

**The Jewish Foundation for the Righteous
European Study Program to Germany and Poland
July 14 to July 27, 2008
Itinerary**

- Monday, July 14 Leave JFK in the evening – you will have dinner and breakfast on the plane.
- Tuesday, July 15 Arrive in Munich in the morning – after going through customs we will board our motor coach. Please note – our rooms will not be ready until the afternoon. We will travel to Dachau where staff of the memorial site will be our hosts and guides. We hope to meet with German teachers during our time at Dachau. We will eat lunch in the town of Dachau. Following our visit to Dachau, we will check-in at our hotel. There will be time to wash up before dinner. Following dinner at a local restaurant, we will have “free time” enabling the group to visit the Marienplatz.
- Wednesday, July 16 We will leave our hotel early on Wednesday and we go to the center of Munich where we will visit the Feldherrnhalle where the 1923 Putsch was stopped, the Koenigsplatz with the still existing Nazi headquarters, and the Haus der Kunst, formerly Haus der deutsche Kunst. These places are good introductions to the idea of Nazism as an aesthetic movement that tries to create a racial utopia.
- After our walking tour of Munich, we will board our bus for Nuremberg. We will have a boxed lunch on the bus. In Nuremberg we will visit the Documentation Center where you will have a self-guided tour and we will look at the remains of the setting for the party rallies. It is the place where the Nuremberg Laws were promulgated. We will stop at the Zeppelin field and we will also pass by the courthouse where the trials were held. We hope to visit the actual courtroom 600. This will depend on whether court is in session.
- After our visit to Nuremberg, which will last around three hours, we will leave for Weimar. We anticipate arriving in Weimar around 7:00 p.m. We will have dinner in the town of Weimar.
- Thursday, July 17 We will leave our hotel early and have a walking tour of Weimar. After the walking tour we will have some free time to wander around on our own. During this time, you will have an opportunity to visit the Goethe house on your own. Being in Weimar raises the basic question: how could the Holocaust happen in the land of

Goethe, Bach and Kant? We will then go to the memorial site at Buchenwald and will have our boxed lunch on the bus prior to our arrival at Buchenwald. At Buchenwald, staff from the memorial site will be our guide. Following our visit to Buchenwald, we will proceed to Berlin.

We should arrive in Berlin early evening. We will eat dinner in a local restaurant.

Friday, July 18

We will begin our day at 8:00 a.m. as we leave to visit to the House of the Wannsee Conference where we will be greeted by staff who will give a presentation and lead a discussion about the Wannsee Conference (in the room where it took place). We will have an opportunity to see the permanent exhibition (without guided tour) and to discuss the teaching about the Holocaust in Germany.

On our way back from the House of the Wannsee Conference, we will stop at an exhibit at a railway station – the Grunewald Rampe.

On our way back from the Grunewald Rampe, we will stop at the new Holocaust Memorial and exhibition. We return to our hotel in time to change for Friday night Shabbat services to be followed by Shabbat dinner at a local restaurant. Hopefully a rescuer will join us for dinner.

Saturday, July 19

Leaving our hotel at 8:00 a.m., we will go to the Brandenburg Gate for an amazing lecture and you will have some free time in Berlin before proceeding to the Jewish Museum. Following our tour of the Jewish Museum, we will eat lunch at the museum café.

We will eat a boxed dinner on the bus to Warsaw, arriving in Warsaw at approximately 11:45 in the evening.

Sunday, July 20

We will start our tour of “Jewish Warsaw” at the Jewish Historical Institute (ZIH) where we will meet with staff from the ZIH. Following our time at the ZIH we will visit the site of the former ghetto, the Rapaport Memorial, the memorial to Zegota. We will visit Mila 18, the Umshlagplatz, and the Nozyk synagogue. We will see the remaining sections of the ghetto wall. We will end the day with a visit to the Jewish cemetery. We will have our boxed lunch in a park during the day.

In the afternoon we will meet with a group of young Jews who are affiliated with Beit Warsaw, which is part of the reform movement in Poland. They will discuss Jewish life in Poland today.

We will have dinner in a local restaurant and hopefully we will be joined by a rescuer.

Monday, July 21

We will leave the hotel by 7:30 in the morning and we will travel to Treblinka. On our way to Treblinka we will stop at Tykocin, one of the few remaining synagogues in Poland.

On our return to Warsaw, we will eat dinner in a local restaurant and will be joined by staff from the U.S. Embassy.

Tuesday, July 22

We will leave the hotel by 8:00 a.m. and will travel to Majdanek Concentration Camp. After we arrive at Majdanek we will spend approximately three hours touring the camp. With our visit to Majdanek completed we will proceed to Krakow having our boxed lunch on the bus. Depending on the time, we will either begin our tour of Jewish Krakow or we will check into our hotel and will have dinner in the center of town. We will hopefully be joined by a rescuer in Krakow. We will walk back to our hotel after dinner.

Wednesday, July 23

At 8:00 a.m. we will meet with Polish teachers who will discuss the teaching of the Holocaust in Poland. The meeting will be in the breakfast room of our hotel.

Following our meeting, we will tour “Jewish Krakow”, the Galicia Museum, Płaszow, and Schindler’s factory.

We will eat our boxed lunch in a park. We will have about ninety minutes of free time in Krakow before our departure for Oswiecim. We will arrive in Oswiecim in the late afternoon. We will visit the town of Oswiecim upon arrival.

Thursday, July 24

Auschwitz

Friday, July 25

Birkenau

Meet with a rescuer at her home prior to going to the Auschwitz Jewish Center. Friday night services and Shabbat dinner at the synagogue in Oswiecim

Saturday, July 26

Birkenau and International Youth Center – to debrief and reflect
We will meet in the afternoon with a rescuer.

Sunday, July 27

Leave for Katowice airport where we will fly to Frankfurt and then to the United States.