



SHORASHIM SPECIAL MISSION UKRAINE May 15-21, 2019



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Shorashim Forensic Investigations

Mission to the Ukraine

An unforgettable journey
to reaffirm Jewish identity
and relive Jewish history.

Led by Shorashim's Forensic Investigation Team

Scholars in Residence

Rabbi Dr. Jacob J. Schacter

Rav David Stav

Join our
quest to
discover
and reaffirm
the Jewish
roots of
two Israeli
families
of Russian
descent,
whose Jewish
identities
were stolen
and lost in
the brutal
regimes of
20th century
Europe.

Our extraordinary odyssey
of Jewish history and Jewish
life will begin in Odessa and
conclude in Kiev.

Experience Shorashim's on-the-
ground forensic investigations and
genealogical research work. Uncover
evidence in the field and archives,
and discover the critical clues which
prove the Jewish roots of our Shorashim
families.

Study with our renowned scholars-in-
residence, immerse in the **fascinating**
and **moving** history of Jewish life in
the Ukraine, and learn of the heroes
who helped realize the Zionist dream.

PLACES STRICTLY LIMITED • \$10,000 Per Person

Includes a \$7,500 donation to Shorashim to sponsor
the investigation and authentication of Jewish roots for
approximately 180 Jews from the FSU who are living in Israel.

All costs are in U.S. dollars. Price includes
accommodation, kosher meals, and domestic travel.

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 Former Soviet Union who are living in Israel are unable to prove their Jewish roots, making it impossible for them to fully live Jewish lives.

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



Investigate

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

To date, we have successfully authenticated the Jewish identities of more than 50,000 Jews from the Former Soviet Union.



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

Given the confidential nature of Shorashim's work, 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 Dr. Jacob J. Schacter

Director Esteemed rabbinic leader and Jewish historian. University Professor of Jewish History and Jewish Thought and the Senior Scholar at the Center for the Jewish Future at Yeshiva University.



Rabbi Jeremy Stern

Director of North American Resource Development at Tzohar.



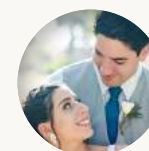
Eliezer Lesovoy

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



Shorashim's Forensic Team

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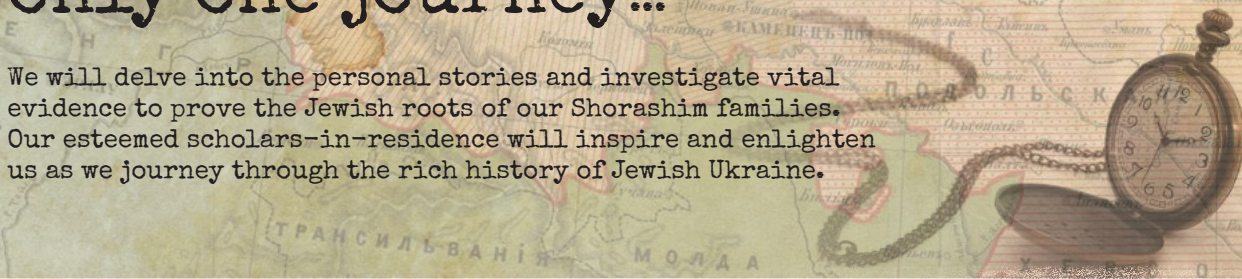


Shorashim Families

We will trace their roots in order to prove their Jewish identities and meet the Israeli Rabbinate's standards for Jewish status.

There are many paths but only one journey...

We will delve into the personal stories and investigate vital evidence to prove the Jewish roots of our Shorashim families. Our esteemed scholars-in-residence will inspire and enlighten us as we journey through the rich history of Jewish Ukraine.



Wednesday, May 15

Meet in Odessa for briefing and orientation

Our Shorashim forensic investigators will prepare us for our journey by introducing their methodology, tools for collecting evidence, and confidential sources of information.

Overnight in **Odessa**



Tuesday, May 21

Leisure time in Kiev
Late morning departure to **Kiev airport**

Thursday, May 16

Encounter Odessa, a city rich in history and culture, and adored by artists, writers, and poets

- ★ Walk with the life stories and works of Bialik, Jabotinsky, Ahad Ha'am, Dubnov, Sholem Aleichim, and many others
- ★ Experience the cultural sites of downtown Odessa
- ★ Visit the historic synagogues and Jewish institutions in the city

Overnight in **Odessa**

Friday, May 17

Travel Back in time to the Pale of Settlement!

Flight to Vinnytsia

Follow in the footsteps of legendary Chassidic rabbis and the millions of Jews whose roots have been lost, while locating vital evidence that will enable us to rediscover the Jewish roots of our two Shorashim families.

- ★ Tour Breslov, where the Chassidic court was founded by Rebbe Nachman
- ★ Celebrate our "Shabbat in the Shtetl" in the picturesque village of Medzhybizh, the famous town of the Baal Shem Tov which was the cultural center of Ukrainian Jewish life for centuries.

Overnight in **Medzhybizh**

Shabbat, May 18

Shabbat in the Shtetl: An Unforgettable Experience!

- ★ Share in the emotion and joy of Shabbat with our Shorashim couples as we reaffirm their Jewish identities.
- ★ Immerse in the melodies and the atmosphere, savor the inspiration and wisdom of our rabbinic scholars, and delight in the camaraderie of our Tzohar group.

Overnight in **Medzhybizh**

Sunday, May 19

Continue to Berditchev and Kiev to reimagine the vibrant Jewish life that once was

- ★ Visit the vast Jewish cemetery, including the "ohel" of Rabbi Levi Yitzchak of Berditchev
- ★ Learn the teachings of Rabbi Levi Yitzchak in the historic synagogue of Berditchev
- ★ Be inspired by the beauty of the great choral synagogues of Kiev
- ★ Connect to the history of Golda Meir's house and the Sholem Aleichem monument

Overnight in **Kiev**

Monday, May 20

Explore modern Kiev and share in the grief of Babi Yar

- ★ Behold the monstrous Soviet Motherland Monument
- ★ Tour Maidan Square, the Museum of Historical Treasures of Ukraine, and the Great Patriotic War Museum
- ★ Commemorate the massacre which occurred at the ghastly ravine of Babi Yar
- ★ Gala Farewell Dinner and reflection

Overnight in **Kiev**



Tzohar's Mission

Tzohar's mission is to foster vibrant and inspiring Jewish identity to guarantee the Jewish future of the State of Israel. Tzohar provides an array of Jewish lifecycle programs and services for hundreds of thousands of Israelis every year. Tzohar shapes Jewish life in Israel through advocacy and legislation and cultivates an influential and responsive religious Zionist leadership. With over 1,000 volunteers and a firm commitment to Jewish Law, Tzohar is a socially conscious movement securing an ethical, inclusive, and united Jewish society.

Shorashim is a Project of Tzohar

Shorashim is a shining example of Tzohar's approach. For the last 20 years, Tzohar has been identifying national Jewish issues and successfully implementing workable solutions in response. Tzohar is paving the way for a more ethical and joyful approach to Jewish life in Israel and is bringing Israelis closer to their Jewish heritage.

Reserve Today!

For the full itinerary and information, and to reserve your place for the Tzohar Shorashim Mission, please contact:

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Please note that this itinerary may be subject to change.

We look forward to welcoming you!