Remainder of the afternoon free to explore Warsaw on our own and/or last minute shopping.

Evening: Closing meeting (followed by farewell dinner at our hotel (included)).

Tuesday, May 15

Depart for U.S.

**Please Note: Daily schedule may be modified subject to weather or unanticipated changes.*



Ancient Synagogue, Kazimierz District, Krakow

Traveling with You...

Scholar in Residence



Rabbi Amichai Lau-Lavie is the founding spiritual leader of Lab/Shul NYC and the creator of Storahelling, Inc. An Israeli-born Jewish educator, writer, he received his rabbinical ordination from the Jewish Theological Seminary of America.

Rabbi Amichai is a member of the Global Justice Fellowship of the American Jewish World Service, a founding member of the Jewish Emergent Network, a consultant to the Reboot Network, a member of the URJ Faculty Team and the Advisory Council of ORAM, an LGBT focused organization for refugees, asylum and migration. He was a Jerusalem Fellow at the Mandel Leadership Institute in Israel (2008-2009) and serves on the advisory committee of Faith House in Manhattan. Rabbi Amichai has been hailed as “an iconoclastic mystic” by *Time Out New York*, a “Judaic Pied Piper” by the *Denver Westword*, a “maverick spiritual leader” by *The Times of Israel* and “one of the most interesting thinkers in the Jewish world” by the *Jewish Week*. In 2016 *The Forward* named him one of the 32 “Most Inspiring Rabbis” in America. Rabbi Amichai hails from 37 generations of Rabbis, many of them in Poland.

Trip Leader



Aryeh Maidenbaum, Ph.D., has a strong background in the fields of History, Psychology and Jewish Studies. Dr. Maidenbaum has led many trips

throughout the world and has more than 25 years experience in organizing and leading educational tours – Psychology and Jewish travel oriented programs. Director of the New York Center for Jungian Studies, Dr. Maidenbaum received his Ph.D. from the Hebrew University in Jerusalem, is a former faculty member at N.Y.U., and a contributing author to *Current Theories of Psychoanalysis*, Robert Langs, ed. Editor and author of books and articles, his publications include *Lingering Shadows: Jungians, Freudians and Anti-Semitism*; *Jung and the Shadow of Anti-Semitism*; *Sounds of Silence* and *The Search for Spirit in Jungian Psychology*.”

Accommodations



Krakow – Sheraton Hotel

The five star Sheraton Grand Krakow is ideally located on the bank of Wisla River, within walking distance of the historic Wawel Castle, “Old Town,” and the famous Kazimierz district. This hotel has three restaurants including the Roof Top Terrace with views over Wawel Castle and Wisla River. Spa services, a fitness center, and a sauna are also onsite, as well as an indoor pool. Considered Krakow’s finest hotel, all its rooms have been beautifully restored featuring a residential ambiance.



Wroclaw – Art Hotel

The elegant and stylish Art Hotel is located in the cultural heart of Wroclaw just a few blocks from the Market Square. From the hotel, it is a short walk to theatres, museums, art galleries and numerous restaurants and pubs. The hotel’s decor includes wall paintings, ceramics, wooden ceiling beams, portals and stuccos; its rooms are cozy and furnished with stylized furniture, picturesque fabrics and flowers. Located in a beautiful 16th century tenant house, the Art Restaurant and Cafe are one of the most intriguing places in Wroclaw.



Lodz – Andel’s Hotel

The deluxe Andel’s is an historic red brick façade, housed in a former weaving mill on the grounds of Manufaktura, the city’s premiere shopping, arts and cultural center. Its unique architecture is a combination of colors and forms, design and material, warmth and hospitality. Superbly located, with its large windows and light colors ensure a spacious, airy feel. The hotel’s rooms combine modern design and technology in a modern setting.



Warsaw – Hotel Bristol

Situated on the famous Royal Route, in the heart of Warsaw, for over 100 years the 5 star Hotel Bristol has served as Warsaw’s most distinguished destination. With a majestic neo-renaissance facade, romantic interiors, and Art Deco elegance, the Bristol is just steps away from Nowy Swiat — the most fashionable street in Warsaw. Recently renovated, the Bristol combines incomparable beauty and luxury with a prestigious blend of history and culture. The exquisite guest rooms reflect an engaging mix of comfort, discreet elegance, and state-of-the-art technology.



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Program Details

Program Cost: \$5,900 (plus \$54 Museum of Jewish Heritage fee for nonmembers)

Includes:

- Twelve nights' accommodations at 5-star deluxe hotels*
- Full breakfast daily; four lunches; five dinners
- All group transportation via deluxe air-conditioned coach.

**Per person, double occupancy; single supplement (\$900) and gratuities (\$160) additional.*

A \$1,000 nonrefundable deposit due upon registration. A second nonrefundable deposit of \$1,000 per person due on January 17, 2018. The balance is due in full by February 15, 2018. (Subject to availability of space, participants may still register after this date, at an additional cost of \$200).

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How to register

Online jhtravel.org

Mail Fill out this registration form and mail with your check or credit card information to:

Jewish Heritage Travel Program
27 North Chestnut Street
New Paltz, NY 12561

Fax Fill out this registration form and mail with your check or credit card information and fax to:

845.256.0196

To register by telephone, call our office

845.256.0197

Monday-Friday, 10am-5pm

Participation Limited to 30 participants, the program will entail considerable walking, including uneven terrain. Participants need to be in active, good health, able to keep up with the group, ready to travel and experience group and cultural differences with grace. If you have any questions, or need help with your travel plans, please call the Jewish Heritage Travel Office at 845.256.0197.

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Cancellations All cancellations must be received by The Jewish Heritage Travel Program in writing. Cancellations received up to 120 days prior to departure: full refund less non-refundable deposits, per person; 119-90 days prior to departure: 50% refund per person after non-refundable deposits. **No refunds after this date.**



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Registration Form:

Trip title/country

Dates of travel

CONTACT INFORMATION

Name

Address

City State Zip

Email address

Phone number Cell phone number

PARTICIPANT NAMES:

Museum Member

Yes No

Yes No

ACCOMMODATIONS

I would like a single room (for single room supplement please see trip details) I'll share a room with:

Please share any special information we should know to enhance your experience.

FLIGHT ARRANGEMENTS

- I will make my own flight arrangements .
- I need assistance and will call (845-256-0197).

DEPOSIT

Make your deposit by check or credit card.

- Enclosed is a check made payable to Jewish Heritage Travel Program
in the amount of : \$_____.
- Please charge \$_____ to my:
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