

FRIENDS OF THE IDF

From Holocaust to Independence Mission to Germany, Poland, & Israel

April 26 – May 5, 2022

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**This unforgettable, uniquely FIDF journey, will
bring 700 years of Jewish history to life.**

Beginning in Germany where Nazi leaders plotted the annihilation of Jews, we will then join FIDF's Witnesses in Uniform delegation of combat officers in Poland to bear witness to the atrocities of the Holocaust. The emotionally charged mission culminates in celebration of independence with the men and women of the IDF who safeguard Israel's future. Through exclusive programs with top political and military leadership, we will experience the joy and pride of the miracle of Israel.



OPTIONAL PRE-MISSION PACKAGE TO BERLIN (NOT INCLUDED)

Tuesday, April 26, 2022

- **Arrival in Berlin, Germany**

Accommodations: Hotel Adlon, Berlin

Unter den Linden 77, 10117 Berlin, Germany

Phone: +49 30 22610

Wednesday, April 27, 2022

- The FIDF delegation will visit **Wannsee**, the site where senior Nazi officials met in 1942 and Adolf Eichmann laid out the Final Solution: the annihilation of the Jewery of Europe. Participants will stand in the very place where the concept of carbon monoxide gas chambers were first introduced.
- Tour the **Topography of Terror**, a history museum that sits on the site of buildings that housed the former Gestapo headquarters.
- Visit the **Berlin Wall** and witness what life was like when east Germany was under Soviet control.

Overnight: Hotel Adlon, Berlin



MISSION OFFICIALLY COMMENCES

Thursday, April 28, 2022

- Morning departure for Krakow, Poland
- Afternoon **arrival in Krakow, Poland**
- **Opening Dinner** at the Sheraton hotel with Holocaust survivors and IDF Witnesses in Uniform delegation

Overnight: Sheraton Krakow Hotel

7 Powisle Street, Krakow

Phone: +48-12-662-1000

Friday, April 29, 2022

- Begin our journey in Krakow where we will relive 700 years of Ashkenazi Jewish history.
- Tour of **Tarnów**, the town that was home to thousands of Jews who ultimately faced unfathomable suffering at the hands of the Nazis.
- Depart for **Zbylitowska Gora Village** and **Buczyna Forest** to

retrace the steps where over 800 children were executed by the Nazis.

- Participate in a stirring **memorial ceremony** at the children's grave with the IDF delegation.
- Enjoy an inspiring **Kabbalat Shabbat** with singing and dinner led by the IDF Rabbi.

Overnight: Sheraton Krakow Hotel

Saturday, April 30, 2022

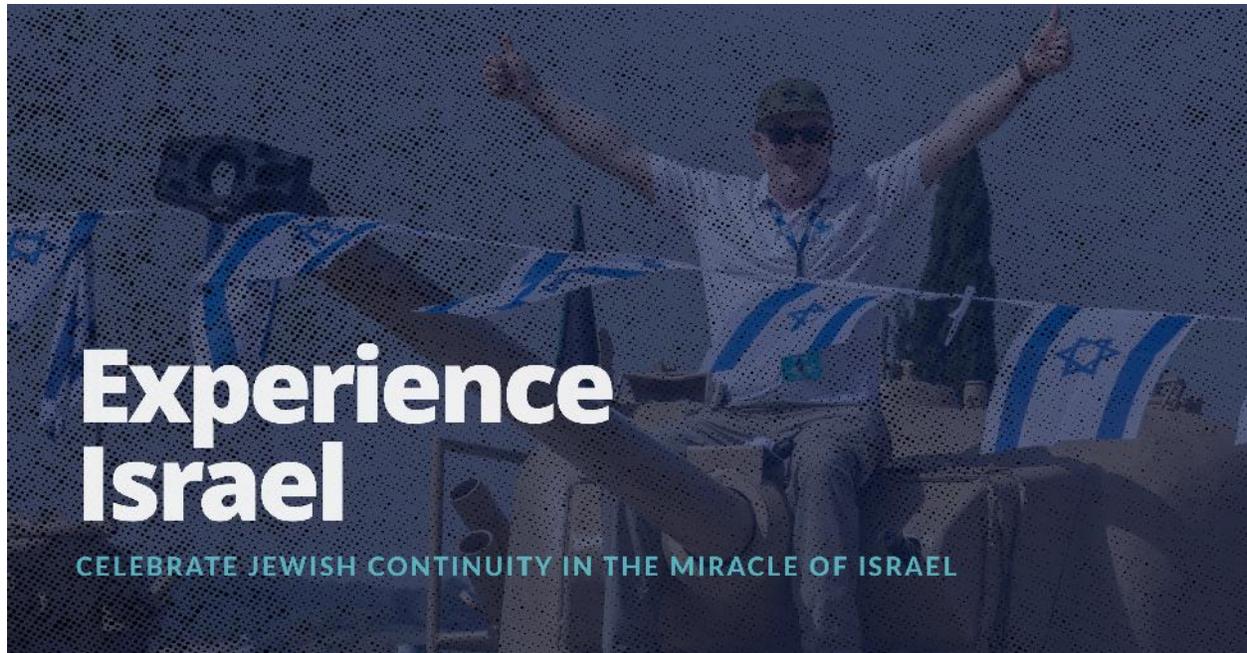
- Morning service at the **Kupa Synagogue**.
- Visit the **Jewish Quarter in the Old City of Krakow** and learn about the significant Jewish community that flourished there from the 14th century until their decimation in the Holocaust.
- Lunch at the **Galicia Museum** that commemorates the victims of the Holocaust and celebrates the Jewish culture of Polish Galicia.
- Tour the **Krakow Jewish Ghetto** where Jews were forced to live during the Nazi occupation.
- Group discussions with the IDF officers followed by dinner and an uplifting Havdalah service.

Overnight: Sheraton Krakow Hotel

Sunday, May 1, 2022

- We will lead an **unforgettable march into Auschwitz Concentration Camp**, where 1 million Jews perished between 1941-1945.
- There is no more powerful way to experience this dark period in Jewish history than marching alongside officers of the IDF, the current guardians and future leaders of Israel.

Overnight: Sheraton Krakow Hotel



Monday, May 2, 2022

- Depart Poland for **Israel**. Participants have the unparalleled opportunity to travel to Israel **on an Israeli Air Force plane** together with the IDF delegation.* With limited capacity, this opportunity is being offered to mission registrants on a first come first serve basis and the remaining participants will be flown to Israel on a commercial flight.
- Visit **Nevatim Air Base** and meet the elite Israeli Air Force, including two squadrons who fly the IDF's impressive **F-35 airplanes**.
- Festive **"Welcome to Israel" dinner** celebrating the transition from "darkness into light" with our arrival in Jerusalem.

Overnight: The historic King David Hotel

23 King David St., Jerusalem

+972-2-620-8888

**Subject to IDF approval*

Tuesday, May 3, 2022

- Experience the pride of the nation: the IDF. During this unforgettable experience **visiting soldiers in the field**, we will get to know soldiers from Oketz, the IDF's canine unit responsible for saving tens of lives. You will also meet their highly trained dogs charged with counterterrorism, search and rescue, and other specialized operations.
- Attend the **National Memorial Ceremony** dedicated to fallen soldiers and victims of terrorism at the Kotel with state officials including Israel's President and Chief of Staff. Together we will mourn, remember, and honor the brave IDF soldiers as one with the people of Israel.

Overnight: The historic King David Hotel

Wednesday, May 4, 2022

- On Israel's Memorial Day, we will relive the final moments of the 37 heroic IDF soldiers who sacrificed their lives for the reunification of Jerusalem during the Six-Day War Battle of **Ammunition Hill**. This battle was a key turning point that led Israel to victory.
- We will transition from mourning into joy and celebration as we mark **Israel's 74th Independence Day** at a gala dinner and party for the delegation.

Overnight: The historic King David Hotel

Thursday, May 5, 2022

- Continue the celebrations of Israel's Independence with a **premier IDF unit**. Enjoy a **barbecue lunch** with these brave men and women who protect the independence we celebrate.

- Attend a private cocktail reception with the newly elected **President of Israel, Isaac Herzog**, at his residence.
- Enjoy a **celebratory farewell dinner** at the King David Hotel, reunited with the Witnesses in Uniform delegation from Poland, to conclude our extraordinary and unforgettable experience together.

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