

Hadassah Academic College

The Faculty of Public Diplomacy the Department of Politics and Communication

May 2016 – Poland

Day 1 - 17.05.2016 - Tuesday

Arrival to Warsaw Airport;

Opening the program - coordination of expectations- Conversation and discussion with students, Security requirements for the seminar, Brief introduction to Polish history and cultural differences important for meetings and contacts with officials;

Orientation in the area;

Lunch;

Walk around the former and present Jewish Quarter "**At the footsteps of Janusz Korczak**", Polish-Jewish educator and social leader. Tour in the Jewish area & significant sites of the Jewish community;

Accommodation, time to rest and refresh;

Dinner;

Meeting with **Prof. Shewach Weiss**, introduction lecture and discussion on Polish-Jewish history and relations;

Day 2 – 18.05.2016 - Wednesday

Breakfast

Visit in in the **Intercultural Centre in Warsaw**, presentation and discussion with representatives of City Hall and Non-governmental organizations regarding "**Situation of refugees and immigrants in Poland and Warsaw**";

Lunch;

Warsaw Academy – trilateral Polish-Israeli-German meeting and workshops about "**Janusz Korczak pedagogical ideas in the light of nowadays world challenges**", discussion;

Learning about educational system in Poland;

Meeting with **Mrs. Agnieszka Magdziak-Miszewska**, former Polish Ambassador in Israel, and member of Auschwitz-Birkenau Foundation;

Dinner;

Day 3 - 19.05.2016, Thursday

Breakfast;

Visit in **Polish Sejm**- sightseeing and learning about the **Polish political system**;

Meeting and discussion with representative of Polish-Israeli Parliamentary Group, discussion about the **Polish-Israeli and Polish-Jewish relations and cooperation in the eyes of Polish politicians. Discussion about political changes in Poland nowadays and its influence on these relations**;

Lunch;

Guided tour and lecture in **Warsaw Rising Museum**, interactive workshops about a role of **leadership during Polish history; "How did Warsaw Rising and Ghetto Rising influence Polish history and society changes"**

Dinner;

Sightseeing the Warsaw Old City;

Day 4 – 20.05.2016, Friday

Breakfast

Meeting with **European Academy of Democracy**. Learning how looks **education path in Poland to become a public diplomat, what are the priorities in their carrier, exchange of experience and good practices;**

Meeting and discussion with Institute of Public Issues – Polish leading Think-Tank – **"Most important issues being under discussion by Polish public opinion last years and in the eyes of todays' changes and challenges";**

Lunch;

Preparation for Shabbat;

Shabbat Dinner;

Day 5 - 21.05.2016, Saturday

Breakfast;

Time for religious persons to go to the Synagogue and non-religious for deeper sightseeing Warsaw or participating in cultural events around the city, shopping etc;

Lunch;

Panorama of Warsaw from Palace of Science and culture;

Fontanne' multimedia concert with light, music and water;

Dinner;

Evening going out;

Day 6 – 22.05.2016, Sunday

Breakfast;

Guided tour in the **Museum of the History of Polish Jews – "Polish Jews throughout history";**

Lunch;

Ceremony at the **Umshlagplatz** (prepared by Israeli group)

Chopin concert in Royal Park, time to relax in the nature and see beautiful complex of palaces.

Dinner;

Day 7 – 23.05.2016, Monday

Breakfast;

Lecture on **"Life in Poland during Communist Regime- how did it influence Poland. Long way to regain independence and the importance of first free elections "**;

10:00-11:30 Meeting and discussion with Representative of Polish Foreign Ministry for the contacts with the Jewish Diaspora. Learning about **"Development of Polish-Jewish and Polish-Israeli relations from the fall of Communism until now and at the time of migration crisis in Europe";**

12:00-13:30 Lunch;

14:00-15:30 Presentation and discussion with the representative of European Commission Delegacy for Poland- learning about the place of Poland in the structure of European Union and mutual cooperation. "**Public Diplomacy and EU enlargement - the case of Poland**";
Summarizing and evaluation of the seminar;
Good-bye dinner;

Day 8 – 24.05.2016, Tuesday

Breakfast

Leaving to the airport – **Israel...**

