THE HISTORY & CULTURE OF POLAND
A Comprehensive Study
with an emphasis on Jewish Heritage
May 11–21, 2019

with Jay Harris, Harry Austryn Wolfson Professor of Jewish Studies
This new and distinctive land program provides an immersive cultural experience in Poland, with a heavy focus on Jewish history and historical sites. Starting in the capital city of Warsaw, once described as “The Paris of the East,” explore historic sites and immerse yourself in the rich civilization of the Polish Jews. Meet the Director of the Taube Center for the Renewal of Jewish Life in Poland, discuss current affairs with a journalist, and interact with local community members at the Jewish Community Center (JCC). Transfer to Łódź, visiting the Manufaktura Museum along the way. Continue on to Kraków and begin your stay here with a festive Shabbat dinner at the local JCC. Explore Kraków’s sites and history, including Oskar Schindler’s Factory, St. Mary’s Basilica, and the Kazimierz district. Travel out to infamous Auschwitz II-Birkenau and Auschwitz I, and participate in a debrief at the Oświęcim Holocaust Center. Visit Jagiellonian University, one of the oldest universities in Europe, and meet with a Professor of Jewish Studies before a festive farewell dinner featuring Jewish klezmer music.

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A LITTLE MORE TO IT
My walking shoes are laced up tight and I’m ready to keep up with my traveling companions. I look forward to getting to know them on the drives and/or flights we’ll take between cities. A little mental and physical stimulation will do me good!

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Harris was director of Harvard’s Center for Jewish Studies from 2001 to 2006 and dean of Undergraduate Education from 2008–2017. He has also served as the chair of the Department of Near Eastern Languages and Civilizations, was co-Master of Cabot House, and directed doctoral dissertations and advanced reading and research for doctoral candidates. He is a member of the editorial boards of Jewish Quarterly Review and Jewish Book Annual, and has written books and articles on Jewish history, literature, and modern Judaism.
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**AMSTERDAM: FROM GOLDEN AGE CANALS TO DUTCH MASTERPIECES**
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JAY HARRIS

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PETER BOL

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OCT 24–28, 2019
ALICE DELANA

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**A CRUISE OF THE PANAMA CANAL & COSTA RICA ON LE CHAMPLAIN**
FEB 2–10, 2019
DON PFISTER

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MICHAEL MCELROY

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DANIEL LIEBERMAN

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PETER BOL

**NORMANDY TO PARIS: COMMEMORATING THE 75TH ANNIVERSARY OF D-DAY**
JUN 4–13, 2019
CHARLES MAIER

**EGYPT & THE NILE: A JOURNEY INTO ANTIQUITY ON SANCTUARY SUN BOAT III**
DEC 26, 2019–JAN 6, 2020

**FAMILY ADVENTURES**

**GREECE: A FAMILY ODYSSEY ON RUNNING ON WAVES**
JUN 19–28, 2019
JONATHAN WALTON

**CHINA FAMILY TOUR: IMPERIAL GRANDEUR, TERRACOTTA WARRIORS, GIANT PANDAS**
JUN 21–JUL 3, 2019
R. NICHOLAS BURNS

**HMSC GALÁPAGOS FAMILY ADVENTURE ON LA PINTA**
JUN 23–JUL 2, 2019
BRIAN FARRELL

**EGYPT & THE NILE (A FAMILY ADVENTURE) ON SANCTUARY NILE ADVENTURER**
DEC 27, 2019–JAN 6, 2020

Above: Monument to the Ghetto Heroes in Warsaw. Cover: Warsaw, Poland
Schedule by Day

SATURDAY, MAY 11
U.S. / Warsaw, Poland
Independent departures from U.S. (Meals aloft)

SUNDAY, MAY 12
Warsaw
Arrive at Warsaw International Airport and transfer to the Hotel Bristol. The hotel enchants with a prestigious blend of history and contemporary luxury. The remainder of the day is at leisure to recover from jet lag and explore independently. Gather for a welcome reception with wine and cheese. Hotel Bristol (R)

MONDAY, MAY 13
Warsaw
Following breakfast, take part in a guided walking tour through the former Warsaw Ghetto area. Visit the Monument to the Ghetto Heroes, the Memorial at Mila 18, and the infamous Umschlagplatz, from where Warsaw’s Jews were gathered and deported to Treblinka. After lunch, visit the Jewish Historical Institute and meet Helise Liberman, director of the Taube Center for the Renewal of Jewish Life. Continue to the Royal Castle and Old Town Market Square. Wander along the Royal Route, with its superb aristocratic residences and famous monuments. End the day on Nowy Świat Street to explore the small side streets and enjoy some of the finest cafés and shopping in Warsaw. Hotel Bristol (B,L,D)

TUESDAY, MAY 14
Warsaw
Begin the morning with a lecture before proceeding to the Museum of the History of Polish Jews (POLIN). The POLIN Museum is a modern cultural institution that preserves the rich civilization created over the course of almost 1,000 years. Meet a local journalist for a briefing about current issues in Poland today. Attend a concert featuring the music of legendary composer and virtuoso pianist Frédéric Chopin. Partake in vodka tasting, savoring various kinds of traditional Polish vodkas. The evening is free to explore Warsaw. Hotel Bristol (B,L)

WEDNESDAY, MAY 15
Warsaw
In the morning, visit the scenic Royal Łazienki, set in a beautifully landscaped 18th-century park. The historic grounds, featuring fabulous gardens with a monument to Frédéric Chopin, showcase classicist architecture and harmoniously blend with the natural surroundings. Proceed to the Okopowa Street Cemetery, one of the largest Jewish cemeteries in Europe with over 200,000 marked graves. Continue to Nożyk Synagogue, a pre-war Jewish house of prayer in Warsaw and a symbol of the continuity of Jewish life. Special arrangements have been made for dinner at Warsaw’s Jewish Community Center (JCC) to meet and dine with young community leaders, educators, and activists. Hotel Bristol (B,L,D)

THURSDAY, MAY 16
Warsaw / Łódź
After a morning lecture, depart for Łódź, Poland’s historically significant industrial hub. Visit the Manufaktura Museum to discover the history of the massive textile factory founded by the leading Jewish industrialist Izrael Poznanski. After lunch at the Manufaktura Complex proceed to the memorial at Radegast Station—the longest-lasting, most insulated, and most oppressive ghetto in World War II. About 75,000 Jews were shipped in cattle cars to Auschwitz from the Łódź Ghetto. Dinner is at the hotel. Andel’s Hotel (B,L,D)

FRIDAY, MAY 17
Łódź / Kraków
Begin the day with a visit to the Łódź Jewish Cemetery—one of the largest in Europe. The journey continues with travel to Kraków. Check into the five-star Hotel Stary, which has been recognized by the prestigious Parisian Prix Villégiature as the “most beautiful hotel interior design in Europe.” Visit the Jewish Community Center (JCC) of Kraków, and meet with executive director Jonathan Ornstein. In the evening, enjoy a festive Shabbat dinner at the JCC with local community members. Hotel Stary (B,L,D)

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SATURDAY, MAY 18

Kraków

Following a lecture at the hotel, visit Oskar Schindler’s Factory, a historical museum dedicated to Kraków under Nazi Occupation. In the afternoon enjoy a walking tour of Kraków’s Old Town, following the Royal Route past the 19th-century Baroque style Juliusz Slowacki Theatre to the enormous Main Market Square. The evening is free to enjoy the local atmosphere and dine independently. Hotel Stary (B,L)

SUNDAY, MAY 19

Kraków / Oświęcim / Kraków

This morning depart for a guided visit of Auschwitz-Birkenau, the infamous concentration and extermination camp complex where approximately two million people were killed between 1942 and 1945. At Birkenau, also known as Auschwitz II, see the entrance tower, the railway platform, various barracks, and the ruins of the gas chambers and crematoriums. Following lunch, continue to Auschwitz I, which was the administrative center as well as the site of the deaths of approximately 70,000 ethnic Poles and Soviet prisoners of war. Today Auschwitz I serves as a museum displaying pictures, documents, and victims’ belongings. Conclude the day by participating in a debrief session at the Oświęcim Holocaust Center. Hotel Stary (B,L,D)

MONDAY, MAY 20

Kraków

Tour the historic district of Kazimierz, the area of Kraków that was home to a significant Jewish community from the 14th-century until the Holocaust. Visit the Remuh Synagogue, the synagogue of Rabbi Moses Isserles, known as the ‘Rema,’ who was one of the great codifiers of Jewish law. After lunch tour one of the oldest universities in Europe, Jagiellonian University, founded in 1364 by King Casimir the Great. Meet with Edyta Gavron, Professor of Jewish Institute Studies and learn about the University today. Gather for a farewell dinner and a concert featuring traditional Jewish klezmer music. Hotel Stary (B,L,D)

TUESDAY, MAY 21

Kraków / U.S.

Following breakfast transfer to the airport for flights home. (B)

Optional Post-Tour Extension to Prague

TUESDAY, MAY 21

Kraków / Prague, Czech Republic

The journey continues!
Fly from Kraków to Prague. Enjoy lunch and check into the Hotel Paris, an art nouveau style hotel located in the historic center of Prague. Take a guided tour of Jewish Prague. Discover some of Prague’s fabled synagogues including the Alt-Neu Synagogue, the oldest functioning Jewish house of worship in Europe. Savor the atmosphere with dinner at a local restaurant. Hotel Paris (B,L,D)

WEDNESDAY, MAY 22

Prague

Begin the day exploring the 17th-century Strahov Monastery Library. You will also see the scenic Golden Lane, a brightly painted street of 16th-century houses, one of which was once home to Franz Kafka. After lunch, cross the 15th-century Charles Bridge and walk through Karlova Street to explore the Old Town. The evening and dinner on your own. Hotel Paris (B,L)

THURSDAY, MAY 23

Prague

Visit the historically significant Old Jewish Cemetery in Josefov, where one of the most important rabbis in Jewish history, Rabbi Yehuda Loew ben Bezalel, is buried. Take a boat ride on the Vltava River and enjoy a leisurely afternoon. The evening takes you to the Municipal House where Thomas Masaryk declared the independence of Czechoslovakia in 1918. Also attend a classical music concert featuring the works of great Czech composers Bedřich Smetana and Antonín Dvořák, followed by a farewell reception and dinner. Hotel Paris (B,L,R,D)

FRIDAY, MAY 24

Prague / U.S.

Following breakfast, transfer to the airport for flights home. (B)
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Highlights
• Delve into Jewish history in Warsaw at the Museum of the History of Polish Jews, which provides a multimedia narrative of the rich civilization created over the course of 1,000 years.
• Meet a local journalist in Warsaw for a briefing on current affairs and enjoy a Chopin concert.
• Visit the Jewish Community Center in Kraków, meet with the director, and partake in a festive Shabbat dinner with local community members.
• Explore infamous Auschwitz II-Birkenau and Auschwitz I, and participate in a debrief at the Oświęcim Holocaust Center.
• Tour Jagiellonian University, one of the oldest universities in Europe, and meet with a professor of Jewish Studies.

Cost
• Per person, double occupancy .... $7,995
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TOUR COST INCLUSIONS All accommodations and meals as specified in the itinerary • All excursions as specified in the itinerary • Full program of briefings, lectures and presentations • Scheduled group transfers for all participants on group arrival and departure days • Baggage handling • Gratuities to waitstaff, guides, and drivers • Welcome reception with beer, wine and cocktails • House wine, beer, and soft drinks with lunches and dinners • Bottled water on motorcoaches • Professional tour manager throughout • $200,000 Emergency Medical Evacuation Insurance

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