

**ADULT MARCH OF THE LIVING 2018– SOUTHERN REGION (BOCA RATON) Itinerary (subject to change)**

**Monday, April 9** – Participant arranged flights to Krakow. Most Participants arrive today and purchase a room.

**Tuesday, April 10 – Kazimierz, Plaszow:** Arrive early in the morning and prepare to hit the deck running as we immediately bus over to the famous and memorable Jewish section of Krakow, Kazimierz. There we will have lunch at a Kosher Restaurant and then walk through the town and enter the “Jewish Square.” See the Rama Synagogue where Rabbi Moshe Isserles, the author of the Mappah to the Code of Jewish Law, was the spiritual leader and where he is buried. From there we will travel to the Tarnow area where we will visit a mass grave. In the evening, our group will come together and have a meaningful debriefing session. Overnight at the Sheraton in Krakow.

**Wednesday, April 11 – Auschwitz/Birkenau:** As we awaken this morning we realize that we are about to embark on our first visit to a death camp – the ineffable Auschwitz-Birkenau. We will walk under the infamous archway pronouncing; *Arbeit Macht Frei* - Work will make you free! We will spend the day exploring the conditions of the camp and realize the enormity of this death factory. We will return to our hotel that evening affected by what we saw and preparing ourselves for the next day to show the world that Hitler lost and we have returned with our young people victorious. We will participate in an Erev Yom Hashoah program at the Philharmonic in Krakow that evening as we prepare to March together on Thursday. Overnight at the Sheraton in Krakow.

**Thursday, April 12 – Yom Hashoah – Krakow Ghetto, the March of the Living:** We join the students at the Krakow Ghetto to hear from survivors about their experience. Today will be the day that we have been waiting for since we signed up to participate on the *March*. Over 15,000 young Jews will gather together in Auschwitz as we walk arms linked in arms across the city of Oswiecim into Birkenau. It will be an experience to remember the rest of our lives. After the March we will travel by train from Katowicz to Warsaw. Overnight at Marriott in Warsaw.

**Friday, April 13 – Warsaw and Plonsk:** We depart early in the morning for the Gensha Cemetery located in Warsaw. Here we will learn about Szlomo Zalman Lipszyc, first Chief Rabbi of Warsaw, Adam Czerniakow, head of the Judenrat in the Warsaw Ghetto, and several other Rabbanim. From Warsaw we will travel to Plonsk, the birth place of David Ben Gurion. We return to Warsaw, prepare for Shabbat services at ECS CHAIM Progressive Synagogue or the Nozyk Synagogue, as we explore our own spiritual understanding of what transpired in this land. This is followed by a haimish Shabbat dinner and Oneg experience with Leon. Overnight at Marriott in Warsaw.

**Saturday, April 14 – Shabbat, Warsaw Museum of the Jews of Poland and/or Ghetto Walk, Polish Students, and Olde Towne of Warsaw:** Shabbat morning allows us more time at ECS CHAIM or the Nozyk Synagogue. In the afternoon we will be at *Polin: The National Museum of the History of the Jews of Poland* and/or walk the *Path of Ghetto Heroes*. We will tour the museum and/or walk into the former Warsaw Ghetto, seeing the various monuments recognizing the contributions of the Warsaw Ghetto fighters and other Jews who sought to establish a life in the Ghetto. We will see the Rapaport Memorial, dedicated in 1948 on the 5<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Warsaw Ghetto uprising as a living testimony to the act of revolting in the Ghetto and honoring Mordecai Aniliewicz, the leader of the Freedom Fighters. From here, we walk to the famous Mila 18, the headquarters of the Warsaw Ghetto fighters and the burial place of Mordecai Aniliewicz. Then, back to the Marriott for a Warsaw Havdallah, after which we can see the Warsaw Olde Towne or witness the interactions of the MOLSouth students with young Poles. Overnight at the Marriott in Warsaw.

**Sunday, April 15 – JCC in Warsaw, Treblinka:** In the morning, we will visit the JCC in Warsaw where we will hear a presentation from the Executive Director, Agata Rakowiecka. From there we will visit the Olde Towne and participants will have an opportunity to explore and have lunch on their own. In the afternoon, we will join the MOLSouth students at Treblinka, one of the *Operation Reinhard Death Camps*, with its 17,000 stones representing “matzevot” (headstones) of the communities devastated by the Nazi murder machine. This evening, together we will have opportunity to share and process our experience until now. Overnight in the Marriott in Warsaw.

**Monday, April 16 – Lublin Yeshiva, Majdanek:** We check out of our hotel and head to the city of Lublin. This majestic city was the center of the Jewish world of Eastern Europe. It was the capital of the Council of the Four Lands. We will visit the Yeshiva Chochmei Lublin which has been renovated to return the glory and prominence that this yeshiva once held. After our stop at the Yeshiva we will visit the now infamous death camp Majdanek. We will walk the length of this

camp as we visit the gas chamber, barracks, the crematoria and finally the memorial of ashes; a fitting way to be done with this part of our trip as we prepare to leave Poland for Israel. Overnight - fly to Israel on a Charter.

**Tuesday, April 17 – Arrival to Israel and Tel Aviv; Shoah L’Gvurah:** We arrive early in the morning and check into our hotel in Tel Aviv. After a bit of rest in our rooms, we will take a short walk to Nefesh B’Nefesh where we will hear some welcoming remarks from Dan Shapiro, former US Ambassador. We will learn about Nefesh B’Nefesh and hear about the work they are doing to assist new immigrants. We will then take a Virtual Reality innovation tour and explore the rich pioneering history of Rothschild Boulevard and current impact that today’s hi-tech and start-up epicenter ecosystem, centered in the area, is having on the city of Tel-Aviv, Israel, and the world beyond. We will then travel to Zichron Yaakov, our partnership city, where we will learn about the history of Zichron Yaakov and have a special dinner with city officials. After dinner, we will participate in a meaningful Yom Hazikaron ceremony, a special tribute honoring our fallen soldiers Overnight at the Hilton Tel Aviv.

**Wednesday, April 18 – Yom Hazikaron & Erev Yom Ha’atzmaut – Tel Aviv:** We will start our morning with Dr. Ervin Birnbaum- a survivor of the Exodus where we will hear the harrowing and inspiring tale of his personal experience aboard the iconic ship, whose passengers-survivors of the horrors of Europe and the Shoah-were prevented by the British from disembarking in the Land of Israel. We will then head to Rabin Square alongside hundreds of Tel Avivians as we stand at attention during the **siren** which commemorates Yom Hazikaron. From there we will depart for Neve Tzedek, a neighborhood located in southwestern Tel Aviv. It was the first Jewish neighborhood to be built outside the old city of the ancient port of Jaffa. Originally a Mizrahi Jewish and Yemenite Jewish neighborhood, for years, the neighborhood prospered as Tel Aviv, the first modern Hebrew city, grew up around it. Since the early 1980s, Neve Tzedek has become one of Tel Aviv's latest fashionable and expensive districts, with a village-like atmosphere. In the evening we will meet at the hugely popular Sarona Whisky Cellar for whisky, wine, dinner and celebration. For those who have the energy, we will also join the Yom Ha’atzmaut celebration at Kikar Rabin to end our meaningful day and celebrate Israel’s 70<sup>th</sup> birthday. Overnight in Hilton Tel Aviv.

**Thursday, April 19, The Fight to Keep Our Homeland – Yom Ha’atzmaut – March of the Living in Jerusalem, Mega-Event with 7,000 Marchers:** We check out of our hotel and head to Jerusalem. We will walk on Ammunition Hill where IDF paratroopers led the way to the reunification of Jerusalem. After this we will again meet up with our teens as we join them at Safra Square to once again march together, this time in a celebratory fashion, through Jerusalem to the Kotel. We will have an opportunity check-in to the Waldorf Astoria Hotel and then on to Latrun for the MOL Mega Event and Bar-B-Q for some 7,000 participants. Overnight at the Waldorf.

**Friday, April 20 – Har Herzl, Israeli Political System:** We will meet our students at Har Herzl and hear from Harriet and Mark Levin just above the grave their fallen son, Lone Soldier Michael. Here we will understand how Israel honors her fallen heroes. Then a short bus ride to Susan’s House, a warm, welcoming place for at-risk Israeli teens. These teens, many from the street, are taught to make beautiful glass work, ceramics & jewelry. Then we will proceed to the famous Machane Yehuda food and spice market, one of the most beautiful markets and most familiar icons in Israel. Enjoy the plethora of flavors, aromas, and colors of the market, as well as meet some of the people who live and work here. Return to our hotel at your leisure to prepare for Shabbat. We will head to the Kotel, along with thousands of marchers and Israelis to welcome the Shabbat. A wonderful dinner awaits us at the King David Hall of the Mt. Zion Hotel with Masa Participants and Lone Soldiers as guests, as we wind down for a Shabbat experience in Jerusalem. Overnight at the Waldorf.

**Shabbat, April 21 – Shabbat in Jerusalem:** This is a free day for everyone – services at the Great Synagogue are always an inspirational experience as are other synagogues in the Jerusalem area. Optional Bike Rides plus The Israel Museum is always a wonderful option – especially if you haven’t seen the new renovations and changes that have been made to the Museum in the last few years. A trip to Masada is another option especially for first timers. The bike ride and tour of Masada must be reserved in advance and are offered at an additional charge. Walking tours through the neighborhoods of Jerusalem will be offered, and are a wonderful way to gain a sense of the diverse population living in this historic city. We will have a special Havdallah with our travel mates and then .... Overnight – Flights home / Overnight at the Waldorf.

