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**"ALL GENERATIONS GATHERING " כנס כל הדורות 1944-2019**

**Thursday, MAY 16 – Monday, MAY 20 – 2019**

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בס"ד כ"ג במר-חשוון, תשע"ט

No. # 1 Newsletter

Dear Maramures All Generations,

Hope this brief letter finds you and your family in good health and in good spirits.

We at Tarbut are excited about the upcoming "2019 All Generations Gathering" and the many activities we are planning for the local High Schools, Cultural Centers, and Libraries etc. in the Region.

We will be sending a newsletter once a month as the program and details develop. Please forgive me but all newsletters and announcements etc. will be in the English languages as our Gathering is an International one. All Gathering programs will be lead in the English language with a number of programs in the Hebrew language.

I know there are many people anxious to book there flights and organize their families for this outstanding experience once in a life time. However, I would highly recommend that you book your flights the earliest six months before or later.

We look forward to welcome to the Gathering all descendants of the Maramures/ Northern Transylvania Regions- ages 13+ will benefit most of the programs, interaction during sharing time, meals and so on.

I know some people find it hard to take off during this time of the year, however the experience has such an impact of all who attended that it's a real worth once in a life time endeavor in memory of your loved ones.

### **2019 NEW IDEA**

Since 2019 marks the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary to the Deportations, we are also offering a trip to Auschwitz with a special ceremony in memory of those family members who didn't return, in Birkenau. This is an optional journey. We realize that not everyone will be interested nor can take it, but we feel it does have its merit especially in 2019, therefore we are offering for those interested.

A bus will leave Sighet on Monday mid-afternoon, with a stop in Kosice for a brief ceremony at the Holocaust monument, following the ride to Krakow and Auschwitz- Birkenau.

Following the Auschwitz ceremony we will visit important sites in Krakow and closing with dinner at the Krakow Jewish Community Center- with a special presentation by the Executive Director.

My Dear Friends, planning the Gathering takes a lot of logistics, but we are sure it can be done with our staff and your full cooperation and attention to all details.

Those who chose not travel to Auschwitz will be able to travel back to Israel, USA etc., following the Sighet Gathering.

All transportation will be arranged by Tarbut.

#### **FLIGHT OPTIONS – GATHERING ONLY FROM ISRAEL**

- Israel to Sighet back to Israel – WIZZ AIR TLV to CLUJ TO TLV

#### **FLIGHT OPTIONS – GATHERING ONLY FROM NORTH AMERICA OR EUROPE**

- USA destination to Budapest, Hungary
- Budapest to Sighet
- Sighet to Budapest
- Budapest to USA destination

#### **FLIGHT OPTIONS – GATHERING & AUSCHWITZ – BIRKENEU FROM ISRAEL**

- Israel to Sighet – WIZZ AIR TLV to Cluj,
- Sighet to Auschwitz/Krakow by bus
- Krakow to Katowice by bus,
- Katowice to Israel- WIZZAIR TO TLV

#### **FLIGHT OPTIONS – GATHERING & AUSCHWITZ- BIRKENEU FROM NORTH AMERICA**

- USA destination to Budapest, Hungary
- Budapest to Sighet
- Sighet to Auschwitz/Krakow by bus
- Krakow to Budapest by bus
- Budapest to USA destination

#### **FLIGHT OPTIONS – GATHERING & AUSCHWITZ- BIRKENEU FROM COUNTRIES PLEASE CONTACT US**

#### **HOTELS**

All Sighet hotels are reserved for our event with the exception of Gredina Morrie. Hotels are assigned by Tarbut on a first come first basis; all hotels are within walking distance to the Synagogue.

- Prices range from 150 LEI to 250 LEI, pending on single/double etc.
- All prices include a smorgasbord breakfast – between 07:00-09:30
- 10 LEI = 9 ILS = \$ 2.45 = 2.10 Euro

## **VISITS TO YOUR FAMILY HOME TOWN**

**Friday, May 17, 2019 between the hours of 08:30-13:00. Within an hour drive from Sighet**

**Please let us know early so we can coordinate all rides for Friday**

- Tarbut coordinates personal visits to villages, communities and hometowns
- All our cars are air conditions, insured and with experienced drivers.
- It is possible to extend your stay following the Gathering to visit your hometown/region etc.
- If you wish to cross the border to Ukraine, you need a full day, since the line ups at the border are very long due to slow processing.

## **PASSPORTS**

- All nationalities including EU Passports **MUST** be valid for 6 months after May, Passport must be valid until **December 2019** – let's not take chances.

## **SABBATH MEALS**

- During the Gathering, only the Friday & all Sabbath meals are provided,
- breakfast is included in the Hotel price
- Lunch & Dinners during the rest of the days, each participant eats where he wishes
- Each room has a small fridge which you will find it empty, so you can store food in it during the Gathering
- Fresh vegetables & fruits are available every day at the local market
- There are a few supermarkets within walking distance from the various hotels

Tarbut is presently looking into a number of options and negotiating with a number of Kosher caterers, to make sure the KASHRUT is recognized.

## **PROGRAM-DRAFT 2019 All GENERATIONS GATHERING**

### **Thursday, May 16, 2019**

17:00-18:00 Participants arrival Cluj & Budapest

Hotel- Check-In

19:00-20:30 Official Opening of the Gatherings

George Eminescu Hall, Sighet

## **Friday, May 17, 2019**

Dvar Torahs will be delivered by some of the participants- Friday and Saturday through all meals

08:00 - 13:00 Personal Tours around Sighet

Or

09:00 - 13:00 Sapantza ( Merry/Happy Cemetery and the Jewish Cemetery)

13:00 - 13:45 Memorial at the Sighet Train Station

13:45 - 14:45 Lunch Break

14:45 - 15:45 Book Launch at Sighet Radio Station

16:00 - 17:30 Visit Sighet Jewish Cemetery-

**Please make sure you know the names of the people you look for,so we can find it before your arrival, to avoid frustrations- as time is limited before Sabbath preparations**

## **Welcoming the Sabbath**

19:45 - Lighting Sabbath candles (Casa Iurca Hall)

20:00 - Kabblat Shabbath- Prayers at the Synagogue

20:45 - Sabbath Meal ( at Casa Iurca Hall)

## **Saturday, May 18, 2019**

08:30 - Breakfast (dinning Hall at your Hotel)

09:00 - Sabbath Prayers at the Synagogue

11:30 - Kiddush at the Synagogue

13:00 - Lunch- Casa Iurca Hotel

14:30 - Jewish Walking Tour led by Alina Merincean, Curator at Elie Wiesel Memorial House

The Museum of Jewish Culture in Maramures

16:00 - Fundatia Tarbut Sighet - Kahana Court – Reflections of Jewish Sighet Past & Future

17:00 – Sabbath Rest

18:45 – Seudah Sheleshit Casa Iurca Hotel

19:30 - Mincha and Mariv Prayers at Synagogue  
20:30 - Dinner Casa Iurca Hotel  
22:48- Havdalah Casa Iurca Hotel  
23:00 Night at the Museum International Program - Elie Wiesel Memorial House

### **Sunday, May 19, 2019**

09:00 - Sighet Monument - Memorial service..... reading names...  
09:45 - Memorial Service  
10:15 - Welcome to Sighet Municipality City Hall  
11:30 - 13:00 Lunch Break  
13:15 - Elie Wiesel Tribute - Elie Wiesel Memorial House, the Museum of Jewish Culture in Marmaraures  
16:00 - Village Museum – Visit Rabbi Drimer Memorial House  
16:45 Sighet Children Folkloric Musical Presentation  
19:30 - Cultural Evening – George Enesco Hall  
21:00 – Round Table Reflections - Sighet Maramures Family: ...I am proud because....., I came here to .... Also wondered? ”  
22:30 – Closing remarks

### **Monday, May 20, 2017**

**Program To Be Announced (TBA)**

**We welcome suggestions**

Mid-Afternoon – traveling to Auschwitz-Birkenau

### **REGISTRATION**

- All participants need to be registered officially through Tarbut
- Registration will start December 1<sup>st</sup>., when Tarbut will send the Registration Forms

Looking forward to your participation at the 2019 All Genrationos Gathering.