



"HANOAR HATZIONI IN POLAND"

An Encounter always Present... with our Past

INTRODUCTION



Hanoar Hatzioni is active in a wide range of Jewish-Zionist educational projects within 49 Jewish communities in 19 countries. Every year, as part of our educational projects, hundreds of our *madrichim* (18-22 years old) come to Israel on programmes that can last up to one year, such as getting training and studying, going on trips around Israel,

learning Hebrew, volunteering in Israeli society and staying on *kibutzim*.

Afterwards they return to their youth movements in their original communities and will lead the Jewish and Zionist educational work.

There is no doubt that their stay in Israel helps to prepare them to confront, in the near future, the challenges of modern life. **If you or a member of your family has participated in any *Hachshara* plan, you will understand how meaningful and emotional this experience can be, and how those memories accompany us, and we are touched by them every time.**

In view of this reality, a few years ago we decided to take the Jewish Zionist educational responsibility, and we arranged for all those who arrive for long term programmes in Israel to dedicate part of their stay to deepen their studies in the *Shoa*. This decision was taken because we think of the *Shoa* as a critical and defining moment in the history of our people, with which we must engage, and from which we feel and believe that individual and collective lessons must be learned.

We believe that in order to deepen and complete their *Shoa* studies, our *madrichim* should visit Poland. The trip to Poland marks a meaningful meeting between the



participant and the remnants of the *Shoa*. The trip to Poland acts as catalyst, which allows the contents to be transmitted in a unique and special way, and becomes a turning point in the Jewish identity formation of each young participant.

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Anually, we have nearly 30 young participants (out of all of the many participants that visit Israel through our programes) who need to be subsidized in order to participate in the trip to Poland.

If you have experienced the trip to Poland, or have heard of it from others, you probably know how moving, deep and necessary it is to feel our history in the place that marked each of our families.

The trip to Poland, that lasts for a week, has a total cost of 1,500 dollars per participant.

The main goal of this project is to create a special subsidies fund for the trip to Poland. In this way, we can guarantee that all those who would like to travel – even though they have financial difficulties – will be able to do so.

Every year, the *Hanoar Hatzioni* World Secretary makes special efforts to try to help subsidize some of the participants by seeking support from a range of institutions, but unfortunately until this day we have not been able to raise enough funding to subsidize 30 participants.



We hope and rely on our supporters and ex *chaverim* to become involved in supporting such an important project for the Jewish-Zionist formation of the young generation.

TARGET:

22,500 US dollars

To subsidize 50% of the total cost of the Trip to Poland for 30 participants per year. (The other 50% will be spread between the participants, other institutions and Hanoar Hatzioni.)

IMPACT:

DONATION: 18 dollars

DONATION: 72 dollars

DONATION: 375 dollars

To subsidize 25% of the cost of the Trip to Poland for 1 participant.

DONATION: 750 dollars

To subsidize 50% of the cost of the Trip to Poland for 1 participant.

DONATION: 3,750 dollars

To subsidize 50% of the cost of the Trip to Poland for 5 participants.

DONATION: 7,500 dollars

To subsidize 50% of the cost of the Trip to Poland for 10 participants.