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In the spring of 2012, thousands of Jewish teens from all corners of the earth will gather together in Poland and Israel for an educational experience that will change their lives.


## Eligibility and Preparation

High school students who will be in the 10th, 11th and 12th grades in 2012 (at the discretion of local communities) are eligible to participate. All qualified applicants will be carefully screened. Not everyone can be accepted. Applicants must complete an application, medical form, submit an essay, participate in a personal interview and supply letters of recommendation. If you are chosen, you will be provided with a study curriculum of Poland and Israel and will be expected to attend several educational seminars that have been specifically created to prepare you for the **March**.

## Travel Dates

You will depart the USA or Canada on April 15th or 16th. You will return home two weeks after your departure date.

## Cost & Flights

This program is partially subsidized. Based on your departure city the cost will vary. Please check with your regional March of the Living office for the program cost. **Cost is subject to a possible fluctuation of up to 5%.** Scholarships may be available, upon request, from your Central Agency for Jewish Education, Federation or Synagogue. EL AL & LOT (Polish Airlines) will be the principal air carriers. IYHA will be the principal land service provider in Israel. 

## Applications

For more information about the **2012 March of the Living**, please contact your local Federation, Central Agency for Jewish Education, Youth Movement or call or write to: International March of the Living  
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**Embrace** the past



**Ensure** the future



# INTERNATIONAL *March* OF THE LIVING



## An International Educational Program

On April 19, 2012, thousands of Jewish teens, from countries all around the world, will share in a once in a lifetime experience when they march three kilometers from Auschwitz to Birkenau, the largest concentration camp complex built by the Nazis during World War II. The **March** commemorates **Yom Hashoah**, Holocaust Remembrance Day. You can be there – along with over 12,000 participants who will be part of this historic event. Holocaust survivors will play a significant educational role on the March of the Living as they share the painful memory of their war-time experiences with the young people in the very places where they unfolded.

## Honoring Liberators

As the March enters the beginning of its 25th anniversary, a special effort is being made to honor those WWII veterans who risked their lives to preserve freedom and defeat Nazi tyranny during the war. In 2012, a large number of WWII veterans, including those who actually participated in liberating the camps, will join the March of the Living. Along with the Holocaust survivors who they liberated, these courageous heroes will play a central role during the 2012 March and accompanying commemorative ceremonies in Poland and Israel.



As one of the Marchers, your steps will be in direct contrast to the Nazi enforced Death Marches, during which countless numbers of people perished toward the end of WWII. This time, however, there will be a difference. It will be a March of the Living with thousands of Jewish youth, like yourself, marching shoulder to shoulder, along with survivors and their liberators. You will participate in a memorial service in the vicinity of the gas chambers/crematoria in Birkenau, which will conclude with the singing of Hatikvah, reaffirming Am Yisrael Chai – The Jewish People Live. From Poland, you will fly to Israel to join the entire Jewish community in, celebrating **Yom Ha'atzmaut**, Israel's 64<sup>th</sup> Independence Day, on April 26. Your time in Israel will be filled with a week of unforgettable experiences.

## Unforgettable Moments

**Yom Hashoah** and **Yom Ha'atzmaut** are two of the most important days in modern Jewish times. By taking part in these special events, you will share unforgettable moments in Jewish history and bear witness to the undying spirit of the Jewish people. Like those who participated in previous Marches (beginning in 1988), you will return home with a new sense of yourself, your people and your history. It will be an experience that will remain with you for a lifetime.



## A Study in Contrasts

Your stay in Poland and Israel will be a study in contrasts. In Poland you will search for traces of a world that no longer exists. You will discover that, of the hundreds of Jewish schools, synagogues and institutions that once existed in Warsaw before the war, there remains a sparsely attended synagogue (used by the Nazis as a stable during the war) and a centuries-old Jewish cemetery, left relatively untouched by the Nazis during their occupation of Warsaw. You will also see a new resurgence of Jewish culture with synagogues, schools, organizations and youth groups. Like many others you may leave Poland wondering how it was possible for the destruction of almost an entire generation of Jews to occur – yet you will pledge to keep their memory alive. In Israel, you will encounter a country that is striving valiantly to keep the age-old flame of Jewish nationhood alive. On **Yom Hazikaron**, Israel's Memorial Day, you will join together with all of Israel as they mourn their fallen soldiers and victims of terror and on **Yom Ha'atzmaut** you will celebrate Israel's independence along with the entire country. Poland and Israel; the richness and anguish of our past; the hope of our future. This experience will help you understand how important both aspects are to your identity as a Jewish teenager living in the 21st century.



## North America Participation



Approximately 3,000 Jewish high school students, from every religious and educational background, and every part of North America, will participate. This group will be accompanied by adults, including educators, survivors and their liberators, medical professionals, political and community leaders

## World Wide Participation

The **March of the Living** will bring together Jewish teens from over 40 countries and regions around the world including Israel, USA, Canada, Mexico, Australia, Argentina, Brazil, Panama, South Africa, France, Belgium, Hungary and Poland. You will have an opportunity to meet some of these teenagers. Together you will share moments of sadness and joy and create long-lasting bonds.



## In Poland

You will visit the concentration camps of Auschwitz-Birkenau, Treblinka and Majdanek. You will also visit historic Jewish sites in Warsaw (the Ghetto Memorial, Mila 18, the Jewish Cemetery, the restored Nozyk Synagogue) Cracow (the Jewish Quarter, the Ramah Synagogue) and Lublin (the famous Yeshiva). The highlight will be the **March of the Living**.



## In Israel

During your stay in Israel you will take part in many special events organized specifically for participants of the **March**. You will visit a number of exciting locations and ancient sites, such as Jerusalem, Masada, Tel Aviv, the Golan Heights, the Galilee, the Negev and more. On April 26, Israel's 64<sup>th</sup> Independence Day, all of the groups from around the world will join thousands of Israelis in this national celebration.

