Note: An optional pre-arrival package in Warsaw, Poland from Tuesday, April 10 to Thursday, April 12th, is available. Please find all related details in the appendix to this itinerary.

Thursday, April 12, 2018

Arrival in Krakow, Poland

Afternoon  
Arrival of participants in Krakow, Poland, and check-in at the Sheraton Krakow Hotel.

6:30 pm  
Opening delegation dinner alongside concentration camp survivors and IDF officers’ “Witnesses in Uniform” delegation at the hotel.

(Participant dress code: Business casual)

Overnight: Sheraton Krakow Hotel
7 Powisle Street, Krakow
Phone: 48-12-662-1000

Friday, April 13, 2018

Morning  
Breakfast at the hotel

Tour of Tarnów, the town that was home to thousands of Jews who ultimately faced unspeakable suffering at the hands of the Nazis.

Depart for Zbylitowska Gora Village and Buczyna Forest to retrace the steps where many Jews, including over 800 children, were executed by the Nazis.

Afternoon  
Participate in a stirring memorial ceremony at the Children's Grave with the IDF Delegation.

Lunch.

Return to Krakow.

Free time to experience Krakow, get to know members of the delegation, or prepare for Shabbat.
Evening
Hear firsthand stories about being Jewish in pre-WWII Poland through an in-depth retelling by a Holocaust survivor, who will share his/her personal memories and experiences.

Inspiring Kabbalat Shabbat dinner and singing led by the IDF Chief Cantor, shared with the IDF “Witnesses in Uniform” Delegation at hotel.

*(Participant dress code: Shabbat clothes)*

*Overnight: Sheraton Krakow Hotel*

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**Saturday, April 14, 2018**

**Commemorating Jewish heritage in historic Krakow**

**Morning**
Breakfast at the hotel.

**FIDF-EXCLUSIVE!**
Walk with delegation to Kazimierz for Shabbat morning service at Izaak Synagogue.

**Afternoon**
Lunch at the Galicia Museum, which commemorates the victims of the Holocaust and celebrates the Jewish culture of Polish Galicia.

**FIDF-EXCLUSIVE!**
Visit the Jewish Quarter in the Old City of Krakow and learn about its significant Jewish community which thrived from the 14th century until its decimation in the Holocaust.

![Image of Kazimierz and Warsaw Ghetto houses]

**FIDF-EXCLUSIVE!**
Tour the Krakow Jewish Ghetto, where Jews were forced to live during the Nazi occupation.

**FIDF-EXCLUSIVE!**
Shared witness accounts by concentration camp survivors leading into group discussions with the IDF officers.

**Evening**
Delegation dinner at the hotel.

*(Participant dress code: Business casual)*

Experience an uplifting Havdalah service led by the IDF Chief Cantor.

*Overnight: Sheraton Krakow Hotel*
Sunday, April 15, 2018

*Remember the past, marking the present, and looking towards the future at Auschwitz-Birkenau*

**Morning**

Breakfast at the hotel.

Depart to **Auschwitz 2 – Birkenau**. Auschwitz, a complex of several camps, was the largest Nazi killing center. Birkenau, also known as “Auschwitz 2”, was the largest and most lethal of the Auschwitz camps.

We will take a **historic and unforgettable march into Birkenau**, led by survivors, and IDF officers. This first-time shared experience of three sets of heroes dedicated to the survival of the Jewish people will be the emotional highlight of the delegation and the opportunity to be part of a moment that will be handed down as a legacy to future generations.

A powerful continuation of our accompanying **survivor’s testimony**, who will share his/her experience and memories of the concentration camp and liberation.

A memorial ceremony in **Birkenau** remembering those who perished in the Holocaust, led by the commander of the IDF delegation.

**Afternoon**

Lunch.

Enter the main **Auschwitz Concentration Camp**, where 1 million Jews perished.
Participate in small-group guided tours of the camp. The delegation will then reunite to hear moving personal testimonies and memories from the survivors.

Return to the hotel.

Free time.

Evening

Group dinner at the hotel marking the transition from Holocaust to Independence and formally beginning to the inspirational journey to Israel, alongside the IDF delegation.

(Participant dress code: Business casual)

Overnight: Sheraton Krakow Hotel

Monday, April 16, 2018

Depart for Israel on a private charter flight, accompanied by the IDF officers

Morning

Breakfast at the hotel and check-out.

Once-in-a-lifetime flight to Israel aboard a private chartered flight, accompanied by IDF officers and Holocaust survivors.

Afternoon

Welcome ceremony at Ben Gurion Airport.
Arrive at the King David hotel

Festive “Welcome to Israel” dinner celebrating the transition from “darkness into light” with our arrival in Jerusalem.

Participant dress code: Business attire

Overnight: King David Hotel
23 King David St., Jerusalem
+972-2-620-8888

Tuesday, April 17, 2018

Experience the Pride of a Nation: The IDF. Leading into Yom HaZikaron, Israel’s Memorial Day

Morning
Breakfast at the hotel.
Depart the hotel.

Visit the soldiers of the Golani Brigade for an unforgettable, once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to see how soldiers serve to keep Israel safe under any circumstance.

Afternoon
Return to the hotel.

Early dinner at the hotel

Evening
Attend the official memorial ceremony dedicated to fallen soldiers and victims of
terrorism at the Kotel with state officials, including the President and Prime Minister.

*(Participant dress code: Business dress/white top recommended)*

Return to the hotel.

*Overnight: King David Hotel*

**Wednesday, April 18, 2018**

*Experience Yom Hazikaron as Israelis do, Remembering Fallen Soldiers*

**Morning**
- Breakfast at the hotel.
- Depart the hotel.

*FIDF-EXCLUSIVE!*
- Participate in an unforgettable **Memorial Ceremony** during which we will mourn, remember, and honor the brave IDF soldiers as one with the people of Israel.

*(Participant dress code: white top recommended)*
Afternoon

Visit to the 9/11 Memorial, the only place outside of the United States that recognizes the names and countries of origin of the people who were killed on 9/11.

Return to the hotel.

Evening

Join the Israeli people in transitioning from mourning into joy and celebration as we mark Israel's 70th Independence Day at a special dance party for the delegation. (Participant dress code: Business casual).

Overnight: King David Hotel

Thursday, April 19, 2018

Celebrate Yom HaAtzmaut, Israel's Independence Day “Israeli-style”

Morning

Breakfast at the hotel.

Depart hotel.

Celebrate Israel's 70th Independence Day with an incredible visit to a premier IDF Unit. Enjoy a barbecue lunch, singing, and dancing with the brave men and women who protect the independence we celebrate.

Afternoon

Free time.
Depart for the official residence of the President of the State of Israel, Beit HaNasi. TBD (Passports required)

(Participant dress code: Business attire)

Evening

Take part in an official diplomatic reception at the residence of the President, Mr. Reuven "Ruvi" Rivlin, the charismatic and beloved head of the state of Israel.

Celebratory farewell dinner at the King David Hotel, as we conclude our remarkable and unforgettable experience together.

(Participant dress code: Business Casual)

Overnight: King David Hotel

Friday, April 20, 2018

Official conclusion of the FIDF Delegation to Poland and Israel and our journey from Holocaust to Independence.

Itinerary is subject to change
Optional Warsaw Pre-Mission Tour
April 10 – 12, 2018

Tuesday, April 10, 2018
Daytime
Arrival in Warsaw

Evening
Opening dinner

*Overnight: Bristol hotel, Warsaw*

Wednesday, April 11, 2018
Morning
We start the day with to the Old Town quarter, Market Square, the Barbican, and medieval defense walls. We continue to the Monument to the Warsaw Ghetto Heroes that memorializes the tragedy of the Ghetto (where the German chancellor, Willy Brandt, unexpectedly knelt down in 1970).

We will continue to Zamenhofa Street and through the remains of Nalewki Street which once buzzed with business life, Mila Street (including the bunker where the commander of the Warsaw Ghetto Uprising, Mordechai Anielewicz, committed suicide), the Um Schlagplatz Wall (where 300,000 people were deported in cattle trucks for Treblinka death camp in 1942).

We will visit the Nozyk Synagogue (the only remaining synagogue in Warsaw), and the Jewish Theatre (the only professional Yiddish-language theatre in Europe).
Next we will visit the Jewish Cemetery (where Zamenhof is buried, the creator of Esperanto language), and the former Orphanage of Dr. Janusz Korczak, who refused to be saved and accompanied his Jewish children to meet his death in Treblinka.

The tour will end the with a visit to a truly unique place, the Jewish Cemetery at Okopowa Street, where we will visit several graves and return to our hotel.

Evening
Depart for dinner outside the hotel.
Overnight: Bristol hotel, Warsaw

Thursday, April 12, 2018

Morning
Visit to the newly opened Jewish museum in Warsaw, The Polin Museum of the History of Polish Jews is a modern cultural institution – a narrative museum that presents a 1000-year history of Polish Jews.

Lunch.

Afternoon
Transportation to Krakow.

Evening
Opening celebratory dinner with the “Witnesses in Uniform” delegation at hotel
Overnight: Sheraton hotel, Krakow