

## **COMMON QUESTIONS:**

### **FOOD:**

**1. Will the food be Kosher?**

We will be eating dairy food prepared in non-kosher restaurants. For anyone who will need accommodation please let Rabbi Werbow know.

**2. Can my food issues be accommodated?**

Most likely, we can accommodate vegetarian, vegan, peanut allergies, and gluten free diets. Participants do need to realize we are in the deep south and are taking advantage of local cuisine. People with dietary concerns are encouraged to bring their snacks and supplemental food that they can keep on the bus.

**3. Do the hotel rooms have refrigerators in them?**

Yes. There are mini fridges in the rooms.

**4. How does lunch at Pizitz Food Hall work?**

We give each participant money to use for lunch when we get to the food hall.

### **BUS ISSUES:**

**1. How big is the bus?**

A full bus is 52 participants (not including the Etgar 36 staff).

**2. Are there chargers on the bus?**

Yes. Each seat has an outlet to charge phones etc.

**3. Is there wifi on the bus?**

Yes. There will be spots along the route where service is not available.

**4. Is there a bathroom on the bus?**

Yes, and we will make scheduled bathroom stops on long rides.

**5. Is there a bus that accommodates wheelchairs?**

Yes. We do need to know as far in advance as possible to guarantee we have

that bus available for your group. We also have busses that do knell to the curve and/or we have a step we use to make getting on and off easier for those who need. We can also put a scooter under the bus.

**6. Will we have the same bus with us the whole time and can we leave things on it?** Yes. The driver will be on the bus the whole time, or it will be locked up overnight.

**7. How will we arrange flights?**

Each participant will arrange their own flights. An early morning Southwest flight leaves BWI at 6:15 AM, arriving in Atlanta at 8:00 AM. If you want you can arrive in Atlanta earlier and stay overnight.

**GENERAL QUESTIONS:**

1. **Are we seeing the new slavery museum and “lynching” memorial in Montgomery?** Yes. That is the Equal Justice Initiative Legacy Museum and Memorial to Peace and Justice. The usual follow up question is will the EJI Founder, Bryan Stephenson, be meeting with us? No, that is not a planned part of the trip as he is usually not in Montgomery.

**2. How much walking is there on the trip?**

The longest blocks of walking are in the EJI Memorial in Montgomery, which is about a 1/2 mile, and also when we walk across the Edmund Pettus Bridge, in Selma, which is about a 1/4 of a mile. People who feel that they would rather not walk across the Edmund Pettus Bridge can ride the bus across it.

**3. Is there time for reflection on the trip?**

Yes, there can be, but we leave that to the group to organize and run.

**4. Is there a dress code for the trip?**

No. Participants should dress for the weather and comfort. We are outside for much of the trip. Casual nice is fine for Sunday morning Church services. No need for suits, jackets, ties, dresses.

**5. Will there be water and snacks on the bus?**

We do not provide snacks as we cannot guarantee that we can purchase these

things before your trip. Groups have ordered snacks and water from Amazon and had it sent to the Atlanta hotel so that it is there when your group arrives and we can put it on the bus for the rest of the trip.

### **6. What is the group staff's responsibilities over the trip?**

We are looking for your staff to be in charge of group behavior, health and safety, counting heads every time we are leaving a place, and making sure the teens are in their room and quiet after curfew.

### **7. What is the tipping policy?**

The bus driver's tip is **not** part of the cost of your trip. The speakers on the trip are all compensated.

### **8. Do we have a recommended pre-trip reading list?**

Here is a list. People not reading any of these will not impact their trip at all.

"Just Mercy" - Bryan Stevenson.

He is the Founder and Director of the Equal Justice Initiative

"March" by Congressman John Lewis.

This is a 3 part graphic novel about the Selma to Montgomery march.

The Taylor Branch trilogy about Dr. King:

"Parting the Waters: America in the King Years 1954-63" "Pillars of Fire: America in the King Years 1963- 65"

"At Canaan's Edge: America in the King Years 1965-68."

“The New Jim Crow: Mass Incarceration in the Age of Colorblindness” by Michelle Alexander

“The Quiet Voices: Southern Rabbis and Black Civil Rights, 1880s to 1990s” by Mark Bauman and Berkley Kalin

“Going South: Jewish Women in the Civil Rights Movement” by Debra Schultz

“Troubling the Waters: Black-Jewish Relations in the American Century” by Cheryl Lynn Greenberg