



## TEMPLE BETH SHOLOM LOS ANGELES ADULT MARCH OF THE LIVING FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

### **Q: What is the March of the Living Program and who participates in this experience?**

A: March of the Living is part of the single largest Jewish educational program for teens and adults in the world. The March of the Living generally brings together individuals from multiple countries and regions around the world to spend one week in Poland surrounding Yom HaShoah, Holocaust Memorial Day. The trip allows participants to learn about the Jewish community that once thrived in Poland as well as encountering the present-day resurgence of Jewish culture and life in Poland. The time in Israel will allow participants to experience Yom HaZikaron, Israel's Memorial Day and celebrate Yom Ha'Atzmaut, Israel's Independence Day, in April 2022.

### **Q: What are the dates of the Temple Beth Shalom Adult March of the Living Delegation?**

A: The official program begins on the morning of Monday, April 25<sup>h</sup> in Krakow, Poland. However, please note that the program fee will include accommodation only on the evening of Sunday, April 24<sup>th</sup>. The Poland portion of the program will end in Warsaw, Poland in the evening of Sunday, May 1st and the group will travel to Israel later that evening with an expected arrival in Tel Aviv early morning Monday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>. The Israel portion of the program will conclude on Thursday evening, May 5<sup>th</sup>. Please note that each participant is responsible for their own flight arrangements to Poland and return from Israel. The flight from Warsaw to Tel Aviv is included in the price.

### **Q: Is this a really depressing trip?**

A: The March of the Living journey to Poland and Israel allows participants to encounter the richness and anguish of our past, the vitality of the present and the hope for our future. Visiting the sites in Poland, while filled with emotion, is also both positive and uplifting, because you will share moments of both sadness and joy with people from all over the world. The Israel portion of the trip is powerful and inspiring, and participants come away from March of the Living knowing that they have created long-lasting bonds and experienced a life-changing event.

### **Q: What Covid19 protocols have been put in place to ensure the health and safety of all March of the Living participants?**

A: The International March of the Living mandates that all participants be fully vaccinated. The governments of Poland and Israel require that everyone entering the country be completely vaccinated with a Covid-19 vaccine that is approved for use in the European Union. If no proof of vaccination is provided, travelers are required to undergo a mandatory 10-day quarantine in both Poland and Israel. All participants will be required to take PCR and/or serology tests, as per the requirements of the destination and arrival countries. Documented verification of the COVID-19 vaccine is required. The International March of the Living is working with appropriate individuals in the health field to ensure that we will maintain the highest level of precaution and adjust wherever necessary.

**Q: What is the program fee and how and when will I be to apply to participate in the Temple Beth Sholom MOL Adult Delegation?**

A: Please see pricing below. Please note each delegation's forms and procedures are specific – please do not register through any other website. The cost of the program includes all hotels, museum and site entrance fees, guides, ground transportation and the majority of meals. This will not include flights except for the flight from Warsaw to Tel Aviv. An outline of the cancellation policy will be included with the application. Application can be found by clicking [here](#)

**PLEASE NOTE- FIRST PAYMENT WILL BE DUE BY JANUARY 31, 2022 AND FINAL PAYMENT WILL BE DUE BY MARCH 1, 2022.**

MOTL Trip	Cost
Participation in both Poland and Israel portions- Land costs and flight from Warsaw to Tel Aviv- (price includes accommodation at the hotel in Krakow on Sunday, April 24th- prior to the official start of the program)-	\$5990
Poland portion only- land (NO FLIGHTS INCLUDED). (Price includes accommodation at the hotel in Krakow on Sunday, April 24th- prior to the official start of the program)	\$3890
Single Supplement in Poland	\$880
Single Supplement in Israel	\$720

Land prices do not include overseas travel to and from the USA. Please note there is a 3% service charge when paying by credit card. All fees are based on double occupancy, with a minimum of 35 people. Prices are subject to minor changes based on exchange rate fluctuation.

**Q: Is security a program concern?**

A: Security and safety are a high priority throughout the March. MOTL 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 International works with the highest levels of law enforcement and government in both Poland and Israel to ensure that the security of participants is top priority.

**Q: What religious practices or expectations are there; is the food kosher?**

A: The program is set up to accommodate the religious needs of all its participants. All food in Poland and Israel is certified kosher.

**Q: Is the trip very strenuous?**

A: While there is a fair amount of walking, it is not overly difficult. It is important to wear the correct shoes for being on your feet several hours and day. There are opportunities at any given location to sit and rest.

**Q: If my passport is expired, or if I do not have a passport, what should I do?**

A: Passports can be renewed or applied for at your local post office. A copy of the picture page of renewed passport must be sent to Temple Beth Sholom. Applicants also must have a valid passport with expiration date on or after November 6, 2022.

**Q: Should one purchase Trip Protection/Cancellation Insurance?**

A: The International March of the Living does not provide this type of insurance; however, **it is mandated** that you purchase a travel insurance policy that includes both medical and emergency evacuation coverage. A list of travel insurance companies that previous participants have utilized will be shared with all registered participants so that each individual can find the best policy for your needs and travel arrangements.

**Q: Is my March of the Living Trip considered tax deductible?**

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

**Q: Do you need a visa to enter Poland and Israel?**

A: US Citizens do not require a visa to enter either Poland or Israel. If you are a citizen of another country, please check with both the Polish and Israeli Consulates to see if a visa is required for entrance.

**Q: What is the itinerary for the program?**

A: The itinerary varies, but typically includes in Poland visiting, Krakow, Auschwitz and Birkenau, Warsaw, and Majdanek. The time in Israel, commemorating Yom Hazikaron (Israel Memorial Day) and celebrating Yom Ha'Atzmaut (Israel Independence Day), includes visits to places of historical and contemporary significance.

**Q: If I have additional questions or concerns, whom should I contact?**

A: For specific questions about the Temple Beth Sholom delegation, please contact Monise Neumann, National Consultant for International March of the Living at [monise@motlmail.org](mailto:monise@motlmail.org) - 818.621.0278 More information about MOTL can be found on the International March of the Living website at [www.motl.org](http://www.motl.org).