

MARCH OF THE LIVING FOR ADULTS 2025

PROGRAM ITINERARY

This is our projected itinerary – subject to change based on availability and local conditions

PART I | BEARING WITNESS IN POLAND

TUESDAY | APRIL 22, 2025 | The Kazmierz Legacy

- Our recommended flight arrives to Krakow in the late morning
Travelers arriving on the designated flight and other flights arriving in the same timeframe will be accommodated with a complimentary airport transfer
- Check-in to our hotel in central Krakow – meet our staff team and get oriented to the journey
- Introductory walking tour to **Kazmierz** – Krakow's historic Jewish Quarter, where we honor the proud legacy of Polish Jewry dating back to the 14th Century – including stops at the **Remu Synagogue**, the **Tempel Synagogue**, old Jewish cemetery, and **Jozefa Street**
- Evening: **Welcome dinner at the Krakow JCC**, the center of a modern Jewish revival, where we will meet with the Executive Director, Jonathan Ornstein

OVERNIGHT: Qubus Hotel – Kraków, Poland

Meals Included: Dinner

WEDNESDAY | APRIL 23, 2025 | Confronting Auschwitz & Birkenau

- Arrive at the grounds of **Auschwitz II-Birkenau** where the full horror of the extermination of 1.5 million Jewish People is palpable (packed lunch provided)
- Continue to **Auschwitz I**, where we will tour the watchtowers, fences, cell blocks, wall of death, crematoria, and **Arbeit Macht Frei Gate**
- Close out the day visiting the **surviving synagogue of Oswiecim**, located just minutes from Auschwitz-Birkenau, to honor what was lost and to process the experience together
- Return to Krakow for dinner followed by a group night out at **Old Town Market Square** – the biggest Medieval plaza in Europe

OVERNIGHT: Qubus Hotel – Kraków, Poland

Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

THURSDAY | APRIL 24, 2025 | Yom HaShoah – Holocaust Memorial Day

- Trace the history of the Holocaust at the **Krakow Ghetto**, the **Plaszow Labor Camp** and view the **Oscar Schindler Factory** from outside
- Return to Auschwitz where we join thousands of travelers from around the world in unity for the **March of the Living** (lunch is provided en route)
- Take part in the official **Yom HaShoah ceremony at Birkenau** attended by political leaders and dignitaries from Poland, Israel, and beyond
- Depart the Krakow region and travel through **Poland's Galicia countryside to Lublin**
- Pack an overnight bag for check-in to our Lublin hotel, where a catered dinner is served

OVERNIGHT: Hilton Hampton Inn Hotel – Lublin, Poland

Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

FRIDAY | APRIL 25, 2025 | Lublin & Majdanek

- Morning walking tour of Lublin, including a visit to the **Chachmei Lublin Yeshiva**, a famed center of Jewish learning and the site of a massive Nazi book burning
- Arrive to the **Majdanek concentration camp**, originally set up for prisoners of war but soon turned into an infamous death camp for Jews and Poles (lunch is provided en route)
- Continue on to Warsaw, check in to our accommodations, and prepare for Shabbat
- Evening: Option to take part in a communal **Kabbalat Shabbat service** at the historic Nozyk Shul (orthodox) or Beit Warszawa (egalitarian)
- Reconvene for a catered Shabbat dinner experience at our hotel

OVERNIGHT: Radisson Blu Sobieski Hotel – Warsaw, Poland

Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

SATURDAY | APRIL 26, 2025 | Warsaw Ghetto Uprising

ALL TOURING DURING THE DAY IS ON FOOT

- Free morning or Shabbat service options followed by a group Shabbat lunch
- Uprising! – Explore the remains of the **Warsaw Ghetto** and learn about the Jewish community's famous revolt along the **Route of Heroes** and at **Rappaport Memorial**
- **Umschlagplatz** – Gathering place before transfer to Treblinka Death Camp

- Visit the groundbreaking **Museum of the History of Polish Jews (POLIN)**
- Evening: Dinner, havdallah, and group night out in **Warsaw's Old Town**

OVERNIGHT: Radisson Blu Sobieski Hotel – Warsaw, Poland

Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

SUNDAY | APRIL 27, 2025 | Treblinka

- This morning we travel north for a solemn visit to the stark **Treblinka Memorial** in the forest (lunch is provided en route)
- Return to the city for a visit to the **Warsaw Jewish Cemetery** – one of the biggest Jewish cemeteries in the world – where we will be inspired by the life stories of Jewish leaders from preceding generations
- Visit the Jewish Historical Institute of Warsaw to view the **“Oneg Shabbat” Archive** – a hidden testimony to the experience of Jews who lived and died in the Warsaw Ghetto
- Evening: Wrap-up session and celebrate the end of our journey over a closing dinner

OVERNIGHT: Radisson Blu Sobieski Hotel – Warsaw, Poland

Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

MONDAY | APRIL 28, 2025 | The Journey Continues

Transfer to Warsaw airport for onward flights:

- **Flights to North America** | Our designated flight departs Warsaw in the early morning (TBD)
Travelers flying on the designated flight and other flights departing in the same timeframe will be accommodated with a complimentary airport transfer
- **Flights to Tel Aviv** | An optional group flight will be offered for purchase
We expect the group flight will take off for Israel either on Sunday evening or Monday in the early morning (TBD)

Meals Included: Breakfast

PART II | ISRAEL REVISITED

MONDAY | APRIL 28, 2025 | The Land of Renewal

- Arrive at Tel Aviv's Ben Gurion Airport and head north to the Carmel Mountains region

- Check-in to our hotel in **Zichron Yaakov**, the historic pioneering town founded by Baron Edmond James de Rothschild in the Carmel Mountains (guaranteed check-in at 3pm)
- Meet in the hotel lobby at 6:30pm to gather as a group and depart for dinner
An optional walking of Zichron Yaakov will be offered to those arriving earlier in the day
- Evening: **Shehecheyanu at the Caesarea Aqueduct Beach** followed by a welcome dinner at the **Aresto Restaurant** in the Caesarea Port

OVERNIGHT: Elma Arts Hotel, Zichron Yaakov (Deluxe Rooms)

Meals Included: Breakfast & Dinner

TUESDAY | APRIL 29, 2025 | A Young Nation of Immigrants

- Celebrate the pioneers who risked it all for a new beginning in the Land of Israel at the **Beit Ahronson Museum**
- Experience how Israel absorbs its immigrants of today at **Yemin Orde Youth Village** - including a shared lunch with the student community
- **Atlit Detention Camp** - Learn about the challenges faced by Jewish refugees arriving on the shores of Israel following the Holocaust
- Evening: Take part in a local **ceremony commemorating the start of Yom HaZikaron** - Israel's Memorial Day
- Dinner is included at the hotel this evening

OVERNIGHT: Elma Arts Hotel, Zichron Yaakov (Deluxe Rooms)

Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

WEDNESDAY | APRIL 30, 2025 | Remembering the Sacrifice

Today is Yom Hazikaron, Israeli Memorial Day

- Depart from the Carmel Mountains and travel toward Jerusalem
- Stop en route at **Khan Sha'ar HaGai**, the site of a key battle for Jerusalem in the 1948 War for Independence – observe a minute of silence as the national Yom HaZikaron siren sounds
- Arrive to Jerusalem, and sample your way through Jerusalem's iconic **Mahane Yehuda open-air market** using the "Shuk Bites" tasting card
- Celebrate the reunification of Jerusalem in 1967 recounting the story of **Ammunition Hill**
- Evening: Dinner on your own and join Jerusalem's **Erev Yom HaAtzmaut celebrations!**

OVERNIGHT: Herbert Samuel Hotel, Jerusalem

Meals Included: Breakfast & Lunch

THURSDAY | MAY 1, 2025 | Celebrating Independence

Today is Yom HaAtzmaut, Israeli Independence Day

- Option #1 - Day tour to Masada and the Dead Sea
(an extra \$145/p cost applies – [email us](#) to include this day tour)
- Option #2 - Free day to enjoy Jerusalem on your own
- Option #3 - Celebrate Independence Day in Jerusalem taking part in March of the Living's parade from City Hall to the Western Wall
- Evening: Attend a special **Yom HaAtzmaut concert** and event sponsored by March of the Living International with dinner included

OVERNIGHT: Herbert Samuel Hotel, Jerusalem

Meals Included: Breakfast & Dinner

FRIDAY | MAY 2, 2025 | Returning to the Old City

- Explore new discoveries at the **City of David complex**, including the recently excavated **Herodian Road**, once used by pilgrims on their way to the Temple
- Enter the Old City at Zion Gate and explore the ancient **Jewish Quarter**, including a visit to the restored **Hurva Shul**
- Break for personal exploration and shopping time in the Cardo area of the Jewish Quarter
- View of the Temple Mount from the **Aish HaTorah rooftop** and proceed to the **Western Wall**
- Return to our accommodations and prepare for our Shabbat in Jerusalem
- Kabbalat Shabbat options followed by a Shabbat dinner is at our accommodations, joined by **Lone Soldiers in the IDF**

OVERNIGHT: Herbert Samuel Hotel, Jerusalem

Meals Included: Breakfast & Dinner

SATURDAY | MAY 3, 2025 | Shabbat in Jerusalem

All touring today is on foot

- This morning is free to enjoy Jerusalem on your own or attend Shabbat services

- Shabbat lunch is included at our accommodations
- Afternoon: Return to the Old City to tour the world heritage sites of the **Christian Quarter** and **Arab Shuk** (bazaar), including a visit to the Church of the Holy Sepulcher
- Evening Options:
 - An optional airport transfer is included for those departing on overnight flights
 - Group night out at the **First Station** – a vibrant cultural center on the site of Jerusalem's original train station

OVERNIGHT: Herbert Samuel Hotel, Jerusalem

Meals Included: Breakfast & Lunch

NOTE: Travelers have the option to end their program on Saturday night, and a transfer will be provided to Ben Gurion Airport this evening at no additional cost. This package option does not include the hotel in Jerusalem on Saturday night unless otherwise arranged in advance.

SUNDAY | MAY 4, 2025 | Israel's Biblical Landscape

- Depart from Jerusalem travel to the Judean Hills
- Explore a region rich with Biblical history on an **off-road jeep tour of the Judean Hills**
- Marvel at the terraced hillside grapevines, and then enjoy a **tasting and tour at the Tzora Vineyards winery**
- Take part in the cross-generation tradition of **planting a tree in Israel** at Neot Kedumim Biblical Nature Reserve's JNF forest
- Check in to our Tel Aviv hotel along the coast
- Evening: Discover **gourmet Ethiopian cuisine** and be inspired by its female founders at Balinjera Restaurant

OVERNIGHT: Tal by the Beach Hotel, Tel Aviv

Meals Included: Breakfast & Dinner

MONDAY | MAY 5, 2025 | Memory & Service in the Western Negev

- Travel to the towns and kibbutz communities of the Western Negev to **bear witness to the devastation of October 7, 2024** – including a visit to the **site of the Nova Music Festival**
- Break for a **traditional Moroccan-style lunch** in the border city of Sderot

- **Take part in a volunteer project** in support of the Western Negev communities
- Return to Tel Aviv, stopping to visit the **Yaakov Agam Museum of Art** – discover the life story and iconic works of Israel's pre-eminent modern artist (time permitting)
- Evening: Free evening and dinner on your own in Tel Aviv

OVERNIGHT: Tal by the Beach Hotel, Tel Aviv

Meals Included: Breakfast & Lunch

TUESDAY | MAY 6, 2025 | Arts & Culture in Tel Aviv

- Our final morning begins at **ANU – The Museum of the Jewish People** on the campus of Tel Aviv University – view the Codex Sasson display and celebrate the diversity of Jewish life and traditions from around the world
- Break for lunch on own in Jaffa with time to explore the **Jaffa Flea Market**
- Discover the complexity and beauty of the **graffiti art in Tel Aviv's Florentine** neighborhood – including the moving public art created to memorialize October 7th
- Celebrate the spirit of Tel Aviv at the **Nahalat Binyamin Street Festival and Carmel Market**
- Evening: Final shopping time, wrap-up session, and **closing dinner at Sarona Market**, the historic German Templar Colony transformed into a cultural center
- An optional airport transfer is included for those departing on overnight flights

Meals Included: Breakfast & Dinner