

# ***Remembrance and Renewal: An Interfaith Journey to Germany September 2006***

**Join a journey of enlightenment** that will transform into an interfaith delegation, eyewitnesses to change and reconciliation. As a member of this delegation you will have the opportunity, throughout the journey, to witness small and large ways that Germans are coming to terms with their past, and the possibilities that a more diverse Germany of Jews, Christians and Muslims will face the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

**Two key events will anchor this journey—both are unique and momentous.**

On September 3, 2006, the Chancellor of Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion, Rabbi Alfred Gottschalk, will return to his native town of Oberwesel on the Rhine, to be welcomed as a returning son. In addition to an interfaith service and erecting a monument for the lost Jewish community, the delegation will join Rabbi Gottschalk as he ascends the hills to the Jewish cemetery to finally erect a tombstone on his grandfather's unmarked grave, exactly 65 years after his death.

On September 13 and 14, 2006, in the newly restored synagogue in rebuilt Dresden, there will be national ceremonies organized by the Abraham Geiger College. This will mark the historic occasion in the World Movement for Progressive Judaism (known in the USA as Reform Judaism) of the ordination of the first rabbi in Germany since the Holocaust. Rabbi Gottschalk will be one of the honored speakers, in addition to the Prime Minister of the Federal Republic of Germany.

Between these two 'bookend' events, our journey will take us to region of Bamberg, where many local Cincinnatians originated. We will meet with Josef Motschmann, subject of our internationally acclaimed exhibition, and see his work with the youth in progress. We will continue to drive towards Berlin, viewing historical centers of intelligence and beauty, as well as Buchenwald Concentration Camp. Unified Berlin will be the hub of our activities for museums, monuments, people and politics, religion and multiculturalism.

The Journey is sponsored by The Journal of Ecumenical Studies, (JES) Temple University, Philadelphia, PA, through its outreach work of the Institute for Interreligious, Intercultural Dialogue. JES will have a special issue dedicated to this journey, which may include a film crew escort. This trip is co-designed and co-directed by Dr. Racelle Weiman, the Director of the Center for Holocaust and Humanity Education at Hebrew Union College and Prof. Richard Schade of German Studies, University of Cincinnati, in cooperation with Rabbi Dr. Alfred Gottschalk, Chancellor of Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion.

**Join this opportunity of a lifetime, as a member of this unique interfaith 'journey'.**

Support Rabbi Gottschalk by encouraging a small town to overcome its past, and energizing the momentum for reconciliation. Participants are invited to join in informal and formal lectures, meetings and intellectual discussions throughout, including high-level government and religious events. **This exclusive tour is**

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Proudly invite you to participate in a once-in-a-lifetime experience:

## **Remembrance and Renewal: An Interfaith Journey to Germany**

August 31 – September 12, 2006

With an option to extend

Historic ceremony in Dresden September 13-15, 2006\*

Co-Directors:

Dr. Racelle Weiman, Director, The Center for Holocaust & Humanity Education and  
Professor Richard E. Schade, Professor of German Studies, University of Cincinnati, and Honorary Consul of the Federal  
Republic of Germany, a presidential appointment  
with Rabbi Alfred Gottschalk, Chancellor, Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion

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**Thursday, 31 August 2006:** The participants will assemble and depart from Terminal 3 on Delta Airline's non-stop overnight flight from **Cincinnati (CVG)** to **Frankfurt, Germany (FRA)**.

**Friday, 1 September 2006:** On early morning arrival in Frankfurt, the group will be met by a comfortable motor coach for the brief drive to **Mainz**, an ancient city on the Rhine River, where participants will check into the *Hilton City Hotel*, located in the heart of the city, where we will stay for the next three nights. This day will include a welcome Shabbat Dinner for the entire group and participation in a Kiddush service at the Weisenau synagogue with the local Jewish community. (D)

**Saturday, 2 September 2006:** A full-day cultural program in **Mainz** and immediate environs with a focus on historical sites, such as Worms, from the Jewish past as well as presentations on the cultural history of the Rhine Valley. The area traces its 'civilization' to Roman times. Mainz was a Roman stronghold, located as it is across from the confluence of the Main and Rhine Rivers. This is the famous cradle of 'Ashkenazi Jews'--the first Jews came with the Romans and their communities became the most important centers of Jewish culture in Northern Europe, until the 14th century C.E., when many were forced to leave the Rhineland for mostly Eastern Europe, bringing a language called Yiddish with them. This area boasts the Gutenberg Bible, wine-tasting, the Lorelei of Henrich Heine, and much more. (B)

**Sunday, 3 September 2006:** The group will drive to the town of **Oberwesel, the birthplace** of Rabbi Alfred Gottschalk for a full day of events honoring Rabbi Gottschalk, his family, and the Jews of the community: (B)

10:00 Interfaith Service in the Liebfrauenkirche (Church of the Blessed Virgin)

11:30 Dedication of the memorial on Schaarplatz (Schaar Plaza) central plaza near the former synagogue

15:30 Headstone installation ceremony at 300-year-old Jewish cemetery

**Monday, 4 September 2006:** We return to **Oberwesel** for a morning special school ceremony with the local schoolchildren, in honor of Rabbi Gottschalk. With box lunches provided, the bus takes us along the Rhine River to the Autobahn headed East past Frankfurt and up the Main River, a picturesque tributary to the Rhine. On the way, stop in **Würzburg**, at the splendid Baroque Palace, once the residence of the ruling prince-bishops, and the imposing medieval fortress high on the hill above the Main River valley. We continue to **Bamberg** for 2 nights at the *Residenzschloss Hotel*, meet with Josef Motschmann, our host for the region. (B,L)

**Tuesday, 5 September 2006:** With Josef Motschmann as our guide, we travel to **Altenkunstadt**, a small community with a close Cincinnati connection. Herr Motschmann, a teacher at a Catholic Academy in Bamberg, was almost single-handedly responsible for the preservation of the ancient Jewish cemetery and other sites in the community – to include the restoration of the synagogue. Through our visit there we will gain added perspectives to the experience in Oberwesel on both remembrance and renewal in current-day Germany. (B)

**Wednesday, 6 September 2006:** After a morning in picturesque Bamberg we depart for an afternoon arrival in **Weimar**. The small city is the cradle of German culture linked to the names and thoughts of Goethe and Schiller, cultural icons of the best that 18<sup>th</sup>-century Germany had to offer. After check-in at the hotel the **Kaiserin Augusta Hotel** and a stroll through the downtown, Professor Schade will lead a program on “The Cultural Legacy of Goethe and Schiller.” (B,L)

**Thursday, 7 September 2006:** The day begins at **Buchenwald Concentration Camp**, of the Nazi regime, and the site of Elie Wiesel’s liberation by Allied troops. From there, we drive on to **Leipzig** for a walk through the old-town of Johann Sebastian Bach and end the evening with a presentation by Dr. Weiman on “Holocaust Remembrance and Renewal.” Accommodations in Leipzig or a nearby city. (B,L)

**Friday, 8 September 2006:** We proceed to **Berlin**, the new capital city of the Federal Republic of Germany. After check-in at the **Park Plaza Hotel** (our ‘home’ for four nights), Professor Schade will guide the group through central Berlin to the Brandenburg Gate and from there to the nearby Holocaust Memorial – a remarkable site of remembrance designed by Philip Eisenman. We will celebrate Shabbat with a Kiddush with the local Jewish community and the Abraham Geiger College, more illustrations of the rebirth of Jewish life.(B)

**Saturday, 9 September 2006:** We have the full day in **Berlin**, a vibrant and storied city. For those who wish to do so, Professor Schade will guide the group through the old Jewish Quarter to the beautifully restored golden-domed New Synagogue, a 19<sup>th</sup>-century building that only partially survived the pogrom of “Kristallnacht”. From there, we move on to Daniel Libeskind’s Jewish Museum, a stunning masterpiece which houses exhibitions on the German-Jewish cultural symbiosis and Berlin’s famous Pergamon Museum. (B)

**Sunday, 10 September 2006:** Another full day in downtown **Berlin** with the option for visiting various art museums or taking the bus out to **Potsdam**, where we may stroll in the gardens of Frederick the Great’s favorite palace, Sans Soucci. Here the king met with Voltaire and other figures of the 18<sup>th</sup>-century Enlightenment, persons who thought about and acted on the legal emancipation of peoples, to include Prussia’s Jews. The infamous site of the **Wannsee Villa**, where the SS decided on the “Final Solution” is an alternative pilgrimage and historic site recently preserved as a powerful museum. (B)

**Monday, 11 September 2006:** Even as we pause to remember 9/11, the final day in **Berlin** is open for shopping, visits to museums, or a tour of Cold War sites – Checkpoint Charlie, the remains of The Wall ... and so forth. An official visit to the Foreign Ministry will be arranged for the group. Prof. Schade served as a military counter-intelligence officer during the 1960s in Germany – he will have tales to tell of spies who came in from the cold in Berlin and elsewhere. A FAREWELL dinner will be held for the entire group. (B,D)

**Tuesday, 12 September 2006: Departure from Berlin to Cincinnati** and an arrival on the same day. (B)

*Those who choose to extend their itinerary and join a delegation to Dresden for the Ordination will continue (at additional cost—see below):*

**Tuesday, 12 September 2006:** The bus pulls out of Berlin and heads to **Dresden/Meissen**. Professor Schade will orient the group to the historical core of this beautiful city on the Elbe River – palaces, museums, the newly restored Frauenkirche, and the striking, recently completed synagogue. The church was destroyed in the bombing of 1945 and has risen again, the synagogue was burned down during “Kristallnacht” and it, too, has been reborn. 2 nights at the 4-star **Mercure Grand Hotel** on the banks of the Elbe River in nearby Meissen. (B)

**Wednesday, Thursday 13 / 14 September 2006:** In 1942, the Nazi secret police (Gestapo) forcibly closed the Hochschule für die Wissenschaft des Judentum / The College for the Study of Judaism in Berlin. Teachers and students went into exile, camp, or death. For more than sixty years no rabbinical seminary operated in Germany. This all changed in 1999 with the establishment of the Abraham Geiger College at Potsdam University. In 2001, the first class of rabbinic students started its training. The very first ordination in Germany since the end of the war and after the Shoah takes place in our presence over these two days in **Dresden**. Rabbi Gottschalk will be among those honored. As this is written, the Geiger College is still planning the celebratory events, which will

include interaction with members from the faith communities as well as with government officials. (As details become available, you will be informed!) (B)

**Friday, 15 September 2006:** Early morning departure for Berlin to board your Delta flights to Cincinnati. (B)

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### GROUP TOUR FEATURES

**TOUR PACKAGE COST:** \$2,990.00 per person based on double occupancy **Single Supplement:** \$435.00

**POST EXTENSION COST:** \$275.00 per person based on double occupancy **Single Supplement:** \$80.00

Cost is based on a minimum of 25 passengers with at least 12 traveling on the same air schedule. If the numbers fall below these requirements, airfares will increase and we reserve the right to increase the cost of the tour. Cost is based on the Euro/USD conversion rate as of 4/7/06. If doing your own air, deduct \$1,220.00 per person.

**\* Extended individual packages are available and can be arranged through Pier 'n Port Travel**

**PAYMENT CONDITIONS:** A deposit of \$500pp is required. **Final payment will be due by June 23, 2006.**

**Travel Insurance:** Cost per person is based on cost of trip. Travelex Insurance prices begin at **\$192.00** per person and we **highly recommend** the purchase of insurance, which would allow for cancellation for **medical** reasons to you or your immediate family. To include pre-existing conditions, insurance must be purchased **at time of Deposit and must be paid by check**. For complete details, please ask for the brochure.

**CANCELLATION POLICY:** Deposit - May 29, 2006 - \$150.00pp; May 30 - June 23 - \$700.00pp; June 24 - July 10 - \$1600.00pp; July 11- August 31 - 100%

**TRANSPORTATION-** Road transportation will be provided by deluxe motor coach throughout. Group economy air is reserved and price will be guaranteed when full payment is made. Airline reservation rules and penalties will apply - **Air tickets are non-refundable**

**HOTELS** -First Class 4 & 3-star hotels as indicated in the itinerary, or similar. At these hotels, twin bedded rooms with private bath and air-conditioning (where available) will be provided. **NOTE:** -Unless specified otherwise in the itinerary, rooms are reserved on the basis of not being made available prior to the "check-in" time and/or after the "check-out" time as these times are set forth by the management of each individual hotel.

**MEALS** - included as per itinerary: All breakfasts, 3 box lunches, 2 dinners, 1 wine tasting including taxes and tips.

**TRANSFERS** -Unless indicated otherwise in the itinerary, transfers will be provided throughout if you arrive and depart with the group and will include the transportation of one average-sized suitcase per person.

**SIGHTSEEING** -As indicated in the itinerary, including the services of English-speaking local guides and entrance fees to all included attractions visited. Sightseeing will be provided by overland motor coach and on foot.

**SERVICE CHARGES, TAXES AND PORTERAGE** -All hotel taxes and service charges are included, as well as baggage portage of one average-sized suitcase per person is included at all hotels (additional tipping is optional).

**MISCELLANEOUS** -Charges for research, itinerary preparation, costing of arrangements, currency transfers and standard booking procedures are included.

**SERVICES NOT INCLUDED:** Any service whatsoever not indicated as "included" in the itinerary and/or the above List of Tour Features; excess baggage charges; tips to drivers, guides and the European Tour Director. Expenses and fees connected with passports; trip and baggage insurance.

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**REMINDER: Passport expiration date MUST be valid 6 months past the return date of your trip.**

Yes! I want to participate in the August 31-Sept 12 organized Journey to Germany.

I want to extend my trip for the Dresden ceremonies through Sept 15.    Y    N

I want an alternative AFTER the Journey. Please contact me.    Y    N

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