

Join B'nai Jeshurun Congregation's
European Jewish Heritage Journey
led by
Rabbi Stephen Weiss
Budapest, Ledec', Prague and Berlin
June 11-22, 2017



Our Jewish heritage tour will explore the rich history of Jewish life in Hungary, The Czech Republic and Germany. We will learn about the systematic destruction of Jewish life by the Nazis by visiting Berlin, the center of Nazi power, and Terezin Concentration camp. Together, we will remember what once was, we will learn how each country has come to grips with its role in the Holocaust and, we will see examples of the rebuilding and reawakening of Jewish life in Europe. Each destination has its own significance and place in our history.
Join us as we learn, remember, and memorialize.

**Land Only: \$4,025 - Land and *Air package \$5,549 per person in a double room
Single room supplement \$1,599**

Based on 25 participants plus Tour Leader

***Includes Round Trip Air, Taxes and Fuel Surcharge**

**Not included in cost: tips for Guide and Driver \$175 per person
and \$25 checked baggage fee on each domestic flight.**

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Application may be viewed and downloaded at www.itctours.com/rabb-weiss-BJC

Included in the tour:

* All touring sightseeing and entrance fees as per itinerary in Deluxe air- conditioned bus* Breakfast daily
* 4 lunches * 7 kosher or vegetarian dinners * English speaking guide and group manager throughout the trip* Group transfers upon arrival and departure

11JUNE17 UNITED 1753 CLEVELAND TO NEWARK 11:05AM 12:45PM
11JUNE17 LUFTHANSA 403 NEWARK TO FRANKFURT 6:00PM 7:30AM
12JUNE17 LUFTHANSA 1338 FRANKFURT TO BUDAPEST 12:20PM 1:50PM
22JUNE17 UNITED 963 BERLIN TO NEWARK 9:40AM 12:30PM
22JUNE17 UNITED 1530 NEWARK TO CLEVELAND 4:00PM 5:40PM

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June 11, Sunday - Depart from US overnight flight to Budapest

June 12, Monday - *Budapest (L, D)* Meet and assist by ITC Tour Manager and your guide - Walking orientation tour of the majestic capital of Hungary. Discover the "Belvaros," one of the oldest districts of the city and the heart of Budapest, with ever expanding pedestrian zones, shopping streets, fountains and parks. After the sightseeing, enjoy lunch at the local restaurant; continue to your hotel for some free time to freshen up. Welcome dinner. **Overnight Budapest Hotel*

June 13, Tuesday - *Budapest Jewish History (B, L)* - Breakfast at your hotel - Driving along Andrassy Avenue to the Heroes square, your guide will explain the Hungarian history, so later you will have a better understanding of the Jewish story within. Jewish district walking tour: Kazinczy Synagogue, Dohany Synagogue, Jewish Museum, Weeping Willow, Lutz Memorial, Rumbach Synagogue, lunch at Carmel Restaurant in Jewish district. Continue to the Holocaust Documentation Center. The bus will then take you to the Central Market hall and you can stroll along Vaci Street. Dinner on your own. **Overnight Budapest Hotel*

June 14, Wednesday - *Imperial Budapest (B, D)* - Breakfast at your hotel. Drive to Buda Castle district, with historic sites and attractions; The Royal Palace, Matthias Church, medieval houses, medieval Jewish sites like a medieval praying house, interesting museums, and charming crooked streets following the shape of the hill, as well as some wonderful cafés and restaurants. Breathtaking views of the Danube with the Chain Bridge and the Pest side of the city on the opposite side of the river. Free time for lunch on your own in the Castle district. The bus takes us back to the Pest side, to the district of the Parliament. First we stop at the Frankel Shul, or we could visit the Glass House where Carl Lutz the Swiss diplomat gave out the protecting letters. Walk to the Liberty Square to see the Memorial of the victims of the German occupation, walk down to the Shoe Memorial along the Danube and recite kaddish if you wish. Continue with a walk by the Parliament where our guide will talk about politics and we pass by the statue of Imre Nagy where the guide will talk about 56. Tonight enjoy a dinner cruise on the Danube River; see Budapest's most beautiful monuments aglow at night.* *Overnight Budapest Hotel*

June 15, Thursday - *Budapest - Ledec' - Prague (B, D)* - Breakfast at your hotel. Drive to Ledec' via more small towns with rich Jewish heritage, Stupava and Malacky. Arrive to Ledec' - where our memorial Torah is from. We will visit the newly renovated Jewish synagogue a Baroque synagogue from 1729 in Ledec nad Sázavou. It was recently used as museum dedicated to history of former local Jewish community and lies not far from Husovo Náměstí Square on Na Potoce Street. Lunch on one's own. The former 1606 synagogue was built out of wood, and after a fire in the 18th century, it was replaced by a new, single-storey building in the Folk Baroque style. Unfortunately, this new synagogue succumbed to fire as well.. Continue to the Jewish Cemetery, recite Kaddish (TBA) Travel to Prague, Check in hotel. Dinner (TBA) **Overnight Prague Hotel*

June 16, Friday- *Prague Josefov Town (B, D)* - Breakfast at your hotel. Walking tour of Prague Josefov's Town- Prague Jewish town includes; Old Town Hall, Old-New Synagogue (Altneuschul), Maisel, Pinkas, Klausen and Spanish Synagogue, Lunch on one's own in the Jewish area. Old Jewish Cemetery, Guttman Gallery and Ceremonial Hall. Jewish Museum, Prepare for Shabbat, Kabbalat Shabbat services with Masorti Community. Dinner at Dinitz kosher restaurant. *Overnight Prague Hotel*

June 17, Shabbat - Saturday- *Shabbat in Prague (B, L)* - Breakfast at your hotel - Shabbat Services (optional) Lunch at Dinitz. Afternoon walking tour of the Charles Bridge and the town center with its magnificent astronomical clock. Evening Cruise, Prague Jazz Boat: Cruise through Prague, take in the sights, and be entertained by a jazz band. Dinner is not included in this boat trip, but should you wish to dine, there is a restaurant on board. Cruise Duration: 2 1/2 hours. Dinner on your own. *Overnight Prague Hotel*

June 18, Sunday - *Prague Castel Hill (B, D)* - Breakfast at your hotel - Visit Prague Castle, Old Royal Palace, St. Vitus Cathedral, Daliborka Tower, Lobkowitz Palace Museum. Lunch on your own at Lobkowitz Palace Museum including lunchtime classical concert (1:00 pm daily). Walk down to the Old Town via Charles Bridge. Free time in the Old Town Square. Dinner. *Overnight Prague Hotel*

June 19, Monday - *Prague- Terezin - Berlin (B, L, D)* - Breakfast at your hotel. Travel to Terezin, the former "model" Nazi concentration camp. Lunch box on route Visit to the Fortress, Jewish Cemetery, Museum, the Hidden Synagogue, and view The Memorial Monument. Continue to your hotel in Berlin. Dinner *Overnight Berlin Hotel*

June 20, Tuesday- *Berlin (B)* - Breakfast at your hotel. Start with a visit to Weissensee Jewish Cemetery - giving us a sense of the size and importance of Berlin's Jewish community before the Shoah. Topography of Terror, Documentation Center. Lunch on your own at Café Schmus in the Jewish Museum including tour. The museum was designed by Polish-born Jewish-American architect Daniel Libeskind. Visit to the Reichstag, housing the parliament called the Bundestag; Next, a drive with an overview city tour and a stop at Check Point Charlie (photo opportunity) , Brandenburg Gate and more. Visit and interact with the Berlin Masorti community. Dinner on one's own. *Overnight Berlin Hotel*

June 21 Wednesday - *Berlin (B, D)* - Gleis 17 or Track 17 - where Berlin Jews were deported to Riga, Auschwitz, Warsaw and Thereisinstadt, We will Recite Kaddish. Holocaust Memorial's Field of Stelae. Walking tour of the Jewish sites of East Berlin, Otto Weidt's Workshop for the Blind, Hackesche Market, Jewish Boy's school, The New Synagogue and Centrum Judaicum, one of the most important locations for contemporary Jewish life in Berlin. Visit the museums of Museum Island; see the Ishtar Gate of Babylon at the Pergamom and other art treasures. Farwell Dinner. *Overnight Berlin Hotel*

June 22 Thursday- *Day of departure (B)* - After breakfast, transfer from hotel to airport for your international departure for USA.