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Temple Beth Elohim
Tour to Eastern Europe
with “Ride for the Living”
June 23 – July 2, 2019

(As of 11/28/18)

Together we'll explore Europe not through the lens of the Holocaust, but with an eye on the long history of Europe as the center of Jewish culture, filled with periods of incredible intellectual achievement and spiritual growth. We'll interact and share with members of the modern day Jewish communities, experiencing a re-birth in these regions. Members of our group will participate in Ride for the Living, biking from Auschwitz-Birkenau to Krakow, remembering those whose lives ended in this terrible place and honoring those who lived to tell the tale.



DAY 1: Sunday, June 23, 2019: DEPARTURE

- We depart from Boston on our overnight flight to Budapest.

DAY 2: Monday, June 24, 2019: WELCOME TO BUDAPEST!

- We arrive in **Budapest**, the capital of Hungary. Situated on the opposite banks of the Danube River, the former cities of Buda and Pest are linked by a series of graceful bridges.
- We enjoy a panoramic bus tour of Budapest, including **Parliament**, the **Royal Palace**, and the **Castle Hill area**, **Fishermen's Bastion**, **Coronation Church**, **Hero's Square** and **Gellert Hill**.
- We check into our hotel and refresh, followed by a **welcome dinner** together tonight.

Overnight in Budapest

DAY 3: Tuesday, June 25, 2019: JEWISH BUDAPEST

- Breakfast at our hotel.
- We begin our day at the **Raoul Wallenberg Memorial statue** erected in honor of the Swedish diplomat who saved many Jews from dying at the hands of the Nazis.
- Our next stop is at the adjacent **Dohany Synagogue**, the 2nd largest synagogue in Europe built between 1854 and 1859 in the Moorish Revival style.
- Within the synagogue complex, we tour the **Jewish Cemetery and Museum** built on the site where the birth home of Theodore Herzl once stood.
- Evening at leisure and dinner on own.

Overnight in Budapest



DAY 4: Wednesday, June 26, 2019: BUDAPEST TO KRAKOW

- Breakfast and check out of our hotel.
- We depart for **Krakow**, driving through the lovely countryside of Slovakia, past the Tatras and into the Great Plains of Poland.
- Upon our arrival, we check in to our hotel and enjoy **dinner** together.

Overnight in Krakow



DAY 5: Thursday, June 27, 2019: AUSCHWITZ-BIRKENAU

- Breakfast at our hotel.
- We travel together to **Auschwitz-Birkenau**, the infamous Nazi concentration camps where many Jews and others perished in WWII. Here, we receive a special tour with the **Ride for the Living** participants.
- This evening, we all enjoy a **special dinner** together with the **Ride for the Living** participants.

Overnight in Krakow

DAY 6: Friday, June 28, 2019: RIDE FOR THE LIVING

- Breakfast at our hotel.
- **Ride participants:** We travel by bus back to Auschwitz and begin our 55-mile bike ride to **JCC Krakow**.
- **Non-riders:** We enjoy a **Jewish heritage tour** that includes the **Kazimierz**, the old Jewish district, where we see the **Old Synagogue**, a massive fortress-like building erected in the 15th to 16th centuries, the “**Temple**” and the **Ramuh Synagogue**. We continue to the **Little Museum at the Drug Store** inside the Jewish Ghetto, then pass by **Schindler’s Factory** and the **Plaszow Concentration Camp**.
- This evening, everyone joins together for **Shabbat dinner** with over 500 cycling participants, including the local Jewish community and guests from around the world – the biggest Shabbat dinner in Krakow since before WWII.

Overnight in Krakow

DAY 7: Saturday, June 29, 2019: DISCOVERING KRAKOW

- Breakfast at our hotel.
- Today we enjoy a **city tour**, including visits to **Wawel Castle**, **St. Mary’s Church**, the **Renaissance Cloth Hall** and other ancient landmarks.
- This evening join 20,000 people for **Havdallah** and an open-air **music concert** featuring highlights from the Jewish Culture Festival.
- Dinner on own this evening.

Overnight in Krakow



DAY 8: Sunday, June 30, 2019: KRAKOW TO WARSAW

- Breakfast and check out of our hotel.
- This morning, we board the train to **Warsaw**.
- Upon arrival, we have time to enjoy lunch (on own), before we drive through the **Warsaw Zoo**. Here we visit the **Zookeeper's house**, owned by the couple that saved around a hundred Jews from the Holocaust, now memorialized in the book "*The Zookeeper's Wife*".
- Next, we stroll through of **Old Town Market Square** and **Lazienki Park** before continuing to the hotel for check in.
- This evening, we meet with members of **Beit Warszawa**, the new progressive congregation in Warsaw. We enjoy **dinner and hospitality** as we learn more about Judaism alive in Poland today.

Overnight in Warsaw

DAY 9: Monday, July 1, 2019: EXPLORING WARSAW

- Breakfast at our hotel.
- This morning, we enjoy a guided visit of the **New Museum of the History of Polish Jews (POLIN)**.
- This afternoon, we set out on a sightseeing tour of Warsaw, including, the **Jewish Historical Society**, **Nozyk Synagogue** (the only surviving synagogue in Warsaw, founded in 1900), the **Warsaw Ghetto**, the **Jewish Resistance Bunker at Mila 18**, **Stawski Street buildings** (where the SS had their headquarters) and the **Gensa Cemetery** (established in 1806, containing the graves of about 250,000 people and known as the largest cemetery in Poland).
- Tonight, we drive past **Chopin's Monument** and the **Royal Castle** on our way to a special **farewell dinner** where we recall all that we have experienced together.

Overnight in Warsaw

DAY 10: Tuesday, July 2, 2019: DEPARTURE

- Breakfast and check out of our hotel.
- We transfer to the airport for our flight back to the United States, landing later today.

The Memories Last Forever!

**Itinerary subject to change*

