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AN INSPIRING SHABBOS OF CHIZUK IN **P·R·A·G·U·E**

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 8 – MONDAY, 13, 2017

ITINERARY

THURSDAY

Thursday Morning



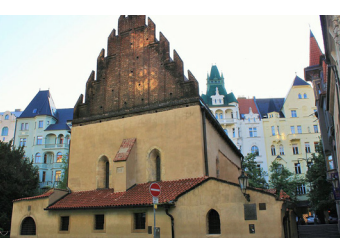
Arrival to **PRAGUE**, the beautiful capital of Bohemia and the Czech Republic. After being greeted at the airport and escorted to the **KING DAVID HOTEL**, enjoy a welcome buffet and meet up with the group.

Thursday Afternoon



We begin our tour of **MYSTICAL PRAGUE** with three of the remaining shuls dating back to Medieval Times. See the architecture and decor of the restored buildings, as well as the rich collection of Judaica items on exhibit. Next we will move on to the **ANCIENT CEMETERY** and adjacent Chevra Kadisha building. View original artwork and artifacts depicting the life cycle and burial customs of Kehilas Prague. We will spend private time beside the Kever of the **MAHARAL** and **KLEI YAKAR**, and have a chance to daven and leave a Kvittel.

Thursday Evening



We will conclude our tour of **JEWISH OLD TOWN PRAGUE** with a private viewing of the historic **ALTNEU** (Old New) Shul. The chair of the Maharal is on display, as well as several acrostics painted on the walls, referencing key verses of Jewish faith and hope, replicated from the Maharal's time.

After Maariv in the Altneu Shul, we'll visit the 'new' cemetery, where the **NODA BYEHUDA** is buried. Now only a small part of the original cemetery remains, the rest destroyed to make way for a television tower during Soviet occupation. Although the Matzeva's four sides look homogeneous, they took over 100 years to complete.

Return to the hotel for a **BANQUET DINNER** accompanied by live musical entertainment. Meet

with some locals, and hear from the Rosh Hayeshiva and other guests.

FRIDAY

Friday Morning

After Shachris and breakfast we depart for **THERESIENSTADT**. The first concentration camp of its kind, preceding Auschwitz by 3 years. Visit the hidden shul, mass graves and crematorium spread through the compound. Originally built as a fortress in the 16th century and then used as barracks for Czech soldiers, the fortress was built to accommodate 7,000 soldiers. At its peak in 1944 there were over 75,000 Jewish prisoners held in Theresienstadt. We will end our tour with a visit to the museum and learn how the Germans used this concentration camp to deceive the world, portraying the camp as a quaint village where the Jews had cafés, operas and freedom and luxury bestowed by the benevolent third Reich.



Friday Afternoon

Upon our return to Prague indulge in some great shopping, take a walk around the **OLD TOWN SQUARE** or relax in the hotel. Enjoy a full fleishig Toameha, and get ready for Shabbos.

SHABBOS

Friday Evening

After licht bentching we will walk around the corner to the Jerusalem Synagogue, also known as the **JUBILEE SYNAGOGUE**. Built in 1906 in Morrish Revival style, it is one of the nicest shuls in Central Europe. This is the perfect location for kabalas shabbos. Be treated to a davening by our **GUEST CHAZAN** and a drasha by the Rosh Hayeshiva before returning to the hotel for Seudas Leil Shabbos. After a delicious Heimish Seuda we will have an Oneg Shabbos and Kumzitz lasting late into the night. A walking tour will be available after the Oneg.





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Shabbos Morning



Shachris/Mussaf will take place in the **HOICHE SHUL** in Old Town Prague. After davening there will be a gala Kiddush and **KEYNOTE ADDRESS**. Following the address, sit down for Seudas Shabbos and be entertained with lively zemiros by our guest choir. Shabbos afternoon there will

be time for a quick nap, or a walk around the local area.

Shabbos Afternoon

Mincha will be followed by Shalosh Seudos and Maariv with Havdola.

Motzei Shabbos

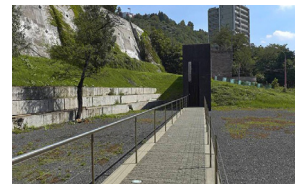


There will be free time Motzei Shabbos to see Prague at night, before we head as a group to the **CHARLES BRIDGE** and its infamous cross with a Pasuk engraved upon it. Melava Malka will be held on board a **MAGNIFICENT RIVERBOAT** with

live music and a fresh hot dairy buffet.

Sunday Afternoon

We depart Czech lands for Slovakia and Bratislava also known as **PRESSBURG**, city where the **CHASAM SOFER** and later his son the **KSAV SOFER** headed the Jewish community. We will have the opportunity to visit and daven at the unique kevorim located in an underground cave beneath the train tracks above.



Sunday Evening

Depart for **VIENNA**. Vienna was the host of the first **KNESIA GEDOLA**, and the epicenter of Jewish Europe for nearly 100 years.

Upon arrival we will begin our farewell banquet. In attendance will be leaders of the flourishing Jewish community in Vienna, Rabonim and business leaders will enlighten us to the historical and current happenings of this unique city.



After the banquet we will travel to the hotel in a procession of **HORSE DRAWN CARRIAGES**. Travel up the Ringstrasse and view the magnificent historical landmarks lining the circular grand boulevard. Pass by the Hofburg Palace, Vienna State Opera and House of Parliament all brilliantly lit up. Arrive to our **HOTEL KEMPINSKI PALAIS HANSEN** and admire the dual entrances built to accommodate the grand carriages arriving when the building was used as a Palace as originally built in 1906.

SUNDAY

Sunday Morning

Today we depart Bohemian Prague for **MORAVIA, HOLESOV, BRATISLAVA AND VIENNA**. Depart on board a private train with



executive seating and express

service to Holesov. Upon our arrival we will visit the Shul of the **SHACH, REB SHABSIE COHEN**, the great Rav and Halachik personality who was the chief rabbi in Moravia. Following the visits we will dine in the Grand Ballroom of the **HOLESOV CASTLE**.



MONDAY

Monday Morning

Shachris and breakfast at the hotel with airport transfers as needed. For those on later flights join a guided tour of the **SCHONBRUNN PALACE** located a few minutes drive from our hotel. The 1441 room Palace was the summer residence of the **HABSBURG DYNASTY**.

Monday Afternoon

Arrive home invigorated and rejuvenated with great memories of this beautiful journey.

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