



A JOURNEY THROUGH JEWISH HISTORY

Led by Rabbi Dr. Jacob J. Schacter, President
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October 10-17, 2021

Sunday, October 10

Depart from the USA.

Monday, October 11

Amsterdam

When your flight arrives at Amsterdam's Schiphol Airport you will be met by one of our drivers to transport you to our luxury hotel so that you can relax and freshen up before starting our day.

11:00 We will step out into the exciting streets of one of Europe's hippest cities to share a drink (coffee, tea or even perhaps something stronger) and for an orientation by Rabbi Jacob J. Schacter explaining what is planned for the week ahead.

14:00 Following a short lunch, we will depart by coach to see as many of the following sights as we can accommodate before we will undoubtedly need to take a rest. These sights include the amazing Rijksmuseum, The Spanish & Portuguese Synagogue, The Van Gogh Museum, The Anne Frank House, and possibly Rembrandt's House. Rabbi Schacter will deliver a lecture on Dutch Jewry.

18:30 Dinner at a local Kosher Restaurant. For those who still have pent-up energy, a short walk through some more exciting streets of this amazingly "alive" city.

Tuesday, October 12

Antwerp
Luxembourg

08:30 Following Tefilla and breakfast, we will depart by coach to the Ardennes American Military Cemetery at Neupre, Belgium, for an extraordinary event. It is here that we will not watch history, but participate in it.

12:00 We will join dignitaries, US and Israeli government officials, and descendants of honor, in a historic event replacing the headstones of two American Jewish officers killed in action in WWII, who have mistakenly been buried under Latin Crosses for more than 75 years. We will meet with the family of 2LT Kenneth Robinson, a heavy bomber crew member KIA in August 1943, and 1LT Joseph Sugarman, pilot of a B-17, who was killed on his fifth mission on March 11, 1945.

Following the ceremony there will be a small reception to meet with relatives of each honored soldier. We will hear from Rabbi Schacter, Shalom Lamm, and officials from the American Battle Monuments Commission.

14:00 We will then travel to the Luxembourg American Military Cemetery for a second extraordinary event. We will join dignitaries, US and Israeli government officials, and descendants of honor, in a historic event replacing the headstones of an American Jewish soldier killed in action in the Battle of the Bulge in WWII, who has mistakenly been buried under Latin Crosses for more than 75 years. We will meet with the family of Technician 5th Grade US Army, Everett M. Seixas, Jr. and learn about this Columbia Law School graduate and his illustrious lineage.

17:30 We will then travel to our hotel in the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg. Rabbi Schacter will describe some of the behind-the-scenes work of Operation Benjamin.

19:30 Dinner followed by a discussion reflecting on our day's activities and a review of the action-packed day ahead.

Wednesday, October 13

Luxembourg
France
Frankfurt

08:00 Following Tefilla and breakfast, we will travel by coach to the Lorraine American Military Cemetery at St. Avold in France for another moving ceremony at the American Military Cemetery. Rabbi Schacter will deliver a lecture on French Jewry on the bus.

10:30 We will take part in a special event replacing the headstones from a Latin Cross to Jewish Star for 2LT Howard Feldman and Major Jerome Maxwell Papurt. Major Papurt was a dynamic combat leader and senior agent of the OSS, the forerunner of the CIA. 2LT Feldman was the navigator for a B-17 heavy bomber that was destroyed over Pilsen, Czechoslovakia. Tragically, his aircraft was one of the last heavy bombers shot down in the European theater.

11:30 Here, too, following the ceremony there will be a small reception where we will meet with relatives of the soldiers and hear from Rabbi Schacter, Shalom Lamm, and officials from the American Battle Monuments Commission.

12:30 We depart for the Epinal American Cemetery where we will participate in the headstone replacement of Private Marvin Ashkenas. Marvin Ashkenas was an only child and orphaned at a young age. Despite many attempts by his relatives who adopted him, they were unable to gain custody after Marvin was killed in action in the battle around Le Tholy, in October 1944. We will complete the task they tried to so hard to accomplish 77 years later, by replacing the Latin Cross for a Star of David over his grave. Following the ceremony, we will spend time with the Marvin Ashkenas family members.

16:00 We depart for our hotel in Frankfurt which will serve as our base for the remainder of the trip. Rabbi Schacter will deliver a lecture on Ashkenazi Jewry.

19:30 Dinner and discussion of the day's activities and a look towards tomorrow's deep dive into history.

Thursday, October 14

Frankfurt
Spiers, Worms, Mainz

09:00 Following Tefilla and breakfast, we will be joined by our good friend and local expert Gabriella Bamberger as we explore three cities and towns renowned for their Jewish history: Spiers, Worms and Mainz. On this inspiring and emotional day of journeying

through Jewish history, we will be led by Rabbi Schacter. At each stop we will learn the historical significance of that place and the great people who lived, learned and died there throughout the centuries.

21:30 After having returned to Frankfurt, we will prepare for a late dinner and discussion.

Friday, October 15
Frankfurt

09:00 We will take today a little easier and following Tefilla and breakfast, Gabriella Bamberger will guide us to the major places of Jewish significance in Frankfurt, whose streets have seen Jewish life flourish and develop, Torah study reach new heights, and with the Holocaust whither, before being reborn in our times.

12:00 After lunch, we will be able to break off for individual shopping, or to visit other places of Jewish and /or cultural interest, before preparing for Shabbat.

19:53 After candle lighting, we will join the local community at the Westend Synagogue for Tefilla, and then dinner, with zmirot and divrei Torah (and a guest TBA will join us).

Shabbat, October 16
Frankfurt

08:30 We will again join the local community and meet some of the members of the Frankfurt Jewish community to daven with them.

15:30 Following lunch and a short rest, Gabriella Bamberger will take us on a walking tour of the city. Following, the tour we will return to the hotel for Mincha, a shiur by Rabbi Schacter, seuda shlishit, Maariv and havdalla.

21:00 On Motzaei Shabbat you will be free to choose your own activity (we will provide suggestions), and get ready for our return journeys to our respective homes, preparing tales that we can each tell of the exciting, meaningful and mind-broadening week spent in the company of an eclectic group of co-religionists.

Sunday, October 17
Home

08:00 Tefillah followed by breakfast, before heading out to the airport for your return flights home.