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B'Yachad ביחד

March of the Living in Poland &
Independence Day in Israel

29 APRIL TO 10 MAY, 2019



From Poland to Israel: an experience both tragic and triumphant



Dear friends,

For the Jewish people, the Holocaust and founding of the State of Israel are the defining events of the 20th century. The remarkable saga, encompassing near-destruction and the independence of the Jewish nation in less than a decade, is a narrative unprecedented in the annals of human history.

To commemorate these events, we will embark on a journey both heartbreaking and extraordinary. From Krakow, site of a once-thriving Jewish community, to Auschwitz, where so much was lost, and on to Israel, an ancient homeland reborn, we will experience the tragic and triumphant.

I envision our delegation as a two-fold mission.

One, it is essential to honor the memory of the six million, not only through personal reflection, but also by conveying the enormity of the Holocaust to the next generation. We should not only bear witness; we must educate as well.

Two, as Israel Bonds leaders, we are obligated to secure the future of the world's only Jewish state, and strive for its continued success. The words "Never again" are not a slogan – they are a call to action.

Seventy-one years ago, many believed Israel's rebirth would be short-lived. Today, Israel is a proud nation revolutionizing science and technology, surmounting every challenge, and even sending a spacecraft to the moon.

So welcome to the start of a memorable voyage. We will contemplate unbearable loss, but also inspiring achievement. From the horror of Auschwitz to the excitement of Israel on Yom Ha'atzmaut, we will share unforgettable moments.

Thank you for joining us. Am Yisrael Chai. עם ישראל חי

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תל-אביב-יפו, ישראל

בס"ד

Dear Member of the Israel Bonds Delegation,

74 years after being liberated, the small child that survived Buchenwald is still present in me and understands how important it is for you all to be in Poland as a living testament to the strength and resilience of the Jewish people. As you will partake in the "march of the living" you will be the voices of so many who were not able to speak. To say never again with conviction and as a promise.

When I was eight years old in Buchenwald, there was a certain moment which shaped my entire life. We didn't know at the time that it was the last year of the war, and we were very depressed. I was among Russian hostages in Block No. 8, near the camp's gate. My brother, Naftali, who saved me when my mother threw me at him in an instant before getting on the train, and who brought me into the camp inside a sack, was in Block Ho. 59, among Jewish prisoners, and we didn't see each other.

"One day I was inside the block, and I heard my brother calling me from the yard beyond the fence. At first, I didn't recognize him. He was skin and bones, with serious typhus, and he said to me: 'Lolek, it's good to see you. You're a big boy now and I can talk to you straightforwardly. You know that we have no father, and mother is probably no longer alive either, and they are now taking me too and I have come to bid farewell. If you stay alive, you'll have no home to return to. Just remember one thing: There is a place in the world called the Land of Israel. It's our home. If they try to take you here or there, say: Only the Land of Israel.

It will be looking forward to welcoming you in Israel and have pride that you choose to celebrate the home of the Jewish people and continuously support the State of Israel by your involvement in Israel Bonds.

Sincerely,



Rabbi Israel Meir Lau

Chief Rabbi



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LITHUANIA

RUSSIA

BELARUS

GERMANY

Poland

Warsaw

CZECH REPUBLIC

UKRAINE

SLOVAKIA

AUSTRIA

HUNGARY

ROMANIA

SLOVENIA

CROATIA

SERBIA

POLAND

We will be visiting:

Chmielnik, Pinczow, Krakow

Before the Holocaust, Jews were the largest minority in Poland.

Jews had been living in Poland since at least the Middle Ages. When Crusaders moved through Europe in the thirteenth century, Jewish refugees sought safety in Poland. The 1264 Statute of Kalisz created legal protections for Jews that were extended by King Casimir III the Great in the early fourteenth century. With these protections, Jewish communities in Poland began to thrive. Scholars suggest that by the sixteenth century, 75 percent of all Jews worldwide lived in Poland.

For the most part, Jews lived in small towns known as shtetls. In tandem with cultural and intellectual changes, once the processes of industrialization and urbanization were under way, most Jews left the shtetl to live in larger urban centers such as Warsaw, Vilna, Krakow, and Lodz.

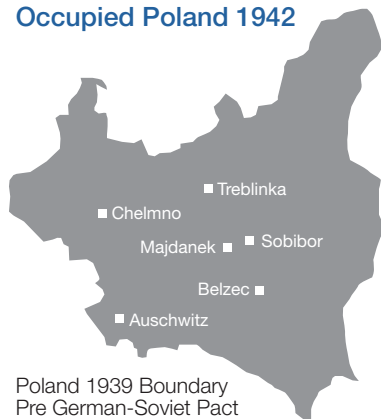
By the 1920s, they made up between a quarter and half of the population in Poland's larger cities (in some smaller towns, they made up as much as 90 percent).

When the Nazis set their sights on Poland, they sought to destroy all that was there and build it up again as a colonial homeland for Germans.

In the process, the Nazis situated their major killing centers there, organizing a railway that took Jews and other prisoners from their homelands to be murdered in occupied Poland.

In all, some 3 million Jews died in the Nazi camps situated in Poland.

Extermination camps in Occupied Poland 1942



Between 1941 and 1945, the German Nazis established six extermination camps in German-occupied Polish territory: Chelmno, Belzec, Sobibor, Treblinka, Auschwitz-Birkenau, and Majdanek.



Memorial from broken gravestones in the ancient Jewish cemetery in Chmielnik in memory of the Jews killed by the Nazis during the Second World War.

CHMIELNIK

Before WWII, Chmielnik's population was over 80% Jewish.



In October 1942, 8,000 persons were on the first transport from Chmielnik to the Treblinka extermination camp.

Of the nearly 10,000 Jews, only four Jewish residents survived.



City Pińczów (Poland), the synagogue (west front).

PIŃCZÓW



Pińczów's Jewish population before WWII was close to 70% of the total population of the town. The town was destroyed when the Germans invaded in September 1939.

Most Jews from Pińczów were sent to Treblinka death camp, some survived by hiding in the surrounding forest and joining Partisan groups.

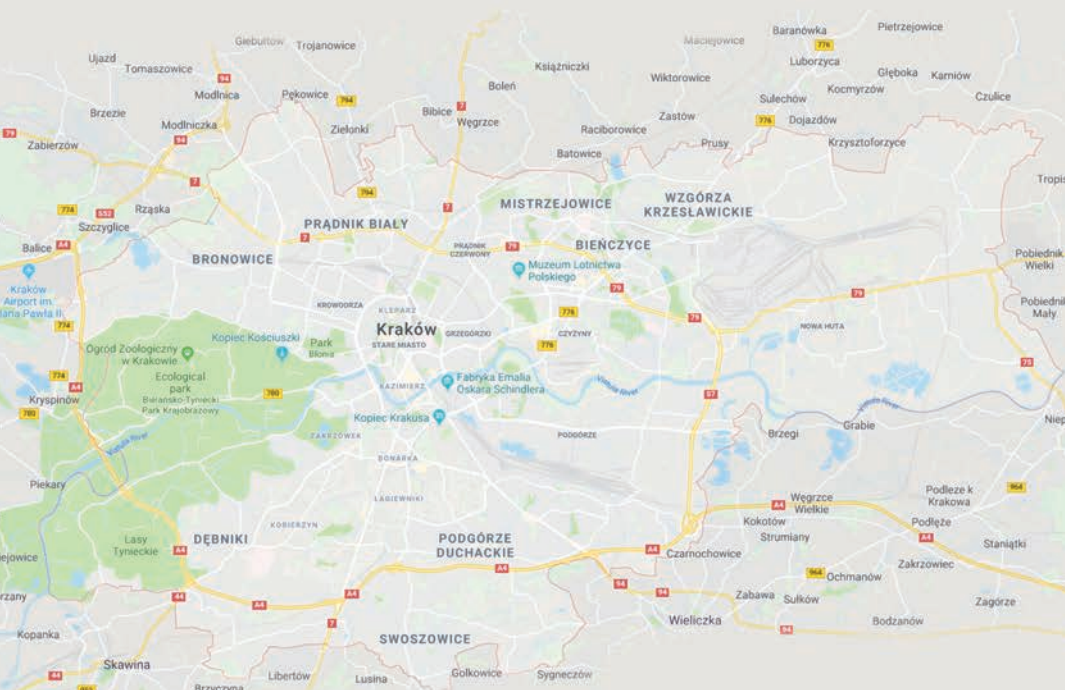
The Jewish community of Pińczów was not rebuilt following the war.



German occupied Poland. A column of captive Jews march with bundles down the main thoroughfare in Krakow during the liquidation of the Krakow Ghetto.

KRAKÓW

Before WWII, Kraków's Jewish population was over 60,000, which amounts to about 25% of the city's overall population. Kraków was a major academic and cultural centre as well as an influential centre of Jewish spiritual life.



In 1939, the Germans began to form ghettos in and around Krakow. By 1941, the Jewish population was mostly confined to the Kraków Ghetto, which was enclosed by barbed-wire fences and a stone wall. Some worked outside the ghetto, particularly in the industrial district, which included Oskar Schindler's Enamel Factory.

1942 saw the largest deportations from the ghettos to Belzec extermination camp, Płaszów slave-labor camp, and Auschwitz concentration camp. By February 1944, all ghettos in the Kraków District were liquidated.

Around 2,000 Jews from Krakow survived the war.

Lihyot 'am chofshi be'artzenu
להיות עם חפשי בארצנו

To be a free people in our land
Ser una nación libre en nuestra tierra

— Hatikvah, the National Anthem of Israel

71 years



אם תרצו אין זו אגדה - בנימין זאב הרצל

Im tirzu ein zo agada
Si lo quieres, no es un sueño.
If you will it, it is no dream.

Binyamin Ze'ev Herzl – Theodor Herzl

ISRAEL'S POPULATION IS SET TO EXCEED 9 MILLION PEOPLE IN 2019



"There are eleven million Jews in the world. I don't say that all of them will come here, but I expect several million, and with natural increase I can quite imagine a Jewish state of ten million."

David Ben-Gurion (1950)



A RECORD FOUR MILLION PLUS TOURISTS VISITED ISRAEL IN 2018



ITINERARY: POLAND

MONDAY, APRIL 29

Arrival in Krakow and Transfer to Hotel Stary
(Free Night on own)

Overnight: Hotel Stary, Krakow

TUESDAY, APRIL 30

Krakow: Kazimierz, Podgorze – Krakow Museum
Schindler's Factory
(Breakfast available from 07:00)

08:30 Departure from the hotel in electric cars for
guided tour of Krakow; Jewish Ghetto, new and
old sites

12:45 Lunch

14:15 Visit to the Krakow Museum located in the
Schindler Factory

17:15 Return to Hotel Stary

20:00 Departure to the Castle in Przygorzaly
Opening dinner at "U Ziyada" Restaurant with
Folkloric Show

Overnight: Hotel Stary, Krakow

WEDNESDAY, MAY 1

07:30 Depart hotel and travel to the Province of
Galitzia, to the city of Pińczów. Visit the Ancient
Neo-Classical Synagogue (1852)

10:15 Arrival to the town of Chmielnik Jewish Museum
located in the former Community Synagogue
(1890-1939). Greetings and tour by the Director
of the Museum, Mr. Piotr Krawczyk

13:30 Lunch at "Staropolske Restaurant-Old Jewish &
Polish Cuisine"

14:50 Visit and ceremony at Jewish Cemetery

17:45 Return to Hotel Stary, Krakow

19:45 Gather at the conference room of the hotel for
Yom Hashoa Ceremony

*Punctuality is requested. The doors will be
closed at 20:00 for security

20:00 Holocaust Remembrance Ceremony
Musical accompaniment by Krakow Quartet

20:50 Dinner

Overnight: Hotel Stary, Krakow

THURSDAY, MAY 2 — Yom Hashoah

March of the Living: Auschwitz – Birkenau -
Krakow

(Breakfast available from 06:30)

07:30 Depart hotel

08:30 Arrival to Aushwitz-Birkeau Concentration
Camp and Memorial site

11:30 Lunch boxes to be distributed

12:30 Formation of all delegations in
preparation for the "March of the Living"

13:00 "March of the Living" to begin through the
entrance gate of Auschwitz

15:00 "March of the living Yom Hashoah
Ceremony "

* Special Israel Bonds Delegation seating

16:30 Tour of Birkenau barracks

18:30 Departure of the buses back to Krakow

20:00 Arrival at Hotel Stary for Closing Dinner
joined by Danny Dannon Israel's
Ambassador to the United Nation and
delegation of UN Ambassadors

Overnight: Hotel Stary, Krakow

FRIDAY, MAY 3 — Krakow-Tel Aviv

(Breakfast available from 07:00)

07:00 Luggage pickup by bellboys

07:45 Identification of the luggage in the hotel
lobby

08:45 Depart hotel

11:50 Direct Flight Krakow – Tel Aviv: El - Al /
Sundoor 5120.

16:30 Arrival to Tel Aviv - Israel

ITINERARY: ISRAEL

FRIDAY, MAY 3 — Arrival in Israel

(Breakfast available from 06:30 – Club Med Restaurant)

16:30 Arrival to Ben Gurion Airport/ transfer to Hilton Hotel

18:41 Candle lighting and services at the Hilton Hotel Synagogue

20:00 Shabbat Dinner in King Solomon Hall

Overnight: Hilton Tel Aviv

SHABBAT, MAY 4 — Tel Aviv

(Breakfast available from 6:30 – Club Med Restaurant)

10:30 Depart hotel to the historic home of David Ben-Gurion

11:00 Tour of Ben Gurion home
Meet Yariv Ben Eliezer, grandson of David Ben-Gurion

Lunch on own

18:30 Buffet dinner at the Hilton Hotel in King Solomon Hall

20:00 Depart hotel to Heichal Hatarbut, Charles Bronfman Auditorium

21:00 Attend the concert of the Israel Philharmonic Orchestra. Private cocktail reception with new musical director Lahav Shani following the performance

Overnight: Hilton Hotel, Tel Aviv

SUNDAY, MAY 5 — Jerusalem

(Breakfast available from 6:30 – Club Med Restaurant)

08:30 Depart for Jerusalem

09:30 Visit to Jerusalem municipality, Guest speaker: Deputy Mayor, Fleur Hasan - Nahum and meet new Mayor, Moshe Leon
Visit to the Kotel

12:30 Lunch at Terassa Restaurant at Begin Center
Award Ceremony for Yuli Edelstein, speaker of the Knesset

Visit Home of the President and meet President Rivlin
Tour and tasting at Shuk Machane Yehuda

18:00 Visit and dinner at Yvel Jewelers and the Megemeria jewelry school Presentations by Isaac Levi, president & founder and Daniel Sahalo, graduate of the program

Overnight: Hilton Hotel, Tel Aviv

MONDAY, MAY 6 — Sderot

(Breakfast available from 6:30 – Club Med Restaurant)

08:00 Depart Hotel

10:00 Arrive to Sderot to Kobi Hill for overview of the current Gaza Border situation

11:00 Spend time with children of the local school preparing for Independence Day celebrations

12:30 BBQ Lunch at Kibbutz Mefalsim

14:30 Animal Assisted Therapy Center

16:00 Visit to the Iron Dome (*subject to army situation on the day of visit)

17:00 Tour and shopping in Sderot

18:30 Dinner at Café Greg in Sderot

Overnight: Hilton Hotel, Tel Aviv

TUESDAY, MAY 7 — Tel Aviv, Herzliya

(Breakfast available from 6:30 – Club Med Restaurant)

08:30 Depart hotel

09:00 Tour of Peres Center for Peace and Innovation

11:30 Visit WaterGen Technology visitor center in Herzliya

13:00 Lunch at Israel Defense Academy in Herzliya

14:00 Experience Israel Defense Academy shooting facility

15:00 Return to hotel

18:00 Buffet dinner on the terrace of the Hilton Hotel

19:00 Depart to Rabin Square for Tel Aviv municipality Memorial Day service

Overnight: Hilton Hotel, Tel Aviv

WEDNESDAY, MAY 8 — Memorial Day for Israel's fallen – Tel Aviv, Jerusalem

(Breakfast available from 6:30 – Club Med Restaurant)

10:00 Depart to Rabin Square

11:00 Siren and Ceremony at Tel Aviv municipality
Guest speaker: Tzipi Brand-Frank

Lunch on own

18:00 Depart to Jerusalem

19:30 Independence Day Celebration on Mt Herzl

Dinner in Jerusalem after ceremony

Overnight: Hilton Hotel, Tel Aviv

THURSDAY, MAY 9 — Israel's Independence Day

(Breakfast available from 6:30 – Club Med Restaurant)

11:00 View the Israeli Air Force show on the terrace of the Hilton hotel

13:00 BBQ on the terrace of the Hilton Hotel

20:00 Closing dinner and fashion show celebrating Israel in the King Solomon Hall

Overnight: Hilton Hotel, Tel Aviv

FRIDAY, MAY 10 – Closing breakfast in private room

08:30 Farewell breakfast with Rabbi Yisrael Meir Lau, Chief Rabbi of Tel Aviv in the Jaffa Hall

*Program subject to change

Thank You
Toda Raba

Gracias

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Anderson Da Rocha Dias

Monica Cytrynbaum

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Your connection to the **State of Israel** with **Israel Bonds** has helped make our common vision of a strong & independent homeland for Jews around the world a dream come true.

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