



FRIENDS OF THE IDF

From Holocaust to Independence Mission to Poland & Israel

April 28- May 5, 2022

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**This unforgettable, uniquely FIDF journey, will
bring 800 years of Jewish history to life.**

Join FIDF 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.



MISSION OFFICIALLY COMMENCES

Thursday, April 28, 2022

- **Arrival in Krakow, Poland**
- **Opening Dinner** at the Sheraton hotel

Overnight: Sheraton Krakow Hotel

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Friday, April 29, 2022

- Begin our journey in Krakow where we will relive 800 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.
- Enjoy an inspiring **Kabbalat Shabbat** with singing and dinner

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 followed by dinner and an uplifting Havdalah service.

Overnight: Sheraton Krakow Hotel

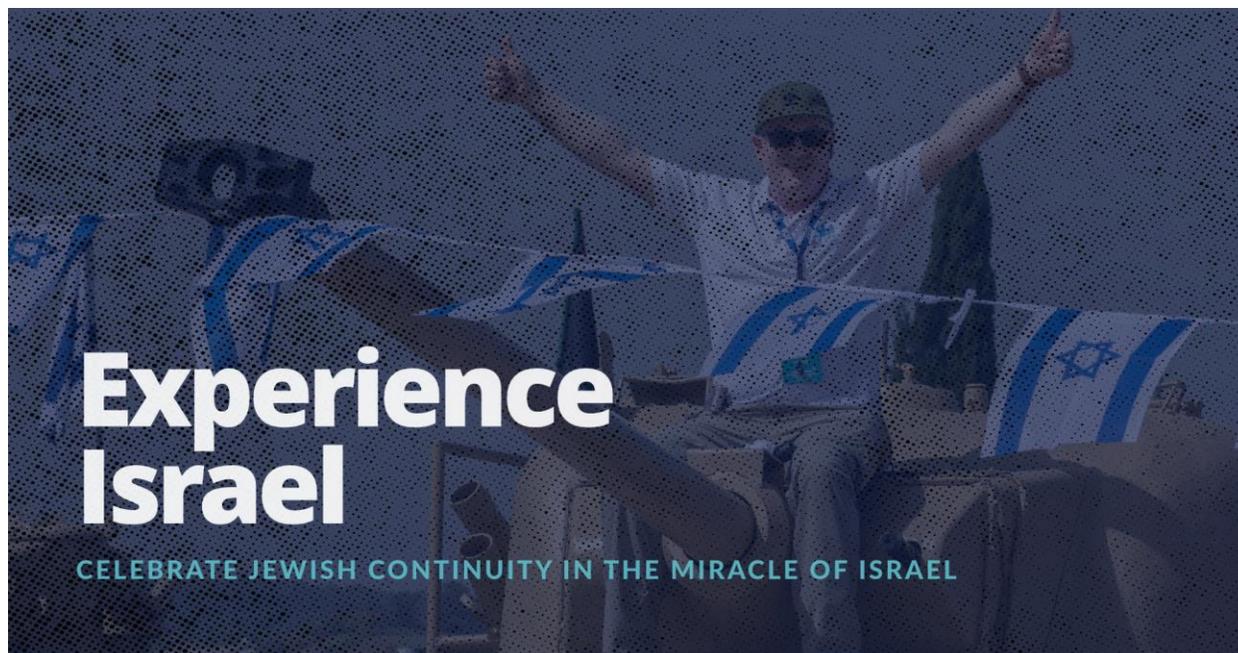
Sunday, May 1, 2022

We will depart for **Auschwitz Birkenau Concentration and Extermination Camp** where more than 1 million Jews were murdered between 1941-1945.

There, we will take part in a meaningful memorial ceremony, in remembrance of the victims of the Holocaust.

This first-time shared experience is 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.

Overnight: Sheraton Krakow Hotel



Monday, May 2, 2022

- Depart Poland for **Israel** where we will **land at an Israeli Air Force Base**. There, we will meet with the courageous pilots, soldiers, and commanders who protect the Jewish Homeland and Jews worldwide, ensuring *never again*.
- 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

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**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 and commanders from an elite IDF unit.
- 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.

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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. *Subject to change due to COVID-19
- Enjoy a **celebratory farewell dinner** at the King David Hotel, to conclude our extraordinary and unforgettable experience together.

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