



**AUSCHWITZ JEWISH CENTER
AMERICAN SERVICE ACADEMIES PROGRAM - 2011
*Syllabus***

Wednesday, June 1 – Washington, D.C.

- 3:00 p.m. Arrive in DC, check in to hotel – Holiday Inn Capitol, 550 C St. SW, Washington, D.C.
- 6:30 p.m. Meet in hotel lobby
- 7:30 p.m. Welcome dinner – Gordon Biersch, 900 F Street Northwest

Thursday, June 2 – USHMM

- 8:15 a.m. Meet in lobby, depart for USHMM
- 8:45 a.m. *Arrival and Orientation to the USHMM* – Jennifer Ciardelli
- 9:30 a.m. Early Entry to the Permanent Exhibition (4th floor self-guided tour)
- 10:45 a.m. Nazi ideology and reflections on the fourth floor – Dr. Will Meinecke
- 12:00 p.m. *Lunch and USHMM Website* – Jennifer Ciardelli
- 12:45 p.m. Self-guided tour of the Permanent Exhibition (3rd floor)
- 2:00 p.m. *Reflections on the 3rd floor* – Gretchen Skidmore, Civic and Defense Initiatives
- 2:30 p.m. Intro to 2nd floor & Self-guided tour of the Permanent Exhibition (2nd floor, Hall of Remembrance)
- 3:30 p.m. *Reflections on Permanent Exhibition, Introduction to Hoecker Album & Wrap-Up* – Film and Video, Collections Staff & Jennifer Ciardelli
- 4:30 p.m. Museum Shop
- 6:30 p.m. Dinner & Discussion with Rebecca Erbelding & Museum Staff at Asian Spice - 717 H St NW (between N 7th St & N 8th St) – Gallery Pl/Chinatown metro stop

Friday, June 3 – USHMM

- 8:45 a.m. Meet in lobby, depart for USHMM
- 9:15 a.m. *Architecture and the USHMM* – Carly Gjolaj
- 9:45 a.m. *Institutional Involvement – Case Study: the role of the German military during the Holocaust* – Gretchen Skidmore
- 11:00 a.m. Guided Tour through *State of Deception: The Power of Nazi Propaganda* with survivor Margit Meissner
- 11:45 a.m. Debrief discussion with Margit Meissner and lunch
- 12:45 p.m. Break
- 1:15 p.m. Orientation and Self-guided tour of *From Memory to Action* with Sara Weisman, Committee on Conscience Staff
- 2:00 p.m. *Genocide Prevention: Contemporary challenges* – Jennifer Ciardelli
- 3:00 p.m. Break
- 3:15 p.m. *Legacies & Next Steps* – Jennifer Ciardelli
- 4:00 p.m. Museum Shop
- 6:30 p.m. Dinner with survivor, Holiday Inn Capitol, Jupiter Room
- 8:00 p.m. Reflection led by discussion leaders

Saturday, June 4 –New York

- 8:15 a.m. Depart hotel on van
- 9:25 a.m. Train #164 for New York
- 12:41 p.m. Train arrives in New York
- 1:30 p.m. Check in at Club Quarters, 140 Washington St.
- 2:30 p.m. Tour of Ground Zero
- 6:00 p.m. Dinner at Adrienne’s PizzaBar, 54 Stone St.

Sunday, June 5 – Museum of Jewish Heritage

- 9:00 a.m. Meet in lobby of hotel, depart for MJH
- 9:15 a.m. Welcome
- 9:30 a.m. Tour of the Core Exhibition
- 11:30 a.m. Tour ends
- 11:45 a.m. Reading presentations in classrooms A/B
- 1:00 p.m. Lunch
- 1:30 p.m. Self guided time in the exhibitions
- 3:00 p.m. *Testimony* - Max Lerner
- 4:30 p.m. Reflection
- 5:30 p.m. Depart for dinner
- 6:00 p.m. Dinner at Gyu Kaku, 34 Cooper Square

Monday, June 6 –Museum of Jewish Heritage

- 9:00 a.m. Depart for MJH
- 9:15 a.m. *Q&A on Jewish Heritage and Culture* – Dr. Paul Radensky, Museum Educator for Jewish Schools
- 10:15 a.m. Break
- 10:30 a.m. *Testimony* – Eugenie Mukeshimana
- 12:00 p.m. Lunch in classrooms A/B
- 12:30 p.m. Workshop and discussion on *Negotiating Murder: A Panzer Signal Company and the Destruction of the Jews of Peregruznoe* with Waitman Beorn, Ph.D.
- 2:00 p.m. Break
- 2:15 p.m. Discussion & Preparation for AJC Dinner
- 5:00 p.m. Arrive at Museum for AJC Dinner

Tuesday, June 7 –Museum of Jewish Heritage

- 9:00 a.m. Depart hotel for MJH

- 9:15 a.m. *Seeking Justice: The Search for Joseph Mengele* – David G. Marwell, PhD,
Director
- 10:45 a.m. Break
- 11:00 a.m. *Testimony* - Hannah Rigler
- 12:30 p.m. Lunch
- 1:00 p.m. Reflection
- 2:00 p.m. Pack up, depart Museum for JFK
- 3:00 p.m. Arrive JFK
- 5:45 p.m. Aer Lingus flight to Dublin (EI0104)
17:45-05:15
- Dublin to Krakow (EI0368)
07:30-11:20

Wednesday, June 8 - Krakow

- 12:30 p.m. Arrival to Krakow, info on Krakow: www.cracow-life.com
- 2.00 p.m. Welcome lunch at Nostalgia
- Time to rest or free time in Krakow

Thursday, June 9 – Krakow

- 9:00 a.m. Breakfast
- 10:00 a.m. Tour of Krakow incl. The Wawel Castle, the Market Square, Collegium Maius.
- 2:00 p.m. Lunch (Akademia Muzyczna)
- 4:00 p.m. Meeting with Righteous Gentile Janina Rosciszewska
- 6:00 p.m. Dinner reception at the residence of the US Consul General in Krakow

Friday, June 10– Krakow

- 8:00 a.m. Breakfast
- 9:00 a.m. Tour of Jewish Krakow with Maciek Zabierowski (4 hours) incl. several synagogues, Krakow Jewish Museum, the old Jewish cemetery and the area of the former ghetto
- 2:00 p.m. Lunch (Akademia Muzyczna)

- 3:30 p.m. Meeting with Don Thieme
- Free time to explore Krakow
- 7:00p.m. Dinner reception at Fabryka Pizzy

Saturday, June 11 – Krakow to Oświęcim

- 8:00 a.m. Breakfast
- 9:00 a.m. Departure for Oswiecim and Check-in at the hotel - www.salezjanie.edu.pl
- 11:00 a.m. Tour of the Auschwitz Jewish Center and its exhibits: *The Jews of Oswiecim* and *New Life* as well as the town of Oświęcim with Julia Preidel
- 2:00 p.m. Lunch
- 3:00 p.m. Guided study visit of the former camp Auschwitz I with Anna Somer
- 7:00 p.m. Dinner
- 8:00 p.m. Review session; film screening: *The Pianist*

Sunday, June 12 – Oświęcim

- 8:00 a.m. Breakfast
- 9:00 a.m. Guided study visit of the former camp Auschwitz II-Birkenau with Anna Somer
- 2:00 p.m. Lunch
- 3:30 p.m. Workshop: The Fate of Jews, Poles and Roma in KL Auschwitz on the basis of documents, testimonies and museum photographs with Alicja Białecka
- 6:00 p.m. Dinner
- 8:00 p.m. Review session; film screening: *Hotel Rwanda*

Monday, June 13 – Oświęcim

- 8:00 a.m. Breakfast
- 9:00 a.m. Work at the Oświęcim Jewish Cemetery
- 2:00 p.m. Lunch
- 4:00 p.m. TBD
- 6:00 p.m. Dinner

7:00 p.m. Film screening: *Katyn*

Tuesday, June 14-16 – Study Trip

7:30 a.m. Breakfast and get bag lunches for the trip

8:00 a.m. Depart Oświęcim

10:00 a.m. Zbylitowska Gora (site of mass shootings)

11:00 a.m. Visit to Tarnow and its Jewish sites incl. the famous Bimah

1:00 p.m. Lunch

2:30 p.m. Jewish military cemetery in Zakliczyn

4:00 p.m. Visit to Bobowa and its synagogue and cemetery (an important Jewish town before the Shoah)

7:00 p.m. Dinner, overnight, and review session in Niedzica, Chata Spiska
(www.niedzica.pl/turystyka.htm)

Wednesday, June 15– Study Trip

8:30 a.m. Breakfast

10:30 a.m. Hiking up the Rusinowa Polana in the Tatras

1:30 p.m. Lunch

4:00 p.m. Rafting on the Dunajec river (time and weather permitting)

7:30 p.m. Dinner and review session, overnight: Chata Spiska, Niedzica:
(<http://www.niedzica.pl/turystyka.htm>; tel./ fax (018) 26 29 403)

Thursday, June 16 – Study Trip

7:00 a.m. Breakfast

8:00 a.m. Departure for airport

12:00 p.m. Departure for Dublin (EI0369)
12:05-14:00

Dublin to JFK (EI0109)
17:00-19:30