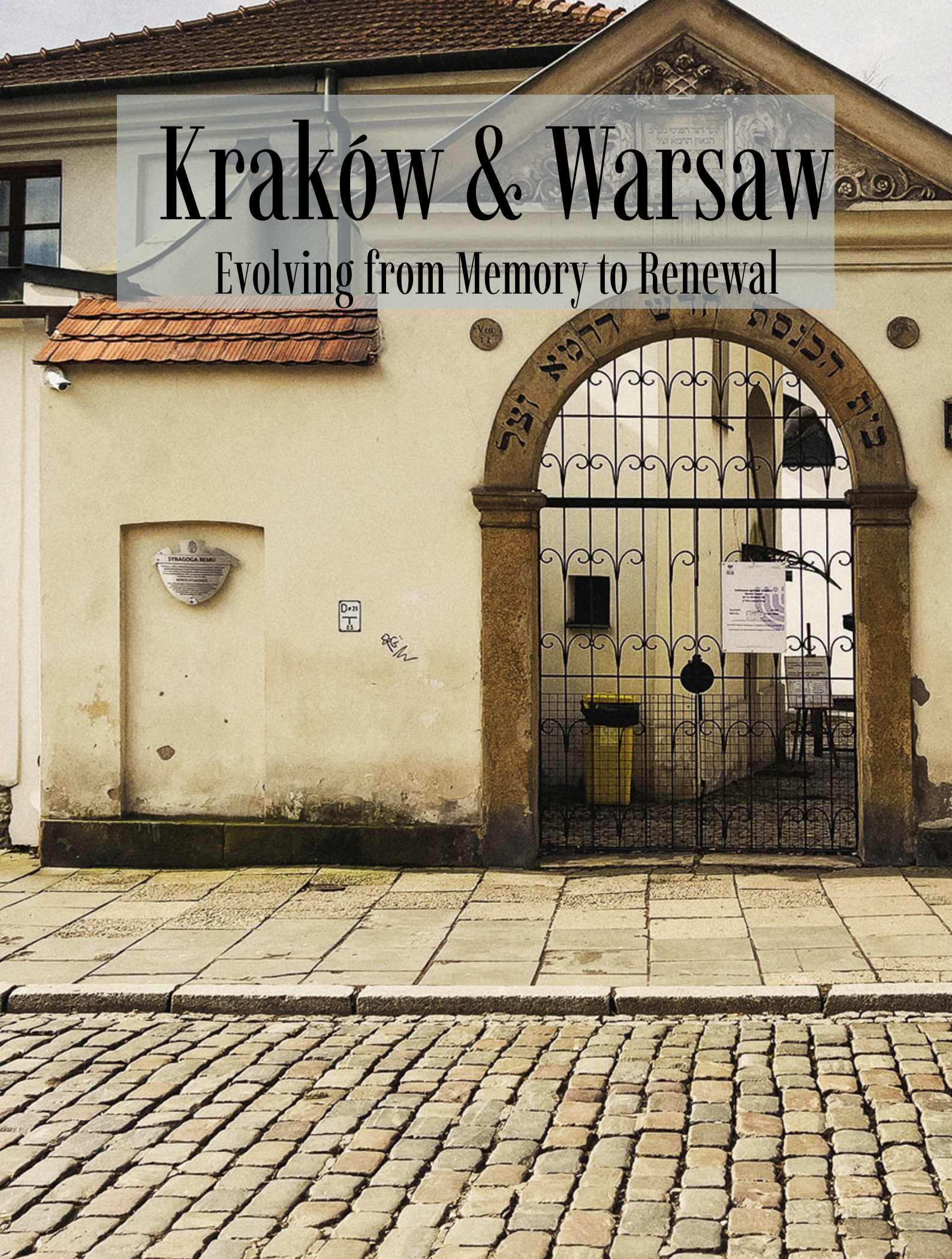


# Kraków & Warsaw

Evolving from Memory to Renewal



# Program



## Day 1 – Foundations of Jewish Warsaw



- Arrive in Warsaw International Airport, meet & assist upon arrival in Warsaw, where your guide gently opens the journey ahead, inviting you into a story of life, loss, and enduring Jewish presence.
- Walk through the Okopowa Jewish Cemetery, moving among weathered stones that carry names, stories, and generations, each one a quiet reminder of a once-thriving community.
- Check into the hotel.

**Overnight:** Warsaw

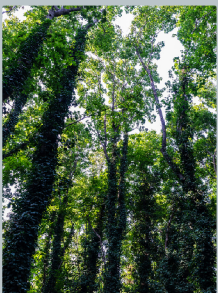


## Day 2, Ghetto, Resistance & Treblinka



- Breakfast at the hotel, meet your guide, then depart.
- Trace the streets of the former Warsaw Ghetto, where life was confined, yet humanity persisted, and where every corner holds echoes of struggle and resilience.
- Stand before the Monument to the Ghetto Heroes, feeling the weight of courage and the quiet strength of those who chose dignity in the darkest moments.
- Pause at the Umschlagplatz, where families were torn apart, and where the silence today speaks volumes about the journeys that began here.
- Visit Treblinka Extermination Camp, where a vast field of stones replaces voices, homes, and communities that once filled Jewish life.

**Overnight:** Warsaw



## Day 3, Tykocin & Lopochowo Forest: Life Interrupted

- Breakfast at the hotel, meet your guide, then depart.
- Travel to Tykocin, a quiet town where the rhythm of Jewish life once flowed naturally through streets, homes, and shared moments.
- Enter the Tykocin Synagogue, standing in a space that still holds the imprint of prayer, gathering, and communal life.
- Walk through the village square of Tykocin, imagining voices, laughter, and daily life that once defined this community.
- Visit the Lopochowo Forest, where the story abruptly ends, and where the stillness invites reflection on lives cut short.
- Return to Warsaw

**Overnight:** Warsaw





## Day 4, Warsaw to Kraków: A Shift in Story

- Breakfast at the hotel, check out from the hotel, meet your guide, then depart.
- Travel by train to Krakow, leaving behind one chapter and moving toward a place where memory and continuity live side by side.
- Explore Kazimierz, the historic Jewish Quarter, where synagogues, hidden courtyards, cemeteries, and narrow streets reflect centuries of vibrant Jewish life alongside today's renewed cultural energy.
- Walk through Podgórze, the former Jewish Ghetto area, tracing the difficult wartime reality through its remaining fragments, memorials, and deeply moving atmosphere.
- Enter the powerful world of Oskar Schindler's Factory, where personal stories, occupation history, courage, fear, and survival are brought vividly to life through immersive exhibits and testimonies.
- Experience the emotional and artistic perspective of the Galicia Jewish Museum, dedicated to preserving the memory of Jewish life in Poland through photography, documentation, and contemporary reflection.
- Check into the hotel.

**Overnight:** Krakow

## Day 5, Auschwitz-Birkenau & Oświęcim: Confronting Reality

- Breakfast at the hotel, meet your guide and depart the hotel.
- Visit Auschwitz-Birkenau, where preserved spaces and personal remnants bring you face to face with individual lives and unimaginable loss.
- Stand along the railway tracks of Birkenau, where arrival meant uncertainty, separation, and for many, the end of their journey.
- Move through the town of Oświęcim, recognizing the closeness between everyday life and the machinery of destruction.
- Step into the Oświęcim Jewish Center, reconnecting with the community that once lived fully here.
- Return to Krakow
- Kabbalat Shabbat at a local synagogue.
- Shabbat Dinner at the Krakow JCC.

**Overnight:** Krakow

## Day 6, Shabbat in Kazimierz: Continuity

- Breakfast at the hotel.
- Meet your guide and depart the hotel.
- Visit a local synagogue in Kazimierz for Shabbat Services, where voices rise again in prayer, continuing a tradition that refused to disappear.
- Walk through Kazimierz on Shabbat, where quiet streets and open doors invite reflection and connection.
- Continue on foot toward Wawel Castle, sensing the broader historical layers surrounding the Jewish story.
- Gather for Seudah Shlishit and conclude with Havdalah, gently marking the transition out of Shabbat.

**Overnight:** Krakow





## Day 7, Lublin & Majdanek: Scholarship, Loss & Memory

- Breakfast at the hotel, meet your guide, then depart.
- Travel to Lublin, once a center of deep learning and spiritual life within Polish Jewry.
- Visit Yeshivat Chachmei Lublin, a powerful symbol of intellectual strength, where study and faith once shaped generations of leadership.
- Walk through the streets of Lublin, sensing the presence of a community that once filled these spaces with meaning.
- Continue to Majdanek Concentration Camp, where preserved structures stand as stark witnesses to destruction.
- Return to Warsaw, carrying forward the weight and meaning of the journey.

**Overnight:** Warsaw

## Day 8, Jewish Warsaw Today: Renewal

- Breakfast at the hotel, meet your guide, then depart.
- Visit the Nożyk Synagogue, where Jewish prayer and community life continue quietly in the heart of the city.
- Engage with the Taube Center, discovering how identity, culture, and community are being renewed in contemporary Poland.
- Enjoy time in Warsaw, allowing space to reflect, process, and carry the experience forward.

**Overnight:** Warsaw

## Day 9, Departure - Until We Meet Again

- Breakfast at the hotel.
- Private transfer to the airport for your departure, and check into your flight home.

