

MARCH OF THE LIVING – SOUTHERN REGION
Packing Checklist – May 1-15, 2016

Weather: We travel through two weather changes on the trip. Poland can be in the 30's to 60's at night and may have bone-chilling rain. The temperature ranges from a high of 75F/low of 35F. Israel is like summer with little chance of rain, but mornings & evenings can be cold. Take clothing in layers that are adaptable to both Europe & Israel. Wash & wear clothing is advised.

Carry-On Items for Flight to Poland:

***Do not take anything with you that is expensive or that you cannot afford to lose.** All of the following should be included in the carry-on luggage. We recommend using the MOL backpack you receive on April 11. One carry-on-bag is allowed. It must be no more than **20"Long x14"Wide x9"High** & fit under a seat. Weight: less than 20 lbs.

- Prescription** medicine (along with **GENERIC** written prescription) this must be obtained from your physician.
- 1 Change of clothing** (underwear for 1 more day, extra change of clothing for flight, and a sweater or sweatshirt)
- MOL Jacket.** Jacket is rain resistant, but it is advised to spray it with waterproofing spray.
- Rain gear;** hooded poncho (disposables at Target, Wal-Mart, Amazon) and/or small compact umbrella.
- Eyeglasses** (if needed): Extra pair in a hard shell case.
- Camera**
- Cell Phone or Phone Calling Card**
- Religious articles** — Weekday and Shabbat pocket *siddur: tefillin, tallit, and kippot* (more than 1).
- Money** — credit card, \$75-\$150 in cash (Suggested) (in small denominations). **NO TRAVELERS CHECKS.**
- Israeli Citizens only. Passport & Visa & Pator / פטור** (if required) and photocopies of both.
- Tissues:** Small tissue pack or Toilet tissues (travel size)
- Pens;** a few for **March of the Living Journal.**

Participants may want to pack their garments into large ziplock and waterproof bags.

Items to Pack in Your Checked-Bag (Limit size is **28"high X 16" wide X 16' deep; 50 lbs.**)

- USE a Light-weight Wheeled Duffle Bag** limited to a total weight of 50 lbs! If over, you pay the airline at check-in.
- You lug the suitcases around and less clothing makes things much easier.**
- WE URGE YOU TO PACK LESS & Bring Woolite to wash items. We are not on the trip for fashion statements.**
- Pack Poland clothing on top Israel clothing on bottom.**
- Small-Gently-Used Toy** for a use in a program. (Ex: Small stuffed animal, hotwheels car, paperback children's book.)
- An empty re-usable 16-20 oz. water bottle.**
- Small Gift for MOL Alumni Soldiers** who we meet in Israel. Pack one of these items in a zip-lock and place at bottom of checked bag, in a fashion that it will not be crushed. **Toothpaste, Shampoo, Bar Soap, Body Wash, Hair Gel, After Shave, Deodorant, Chewing Gum.** These are things they will appreciate. (one item is enough)

Clothing:

- White shirt for Yom HaZikaron Memorial**
- Undergarments & Socks** (6 days Poland - 7 days Israel)
- Comfortable clothing** (do not over pack; **2-3** jeans or long pants, **8-12** t-shirts; total)
- Shorts:** one pair for Poland and a few pair for Israel.
- Jackets** or Hoodies: 1 light-weight winter coat - packed on top layer of checked bag. (Lighter jackets in carry on).
Note: Cool weather jacket and/or several layers are essential for Poland's cooler weather and Israel's mornings and nights.
- Waterproof Walking shoes:** more than 1 pair if 1 gets wet (Before trip - Wear them a few times & Waterproof them)
- Girls: **1 Long length skirt/sarong** and **extremely modest shirt** for our visits to the *Kotel* (Western Wall)
- Appropriate outfit for Shabbat services:**
Girls: long sleeved/elbow length blouse, skirt at knees. Boys: collared-white shirt, sweater or jacket, 1 pair slacks

IMPORTANT NOTE: In general, modest dress is indicated for participants on the March of the Living. Please do not bring tank tops, halters, etc. Participants respect the integrity and purposes of the trip. Staff will ask you to change if dress is deemed inappropriate for Poland and Israel.

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Miscellaneous:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Toiletries and Personal items (travel size). | <input type="checkbox"/> Eye Mask for flights and bus naps. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Medication: Duplicates are a must. Generic prescription. | <input type="checkbox"/> Jewelry: bring something you would not care about losing. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hat (for sun protection in both countries) | <input type="checkbox"/> Swag for trading. On-sale on website: www.molsouth.org . |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sunscreen. | <input type="checkbox"/> Israeli or American Flag. Many students like bringing a 3 X 5 foot flag for carrying on the two Marches. \$10.00 each. (American Flag for the March in Jerusalem, only). |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Towels: 1 medium size. | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Laundry Bag: Durable & closable. | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Small Travel alarm clock (battery operated). | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> European adapter plugs (for recharging). | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Individual Woolite / detergent packets. | |

Food: (*Recommended for Poland*). Our program provides three nutritious kosher meals per day (certified by Chief Rabbinate of Israel). Please ensure that any foodstuffs you bring are Kosher. Items listed below are *suggestions only*, primarily for lunch supplement and snacks in Poland (take some in your carry-on).

Reminder: *The March of the Living cannot supply "special diets."*

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Power Bars / Granola bars. | <input type="checkbox"/> Peanut butter (in small plastic jars). |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Packaged fruit (raisins, dates, etc.). | <input type="checkbox"/> Trail mix in sealable bags. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fruit roll-ups. | <input type="checkbox"/> Mints, Candy, gum. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Tuna fish (pop-top small cans or pouch). | <input type="checkbox"/> Dietary supplements, needed by participant. |

Camera: A simple Digital camera is recommended, nothing too complicated. Many use phones for photo-taking. Bring disk memory. Bring enough batteries or a charger. *No video cameras permitted without special permission from the Director.*

Personal Audio Receivers & Headphones: Each participant will receive one of these. Our region rents these devices for better communication. In the event a participant loses or breaks the receiver or headphone, \$80 is charged. These devices are "extra special". This allows each participant to hear everything while walking at all sites.

***Luggage Guidelines:**

- **Luggage** is carried & transported by each participant. Limits must be adhered to because of airline regulations and more importantly, space on our buses. One piece of lightweight luggage will be checked in (no more than 28"x 16"x16" and must be under 50 lbs. total – Overweight luggage will be charged at approximately \$50-\$250-plus for 1-20 lbs. over). Wheel-attached luggage required, rather than separate wheels (**SOFT-DUFFEL** on wheels is the NORM).
- **Luggage Tags:** Apply a substantial name tag to your luggage and carry on for identification purposes. This is in addition to the MOL luggage tags you will receive.
- **Depending on your domestic carrier, checked bags cost between \$25-\$95.** Be sure you have a credit card or money if you have an overweight bag. Check with your carrier as to any "carry-on" costs and restrictions.
- **Carry-on luggage for EL AL Charter:** We advise using the March of the Living backpack as your carry-on bag (Place your March of the Living Name Tag on It). One carry-on bag is allowed but it must be no more than **20" long X 14" wide X 9" high** and fit under the seat and must weigh less than 20 lbs. (we are told that carry-on will be weighed at check in).
- **MOL Luggage tags** must be on your carry-on and checked-bag at all times. (Provided at the Parent Meeting on April 11)

***The March of the Living and its affiliates bear no responsibility for luggage or personal effects of the participant, or for any weight overage at the airline check-in counters. Make sure you have the proper insurance coverage.**

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