

# Temple Emet

An inclusive Jewish congregation

## Zachor Journey to Poland

May 17 – 22, 2019

Led by Rabbi Cantor Didi Thomas

### Itinerary

(As of August 14 – Subject to change)

<b>Friday May 17</b>	<b>ARRIVE IN POLAND</b>
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- Afternoon/evening arrival at Warsaw's Chopin International Airport
- Check-in at our hotel
- Join **Ec Haim Reform Synagogue** for Kabbalat Shabbat services.
- Community Shabbat Dinner

**Overnight:** Mercure Centrum Hotel, *Warsaw*

<b>Shabbat May 18</b>	<b>SHABBAT SHALOM IN WARSAW</b>
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- Breakfast at the hotel
- Tour the **Polin Museum of the History of Polish Jews** for an overview of 1,000 years of Jewish history in Poland. *The 3.3 million Jews of Poland made up about 10% of the pre-World War II population.*
- Lunch on your own at the Besamim Restaurant at the Polin Museum
- Visit the **Royal Castle Museum**.
- Walking tour of Warsaw's meticulously restored historic **Old Town**
- Dinner on your own (as a group) and Havdallah marking the end of Shabbat

**Overnight:** Mercure Centrum Hotel, *Warsaw*

<b>Sunday May 19</b>	<b>WARSAW – THE JEWISH WORLD THAT WAS</b>
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- Breakfast at the hotel
- At Warsaw's **Genscha Street Cemetery**, consider "The Life that Was". *Dating to 1799, it has over 200,000 graves. It also includes mass graves for thousands of Jewish victims of the Nazis in the Warsaw ghetto.*



- Explore what had been the area of **Warsaw Ghetto** including parts of the ghetto wall, UmshlagPlatz, Rappaport Memorial, Mila 18. *The 340,000 Jews of Warsaw made up about 1/3 of the city's population in 1939.*
- Lunch on your own
- Visit the **Nozyk Synagogue**, the only surviving pre WWII synagogue in Warsaw

- Head to **Lublin** whose *38,000 Jews were 30% of the city before the Shoah*
- Dinner on your own (as a group)

**Overnight:** Mercure Centrum Hotel, *Lublin*

<b>Monday May 20</b>	<b>MAJDANEK – TARNOW -KRAKOW</b>
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- Breakfast at the hotel
- Pack bus and depart hotel.
- Learn and remember at the site of the **Majdanek Concentration Camp**.
- Lunch on your own (as a group)
- Continue to **Tarnow’s Market Square** and the “Bimah” Synagogue. *Before World War II, the 25,000 Jews of Tarnow were about half of the city’s population.*
- We will stop near Tarnow and remember at the **Zbylitowska Gora Forest** (Yaar HaYeladim) where thousands of Tarnow’s Jews (including hundreds of children) were brutally murdered by the Nazis
- Continue to Krakow for check-in at our hotel
- Walking tour of Rynek Glowny - **Krakow’s Old Town Square**
- Dinner on your own in Krakow’s Old Town Square

**Overnight:** Radisson Blu Hotel, *Krakow*

<b>Tuesday May 21</b>	<b>AUSCHWITZ</b>
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- Breakfast at the hotel



- Depart to the **Auschwitz-Birkenau Polish State Museum & Memorial**
- Start at the **Auschwitz II Birkenau Death Camp** where over 1,000,000 Jews were murdered.
- Lunch on your own
- Continue to the site of **Auschwitz I Concentration Camp**. Visit the barracks, museum exhibits and gas chamber.
- Return to Krakow. Meet a “**Righteous Gentile**” whose family risked all to save Jews during the Shoah
- Dinner at the **Krakow JCC**. Meet a **member of the local Jewish community** and learn about Jewish life in Poland today.

**Overnight:** Radisson Blu Hotel, *Krakow*

<b>Wednesday May 22</b>	<b>KRAKOW – THE JEWISH WORLD THAT WAS</b>
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- Breakfast at the hotel
- Pack bus and depart hotel

- Head to the **Nazi era Krakow Ghetto**. See a section of the **Ghetto Wall** and the **Schindler Factory Gates**



- Walking **tour** of the **Kazimierz Old Jewish Quarter** in Krakow exploring **“The World That Was”**. Sites include: Ramah Synagogue/Cemetery & Isaac and Temple Synagogues. *Prior to the Shoah the 60,000 Jews of Krakow comprised 25% of the city's population.*
- Lunch on your own in Kazimierz
- Head to Warsaw’s Chopin Airport for El Al flight #562 to Israel departing at 10:30 PM **(Suggested flight – not included in the trip pricing)**

**Thursday May 23**

**BRUCHIM HABAIM – WELCOME TO ISRAEL**

- 3:45 AM arrival at Ben Gurion Airport in Israel
- Head to **Tel Aviv** for **check-in, breakfast and time to relax** at the **Renaissance Hotel** on the shores of the Mediterranean Sea
- Lunch on your own
- In the evening, join with the Temple Emet Israel trip participants as per the Israel trip itinerary



