



SHORASHIM
SPECIAL MISSION
UKRAINE July 10-16, 2018



RESPECT ZOHAR ELEVANCE



Because I am a Jew

כי אני יהודי
бо я еврей

Tzohar believes that every Jewish member of Israeli society deserves the right to live as a Jew -- to have a Jewish marriage, a Jewish home, a Jewish family, and a Jewish life.

Crisis

Today, 800,000 Jews from the FSU who are living in Israel are unable to prove their Jewish roots, making it impossible for them to live Jewish lives.

We urgently need to verify their Jewish origins so they can be full members of Israeli Jewish society

We invite you to take an active part in our mission to retrieve and return desperately needed information for each of these families.



Investigate

Working from our offices across Israel, and in Moscow, Kiev and Dnipropetrovsk, Tzohar's Shorashim Forensic Investigation Unit has developed a groundbreaking methodology that combines forensic investigation techniques with expert genealogical research skills.

To date we have successfully authenticated the Jewish identity of more than 40,000 Jews.



For
your eyes
only

As a valued partner of Tzohar, we invite you to join us for a life-changing week behind the scenes in the Ukraine.

Join three Russian families as we meet with their lost relatives, seek archival and photographic evidence of their Jewish roots, and hear oral testimonies from witnesses in the towns from which their families came.

The nature of this work means that we have to operate discreetly beneath the radar. Much of what you will experience on this Mission will be for your eyes only.

That is why we are building our group of Mission participants by personal invitation only.



Rabbi David Stav
Founder and Chairman of Tzohar, Chief Rabbi of Shoham. Renowned rabbinic personality and outspoken advocate for an accessible, compassionate and embracing Judaism.



Rabbi Meir Soloveitchik
Director of The Center for Torah and Western Thought at Yeshiva University and Rabbi of Congregation Shearith Israel, NYC.



Anastassia Michaeli
Israeli journalist, television presenter, and member of the 18th Knesset. Fashion model, electronics engineer, devoted Jew, and mother of eight. Born in Leningrad in the FSU.



Chaim Topol
Israeli theatrical, film, and television actor and singer, best known for his portrayal of Tevye the dairyman in the musical Fiddler on the Roof, which took place in the Ukraine.



Nadav Kidron
Tzohar Board member, Chair of the Israel Friends of Tzohar, international lecturer, CEO & Director of Oramed Pharmaceuticals (NASDAQ: ORMP), Director of Entera Bio, Chairman of Project Innovation.



Madelaine Black
Tzohar Board member, Resource Development Chair & Mission Host. Award winning Creative and Marketing Consultant, passionate community activist.



Eliezer Lesovoy
Lecturer, translator, tour guide, professional advisor, developer of educational projects. Founder of Jewish educational tourism in Ukraine.



Shorashim's Forensic Team
Our expert Forensic Scene Investigators (FSI) team who employ forensic investigation and genealogical research techniques, and have developed a unique network of contacts.



Rotem & Rafael
... desperately need to rediscover and prove their Jewish identities in order to meet the Israeli Rabbinate's requirements in order to have a Jewish

Tuesday, July 10

Meet in Kiev for orientation, briefing & training

Overnight in Kiev



Monday, July 16

Departures from Odessa

Wednesday, July 11

Kiev – Iconic city where dreams were fulfilled yet identities were lost

Our expert guides will set the scene for our investigations whilst our Shorashim forensic investigators introduce us to their methodology, their tools for collecting evidence, and their confidential sources of information

We will visit sights connected with the city's Jewish past and present such as:

- ★ The Great Synagogue of Kiev
- ★ Golda Meir's House and Shalom-Aleikhem monument
- ★ Grotesque Soviet Victory monument
- ★ Maidan Square where the "revolution of dignity" took place in 2014
- ★ Ceremony at Baby Yar victims' memorial

Overnight in Kiev

Thursday, July 12

Travel Back to Their Future in the Pale of Settlement

We will follow the footsteps of legendary rabbis, national Israeli personalities, and the millions of Jews whose roots have been lost, whilst at the same time locating vital evidence that will enable us to rediscover the Jewish roots of our three Shorashim families.

- ★ Novohrad-Volynski
- ★ Zhitomir
- ★ Bialik's home
- ★ Jewish Alumim orphanage
- ★ Berdichev, the City of "Israel's advocate" – Rabbi Levi Yitzhak of Berdichev

Overnight in Vinnitza

Friday, July 13

Segue between shtetles and small towns in the cradle of Russian Jewry

As our investigations reach their climax, we hope to experience the excitement of our three families being reunited with important places and people of their past, and vital evidence that will seal their Jewish identity and Jewish future.

- ★ Nemirov, we shall commemorate the victims of 1648 Cossacks' rebel
- ★ Picturesque Jewish cemetery in Breslov where the Chassidic court was founded by Rebe Nachman
- ★ Palace in Tulchin
- ★ Shargorod – a classical shtetl, one of the oldest Jewish communities in Ukraine,
- ★ Medzhybizh – the famous shtetl of Baal Shem Tov and the early Chassidic scholars and rabbis.

Here in the picturesque and unforgettable village atmosphere we will celebrate our "Shabbat in the Shtetl".

Shabbat, July 14

Shabbat in the Shtetle

"May the Lord protect and defend you.
May the Lord preserve you from pain.
Favor them, Oh Lord, with happiness and peace.
Oh, hear our Sabbath prayer. Amen."
"Sabbath Prayer" (Fiddler on The Roof)

This is the real thing!

Share in the emotion and the joy of the first Shabbat experienced by our Shorashim families with their renewed Jewish identity.

Immerse in the melodies and the atmosphere, savor the inspiration and wisdom of our Special Guests, and delight in the ambience of our Tzohar group.
It is sure to be over too soon!

As Shabbat concludes, we shall enjoy a musical party accompanied by a local folk band,

Flight to Odessa and overnight there.

Sunday, July 15

"Odessa is both celebration and lament and equally impressive as both."

Encounter Odessa – a city rich in history and culture, adored by artists, sculptors, writers and poets.
Tour around the Jewish sites of Odessa.

- ★ Walk with the life stories and works of Bialik, Zhabotinsky, Lilienblum, Ahad Ha-Am and Dubnov, Sholom-Aleikhem and Mendele, Rabbi Chaim Chernovitz and many others.
- ★ Downtown of Odessa, Sea Port, Potemkin stairway, the Opera
- ★ Visit the synagogues and Jewish institutions acting in the city.

Gala Farewell Dinner



Overnight in Odessa

Shorashim is a project of Tzohar

For the last 20 years Tzohar has been identifying national Jewish issues, and successfully evolving workable solutions in response.

We are paving the way for a more ethical and joyful approach to Jewish life in Israel, and are bringing Israelis closer to their Jewish Heritage.

Our mission

Tzohar is devoted to cultivating a range of essential and meaningful grassroots Jewish ritual services, coupled with a sensitive culture of rabbinic leadership.

Our public policy work is a driving force providing solutions for Jewish social and political issues, and is positively shaping the delicate relationship between religion and State in Israel.

Our pioneering, people-centric approach to Jewish living and Jewish Identity Is based upon Ahavat Yisrael, ethical standards, Jewish law, and the richly diverse Jewish cultural nuances of 21st century Israel.

Shorashim is a shining example of Tzohar's approach

Price includes accommodation, all kosher meals and domestic flights. For the full Itinerary, further details and information, and to reserve your place on the Special Mission Ukraine 2018 please contact:

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Please note: this itinerary may be subject to change due to circumstances beyond our control.

We look forward to hearing from you.