



Inspiring Jewish Journeys  
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**Austin & TORCH & JLE & JPulse**  
**Journey to Poland**  
March 14-20, 2016



“ No one yet knows what awaits the Jews in the twenty-first century, but we must make every effort to ensure that it is better than what befell them in the twentieth, the century of the Holocaust. ”

— Benjamin Netanyahu, Prime Minister of Israel



Sunday March 13

Depart USA

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Monday March 14

Arrival in Warsaw

**Okopowa Street Jewish Cemetery**

Visit the life of the Jewish people pre-war through the Jewish Cemetery of Warsaw. The cemetery allows us to understand the richness and diversity of life pre-war.

**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.

**Treblinka**

The site of the infamous Nazi death camp in which over 800,000 Jews were murdered.

Drive to Lublin

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**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.

**Overnight: Lublin**

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**Tuesday March 15**

**Majdanek**

The Majdanek concentration camp was located three kilometres from the centre of Lublin and was in operation from October 1941 until July 1945. Between 95,000 and 130,000 died or were killed in the Majdanek system; between 80,000 and 92,000 of whom were Jews.

**Leczna**

The site of an important Jewish community since the 15<sup>th</sup> century, Leczna was at times over 60% Jewish and hosted the famous 'Council of the Four Lands' the form of Jewish self government in Eastern Europe.

**Belzec**

The site of one of the Operation Reinhard Death Camps where a memorial stands to the 600,000 Jews murdered there.

**Leżajsk**

The grave of 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.

**Łańcut**

The former synagogue from 1761 has been stunningly restored with wall decorations from 18th and 19th centuries.

**Overnight: Rzeszów**

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**Wednesday March 16**

**Glogow Forest**

The execution site of thousands of local Jews.

**Markowa**

A small town close to Łańcut in which we can tell the remarkable story of those who put their lives at risk to save the lives of Jews during the Holocaust.

**Rymanow**

The home of the famous Chassidut where the group will help with the restoration of the Jewish Cemetery.

Drive to Kraków

Dinner together with Rabbi Baumol and Polish Jewish students.

**Overnight: Kraków**

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**Thursday March 17**

**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

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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".

#### **Kraków Old Town**

#### **Overnight: Kraków**

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### Friday March 18

#### **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 Shuls

Shabbat Dinner

#### **Overnight: Kraków**

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### Shabbat March 19

Optional 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 in the camp.

#### **Overnight: Kraków**

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### Sunday March 20

#### **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 Chełmno and Auschwitz.

#### **Final Banquet**

Drive to Warsaw Airport

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