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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.

Rabbis, Writers, and Dreamers
on the Danube

Vienna, Prague & Budapest

October 10–22, 2018



Hofburg Palace, Michaelplatz, Vienna

Program Overview

Budapest, Vienna, and Prague were the richest and most glamorous cities of the Hapsburg Empire and its successor, the Austro-Hungarian Empire. They were also home to important Jewish communities whose rabbis wrote works that guided Jews everywhere and which produced writers in modern times whose works have touched every person of culture. In all three cities, nineteenth-century modernization brought about important and fascinating changes in Jewish thought and the Jewish way of life.

Visiting the synagogues, cemeteries, and Jewish quarters of these cities will give us the opportunity to explore their heritage; to observe the ways in which the Jewish communities and individuals responded to the challenges of modernization; and to lament the destruction of those communities and most of their population during the Nazi era. In order to get a fuller picture of the larger cultures to which Jewish cultures adapted, we will of course also visit many of the major historical and cultural monuments of Hungary, Austria, and the Czech Republic, as well as the magnificent synagogues of these cities.

Our accompanying scholar, Professor Ray Scheindlin, will address a wide variety of themes associated with Jewish history and culture. Along the way, among other fascinating sites, we will visit world class museums, including the Belvedere Museum in Vienna which holds the largest collection of paintings by Gustav Klimt.



Budapest

Tentative Daily Itinerary*

Wednesday, October 10 | Budapest

Late afternoon: Orientation walk in the downtown area and along the Danube Corso – and enjoy viewing the extraordinary Budapest panorama.

Evening: Orientation; overview and brief outline of our trip by accompanying scholar, Dr. Ray Scheindlin, followed by opening dinner (included).

Thursday, October 11 | Budapest

Morning: an exploration of the Buda side of Budapest, including Citadel with Statue of Liberty, Castle District, and Royal Palace. Other places we will visit today include the Jewish Quarter of today's Budapest, the Medieval Synagogue, Raoul Wallenberg Statue; the Old Buda Synagogue; Fisherman's Bastion, and Hospital in the Rock. During the course of our day, lunch on our own.

Evening talk by Dr. Scheindlin, "The Hapsburg Empire and its Jews," followed by dinner on our own.

Friday, October 12 | Budapest

This morning, we will visit Pest's Jewish Quarter; The Glass House; Liberty Square, with its new controversial Memorial of WWII, and the moving Shoes Memorial. During the course of the day, lunch at the New York Café (included).

Evening: festive Shabbat dinner (included).

Saturday, October 13 | Budapest

Morning: free to attend Services or rest and relax.

Afternoon: (optional) National Gallery guided tour with a focus on "Modern Times – Hungarian Art Between 1896 and the World War" (most of the art displayed is by Jewish Hungarian artists).

Evening talk by Dr. Scheindlin, "Jewish Religious Movements, Leaders, and Buildings of Budapest and Vienna."

Dinner on our own.



Great Synagogue, Budapest



Vienna Photo by Dimitry Anikin on Unsplash

Sunday, October 14 | Budapest-Bratislava-Vienna

Depart for Vienna. En-route, we will visit Bratislava for a tour and lunch (included) before continuing on to Vienna. The Jewish community of Bratislava, whose origins can be traced back to medieval times, has played a major role throughout history. Bratislava's Jewish Museum, known as The Museum of Jewish Culture, was established to raise awareness of the rich Jewish-Slovak legacy. Nearby the Museum is the Jewish Community Museum, which is part of the only remaining, and still functioning, Heydukova Street Synagogue (built in 1920). Additionally, Bratislava has its own small memorial to Raoul Wallenberg, the Swedish diplomat who saved tens of thousands of Jewish lives—including many from Bratislava.

From Bratislava, we will continue to Vienna in time for check in to the 5-star, deluxe Hotel Bristol in time for dinner at our hotel (included).

Monday, October 15 | Vienna

Morning: An orientation drive along the Ringstrasse and scenic Danube before we continue to Upper Belvedere Palace for a private, guided tour with a focus on Gustav Klimt and Egon Schiele. From there, we will continue on to Schönbrunn Palace (Imperial summer residence) where we will enjoy lunch (included) and a tour of the palace and gardens. Following the tour, a brief private strudel making demonstration in the former imperial bakery.

Evening talk by Ray Scheindlin, "Stefan Zweig and The Jewish Writers of Vienna," followed by dinner on our own.

Tuesday, October 16 | Vienna

Today will begin with a walking tour through the Hofburg courtyards, followed by a private, guided tour of the Fine Arts museum (Kunsthistorisches Museum) with a focus on the "Picture Gallery." After a break for lunch in the museum café, we will finish our day with a guided tour of the Applied Arts Museum.



Třebíč Synagogue



Třebíč Old Town

Wednesday, October 17 | Vienna

Today will consist of a walking tour and include the Albertina monument, Dorotheum, Dorotheergasse, St. Stephans, and a private tour of the Synagogue Stadttempel. Since only Catholic buildings were places of worship permitted to stand adjacent to major streets, the Synagogue was designed as an apartment complex - the reason why it was the only Jewish heritage building (out of 94 Jewish synagogues and temples before 1938) to survive. Other places we will visit today include the Judenplatz - to see the Holocaust memorial and to tour the Museum Judenplatz.

During the course of our day, lunch at Café Central (included).

Thursday, October 18 | Vienna-Třebíč-Prague

Depart Vienna for Prague with a stop en route to visit Třebíč — with its two synagogues, ancient cemetery, unique, fragile, fascinating atmosphere of narrow lanes, and the Třebíč Ghetto. The Jewish Quarter here is one of the best preserved and the largest in Europe. Thanks to its cultural and historical importance, the collection of houses in the former ghetto, together with the Jewish Cemetery and Basilica of St. Procopius, have been included in the UNESCO world and natural heritage list, the first independent Jewish monument to be honored in this manner outside of the state of Israel. Lunch in Třebíč (included) before continuing on to Prague.

Arrive Prague, check in to the deluxe Grand Mark hotel, located in the heart of the city, in time for a sumptuous buffet dinner at our hotel (included).

Friday, October 19 | Prague

This morning, we will visit Theresienstadt, one of the first Concentration camps, originally built as a fortress and later turned into a so-called “model ghetto,” for a guided tour. Following our visit and tour of Theresienstadt, we will return to Prague in time for lunch on our own and an afternoon free for exploring Prague’s many museums.

Evening: festive Shabbat Dinner (included).



Charles Bridge, Prague

Saturday, October 20 | Prague

Morning: Free to rest, relax or attend Services.

Afternoon: (optional) walking tour, including Jewish Prague, the famous Charles Bridge (c.1357) that connects Old Town and Lesser Town, and the astronomical clock (first installed in 1410, making it the third-oldest astronomical clock in the world). Evening talk by Dr. Scheindlin, "Kafka and the Golem," followed by dinner on our own.

Sunday, October 21 | Prague

Private, guided tour of Prague Castle, considered the largest ancient castle in the world. Dating from the 9th century, it is the official residence of the President of the Czech Republic. The castle was a seat of power for kings of Bohemia, Holy Roman emperors, and presidents of Czechoslovakia.

Afternoon free for last minute shopping and/or to explore sites of personal interest in Prague on our own.

Evening: performance by Janice Meyerson, followed by a closing, festive dinner (included).

Monday, October 22 | Prague

Depart for home.

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

Traveling with You...

TRIP LEADER



Aryeh Maidenbaum, Ph.D., with a strong background in the fields of History, Psychology and Jewish Studies, has more than 25 years experience in

organizing and leading educational programs, including Jungian seminars and conferences as well as trips focusing on Jewish culture and history. Director of the New York Center for Jungian Studies, Dr. Maidenbaum received his Doctorate from the Hebrew University in Jerusalem. Former faculty member at N.Y.U., he is a contributing author to *Current Theories of Psychoanalysis*. Among his publications are, "The Search for Spirit in Jungian Psychology;" *Lingering Shadows: Jungians, Freudians and Anti-Semitism*; and *Jung and the Shadow of Anti-Semitism*.

TRIP GUIDE



Lucy Rapoport has guided and accompanied many previous Jewish heritage tours — all to great acclaim. Born and schooled in England before moving to

Italy as a young adult, Lucy is fluent in Italian, German, French, and Spanish and has been a tour manager for more than twenty years. Specializing in Europe, Lucy has accompanied previous Jewish groups to such places as Lithuania, Krakow, Prague, Berlin, Croatia, Spain, Romania, Serbia, France, Northern and Southern Italy, and Sicily. With Lucy's attention to detail, knowledge of history, and considerable expertise in guiding groups, participants will be well served on this trip.

SCHOLAR IN RESIDENCE



Raymond P. Scheindlin, PhD, recently retired professor of Hebrew Literature at the Jewish Theological Seminary, is a former Guggenheim Fellow.

Dr. Scheindlin's main field of research has been the encounter of Hebrew and Arabic cultures in Spain. His books on medieval Hebrew poetry — *Wine, Women, and Death: Medieval Hebrew Poems on the Good Life*; and *The Gazelle: Medieval Hebrew Poems on God, Israel, and the Soul*, reflect both the academic and the literary aspects of his career. He is the author of a widely-used textbook, *A Short History of the Jewish People* and co-editor of *The Literature of Al-Andalus*. His most recent book is *The Song of the Distant Dove: Judah Halevi's Pilgrimage*.

ACCOMPANYING ARTIST



Janice Meyerson (M.M., New England Conservatory; B.A., Washington University), has sung as a soloist with the New York City Opera, New York Philharmonic,

Boston Symphony, Deutsche Oper, Berlin, and the Spoleto Festival, among numerous others. During the course of our program we will hear a live recital by Ms. Meyerson, a gifted mezzo-soprano and interpreter of song, who will perform Ladino and Hebrew examples of Sephardic music.

Accommodations



RITZ CARLTON, BUDAPEST

Culture and heritage meet modern elegance at the five star Ritz-Carlton, Budapest. Located in the heart of the city, the Ritz-Carlton offers exceptional service, spacious rooms, authentic culinary experience and a soothing spa- the perfect combination for an unforgettable stay at this deluxe hotel.

HOTEL BRISTOL, VIENNA

Perfectly located, directly across from the State Opera House, the 5 star Hotel Bristol Vienna still serves as a living example of Viennese charm and its famed personalised service. Antiques combine harmoniously with modern comforts to turn these luxurious hotel rooms in Vienna into an urban retreat in the heart of the city.

GRAND MARK HOTEL, PRAGUE

Nestled in a former baroque palace, The 5 star Grand Mark Prague contains an aura of luxury- artfully blending classical design with modern art, technology and features throughout. The location is ideal for leisure and entertainment and is within walking distance of all the key attractions in Prague as well as high-end designer shopping. Design elements incorporate rich textures, fine furnishings and specially commissioned art-work to enhance the traveler's comfort.



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Program Details

Program cost: \$7260 (plus \$54 Museum of Jewish Heritage membership fee for nonmembers). Includes:

- Twelve nights' accommodations
- Full breakfast daily; six lunches; five dinners
- Entrance fees to all museums and sites on itinerary
- All group transportation via deluxe air-conditioned coach

* Per person, based on double occupancy. Single supplement available at \$1500. Gratuities (\$160) additional. Some upgraded Suites available in Prague at an additional \$85 per night. Call our office for more details.

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

Disclaimer of Responsibility By registering for this program, participant specifically waives any and all claims of action against the Museum of Jewish Heritage, and the Jewish Heritage Travel office and their respective staffs for damages, loss, injury, accident or death incurred by any person in connection with this tour. The Museum of Jewish Heritage, and the Jewish Heritage Travel office and their respective staffs assume no responsibility or liability in connection with the service of any train, vessel, carriage, aircraft or other conveyance which may be used wholly or in part in the performance of their duty to the passengers. Neither will the Museum of Jewish Heritage, and the Jewish Heritage Travel office or their staffs be responsible for any injury, death, loss, accident, delay or irregularity through neglect or default of any company or person engaged in carrying out the purposes for which tickets, vouchers, or coupons are issued. No responsibility is accepted for losses or expenses due to sickness, weather, strikes, wars and other causes. In the event it becomes necessary or advisable for any reason whatsoever to alter the itinerary or arrangements, such alterations may be made without penalty. All rights reserved to require any participant to withdraw from the tour at his/her own expense when such an action is determined by the tour staff to be in the best interest of the participant's health and safety, and that of the group in general.

Registration Information

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

Telephone Call our office

845.256.0197

Monday-Friday, 10am-5pm

Participation 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. Participation is limited. Register early.

Insurance Participants are **urged** to purchase travel insurance for losses necessitated by having to cancel participation due to health issues. For your convenience, insurance forms will be sent upon registration, or consult your own insurance agent. Please contact The Jewish Heritage Travel office at 845.256.0197 for more information.

Changes All rights are reserved by the Program Directors to make faculty substitutions and/or to modify the itinerary (including hotels) as needed.

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:

Master Card Visa American Express

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card number exp. date: mo/yr

validation code

Signature

Please send your non-refundable deposit for \$1000 per participant by mail or fax.

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