



POLAND

by *Samantha Glaser*

With the sanction of my eyes that has seen the mourning and burdened my heart.

With the sanction of compassion which told me to pardon.

I vowed I will remember it all, remember and forget nothing.

This sums up my whole week in Poland. I will always remember what I saw. From camp to camp. From cemetery to cemetery. From museum to museum. I saw shoes, clothing, hair. I saw valuables. Most of all, I saw the places where six million of my own people suffered and died.

I will never forget the ice cold grounds, the dark grey skies. And most of all, I will not forget all those who died.

Heritage was the most uplifting, memorable and meaningful experience of my life. I experienced what I thought could not be possible and I made friends that will last me a lifetime. Most of all, I got to see first hand, what my Bubbe, 1 |z, must have endured at the young age of 18. I encourage everyone to have this experience. Always remember. Never forget.

YIO PLANS SUMMER TRIP OF REMEMBRANCE TO POLAND

by *Alice Miller*

It has been 60 years since the Holocaust. To survivors, the Holocaust remains real and ever-present, but for some others, 60 years makes the Holocaust seem part of ancient history. Year-round we try to teach and inform others about the horrors of the Holocaust. We confront the questions: What happened? How did it happen? How could it happen? Could it happen again? We attempt to fight against ignorance with education and against disbelief with proof.

To ensure that the next generation understands and remembers, many of us have allowed our children to take a memorable trip to Poland - some with March of the Living and others with Heritage Moreshet Seminars. Yet many adults, if not most of us, have never been able to take such a trip. Therefore, a trip to Poland is being planned for adult members of the Young Israel of Oceanside. The trip will take place h"ya next year during the week of July 2 - July 9, 2006. This specially designed seminar for adults, called "It's Your Turn," will be guided and conducted by Heritage Moreshet Seminars. This is a seminar with special emphasis on the cultural contributions of Eastern European Jewry before the war and their demise during the Holocaust.

Heritage is not simply a "concentration camp" tour. Extensive study time will take place at Treblinka,

Jedwabne Belzec, Majdanek, Plaszow, Gora Kalvaria, Chelmno, Lodz, Auschwitz and Birkenau, Warsaw, Kracow, Lublin and the "shtetlach" of Galicia. Evening programs and analysis will take place each day. Shabbat is spent in Kracow. And accompanying the group as a leader and educator will be Rabbi Jonathan Muskat.

The option to continue on to other cities for several days may also be available. Space will be limited and will initially be available to Young Israel of Oceanside members only. In the event of extra space, we may open up the trip to others. Full details will be available in the Fall. In the interim, anyone who is interested in participating in this program should contact Alice Miller (766-8366) or Adina Misher (536-8339).

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