Experience Jewish Poland with Gratz College
A unique travel-study tour

WARSAW, LUBLIN, KRAKOW
Krakow Jewish Culture Festival, Shtetl Tour, Auschwitz/Birkenau

June 24 - July 6, 2014
Poland was once home to the largest Jewish community in the world. Known for its scholars and merchants, rabbis and socialists, Zionists, artists, writers and hoodlums, it was the world center of both traditional Jewish learning and a burgeoning modern secular culture in Yiddish, Hebrew and Polish. The very lands where Jewish life thrived for nearly a millennium were also the site of its near annihilation during the Holocaust. This tour will include an in-depth visit to Auschwitz-Birkenau and other Holocaust memorials, but its focus will be Jewish life, both past and present.

Join Gratz College on a journey that reveals the Jewish Poland of our ancestors and illuminates the current revival of Jewish life there. We will trace our Polish Jewish roots through centuries-old shtetls and former Jewish neighborhoods, and celebrate the legacy of Polish Jewish culture with thousands of other participants in the world-renowned Krakow Jewish Culture Festival. This specially crafted excursion invites dialogue between the past and the present, offering an extraordinary encounter with our living Jewish heritage.

TRIP INCLUDES
- Professor Michael Steinlauf, Gratz scholar of East European Jewish History; senior staff of the Taube Center for the Renewal of Jewish Life in Poland; and a full-time Polish tour director to accompany the trip throughout, along with local scholars and guides
- Two pre-tour seminars with Dr. Steinlauf at Gratz College
  - Tuesday, May 13, 7 pm: Image before My Eyes: Film and Discussion on Pre-war Jewish Life in Poland
  - Sunday, June 1, 2 pm: Jews in Poland since World War II: Lecture and Discussion
- Non-stop round-trip airfare from JFK to Poland
- Entrance fees to all sites including special openings of sites just for this group
- Musical performances at the Krakow Jewish Culture Festival
- Visits to sites of former shtetls
- Consultation at the Jewish Genealogy & Family Heritage Center

HOTELS
Hotels have been carefully selected for this program.
- Westin Hotel, Warsaw (5 star)
- Grand Hotel, Lublin (5 star)
- Bristol Hotel, Rzeszow (5 star)
- Holiday Inn, Krakow (5 star)

MEALS
- 11 full breakfast buffets at hotels
- 9 lunches
- 5 dinners

Breakfasts are served buffet-style at the hotels. Most other meals are served at quality restaurants or at the hotels and are based upon set menus or buffets according to Polish traditions. A few lunches are boxed for travel. No pork or shellfish will be served. Options are provided for travelers requesting fish or vegetarian entrees when ordered in advance. Kosher options are limited in Poland, but arrangements can be made for packaged kosher food upon request. Please specify dietary preferences on your registration form.

NOT INCLUDED
- Tips to tour director, guides and drivers
- Credit card fees
- Travel protection plans
- Personal expenses

FULL TRAVEL PACKAGE
Including airfare from JFK to Warsaw on LOT Airlines:
$4799 per person, double occupancy
$5799 per person, single occupancy

LAND PACKAGE ONLY
$3599 per person double occupancy
$4599 per person single occupancy.

*In case of currency fluctuation of 3% or more, rates may be adjusted.*

Professor Michael Steinlauf directs the Gratz College program in Holocaust and Genocide Studies. He holds an M.A. in Literature from Columbia University and a Ph.D. in Judaic Studies from Brandeis University. He is a contributing editor to the YIVO Encyclopedia of Jews in Eastern Europe, and author of Bondage to the Dead: Poland and the Memory of the Holocaust. His writings have been translated into Hebrew, Polish, German and Italian. Professor Steinlauf has lectured at the Krakow Jewish Culture Festival and the University of Warsaw, taught in the Musicians’ Raft program organized by the Borderlands Foundation in Sejny, Poland, and served as chief historical advisor and curator of modern Jewish culture for the Museum of the History of Polish Jews in Warsaw. He is currently at work on a study of the Yiddish writer and activist Y. L. Peretz.

Nożyk Synagogue, Warsaw
DEPOSIT
A deposit of $500 per person is required to reserve space on the trip. This deposit is used to reserve the service providers, speakers, guides, etc. The deposit is refundable in full before January 31, 2014.

PAYMENT IN FULL IS REQUIRED BY MARCH 3, 2014
Space on this trip is limited to 35 participants. Registration is processed on a first come, first served basis. Registrations received after all spaces have been filled will be placed on a waiting list in order of receipt. Any deposits received for waiting list members will be returned in full if no space becomes available.

This trip requires extensive walking, often on old, cobblestone streets. Please register only if you feel confident that you are physically able to participate on walking tours which may also include uneven pavements, stairs, and unpaved roads.

TRAVEL PROTECTION PLAN
Gratz College and Momentum Tours highly recommend that you purchase a Travel Protection Plan to cover all aspects of travel including trip cancellation, trip interruption, medical coverage, loss of luggage, delays, etc. Please note that travel insurance providers have different rules regarding coverage of pre-existing medical conditions.

PASSPORT, VISA and TRANSFERS
No visa is required for this trip, but each participant must possess a valid U.S. passport. The passport must be valid for at least 6 months after the tour has been completed. For travelers not carrying a US passport, please check requirements for travel to Poland. For travelers making their own flight arrangements (land-only participants), transfers are not included.

TO REGISTER, PLEASE MAIL THE FOLLOWING FOR EACH TRAVELER:
• Completed Registration form
• Signed Terms and Conditions form
• Deposit of $500 per person
• Two legible copies of the signature/photo page of your passport

Mail to:
Gratz College Poland Trip
7605 Old York Road, Melrose Park, PA 19027

CANCELLATIONS AND REFUND POLICY
Notification of cancellation must be dated and in writing by email or mail to Mindy Blechman, mblechman@gratz.edu or Mindy Blechman at Gratz College, 7605 Old York Road, Melrose Park, PA 19027.

The following fees will be charged for cancellations for any reason:
February 1 to March 21: $150 per person
March 22 to April 22: $500 per person
April 23 to May 23: $1100 per person
May 24 to June 24: full payment will be retained
LOT Polish Airlines or other service providers may impose additional cancellation fees.

Students may earn three graduate or undergraduate credits for participating in this travel-study experience. For details, please contact Professor Steinlauf, msteinlauf@gratz.edu.

Requirements include the following:
• attendance at the two Gratz College pre-trip seminars
• assigned readings to be completed before the trip
• attendance at all educational programs during the trip
• maintenance of a daily log
• a final academic paper to be submitted to Professor Steinlauf by August 15, 2014

In addition to trip fees, reduced course tuition will be charged as follows:
$1600 for matriculated graduate students
$1600 for matriculated undergraduate students
$1020 for full-time educators (with documented verification from employer)
$1020 for transient students (with documented verification from educational institution to which credits will be transferred)
DAY 1: TUESDAY, JUNE 24
DEPARTURE FROM JFK ON LOT AIRLINES TO WARSAW

DAY 2: WEDNESDAY, JUNE 25
ARRIVAL IN WARSAW FROM OVERNIGHT FLIGHT
• Arrive in Warsaw and meet Taube Center Heritage educator and local Polish tour director
• Tour of Warsaw’s Old Town
• Dinner with members of Warsaw’s Jewish community
• Warsaw Westin Hotel (5 star)

DAY 3: THURSDAY, JUNE 26
WARSAW
• Breakfast in the hotel
• Full day of touring in Warsaw including Museum of the History of Polish Jews, Warsaw Ghetto, and Emmanuel Ringelblum Jewish Historical Institute
• Lunch during tour
• Evening at your leisure
• Warsaw Westin Hotel (5 star)

DAY 4: FRIDAY, JUNE 27
WARSAW
• Breakfast in the hotel
• Tour of the Jewish Cemetery on Okopowa
• Optional excursion to Treblinka
• Light lunch en route
• Museum of the Polish Uprising
• Get ready for Shabbat
• Kabbalat Shabbat and dinner
• Shabbat services at the Nozyk Synagogue
• Warsaw Westin Hotel (5 star)

DAY 5: SATURDAY, JUNE 28
WARSAW
• Breakfast in the hotel
• Morning free or Shabbat services (options provided)
• Shabbat lunch
• Guest Speaker
• Afternoon walking tour including Saxon Gardens, Pilsudski Square, and Warsaw University
• Optional Seudah Shlishit (light dinner) can be provided
• Havdalah at 10:30 pm at the Nozyk Synagogue
• Warsaw Westin Hotel (5 star)

DAY 6: SUNDAY, JUNE 29
WARSAW – LUBLIN
• Breakfast in the hotel, then travel to Lublin
• Tour of Lublin including Yeshiva, Old Jewish Cemetery, Grodzka Gate, and walking tour of Jewish Lublin
• Lunch during tour
• Late afternoon visit to Majdanek
• Evening at your leisure
• Lublin Grand Hotel (5 star)

Participants who would like to request individual travel arrangements (to arrive early or stay longer) or who would like to arrange private tours of a specific town not on the itinerary, must contact the tour operator directly as soon as possible. Additional fees will apply and are the responsibility of the participant. Any changes made after March 27, 2014 will require a minimum service charge of $100 per person.
DAY 7: MONDAY, JUNE 30
LUBLIN – IZBICA – ZAMOSC – LEZAJSK – RZESZOW
• Breakfast in the hotel and travel to Izbica
• Tour of Izbica to include cemetery, ohel and train station
• Continue to Zamosc and tour synagogue
• Lunch and afternoon tour of Belzec memorial
• Visit Lezajsk en route to Rzeszow
• Walking tour of Rzeszow
• Dinner
• Rzeszow Bristol Hotel (5 star)

DAY 8: TUESDAY, JULY 1
RZESZOW – LANCUT – KRAKOW
• Breakfast in the hotel and travel to Lancut
• Tour synagogue and palace
• Lunch en route to Krakow
• Visit Nowa Huta en route (if time allows)
• Evening at your leisure
• Krakow Holiday Inn (5 star)

DAY 9: WEDNESDAY, JULY 2
KRAKOW
• Breakfast in the hotel
• Full day of touring Krakow includes Old Town, Kazimierz, the former ghetto, and Schindler’s Factory Museum
• Lunch during the tour
• Optional festival activity
• Krakow Holiday Inn (5 star)

DAY 10: THURSDAY, JULY 3
KRAKOW – AUSCHWITZ/BIRKENAU – KRAKOW
• Breakfast in the hotel and travel to Auschwitz/Birkenau
• Study-tour of the camp followed by session at the Center for Dialogue and Prayer
• Lunch during the visit to Oswiecim
• Return to Krakow in the afternoon
• Festival concert
• Krakow Holiday Inn (5 star)

DAY 11: FRIDAY, JULY 4
KRAKOW – KIELCE – KRAKOW
• Breakfast at the hotel and full-day excursion to Kielce, Pinczow, Chmielnik, Dabrowa Tarnowska
• Program pending the time of the memorial ceremony commemorating the Kielce pogrom
• Return to Krakow in the late afternoon
• Shabbat dinner at the JCC
• Krakow Holiday Inn (5 star)

DAY 12: SATURDAY, JULY 5
KRAKOW
• Breakfast at the hotel followed by free morning or Shabbat services (options provided)
• Shabbat lunch
• Afternoon sessions and tour including the Galicia Jewish Museum
• Farewell dinner and Festival closing concert
• Krakow Holiday Inn (5 star)

DAY 13: SUNDAY, JULY 6
FLIGHTS HOME: KRAKOW – WARSAW – JFK
• Breakfast at the hotel and travel to airport
The Taube Center for the Renewal of Jewish Life in Poland Foundation, established in 2009, identifies new initiatives which enrich Jewish life and culture in Poland. In cooperation with its network of partner institutions, both in Poland and abroad, the Center promotes knowledge about Polish Jewish history and heritage, and provides unique educational and cultural experiences through its flagship program: Taube Jewish Heritage Tours.

Since Gratz College opened its doors in 1895 as the first independent college for Jewish studies in North America, it has been committed to the principle of “education grounded in Jewish values.” Today Gratz continues this commitment with programs ranging from its thriving Jewish Community High School to its highly regarded doctoral program in Jewish education. Gratz offers undergraduate programs; master's degrees and graduate certificates; and adult education opportunities for personal enrichment, such as this travel-study program.

Gratz College is a pluralistic institution dedicated to building a community of learners from all Jewish backgrounds. Our diverse student body brings a rich blend of knowledge, ideas and perspectives to every class.

Gratz College is accredited by the Middle States Commission on Higher Education, recognized by the Ministry of Education and Culture of the State of Israel, and is a partner of the Jewish Federation of Greater Philadelphia.

To find out more about specific programs available at Gratz College, please explore our website at www.gratz.edu.
POLAND TRIP REGISTRATION FORM
JUNE 24 – JULY 6, 2014

Please print clearly – One set of forms per person required

Full Name, as it appears on your passport: ________________________________

Date of Birth ___________________________ Place of Birth ___________________________

Citizenship _____________________________ Residency ______________________________

Address ______________________________________________________________________________________________________________

City ____________________________ State ____________ Zip __________________

Daytime phone __________________________ Evening phone __________________________

Cell phone __________________________ email ________________________________

Mother's Maiden Name ________________________________

Room Required Single occupancy ( ) Double occupancy- check one ( ) one bed ( ) two beds

Roommate's Name _______________________________________________________________________________________________________

Emergency Contact ______________________________________________________________________________________________________

Relationship ___________________________ Phone #s ______________________________

Many meals will be buffet style offering several options. Below applies for set menu meals only.

Alternate Meal Request: ( ) fish ( ) vegetarian ( ) strictly Kosher packaged meal

Fees: $500 Deposit per person must accompany this registration form by January 31, 2014.

PAYMENT IN FULL IS DUE BY MARCH 3, 2014

Full travel package includes roundtrip, non-stop airfare from JFK to Warsaw on LOT Airlines

( ) $4799 per person, double occupancy; ( ) $5799 per person, single occupancy

Land package only ( ) $3599 per person double occupancy; ( ) $4599 per person single occupancy

________ Initial here if you choose the land package only. I understand all air travel and transfers, as well as travel to meet the group in Warsaw are my responsibility.

Payment ( ) for myself and ( ) spouse/partner

____ Check made out to Gratz College is enclosed in the amount of $ ________________________________

____ Credit card payment in the amount of $ ______________________________________________________________________________

Credit Card ( ) Visa ( ) MC ( ) Discover ______________________________________________________________________________

Name as it appears on card ____________________________

Expiration date: _____ / _______ Security Code __________ Signature ________________________________

An additional charge of 2.5% will be added to all credit card payments to cover processing fees.

An additional $500 donation to Gratz College is recommended to support the ongoing excellence of our programs.

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____ Charge the credit card above

Attn: Mindy Blechman Gratz College, 7605 Old York Road, Melrose Park, PA 19027
The itinerary for this travel-study tour is subject to change without notice.

In the event of currency fluctuation of more than 3%, we reserve the right to increase the rates accordingly without further notice. No increases can be imposed once final payments have been made.

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Minimum group size is 18 travelers, in addition to staff. If this number is not met, the trip will be cancelled and you will receive a full refund.

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Momentum Tours & Travel, Inc. (hereinafter “Tour Operator”) and/or its representatives shall act only as independent contractors for various and independent suppliers of services in connection with its tours in making arrangements for accommodation, transport, meals, or any other service, and does not assume any liability whatsoever for any injury, inconvenience, expense, damage or loss of property, death, cancellation, change in itinerary, accident, irregularity or delay due to an act of negligence of, or default of, any hotel, carrier, restaurant, company or person rendering any of the services included in the tour, or by an act of God. Further, the Tour Operator is not responsible for any damage or delay due to sickness, pilferage, labor disputes, machinery breakdown, quarantine, government restraints, weather or any other causes. No responsibility shall be incurred for any additional expense, omissions, delays, re-routing or other acts of any government or other authority. The airline, steamship and railroad companies concerned are not responsible for any act, omission, or event, during the time passengers are not on board their planes or conveyances. The passenger contract issued by the airlines, steamship and railroad companies, when issued, shall constitute the sole contract between such companies, and the purchaser of these tours and/or passengers. All baggage is at the owner’s risk throughout the tours, and the Tour Operator is not responsible for loss, theft or damage to baggage. The right is reserved to withdraw any tour listed herein, and/or to make such changes in the tour as may be found desirable for the convenience, comfort and/or welfare of the parties and the proper carrying out of the tour, without any penalty to the Tour Operator. Additional expenses, if any, will be borne by the passenger. In certain circumstances, it may be necessary to revise the routing of the itinerary. If due to such circumstances a change becomes necessary in the sole opinion of the Tour Operator, hotels substituted shall be of the same quality as those listed in the itinerary. The Tour Operator assumes no financial liability for any resulting losses, expenses, or inconvenience. No refunds will be made for portions of transport, tours, rooms, or meals, and no credit can be allowed for unused accommodation. The full tour cost will be refunded, however, if the entire tour is cancelled by the Tour Operator prior to the published departure date. Unless otherwise noted, all prices are per person, based on two persons sharing a cabin or hotel room. Prices are based on rates in effect (including foreign exchange rates) at the time of printing and are thus subject to increase or decrease without notice. The Tour Operator is not responsible for any typographical errors and/or other inadvertent written errors.

I have read and accept these terms. I understand that purchase of travel insurance is recommended.

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Print Name        Signature