



***PROPOSED: Hillel at Stanford Itinerary**
Nationhood & Belonging: Tour Through Jewish Poland's Past and Present.
Sunday, March 25 – Sunday, April 1

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"Taube Center treats the Polish cityscape as a layered text, a palimpsest, to use an old expression, with hidden layers of history and a complex, multicultural past invisible on the surface. We imagine looking down on Warsaw today and seeing two grids, pre-war and postwar, layered one over another. Warsaw becomes a city whose functional, "uninspired" surface hides layers of the Jewish past and of the shared Polish-Jewish past. The remarkable underground levels of Kraków's Old Town offer a metaphor for defining elements of Poland's past – including its rich Jewish heritage – which are being reaffirmed today. Our narrative moves downward and upward fluidly through layers that reflect the drastic political changes of the past century." (Field Guide to Jewish Krakow and Warsaw, p.3)

***Accommodation in Warsaw**

Hotel Ibis Warszawa Stare Miasto

Muranowska Street 2

***Accommodation in Krakow**

Kazimierz III Hotel

Pobrzezie 5 street

* Accommodation in Warsaw and Krakow from March 25 – April 1 is arranged by Taube Center. Any accommodation arrangements prior and after these dates are on your own.

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***PROGRAM**
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DAY 0: Saturday, March 24
DEPARTURE FROM THE USA

DAY 1: Sunday, March 25
WHY AM I HERE? WHAT AM I BRINGING? WHAT DO I FEAR? WHAT DO I ANTICIPATE?
ARRIVAL IN WARSAW: THE PHOENIX CITY

Suggested arrival time **by noon**

Transfers from the airport to the hotel on your own.

To get to the hotel, please take a licensed taxi, which can be found just outside the arrival terminal. Most taxis accept credit cards, but please make sure that the dispatcher informs the driver prior to your trip. The drive takes approx. 30 minutes, depending on traffic. Also, if you have a cell phone you will be using in Poland, please send us the number.

Check into the Ibis Hotel Stare Miasto on Muranowska 2 street

Time to refresh and unpack.

3:45 pm Welcome in the lobby and brief introduction by Taube Center staff.

4:00 pm – 5:00 pm Short, guided walking tour from the Ibis Hotel via the Chinese Embassy, Supreme Court, Krasinski Park and the former Nalewki Street as an introduction to Jewish Warsaw.
Guide: Pawel Szczerkowski

5:00 pm – 6:00 pm **Welcome to Warsaw by Konstanty Gebert, scholar-in-residence**, an international reporter and columnist for Gazeta Wyborcza, Poland's biggest daily, and the founder of the Polish-Jewish intellectual monthly magazine Midrasz.

Venue: Panstwo Miasto
Andersa 29 street

6:30 pm Dinner and Orientation with Taube Center director and tour staff



Venue: Panstwo Miasto
Andersa 29 street

Post dinner session: Introductions, Orientation and Review of the Program and Guidelines.
Why I am here? What am I bringing? What do I fear? What do I anticipate?

Walk back to the hotel

Overnight in Warsaw

DAY 2: Monday, March 26
WARSAW: THE PAST INFORMS THE PRESENT

Breakfast in the hotel

8:45 am – 9:15 am Brief framing the day session with Nathalie Landesman, Program Director, Partnerships, Global Jewish Peoplehood, Hillel@Stanford
Venue: meeting room in the hotel

9:15 am – 10:30 am *Introduction to Warsaw: A Timeline of Changing of National Identities.* Session with Dr. Agnieszka Chmielewska, University of Warsaw
Venue: meeting room in the hotel

10:45 am Tram to the Umschlagplatz

11:00 am – 12:00 pm Guided walking tour Pawel Szczerkowski, guide, from the Umschlagplatz following the Route of Martyrdom and Struggle, which includes Mila 18, to the POLIN Museum of the History of Polish Jews and memorial plaza

The museum, situated on the plaza vis-a-vis the Warsaw Ghetto Uprising Memorial, creates a dynamic historical complex which memorializes the past and honors 1,000 years of the Polish Jewish experience. The museum currently offers special tours, an array of educational and cultural events, and temporary exhibitions.

12:00 pm – 1:00 pm Lunch in the POLIN Museum
Introduction to the visit: Suggested routes and guidelines

1:15 pm – 3:15 pm Audio - guided tour through the Core Exhibition, 1000 Years of Jewish Life in Poland, POLIN Museum of the History of Polish Jews.

3:15 pm – 3:45 pm Coffee break
Venue: Room in Besamim restaurant, -1 level

3:45 pm – 4:30 pm Post-visit session with Dr. Kamila Dabrowska, Guides Unit Manager, the POLIN Museum
Venue: Room in Besamim restaurant, -1 level

4:30 pm – 5:00 pm Time to explore the Museum on your own, enjoy the gift shop



Walk back to the hotel

7:00 pm Meet in the lobby.

7:30 pm Dinner/Program: Hillel Warsaw meets Hillel Stanford

Overnight in Warsaw

DAY 3: Tuesday, March 27

WARSAW: LOST WORLD OF WARSAW

9:00 am – 9:30 am Brief framing the day session with Nathalie Landesman, Program Director, Partnerships, Global Jewish Peoplehood, Hillel@Stanford

9:30 am – 10:30 am *Expressions of National Freedom: Warsaw Uprisings 1943 and 1944.* Session with Konstanty Gebert, scholar-in-residence

Venue: meeting room at the hotel

Screening of a 2-minute film, "City of Ruins"

10:45 am Tram to Bankowy Square

11:00 am - 12:00 pm Visit to Emanuel Ringelblum Jewish Historical Institute, to view the new permanent exhibition, which centers on precious artifacts from the Ringelblum Archive of the Warsaw Ghetto: "What we were unable to shout out to the world"

The Ringelblum Archive is a unique collection of documents that are one of the world's most significant testimonies about the extermination of Polish Jewry.

12:00 pm – 12:45 pm Lunch break at Tusz Tusz

12:45 pm – 1:45 pm Walk to the Palace of Science and Culture. Starting from the view from the top, with Konstanty Gebert

2:00 pm – 3:30 pm Meeting with Eugeniusz Tyrajski, 90-year old Warsaw Uprising Veteran in the vicinity of the Prozna street.

Return to the hotel via tram

Free time

6:15 pm Dinner

Venue: JCC Warszawa

Chmielna 9A street

7:00 pm – 8:30 pm "Poland Today", presentation and discussion session with Stanislaw Zakroczymski, a millennial leader of current protest and pro-democratic movements in Poland. For two years he has been working as the editor-in-chief of the "Kontakt Magazine", catholic Internet



biweekly, where he was writing about current legal and social problems as well as publishing long interviews with Polish intellectuals and social activists.

Venue: JCC Warszawa
Chmielna 9A street

Overnight in Warsaw

DAY 4: Wednesday, March 28

**PREPARING OURSELVES FOR PESACH/PASSOVER AND EASTER. THE STRUGGLE FOR FREEDOM: THE TRANSFORMATION OF NATIONAL AND PERSONAL IDENTITIES
WARSAW – KRAKOW**

Early breakfast in the hotel

Check-out

8:30 am – 9:00 am Brief framing the day session with Nathalie Landesman
Venue: meeting room at the hotel

9:15 am Bus to Wilcza Street. The luggage will be loaded on the bus and travel with you to the train station.

9:30 am – 10:30 am Meeting over coffee at Kuchnia Konflikty (Conflict Kitchen) with the refugees
Bus to Grzybowski Square.

10:45 am Bus to Grzybowski Sq.

11:00 am - 11:45 am Brief walking tour of Grzybowski Sq. to Nozyk synagogue with Konstanty Gebert

12:00 pm - 1:30 pm *Preparing ourselves for Pesach/Passover and Easter. The Struggle for Freedom: The Transformation of National and Personal Identities*: study session with Chief Rabbi of Poland, Michael Schudrich with a Catholic and/or Christian clergy colleague

1:30 pm – 2:00 pm Lunch at Menora InfoPunkt, French-Jewish bistro

2:15 pm - 4:00 pm *1968, 1989 and 2015 Warsaw Wrap up Session* led by Konstanty Gebert, scholar-in-residence
Venue: Menora Info Punkt

4:15 pm Bus to the Warsaw Central Station

TBC 4:50 pm train to Krakow

TBC 7:16 pm arrival in Krakow

Van to Hotel Kazimierz III



Check in, Hotel Kazimierz III

Dinner on your own (suggestions will be made)

Free evening

Overnight in Krakow

DAY 5: Thursday, March 29

**MULTICULTURALISM, DEMOCRATIC ASPIRATIONS, AND COLLECTIVE
BELONGING – BEFORE AND AFTER THE PARTITIONS
KRAKOW: THE ROYAL CITY**

Breakfast in the hotel

9:00 am – 9:30 am Brief framing the day session with Nathalie Landesman, Program Director, Partnerships, Global Jewish Peoplehood, Hillel@Stanford

9:30 am – 10:30 am *Introduction to Krakow* led by Dr. Edyta Gawron, Dr. Edyta Gawron, Assistant Professor, Institute of Jewish Studies and Centre for the Study on the History and Culture of Kraków Jews, Jagiellonian University.

Venue: meeting room at the hotel

10:45 am 12:45 pm Tram to Krakow Old Town and guided tour of Krakow's Old Town and its Jewish history, from medieval times to the start of WWII I with Gosia Fus, guide.

Tram back to Kazimierz

1:00 pm – 2:00 pm Pierogi (Dumplings) lunch

Venue: Vincent on Bozego Ciala street

2:00 pm – 4:00 pm Guided walking tour of Kazimierz, Jewish quarter of Krakow, listed on UNESCO's World Heritage Sites

4:00 pm – 5:00 pm *How we visit Auschwitz?* 45-minute framing the day session led by Dr. Edyta Gawron

Venue: hotel room

Free time

7:30 pm Dinner and Program with Hillel-Gimel Krakow

Overnight in Krakow



DAY 6: Friday, March 30

**MEANING OF AUSCHWITZ: PAST AND PRESENT
AUSCHWITZ-BIRKENAU (DAY TRIP)**

Early breakfast

Venue: meeting room at the hotel

8:00 am Departure for Auschwitz-Birkenau

9:30 am – 2:30 pm Study tour of Auschwitz-Birkenau concluding with a visit to Block 27, curated by Yad Vashem with Wojciech Smolen, guide.

2:30 pm – 3:00 pm Drive to Oswiecim

3:00 pm – 4:45 pm Visit and reflections at the Centre for Dialogue and Prayer in Oswiecim. Meeting with Mary O'Sullivan, member of the Congregation of Sisters of Mercy, Dublin, Ireland. Sister Mary joined the Programme Department in 2009. She cares for Christian-Jewish Dialogue and keeps contact with English speaking and Hebrew speaking guests.

The Center was founded for all those who were touched by what happened in the German Nazi Concentration and Extermination Camp Auschwitz-Birkenau. It is a place of dialogue between people and nations of various cultures and religious beliefs.

Venue: Kolbego 1 street

Oswiecim

4:45 pm – 6:15 pm Return to Krakow

TBC 7:45 pm SEDER with Hillel Gimel Krakow

Overnight at Krakow

DAY 7: Saturday, March 31

SUMMARY OF THE EXPERIENCE

Breakfast in the hotel

10:00 am Bus Wieliczka Salt Mines (an approx. 40-minute drive)

11:00 am – 1:00 pm Private *walking tour through Wieliczka Salt Mines

*The tour lasts approx. 2-3 hours and requires a lot of walking, including steps. Please let us know your thoughts.

The "Wieliczka" Salt Mine is one of the most valuable monuments of material culture in Poland. Each year it is visited by more than one million tourists from all over the world. It is also a world class monument, featuring among twelve objects on the UNESCO's World Cultural and Natural Heritage List.



1:00 pm – 2:00 pm Lunch in restaurant in the Salt Mines

3:00 pm Drive back to Krakow

5:30 pm – 6:30 pm Summary of the program with Dr. Edyta Gawron

6:30 pm Farewell dinner

Overnight in Krakow

DAY 8: Sunday, April 1

KRAKOW – USA

DEPARTURE FROM KRAKOW on your own