



**MORESNET  
HERITAGE  
SEMINARS**

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## *Heritage Update to Parents IV- November*

*Shalom Rav* from Heritage Seminars in Jerusalem.

By November 4, Heritage will have met with students from 30 schools and will have distributed registration materials to all interested students. This registration information can be downloaded from our **Home Page**, and in the **APPLY** and **PARENTS** links on our site: [www.heritageseminars.org](http://www.heritageseminars.org).

### **FLIGHTS:**

Departure for Poland is scheduled for the night of Monday, March 15. The return from Poland to Tel Aviv is scheduled for Monday, March 22 early AM. The return from the Budapest Option is scheduled for Tuesday, March 23- early AM.

Heritage uses **Israeli Air Carrier Charter flights** to Poland. We do this 1) because of the **Israeli Security** on board 2) the charter will land at the closest destination consistent with our itinerary. We will either land in Warsaw or Katowice. We will return to Tel Aviv from Poland from either Katowice or Krakow. Flight information will be available in January.

### **NOTE TO PARENTS:**

**PLEASE DO NOT ARRANGE FOR FLIGHTS HOME ON THE MORNING OF MONDAY MARCH 22 (for students returning from Poland) OR THE MORNING OF TUESDAY MARCH 23 (for students returning from Budapest).** The weather in Poland will be wintry and flight delays may occur.

**FOR SECURITY REASONS - HERITAGE SEMINARS WILL NOT PERMIT ANY STUDENT TO REMAIN IN POLAND UNCHAPERONED. WE WILL NOT PERMIT INDIVIDUAL FLIGHT ARRANGEMENTS FROM POLAND TO THE USA, AS THEY WOULD REQUIRE AN OVERNIGHT STAY IN POLAND UNCHAPERONED.**

### **HERITAGE FEES:**

**The Fee for the 2010 Heritage Seminar is the same as in Heritage 2009.** The Fee is all inclusive and reflects academic, logistical, and administrative standards for the program.

### **Fees for Heritage:**

\$2430 –POLAND- March 15-22

\$350 – BUDAPEST OPTION- March 22-23

**Fees include:**

All Flights to and from Poland and from Budapest  
All hotels and Buses  
Educational Staff  
Educational Programs and Materials  
Orientation  
Israeli and Polish Security  
Resident Medical Staff  
Glatt Mehadrin food services  
All Entries to sites  
All Gratuities  
Medical Insurance

**Fees do not include transportation to and from Ben Gurion Airport.**

**Accommodations and Food Services:**

The Heritage itinerary is complex and brings students to overnight destinations late into the night. Heritage uses 3-4 star hotels selected to meet the Itinerary and educational requirements of the program - Session areas, private dining room, areas for Tefillah etc. We do not use dormitories or hostels deemed to us to be sub-standard. We want our students to arrive to a clean room, with a private hot shower so that they can properly function the next morning. Some organizations land in Prague, bus overnight to Poland, and reverse directions at the end of their program- thus having students sleep 2 nights on a bus. We refuse to do this – regardless of the hotel fee savings. It is not educational or in the best interest of our students.

Due to the extensive amount of bus travel- we use only coaches with WC and Video.

Heritage serves **Glatt Mehadrin** food from Vienna Austria- because of its quality and careful preparation. As we do not “cook” in Poland but just “warm”- we insist on a quality controlled and supervised food environment – along with resident salaried Maskichim who are the only personnel dealing with our food. **Rabbi Michael Yamer** of Yeshivat Shaalvim serves as RAV of Heritage Seminars and Rav Hamachshir. Heritage serves 3 meals daily.

**HERITAGE REGISTRATION PROCESS:**

**DEPOSITS:**

**Sunday, December 20 is the Application and \$300 NON-REFUNDABLE Deposit deadline.** Deposits may be rendered via check payable to HERITAGE SEMINARS, cash or NIS. CREDIT CARDS are not acceptable as payment. The Application, Cancellation statement, and deposit fee should be forwarded either to your student in Israel or directly to:

**HERITAGE SEMINARS  
HILLEL, HEBREW UNIVERSITY  
MT, SCOPUS, JERUSALEM 91905**

**Att: Michael Berl**

Your son/daughter has received all necessary registration information. The application and cancellation statement may also be downloaded from our site: [www.heritageseminars.org](http://www.heritageseminars.org).

**Registration will not be considered as completed without both the Application and signed by Parent Cancellation Statement.**

**FINAL FEES:**

**The Final fees deadline for Poland and Budapest is Thursday, January 14, 2010, and may be rendered by check payable to HERITAGE SEMINARS, and arrive in our NY office in Mamaroneck NY, by January 14, 2010.**

**The NY Address:**

**HERITAGE SEMINARS  
180 E. PROSPECT AVENUE #162  
MAMARONECK, NY 10543  
ATT: Allan Sokoloff**

You may also obtain this address by going to the **APPLY** link on our site.

Please note that there are \$100 LATE FEES for deposit fees not reaching the Heritage office in Israel by December 20 and for Final Fees not reaching our NY office by January 14, 2010. CREDIT CARDS are not acceptable as payment.

**Upon forwarding your final fee, we request that you e-mail Heritage ([heritagemjb@013.net](mailto:heritagemjb@013.net)) a confirmation of payment with the following information:**

**Name of Student, School, Amount forwarded, Date Forwarded, Check #, Account # and Name of Bank. This information is essential in the Registration Process.**

**We advise that you send a copy of this e-mail to your child as well.**

**Who is going on Heritage?**

Students from these Yeshiva One Year Programs will be attending Heritage:

MMY	Shaalbim for Women
Midreshet Moriah	Michlelet Amit
Mercaz Tiferet	Michlelet Migdal Oz
Machon Maayan	Nishmat
Michlelet Esther	Michlelet Emunah
Michlelet B'aer Miriam	Ein Hanaziv
Meor Hatorah	Bar Ilan University
Yeshivat Netiv Arye	Yeshivat Kerem B'Yavneh
Yeshivat Orayta	Yeshivat Reishit Yerushalaim
Yeshivat Shveilei Hatorah	Yeshivat Petach Tikvah
Yeshivat Derech Hatalmud	Yeshivat Maaleh Gilboa

Yeshivat Eretz Hatzvi  
Yeshivat Yesodei Hatorah  
Yeshivat Ohr Yerushalaim  
Yeshivat Ohr Sameiach  
Machon Lev

Yeshivat Tiferet Yerushalaim  
Yeshivat Lev Hatorah  
Yeshivat Shaare Mevaseret Zion  
Yeshivat Meorot Chabad  
Yeshivat Birkat Moshe

### **EDUCATIONAL STAFF:**

The Historians who serve Heritage are all Yad Vashem and University academics, who are retained for this special week. **There will be 6 Historians on Heritage.** We do not use local Polish guides as educators. While doing so would be far less expensive it would not be consistent with our educational methodology. In addition, we add Rabbis and educators to our staff. We bring 2 Holocaust Witnesses on the seminar, as well as a professional Guidance person. We anticipate that the 250 + students will attend the seminar, accompanied by a total of 25 adults (historians, faculty, witnesses, security, MDS and support staff).

#### **Heritage Historians for 5770:**

**Dr. David Bernstein**, Dean, Pardes Institute  
**Vicky Berglas**- Director, Midreshet Moriah  
**Rabbi Avraham Krieger**- Dean, Shem Olam Institute for Holocaust Studies  
**Rabbi Levi Cooper**- Pardes Institute  
**Rabbi Yizchak Rubenstein**- Shem Olam Institute for Holocaust Studies  
**Devorah Geller**- Bar Ilan University

#### **Tentative 5770 Educational Staff (In Formation):**

**Rabbi Michael Yamer**- Yeshivat Shaalbim / Shaalbim for Women  
**Rabbi David Katz**- Director,MMY  
**Michal Porat** - Midreshet Moriah  
**Dr. Jonathan Maresky**, Senior Partner -Jerusalem Medical Center  
**Rabbi Jason Knapel**, Shaalbim for Women, Masgiach-Yeshivat Shveilei Hatorah  
**Rabbi Azriel Rosner**, Rosh Yeshiva- Mercaz Tiferet  
**Dr. Danielle Erez**- Guidance Supervisor

### **ITINERARIES:**

The Heritage itineraries reflect unique educational settings that often require "special" fees.

Site visits are often arranged during times that are not regular visitation times because of our educational agenda. Example: We have visited Auschwitz I at night for a private experience. We have opened sites that are permanently closed. We retain exclusive use of the Krakow Temple for Shabbat.

Heritage itineraries are now in the development stage and will be posted on our site in February. In Poland - all groups will visit Warsaw, Lublin, Krakow, certain Shtetlach in Galicia, the gravesite of the Rebbe Elimelech of Lezajsk, Majdanek, Belzec and Auschwitz-Birkenau. Certain itineraries may include Lodz, Chelmno, Bobov, Gur, Ishbiza, Zamosc, Tikocyn, and Treblinka. In Budapest, we will visit the primary Jewish sites: Dohaney, Medieval, Pava, Rumbach, Obuda and Kazinsky Synagogues,Lutz, Wallenberg Memorials, Tree of Life Jewish Museum and other relevant sites.

### **MEDICAL and SECURITY:**

Assuming responsibility for students from 30 schools mandates Heritage to insure a responsible level of safety and welfare.

Heritage retains **two Doctors** for the seminar. All of our students are medically insured by the program. The program carries group and personal liability insurance. Heritage retains **Israeli and Polish Security personnel** who travel with the seminar at all times. There are programs that view medical and security concerns as unnecessary. We disagree. We believe that these personnel are essential at the seminar.

### **FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE:**

Heritage is a complex puzzle: 2 travel agents, 2-3 airlines, a food agent, a bus company, 9 hotels, 25 staff, and a long list of gratuities deemed necessary to implement goals and objectives of this seminar. We are certainly not unsympathetic to the economic complexities of these times or the fees involved in a Year in Israel. There are programs that are far less expensive. We are aware of the reality that coordinating a program like Heritage without private or government funding of any kind, creates difficulties for our parents. We have informed students regarding the **Claims Conference on the Holocaust** assistance grants for those students who qualify. For details, I urge you to call Karen at Pardes Institute – 02-673-5210, who coordinates this assistance program for the Claims Conference.

### **ORIENTATION:**

Orientation programs have been scheduled for Friday March 5 FOR MEN, and Monday March 8 FOR WOMEN. All aspects of the seminar will be reviewed at that time. Our students will meet their Mechanchim before the Orientations at Study sessions to be held in February.

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**PARENTS and RELATIVES are encouraged to join their children for this experience. Interested in the details? Contact us at [heritagemjb013.net](http://heritagemjb013.net) or call the Heritage office.**

### **FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS:**

**Q- When does Heritage assume responsibility for the students?**

A- All students arrange their own transportation to and from Ben Gurion Airport. Upon check-in Heritage assumes responsibility. We relinquish responsibility upon the return to Ben Gurion Airport

**Q- Can I book a flight from Poland to the USA?**

A- Sorry –NO- Security Reasons (As stated above)

**Q- How much money does my child need for the seminar?**

A- Technically NONE! All programming related expenses are included in the Heritage fee. We advise bringing \$50 for the occasional cold drink at a rest stop, or the possibility of purchasing educational materials on- site in Poland.

**Q- Is there FREE or Shopping time?**

A- Not a minute's worth!

**Q- What about individual Family Roots searches?**

A- If you have a family site that is on the Itinerary route, we will attempt to accommodate and make a stop. If not – Sorry.

**Q- The question of Kohanim?**

A- In each itinerary there are 2-3 cemeteries (Warsaw, Krakow, Lodz). In Warsaw and Krakow we have alternative sites for our Kohanim to visit. In Lodz – Rav Yammer, the Rav of Heritage – who is a Kohen – coordinates an alternative activity.

**Heritage Phone Numbers:**

Office: 02-582-0231 – Sundays- Thursdays – 8 AM – 4 PM

Fax: 02-582-0232 / E-Mail: [heritagemjb@013.net](mailto:heritagemjb@013.net)

Direct NY / Israel Line – 212-202-0464- **MONDAYS, TUESDAYS, THURSDAYS – 6 PM -10 PM ISRAEL TIME. PLEASE NOTE – That's ISRAEL not NY time!**

Until our next Update,

*Michael Berl*

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