The Holocaust in Poland: DRAFT SYLLABUS/Itinerary 5/20/2012

JWST 398; ENGL 398; ENGL 598

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Required Texts: The Holocaust in the Modern World: An Interactive Text (e-reader available at the LMU bookstore). [Noah the Water Carrier and Other Stories (Joe Lumer); Coursepack of literary readings to be with you at all times—both from Dr. Levitsky]. Students should pack a writing notebook and laptop (and additional texts and technology as desired).

A separate handout will follow in early June: “Student Work and Responsibilities,” will outline the dates and nature of all required reading and writing assignments, before, during, and after the class ends. These responsibilities also include:

Survivor project; Polish student partnership/group work; blogs; literary journal. One of the creative writing assignments that will end up in the literary journal will ask you to write a creative short story, poem, play or mixed genre piece based on a Polish Jewish person or family either before WWII, during WWII, after WWII, or over time. The requirements for the literary piece and journal produced by the class will be discussed in much more detail in that handout, sent by email to all students. The editorial board of the journal (name TBD--) is made up of three students on the trip: group leader Allyson Schwartz, Jewish Studies Program Assistant Lauren Uhl, and Nadia Pandolfo. Everyone will have both creative and production roles, most of which will be done through email.

Please visit the website of the 2010 Holocaust in Poland course for sample blogs, photos, and short videos:

http://theculturebridgegroup.ps/blogs

The Jewish Studies Program covers all lodging in Berlin/Poland; 2 meals/day most days; train from Berlin to Krakow; ground transportation in Berlin/Poland (except for return train to Berlin from Warsaw on July 15th—depending on your returning flight that may require an additional night’s lodging in Berlin which is also not covered); tickets to Auschwitz-Birkenau Museum, Galicia Jewish Museum, Warsaw Uprising Museum, final banquet). All other costs are to be covered by the student.

See attached sheet for Lodging and transportation details.
Schedule of Meetings:

Tuesday June 26th 4-7pm: Pre-departure meeting at LMU in the English Village (UHall 3800)

Thursday, June 28: Flight to Berlin from LAX (Dr. Levitsky, Rabbi Ilana, and some LMU students).

Friday, June 29: Meet in Berlin at Hostel (PlusBerlin) between 6-7pm. You may be able to check in earlier in the day. Dinner at Hostel, introductions, buddies/roommates assigned, class meeting. Free night. [See attached instructions to Hostel from airports and train stations.]

Saturday, June 30: Breakfast at Hostel. 9:00am Group travels together to Memorial to the Murdered Jews of Europe. 10:00-1:00 Guided tour through Jewish Berlin. We will visit the Topography of Terror, the Stolpersteine (stepping stones) project, the Gleis 17 memorial (transport center for Jews from Berlin), the Jewish cemetery and several refurbished and new synagogues. Lunch together. Free afternoon. Dinner and cultural event with group.


Tuesday, July 3: Breakfast at hostel. 9:00am Group Tour of Jewish Krakow with Jagiellonian University Professor Annamaria Orly-Bukowska. Free afternoon. Dinner together in Kazimierz district at Jewish restaurant. Free evening.

Wednesday, July 4: Breakfast at hostel. Wieleszcz Salt Mines; Jewish Cultural Festival; National Museum; Shopping (optional). Lunch on your own. Dinner together and group meeting.

Thursday, July 5: Breakfast at hostel. Free morning. Lunch on your own. 12:00 “Memory Project” (part of Jewish Cultural Festival). 4:00pm Lecture (part of Jewish Cultural Festival). Dinner together. Film viewing, Labrynth, in the evening.

Friday, July 6: Breakfast at hostel. Free morning. Lunch on your own. 12:00 Krakow Jewish Community Center Tour. Shabbat dinner together at Krakow Jewish Community Center.

Saturday, July 7: Breakfast at hostel. Free morning. Lunch on your own. 12:00 pm. Galicjia Museum lecture (part of Jewish Cultural Festival). Dinner together. 6:00 pm Live Music Festival (ul. Szeroka).

Sunday, July 8: Early breakfast at hostel. Group travels together to train station. 8:00 am train to Oswiecim. Educational tour through Auschwitz-Birkenau Museum (lunch/snacks during tour). 5:30 pm train to Krakow [see attached 2-day Programme]. Dinner together in Krakow. Free evening.

[Contact person for guidelines and procedures for journalists and media personnel in Museum Auschwitz is Wanda Hutny (wanda.hutny@auschwitz.org.pl). You must contact Wandy re permission regarding procedures for filming in Auschwitz. It would be good to make this contact with Wanda as soon as possible.]

Monday, July 9: Early breakfast at hostel. Group travels together to train station. 8:00 am train to Oswiecim. Guided tour of Jewish Centre and town of Oswiecim; lecture, lunch and visit to Harneze for Labrynth exhibition. 5:30 pm train to Krakow. Dinner together in Krakow. Free evening.
Tuesday, July 10: Breakfast at hostel. Check-out. Bus to Kazimierz Dolny. Lunch on bus. Arrive in Kazimierz Dolny at home of Mr. Severyn Ashkenazy. Dinner with Severyn and lodging at his home.


Friday, July 13: Breakfast at hostel. Morning at Jewish Historical Institute. Lunch together. Meet with University of Warsaw partner class for seminar on Noah the Water Carrier. 7:00 pm Shabbat service and dinner at Beit Warszawa.

Saturday, July 14: Breakfast at hostel. Visit Warsaw Uprising Museum. Lunch in Old Town. Afternoon: Visit to the Bunker at Mila 18 (last holdout of the Warsaw Ghetto Uprising); Memorial to the Heroes of the Warsaw Ghetto and the new Museum to the Jews of Poland; the Commemorative Gateway at the Umschlagplatz, the Nozyk synagogue, the remaining ghetto wall. Final Banquet Dinner together. Free evening.

Sunday, July 15: Breakfast at hostel. Check-out. Conclusion of Program in Poland.

Group returning to Berlin for July 16th flight to USA travels to train station with Rabbi Ilana—see below for times (the cost of train ticket/lodging-food/transportation in Berlin is student’s responsibility, although we can help you purchase ticket and make lodging arrangements):

Berlin Warsaw Express 44  9:55AM
Warszawa Centralna, Poland 15 Jul 3:12PM
Berlin Hbf, Germany
15 Jul 5hr 17min

Berlin Warsaw Express 44  10:00AM
Warszawa Zachodni, Poland 15 Jul 3:12PM
Berlin Hbf, Germany
15 Jul 5hr 12min