

Tuesday,

Arrival at 9AM. For those not on the group flight meet in the arrivals area of Chopin Airport.

Our week in Poland begins with a tour of Warsaw's Jewish Cemetery, one of the largest in Europe, a perfect introduction to the rich and varied history of Polish Jewry.

After lunch we will continue our tour of Warsaw with a visit to the Jewish Historical Institute, and various sites connected to the Warsaw ghetto, including one of the remnants of the ghetto wall, the site of the ghetto fighters' Monument, and the Umschlagplatz where the Jews of the ghetto were deported to Treblinka.

After checking in to our hotel we will have dinner and time at leisure.

Overnight-Warsaw

Wednesday,

Today we will head to Lublin which was once a major center of Jewish life. On the way we will stop in Wlodowa to see it's magnificent synagogue. Our first stop in Lublin will be the site of the Majdanek Concentration camp. We will visit what remains of the camp, and hold a memorial service. If time permits we will tour some other sites in Lublin.

We will check in to our hotel, and have time after dinner to discuss the day's experiences.

Overnight – Lublin

Thursday,

After breakfast we will stop at Yeshivat Hochmei Lublin for Shoharit. This was an important center of Jewish learning prior to World War II. After that we head to Cracow. We will tour major Jewish sites in Cracow in the afternoon, including several synagogues some of which were built in the 15th and 16th centuries.

After checking in to our hotel we will have dinner, and leisure time.

Overnight Cracow

Friday,

After breakfast we will depart for Auschwitz/Birkenau. We will stop at the Chevra Lomdei Mishnayot synagogue in the town of Oswiecim for Shoharit. After spending most of the day in Auschwitz/Birkenau we will return to Cracow to prepare for Shabbat. We will have our own Shabbat evening services followed by a festive Shabbat dinner.

Join with Europe/Israel Pilgrimage group for Shabbat evening services, followed by a festive Shabbat dinner

Overnight Cracow

Shabbat,

We will join the Cracow Jewish community with the other guests for Shabbat morning services. After services we will visit the Museum at the Alte Shul, the oldest synagogue in Poland. After lunch we will have some leisure time followed by a discussion session. After dinner we will conclude Shabbat together and join in the festivities of the Cracow Jewish Culture Festival in Szeroka square.

Overnight Cracow

Sunday,

We head back to Warsaw, stopping in Lodz which was the second largest city in Poland before World War 2, and a major center of Jewish life. We will tour the cemetery and other Jewish sites, arriving in Warsaw in time for dinner, and time at leisure.

Overnight Warsaw

Monday, July 8

On our last day in Poland, we head North to Treblinka to visit the memorial at the site of the death camp where over 800,000 Jews were killed by the Nazis. This will be followed by a summary discussion.

Return flight Lot # 26 at 5:50pm to JFK