



June, 17, 2017

Dear Potential Participant,

Shalom and thank you for your interest in the Australian Adult Program of **March of the Living 2018**, which will provide you with the very unique opportunity of participating in **two very special milestone events** – the **70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Israel's Independence** as well as the **30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary** of the commencement of this amazing program – **March of the Living**. 2018 will be a hard act to follow!

We hope that the information provided here will help stimulate your interest and that this will eventuate in your participation on this amazing program.

March of the Living is a unique program that honors, commemorates and explores the past, present, and future of the Jewish people.

March of the Living is an annual immersive educational program, which brings adults and students from all over the world to Poland over the period of Yom Hashoah (Holocaust Memorial Day) and to Israel over the period of Yom Hazikaron and Yom Haatzmaut (Soldiers and Victims of Terror Memorial Day and Israel's Day of Independence).

The week in Poland provides participants with the opportunity to engage in the rich history of Polish Jewry prior to WW2; the history of the Holocaust, examining the roots of prejudice, intolerance and hate and also to experience the revitalization of Jewish culture in Poland today.

In Poland you will have the opportunity to remember those who perished and to be a witness; to pay tribute to the courage of those who survived the Holocaust and rebuilt their lives despite the haunting memories of the past – to be the bearers of their memories, the witnesses of the witnesses; to recognize and learn from the altruistic actions of the “righteous among the nations”, who teach us to never be a bystander in the face of oppression; to honor the heroic veterans of WWII who fought to liberate Europe from the hands of Nazi tyranny and so much more.

Hopefully, you will come away from the experience, with a heightened sensitivity to never again allow for the unchecked rise of the menace of anti-Semitism; to never again allow any kind of racial discrimination directed by any individual or group against another to gain strength, and further committed to building a world free of oppression and intolerance, where democracy and justice for all members of the human family is more widely practiced.

In Israel, amongst so much more, you will have the unique opportunity to experience firsthand the rollercoaster of emotions related to the commemoration of those who sacrificed their lives for the sake and in the name of the State of Israel on the one hand and the joy and elation connected to the celebration of Israel's independence.

Please find below the important dates and costs for the trip. 2018 will be a landmark year given Israel's 70<sup>th</sup> Year and MOTL's 30<sup>th</sup> March. Please note that space on the program is limited and we accept people on a first-come first-serve basis.

**PROGRAM DATES ARE:**

- Program Start Date – 10th April 2018 in Warsaw
- Yom Hashoah - Holocaust Remembrance Day – 12<sup>th</sup> April 2018 (our main event in Poland)
- Finish Date in Poland – late evening of 16<sup>th</sup> April 2018
- Yom Hazikaron - Israel's Memorial Day – 18th April 2018
- Yom Haatzmaut - Israel's Independence Day – 19th April 2018 (our main event in Israel)





- Program Finish Date in Israel – late evening of 22nd April 2018

The program in Poland will begin in **WARSAW** and will depart for Israel from **WARSAW**.

**COST (1 & 2) INCLUDES:**

- 4-5 star hotels (**double/twin occupancy**)
- Luxury buses
- 3 kosher meals a day
- Local guides and scholars
- Security arrangements
- Educational kits
- Entrance fees
- March of the Living Jacket and backpack
- Participation in all March of the Living International ceremonies

**1. Costs: in USD**

Land Cost - Poland only	\$3,045
Tips for Poland only	\$ 50

**OR**

Land Cost - Poland and Israel Including Flight - Poland-Israel	\$5,765
Tips for Poland and Israel	\$ 100

**2. Costs: in AUD**

MOTL Australia administration fee	\$ 350
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**Optional: in USD**

Single occupancy supplement for Poland	\$ 880
Single occupancy supplement for Israel	\$1,100
Additional night – Poland (single)	\$ 250
Additional night – Poland (per person in double/twin)	\$ 160
Additional night - Israel (single)	\$ 420
Additional night - Israel (per person in double/twin)	\$ 210

**NOTE: Flights are not included** in the prices above and **need to be arranged separately**, either by FBI Travel (MOTL Australia's preferred Travel Service Provider) or via your own preferred Travel Consultant. **THE FLIGHT FROM POLAND TO ISRAEL IS INCLUDED IN THE PROGRAM COST.**

**Accommodation:** pre (Warsaw) and post accommodation (Warsaw / Israel) is available on request at the hotels you will have already stayed at, per prices stated above. **It is strongly recommended to arrive in Warsaw the night before program commences.**

**If you are interested in Participating in AMOTL 2018 you are required to follow the steps below:**





- > **Between now and 15th July 2017**
  - o **Expression of Interest** - send email to Kim at [motl@jhc.org.au](mailto:motl@jhc.org.au) with your name, mobile, number of potential participants and **any queries you may have**. Once we hear from you we will email you further Application details.
  
- > **By 15 August 2017**
  - o **Complete Full Registration** on line via MOTL website [www.motl.com.au](http://www.motl.com.au) - **Groups** drop-down (Adult MOTL)
  - o **Make flight arrangements**
  - o **Pay \$500 USD (AUD Equivalent)** as a **Non Refundable Deposit** paid into nominated MOTL bank account
  
- > **By 1<sup>st</sup> October 2017**
  - o **Pay 50% of the Costs** less \$500 USD already paid
  
- > **By 01 December 2017**
  - o **Pay Balance** of all outstanding amounts

**As 2018 is the joint 30<sup>th</sup> and 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversaries year, places are limited and unfortunately we have no choice but to operate on a first come first served basis. Any delays in registration or payment per the steps outlined above may result in our inability to guarantee your place on the 2018 program.**

**Our preferred method of payment is by Electronic Transfer to:**

**A/C Name: March of the Living**

**Bank: Westpac BSB: 033 072 A/C #: 315 459**

When making the Transfer please enter your **surname** as the reference.

Please make a screen grab of the Transfer Form and email it back to [motl@jhc.org.au](mailto:motl@jhc.org.au) together with details of the deposit date and your branch so the transfer can be traced.

Please contact Kim Jaffa, Administrator of MOTL Australia – [motl@jhc.org.au](mailto:motl@jhc.org.au) 0419 361 260 – if you are unable to complete an Electronic Transfer or if you prefer any other method of payment.

**Note:** It is strongly recommended that you take out Travel Insurance prior to 1<sup>st</sup> payment to cover and non-refundable payments due to unforeseen cancellation.

We look forward to sharing this special opportunity with you.

**Renny Rychter and Cedric Geffen**

Co-Presidents - March of the Living Australia

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