

*March*  
OF THE LIVING

**YOUNG  
LEADERSHIP  
TRIP 2012**



April 16 - 22, Poland  
April 23 - 29, Israel \*



For the first time ever, a Young Leadership group, comprised of young adults ages 21-35 from across the United States, will take part in the March of the Living.

On April 19, 2012, thousands of participants, 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.



*“After we exited the gas chambers at Majdanek, we all got together and we just held each other as a group. We prayed and lit candles, and it is something that I will never forget.”*

*“I will always remember sitting on the steps of the barracks in Auschwitz listening to the survivor on my trip tell his story with tears in his eyes and emotion in his cracking voice as he pointed to specific spots where certain events in his past had occurred. That memory has stayed with me since the moment it occurred and will follow me for the rest of my life.”*

*“By virtue of the total experience, one becomes aware of two basic facts: The interconnectedness of the human experience, and the fragility of life. The Holocaust did not have to happen, and could have been stopped had sensitivity to life been a higher value in German society... The understanding that comes with the March means that participants bear responsibility to act, in small or large parts, to promote a more sensitive, caring world.”*

## THE TRIP: POLAND AND ISRAEL

Participants will spend a week in Poland traveling around the country, learning about the history of the Holocaust, accompanied by world-renowned Holocaust scholars as educators. They will visit both Warsaw and Krakow, discovering a lost world of rich Jewish heritage, which no longer exists. Sites include the remnants of the Jewish ghetto, Mila 18, the Jewish cemetery and the restored Nozyk synagogue in Warsaw, and the Jewish Quarter and Ramah Synagogue in Krakow as well as the concentration camps of Majdanek and Auschwitz-Birkenau. The highlight in Poland will be the March of the Living when the American Young Adult delegation joins hands with groups from all corners of the world, as they march from Auschwitz to Birkenau on Yom Hashoah, Holocaust Remembrance Day.

Optional Israel Extension: Participants will also have the opportunity continue to Israel and spend a week visiting the country, participating in Yom Hazikaron, Memorial Day, and Yom Ha'atzmaut, Israel Independence Day, with the rest of the State. They will visit the majestic landscapes of the North, the beaches of Tel Aviv and the hills of Jerusalem. The trip will culminate with another March to the Old City in Jerusalem, and the Mega Event Concert, with the other participants of the March of the Living.

## 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.



## ELIGIBILITY AND PREPARATION

Young adults, ages 21-35, from across the United States are eligible to apply. Applicants must complete an application along with medical forms available on the MOL website, [www.motl.org](http://www.motl.org). Once accepted, you will be provided with a study curriculum and will have the opportunity to attend several educational seminars that have been specifically created to prepare you for the March.

## TRAVEL DATES

You will depart the USA on Monday, April 16th.  
You will return home on either Sunday, April 22nd from Poland  
or Sunday, April 29th from Israel, depending on your itinerary.

\* To participate in the Israel program, please make a request via email.  
There is a minimum participation of 25 people for the Israel  
program. If we do not reach that minimum, that portion will be  
canceled and you will be refunded.

## APPLICATIONS

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*"I always had an interest in studying the Holocaust, and going to Poland to see where it took place was something I felt I had to do. A movie, book, picture or story can paint a picture, but stepping on the grounds of the concentration camps, seeing the Warsaw Ghetto, and hearing the stories from the survivors where it all occurred, was more than any movie, book or picture could ever explain. I knew this would be the case, and I knew it was something I had to experience first hand."*