



## **Frequently Asked Questions**

Young Professionals Trip – March of the Living – April 16-26, 2020

### **1. What is the March of the Living program and who participates in this experience?**

The March of the Living is part of the single largest Jewish educational program for teens and adults in the world. MOTL brings together individuals from 52 countries and regions around the world including Israel, Morocco, India, Australia, Argentina, Brazil, Panama, Mexico, the United States, Japan, South Korea, South Africa, France, Belgium, the United Kingdom, and Hungary. Thousands of people from all over the world travel to Poland for the week surrounding Yom HaShoah, Holocaust Memorial Day. The trip allows participants to learn about the Jewish community that once thrived in Poland, to honor the millions of Jews who were murdered, and to witness the resurgence of Jewish culture and life that is taking place in Poland today.

### **2. What are the dates for the Sinai Temple Young Professionals trip to Poland?**

Participants will meet in Warsaw, Poland at 6 PM on Thursday, April 16. The program will conclude in Krakow, Poland and participants should plan to depart on Sunday, April 26. The actual March of the Living walk from Auschwitz to Birkenau will take place Tuesday, April 21.

### **3. What is the cost of the trip?**

The cost of the trip is \$2,800 for Sinai Temple members and \$3,000 for non-members. This cost includes hotels, museum and site entrance fees, guides, ground transportation in Poland and some meals. This does not include flights.

### **4. Do I have to be a member of Sinai Temple to apply for the trip?**

No, you do not have to be a member to apply for the trip. You must be a Jewish young professional age 21-39.

### **5. What flights should we take? Will you be coordinating flights for all participants?**

There will be no coordination for flights. **Our itinerary officially begins in Warsaw, Poland on Thursday April 16 at 6 PM.** (Please note that Passover ends on Thursday, April 16.)

Our itinerary officially ends on Saturday evening, April 25, however, accommodations are included for the evening of Saturday, April 25 with check-out on Sunday morning, April 26<sup>th</sup>. **Participants should arrange return flights for Sunday, April 26.**

FYI: There is a direct flight to and from Los Angeles to Warsaw on LOT Polish Airlines 1x daily on Friday, Saturday, Monday and Tuesday.

**6. Are meals included in the price? Will you be organizing all meals?**

Breakfast is included every day of the trip at no additional cost to participants. Participants will have the option of preparing a to-go lunch for yourself with appropriate food options that will be available at a special table that will be set up during breakfast. Dinner will be included for 4 nights. There will be flexibility and free time for dinner for the rest of the nights.

**7. Will the meals that are included in the trip be Kosher?**

Provided meals will be Kosher, vegetarian, or pescatarian.

**8. Can I pick my roommate for the trip?**

Rooms will be double occupancy and we will do our best to accommodate your request.

**9. How will we be getting around Poland?**

We have chartered a private bus for our group for the duration of our trip.

**10. Are there additional costs that are not included in the price?**

Should you decide to arrive in Poland earlier than Thursday, April 16<sup>th</sup>, you will be responsible for all costs incurred (e.g. food, accommodations). All breakfasts will be included. Four dinners will be included, but participants will be responsible for their own meals the other nights. Participants will have the option to make their own lunch with food options set up at a special table during breakfast or they can purchase their own lunch at a local market the night before our activities.

**11. Should we be concerned about security?**

Security and safety are a top priority for the March of the Living. All delegations travel with at least one-armed security guard per bus, and all site visits are checked and 'cleared' by security in the mornings and before groups arrive. March of the Living works with the highest levels of law enforcement in Poland to ensure the safety of all visiting participants.

**12. Most importantly, where do I sign up!**

Visit [member.sinaitemple.org/motlyp](http://member.sinaitemple.org/motlyp). Please be sure to follow ALL instructions noted on the form. Your application will not be considered complete until the deposit has been paid.

**13. Who is subsidizing Sinai Temple's Young Professionals Delegation?**

A quick note about our generous benefactors. Our Young Professionals trip is being subsidized by the SUZANNA COHEN Z" L MARCH OF THE LIVING FUND. The fund is named for Suzanna Cohen, a teenager left Poland with her mother at the beginning of World War II and embarked on a 6,000-mile journey to Iran, where she married, raised her children, and immersed herself in Persian culture before immigrating to the United States.

**14. Should I purchase trip protection/cancellation insurance?**

The International March of the Living does not provide this type of insurance; however, **it is highly recommended** that you purchase a travel insurance policy that includes both medical and emergency evacuation coverage.

**15. Is the cost of participating in the March of the Living considered tax deductible?**

March of the Living is not a tax-deductible item because the trip is involved in an exchange of goods and services.

**16. Do you need a visa to enter Poland?**

U.S. citizens do not need a visa to enter Poland. If you are a citizen of another country, please check with your local Polish consulate to see if a visa is required for entrance.

**17. If I have additional questions or concerns, whom should I contact?**

For specific questions about Sinai Temple's Young Professionals trip to Poland, please contact:

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General information can be found on the International March of the Living site <https://motl.org/>.