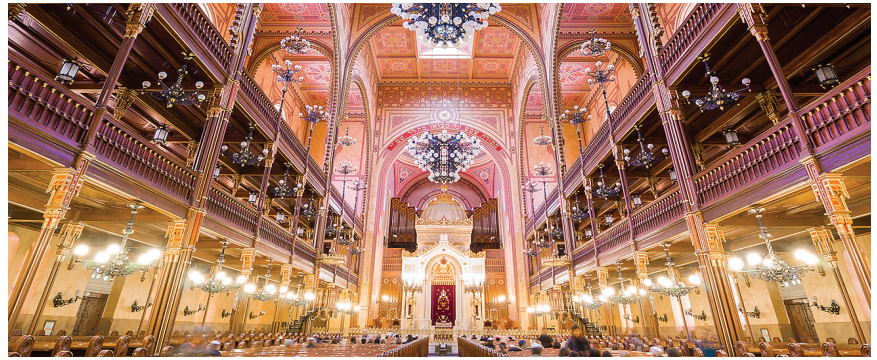


# Tour informational meeting June 25 at 7:30 PM



Kehillat Ma'arav's

Central & European Jewish Heritage Journey

Led by Rabbi Michael Gotlieb

October 27-November 7, 2019

View and download itinerary and application at [www.israeltour.com/rgotlieb](http://www.israeltour.com/rgotlieb)



Traveling through Poland gives us an opportunity to visit historic sites of culture, to engage in meetings with members of the Jewish Community, and of course to explore and experience the remnants of the camps, ghettos and the painful reality of the Shoah. The cobblestoned Old Cities of Warsaw and ancient castles of Krakow offer a stark comparison to the unthinkable tragedy of the Holocaust. Prague's history of the Jews is one of Central Europe's oldest and most well-known. Prague boasts one of the oldest recorded kehilot in Europe. Then we learn about Berlin's modern-day Jewish community in a bustling kosher café, and hear stories about the city's earliest Jewish citizens as you visit the site of the demolished 18th-century Old Synagogue and the elegant 19th-century New Synagogue, an architectural landmark.

## Tour Pricing

### Discounted Price for Check Payment

Land Only Package – \$4995

per person in a double room

Land and Air Package – \*\$6465

per person in a double room

Single Room Supplement – \$1155

### Full Price for Credit Card Payment

Land Only Package – \$5195

per person in a double room

Land and Air Package – \*\$6725

per person in a double room

Single Room Supplement – \$1199

\*Round trip LAX-Krakow-Berlin-LAX  
including internal European flight; Krakow-Prague

Round trip air available through ITC Tours call Yafa at 800-247-7235

Added to the costs above are tips for Guide, Driver, Restaurants, and Porterage – \$180

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# Kehillat Ma'arav's Central & European Jewish Heritage Tour Led by Rabbi Michael Gotlieb

## Sunday, October 27, 2019

- Depart from LAX, overnight flight

## Monday, October 28, 2019 – Warsaw (L,D)

(today's program depends on arrival time)

- Arrive in **Warsaw** to be met and assisted by your ITC representative
- Tour of the **Opakowa Jewish Cemetery** – One of the largest Jewish cemeteries in Europe. *If only these stones could speak:* The cemetery is a reflection of Jewish Warsaw over the 150 years prior to its destruction.
- Packed lunch to be provided by JCC Warszawa
- Visit the **Umslagplatz**, the place from where Jews were deported from the **Warsaw Ghetto**. Then follow the **Path of Heroism** on **Mila St.** to the **Mila 18 Memorial** and **Warsaw Ghetto Memorial**, latter designed by the late sculpturer Nathan Rappaport.
- Visit **Polin – The Museum of the History of Polish Jews**
- Check in to the Polonia Palace in Warsaw
- Dinner at Galil Restaurant
- Overnight: Polonia Palace, Warsaw

## Tuesday, October 29, 2019

### Warsaw, Tykocyn, Treblinka (B,L,D)

- Visit the **Nozik Synagogue**, a last vestige of the Warsaw Jewry before the Shoah
- Hear about the remarkable humanitarian and educator **Janusc Korchak** at the orphanage he directed and see one of the few still standing sections of the **Ghetto** wall nearby
- Packed lunch
- Travel to **Tykocyn** to visit the last historic painted wooden synagogue in **Poland** – the world that was
- Visit the site of mass grave in the **Lupochova Forest**
- **Treblinka Death Camp**
- Return to Warsaw
- Dinner at Warsaw JCC
- Overnight: Polonia Palace, Warsaw

## Wednesday, October 30, 2019

### Krakow: A Cradle of Jewish Life (B,L,D)

- Early departure by first class train from **Warsaw to Krakow**
- Tour of the **Kazmiercz, Krakow's Old Jewish Quarter** including the **Rama Synagogue, Old Synagogue, and Temple Synagogue**
- Visit **Oskar Schindler's Enamel Factory** and the **Pharmacy** in **Krakow's former Ghetto**
- Check in to Holiday Inn City Center Krakow
- Kosher dinner at Krakow JCC
- Overnight: Holiday Inn City Center, Krakow

## Thursday, October 31, 2019

### Auschwitz-Birkenau (B,L,D)

- In-depth tour of **Birkenau-Auschwitz II Death Camp**

- Packed lunch
- Guided tour (local museum guide) of **Auschwitz I**
- *Time permitting:* Visit to **Oswiecim Jewish Center**
- Transfer to **Krakow Airport** for flight to **Prague**
- Check in to hotel in central **Prague**
- Kosher dinner at local kosher restaurant
- Overnight: Grandium Hotel, Prague

## Friday, November 1, 2019

### Jewish Prague (B,D)

- Walking tour of **Jewish Prague** – The **Josefov** neighborhood, including **Jewish Town hall, Altneuschul (Old-New Synagogue), Maisel, Pinkas, Klausen and Spanish Synagogues and Jewish Museum**
- Lunch on own
- Tour of **Prague castle**
- Free time to relax and prepare for Shabbat
- **Shabbat/Friday night services** with Rabbi Ron Hoffberg, Conservative/Masorti Rabbi of Prague
- **Festive Shabbat Dinner** - Dinitz
- Overnight: Grandium Hotel, Prague

## Saturday, November 2, 2019

### And on the Seventh Day....in Prague (B,L)

- **Shabbat morning services** at historic **Altneuschul**
- **Traditional Shabbat Lunch** - King David
- Hotel. Walking tour of **Old Town of Prague**, including **Charles Bridge, Old Town Square and Astronomical Clock**
- **Havdalah** with Rabbi Gotlieb
- Dinner on own
- **'Black Theater'** – *Laterna Magica* performance
- Overnight: Grandium Hotel, Prague

## Sunday, November 3, 2019

### Terezin and Berlin (B,L,D)

- Tour of **Terezin Ghetto and Concentration Camp**
- Travel to **Dresden**
- Lunch and tour at **Meissen Porcelain Factory in Dresden**
- Travel to **Berlin**
- Check in to the NH Collection Hotel, in Berlin
- Kosher dinner at Bleibergs on the Kurfürstendamm ('Kudam')
- Overnight: NH Collection Hotel, Berlin

## Monday, November 4, 2019

### Berlin: Jewish History and the Cold War (B,L,D)

- Guided tour of the **Jewish Museum Berlin** for an overview of German Jewish history and an opportunity to appreciate its unique architecture
- Lunch at Café Schmuss in the **Berlin Jewish Museum**
- Visit **Check Point Charlie** and the adjacent **Berlin Wall Museum** to learn about **Berlin**

as a divided city during the Cold War

- Tour of historic **Neues Synagogue** (Oranienburger Strasse) and its museum
- Meeting with **Rabbi Gesa Ederberg**, the Masorti/Conservative rabbi of Berlin to hear about renewal of Jewish life in Germany
- Visit **Otto Weidt's Workshop for the Blind**, a brush factory which helped rescue blind and deaf Jews during the Holocaust
- Dinner at local Kosher restaurant
- Overnight: NH Collection Hotel, Berlin

## Tuesday, November 5, 2019

### Potsdam and Wansee Villa (B,L)

- Travel to **Potsdam**
- Cross the **"Bridge of Spies"**
- Guided tour of **Sanssouci**, Frederick the Great's summer palace in **Potsdam** – Hear about how Moses Mendelsohn was 'received' as a visitor
- Continue sightseeing tour of **Potsdam**
- Lunch at lakeside Restaurant Seehaase on the Wansee
- Tour of **Wansee Conference House**, focusing on **'Conference Room'** (room 9) and **the Presence of the Past Exhibit** (room 15)
- Return to Berlin
- Free evening
- Dinner on own
- Overnight: NH Collection Hotel, Berlin

## Wednesday, November 6, 2019

### Pergamon, Re-United Berlin and Holocaust Memorial (B,L,D)

- Visit the **Pergamon Museum** to see the **Ishtar Gate**, the entrance to **Nebuchadnetzer's city of Babylon** to hear about its special place in Jewish history. Then tour other exhibits on own.
- Visit the **Neues Museum** to see the world renowned **Nefertiti Bust**
- Lunch at Kafer Restaurant at **Reichstag** (vegetarian/fish)
- View **Brandenburg Gate** and see **Berlin Wall Memorial**
- Tour of **Reichstag**, including elevator to iconic glass dome
- Visit the **Memorial to the Murdered Jews of Europe – Berlin's Holocaust Memorial** designed by architect Peter Eisenmann
- Dinner at Bobbe Berlin Restaurant
- Overnight: NH Collection Hotel, Berlin

## Thursday, November 7, 2019

### Departure (B)

- Transfer to airport for flight to U.S.

