

# Join our Scholar-in-Residence, Professor Stephen Berk

on a Jewish Heritage Tour to

## EASTERN EUROPE

June 14 - 26, 2016

\$4,499.00 LAND only, per person

Based on double occupancy



The Chain Bridge, Budapest



Wawel Castle, Krakow



Dohany Synagogue, Budapest

### THIS DELUXE TOUR INCLUDES:

- 4 nights at the Kings Court Hotel in Prague
- 2 nights at the Kempinski Grand Hotel in Budapest
- 2 nights at the Holiday Inn Hotel in Krakow
- 3 nights at the Intercontinental Hotel in Warsaw
- Breakfast Daily \* Welcome and Shabbat Dinners in Prague
- Dinner in Krakow
- First class train between Krakow and Warsaw
- Shabbat Dinner with the Beit Warszawa Community in Warsaw
- Farewell dinner in Warsaw
- All touring with a local licensed English-speaking guide in an air-conditioned motorcoach
- All entrance fees per itinerary
- Porterage
- Transfers included if arriving/departing with the main group

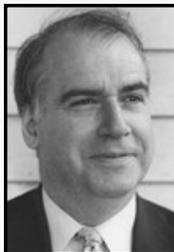
### EASTERN EUROPE HIGHLIGHTS:

#### LECTURES BY PROF. BERK

- Jewish Heritage tour of Prague including: Terezin, the Josefov, and the Jewish Cemetery
- Jewish sites in Budapest including: Dohany Synagogue, the Jewish Cemetery, and the Holocaust Memorial
- Budapest's Royal Palace and Castle Hill area
- Jewish Heritage tour of Krakow including: Kazimierz and the Plashow Concentration Camp
- Visit to Auschwitz-Birkenau
- Krakow's Wawel Castle and Cloth Hall
- Jewish Heritage tour of Warsaw including: The Warsaw Ghetto, Mila 18, and the Gensia Cemetery

**SO MUCH MORE!**

**Dr. Stephen M. Berk** is a Professor of History at Union College in Schenectady, New York. He has been named the Henry and Sally Schaeffer Chair of Holocaust and Jewish Studies at Union College. Dr. Berk is considered a superb lecturer and teacher. He is the author of *Year of Crisis, Year of Hope: Russian Jewry and the Pogroms of 1881-1882* and is presently writing a book entitled, *Our People Are Your People: American Jewry and the Struggle for Civil Rights 1854-1965*. Dr. Berk is also the author of many articles on Eastern Europe, Russian Jewish History, anti-Semitism and American policy in the Middle East. He has lectured in numerous cities for UJA and Israel Bonds as well as at many colleges and universities throughout the United States. Dr. Berk has led numerous trips to Russia, Spain, Europe, Israel and Eastern Europe. It is a privilege to have him with us!



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### ITINERARY

**DAY 1, Tuesday, June 14, 2016:** We depart on our overnight flight to Prague.

**DAY 2, Wednesday, June 15, 2016:** Arrival in Prague, the Czech capital, also known as "the City of One Thousand Spires" with its Baroque churches, promenades, parks and ancient city walls. We transfer to our hotel and check in. We enjoy an afternoon tour of Golden Prague, including the 1,000-year-old Hradcany Castle, the Charles Bridge, the Astronomical Clock and St. Vitus's Cathedral. Welcome orientation with Professor Stephen Berk followed by dinner at our hotel. Overnight in Prague.

**DAY 3, Thursday, June 16, 2016:** Breakfast. Morning lecture with Professor Berk. We enjoy a sightseeing tour of Jewish interest sites, with a visit to the Old City to view the Josefov, Prague's Jewish Town with its Old Town Hall, the Alt-Neu Synagogue, the Pinkas Synagogue, the Maisel Synagogue, the Jewish Cemetery, and the State Jewish Museum. Overnight in Prague.

**DAY 4, Friday, June 17, 2016:** Breakfast. Morning lecture with Professor Berk. Today we travel to Terezin, the former "model" Nazi concentration camp. We visit the Fortress, Jewish Cemetery, Museum, the hidden synagogue, the Memorial Monument and the town itself. In the evening we enjoy Shabbat services at Beit Simcha, followed by Shabbat dinner together. Overnight in Prague.

**DAY 5, Saturday, June 18, 2016:** Breakfast. Optional morning Shabbat services at a local congregation. Afternoon at leisure. Overnight in Prague.

**DAY 6, Sunday, June 19, 2016:** Breakfast. Transfer to the airport for our short flight to Budapest, the capital of Hungary. Situated on the opposite banks of the Danube River, the former cities of Buda and Pest are linked by a series of graceful bridges. We enjoy a panoramic bus tour of Budapest, including Parliament, the Royal Palace, the Castle Hill area, Fishermen's Bastion, Coronation Church, Hero's Square, and Gellert Hill. Overnight in Budapest.

**DAY 7, Monday, June 20, 2016:** Breakfast. Morning lecture with Professor Berk. We begin our day at the Raul Wallenberg Memorial Statue, and then visit the Dohany Synagogue, the 2nd largest synagogue in Europe, and continue on to the Jewish Cemetery and Museum. Late afternoon is at leisure to explore this beautiful city on your own. Overnight in Budapest.

**DAY 8, Tuesday, June 21, 2016:** Breakfast. This morning we depart for Krakow, driving through the lovely hills and countryside of Slovakia, past the Tatras and into the Great Plains of Poland. Our later afternoon city tour includes a drive by Wawel Castle, St. Mary's Church, the Renaissance Cloth Hall and other ancient landmarks. Dinner and overnight in Krakow.

**DAY 9, Wednesday, June 22, 2016:** Breakfast. Morning lecture with Professor Berk. This morning we travel to Auschwitz-Birkenau, the infamous Nazi concentration camps where many Jews and others perished in World War II. Here we see the Museum and pay tribute to the victims. Overnight Krakow.

**DAY 10, Thursday, June 23, 2016:** Breakfast. Morning lecture with Professor Berk. Our morning Jewish Heritage Tour includes the Old Jewish District, Kazimierz, where we see the Old Synagogue (a massive fortress-like building erected in the 15th and 16th centuries), the "Temple," and the Ramuh Synagogue. We continue to the Little Museum at the Drug Store inside the Jewish Ghetto, Schindler's Factory, and the Plashow Concentration Camp. This afternoon we travel by train to Warsaw. Overnight Warsaw.

**DAY 11, Friday, June 24, 2016:** Breakfast. This morning we have a Jewish Heritage Tour encompassing the Nozyk Synagogue (the only surviving synagogue in Warsaw, founded in 1900), the Warsaw Ghetto, the Jewish Resistance Bunker at Mila 18, Stawski Street buildings (where the SS had their headquarters), and the Gensa Cemetery (established in 1806, containing the graves of about 250,000 people and known as the largest cemetery in Poland). We also explore the Jewish Historical Society. This afternoon we enjoy a panoramic city tour of Warsaw including Chopin's Monument, the Royal Castle, and a walk to Old Town Market Square. Tonight we enjoy Shabbat services and dinner with members of Beit Warshawa, the new Progressive congregation in Warsaw, as we learn more about the Judaism alive in today's Poland. Overnight Warsaw.

**DAY 12, Saturday, June 25, 2016:** Breakfast. Optional morning Shabbat services available at a local congregation. This afternoon we have ample time to explore the new Museum of the History of Polish Jews. Tonight we enjoy a special farewell dinner together and a wonderful gala event! Overnight in Warsaw.

**DAY 13, Sunday, June 26, 2016:** Breakfast. We transfer to the airport for our flight home.

**The Memories Last Forever!**      *Itinerary subject to change*

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