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Journey to Poland



**EARLY BIRD £750**

(Book before July 31<sup>st</sup> 2022)

16-20 March 2023 - Draft Itinerary

“Jews were commanded to become the people who never forget. And they never did.” — Rabbi Jonathan Sacks

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— I T I N E R A R Y —

## Thursday 16 March

*Arrival in Warsaw – drive to Lublin*

### Lublin

Before the war, Yeshivat Chachmei Lublin was the most important Yeshiva in Poland, if not the world. It was led by the dynamic Rabbi and member of the Polish Parliament – Rabbi Meir Shapiro.

### Majdanek

The Majdanek concentration camp was located three kilometres from the centre of Lublin and was in operation from October 1941 until July 1944.

### Leżajsk

The grave of R' Elimelech of Leżajsk attracts pilgrims from around the world making the surviving cemetery one of the largest sites of Jewish pilgrimage in Poland and still an important Chassidic center.

*Overnight: Rzeszów*

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## Friday 17 March

### Tarnów

Before the war, about 25,000 Jews lived in Tarnów, comprising about half of the town's population. By the end of the war the overwhelming majority of Tarnów Jews had been murdered by the Germans.

### Zbylitowska Góra

A site of mass murder of the Jews from Tarnów.

### Shabbat in Kraków

Candle lighting to begin Shabbat.

Group activity

Kabbalat Shabbat in one of Kraków's old Synagogues

Shabbat Dinner

*Overnight: Kraków*

## Shabbat 18 March

Shabbat Service & Kiddush

### Kazimierz

The former Jewish quarter in Kraków comprises the most intact and significant collection of Jewish buildings in Central Europe today, including seven remaining synagogues.

Shabbat Lunch

Testimony from one of the Righteous Among the Nations

Shabbat ends

### Kraków Ghetto and Schindler's Factory

Over the bridge from Kazimierz is the former WWII ghetto situated in the Podgórze area of the city where traces of the ghetto wall can still be found as well as Schindler's 'Emalia' enamel factory.

### Płaszów

The Płaszów Labour Camp was built on top of the old Jewish cemetery where Sarah Schenirer was buried. Commandant Amon Goeth's house is also located next to the camp.

*Overnight: Kraków*



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## Sunday 19 March

### **Auschwitz I and Auschwitz II-Birkenau**

The largest of Nazi Germany's concentration camps and extermination camps operational during World War II, the camp took its German name from the name of the Polish town of Oświęcim in which it is located. Most victims were killed in Auschwitz II's gas chambers using Zyklon B; other deaths were caused by systematic starvation, forced labour, lack of disease control, individual executions and purported "medical experiments".

### **Łódź**

Jewish people made up about one third of the city's population and owned one third of all the factories. The Radegast Train Station was situated in Łódź ghetto, which served as the departure point to the death camps in Chelmno and Auschwitz.

*Overnight: Lodz*

## Monday 20 March

### **Dabie**

A small village near Chelmno where we will reveal the hidden clues to the Jews who once called Dabie their home.

### **Chelmno**

Chelmno was the first death camp of the Nazi's Final Solution which was operational in Autumn 1941 before the famous Wannsee Conference. Gassings took place in experimental gas vans claiming the lives of over 200,000 Jews.

### **Warsaw**

A walking tour of Warsaw will include the former ghetto, the Umschlagplatz monument, Ghetto Uprising monument and Miła 18, the ŻOB (Jewish Combat Organization) memorial site.

*Depart Warsaw*

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## Cost

**£850 per person** (not including flights)

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Deposit payable on booking of £200

Balance due in full by December 15<sup>th</sup> 2022

The following is included in the cost:

- 4 night's accommodation in 4 Star hotels (based on twin occupancy)
- Coach transportation, three kosher meals daily and entrance to sites
- Tips for local staff
- JRoots Guidebook

The price does NOT include:

- Flights
- Personal extras
- Tips for JRoots Educator
- Single supplement £100pp (cost for a single room)
- Travel or medical insurance
- COVID testing or related costs

