



around. 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. We will walk through the camp and we will visit the memorial on the road leading to the camp.

Following our visit to Buchenwald we will leave for Berlin. We should arrive in Berlin around 9:00 p.m. We will eat dinner in a local restaurant and then check into our hotel.

Thursday, July 9

We will begin our day at 7:30 a.m. as we visit the Grünewald Station memorial. We will arrive at the House of the Wannsee Conference at 9:00 a.m. We will be greeted by staff, which 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 of the Holocaust in Germany.

On our way back to Berlin from the House of the Wannsee Conference, we will visit the Brandenburg Gate and the Memorial to the Murdered Jews of Europe where we will have a friend of the JFR meet us.

From the Memorial we walk back through the Tiergarten to the hotel. We'll stop at the German Resistance Memorial Center, which has a new exhibition that is worth a visit. It raises interesting questions, especially given the JFR's Righteous background.

Friday, July 10

Leaving our hotel at 8:00 a.m., we will go to the Bayerischer Platz to explore an interesting outdoor Holocaust memorial. Following this stop we will visit the Jewish Museum, where we will have lunch. You will have some free time in Berlin before a walk through the Scheunenviertel, formerly a slum of mostly Eastern European Jews and Berlin workers. There we will attend Friday night Shabbat services at the Oranienburger Strasse Synagogue. Following Shabbat services, we will have Shabbat dinner at a local restaurant.

Saturday, July 11

We will leave Berlin at 8:00 a.m. and drive to Chelmno where we visit the remains of the killing installations. At 2.30 p.m. we will continue to Warsaw, checking our hotel around 5:00 p.m. We will have a free evening in Warsaw.

Sunday, July 12

Our day in Warsaw will begin at 7:30 a.m. We will start our tour of “Jewish Warsaw” at the site of the former ghetto, the Rapaport Memorial, and the memorial to Zegota. We will visit Mila 18, the Umshlagplatz, and the Jewish cemetery.

After our tour of Jewish Warsaw, we will return to the hotel, where we will change clothes for a luncheon sponsored by the JFR for Righteous Gentiles living in Warsaw. The luncheon will be held at the Marriott.

After the luncheon for the rescuers, we will go to the Museum of the History of the Jews of Poland for a visit of the new museum.

Monday, July 13

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. We will eat lunch in Tykocin. We will then proceed to Łopuchowo, the site of the mass grave of the Jews of Tykocin.

On our return to Warsaw, we will eat dinner in a local restaurant.

Tuesday, July 14

We will leave for Lodz around 8:30 am. Upon arriving in Lodz, we will visit the site of the former ghetto, the single surviving synagogue of Lodz located at 28 ul. Rewolucji 1905, the Jewish cemetery, and meet with local dignitaries. We will spend the night in Lodz. During our time in Lodz we will explore the difference between the Warsaw and Lodz ghettos.

Wednesday, July 15.

We will leave Lodz for Krakow at 8:30 am, arriving there at noon. We will have lunch, tour “Jewish Krakow”, the Galicia Museum, and Płaszow, and have dinner in Krakow.

Thursday, July 16

We leave for Oswiecim at 8:00 am. We will arrive in Oswiecim around 9:30 a.m. and we will check into the International Youth Center, and visit Auschwitz I. We will have dinner at the International Youth Centre, and make an evening walk through the town.

Friday, July 17

Birkenau

We will conduct Friday night Shabbat services at the Auschwitz Jewish Center. We will have Shabbat dinner at a local restaurant.

Saturday, July 18

Birkenau and Auschwitz – you will have an opportunity to go back to Birkenau and Auschwitz. We will meet at the International

Youth Center – to debrief and reflect in the afternoon. We will have our goodbye dinner at a local restaurant.

Sunday, July 19

We will leave the Youth Center early so we can stop at Himmler's carp ponds after which we will proceed to the Krakow airport where we will fly to Germany and then to North America.