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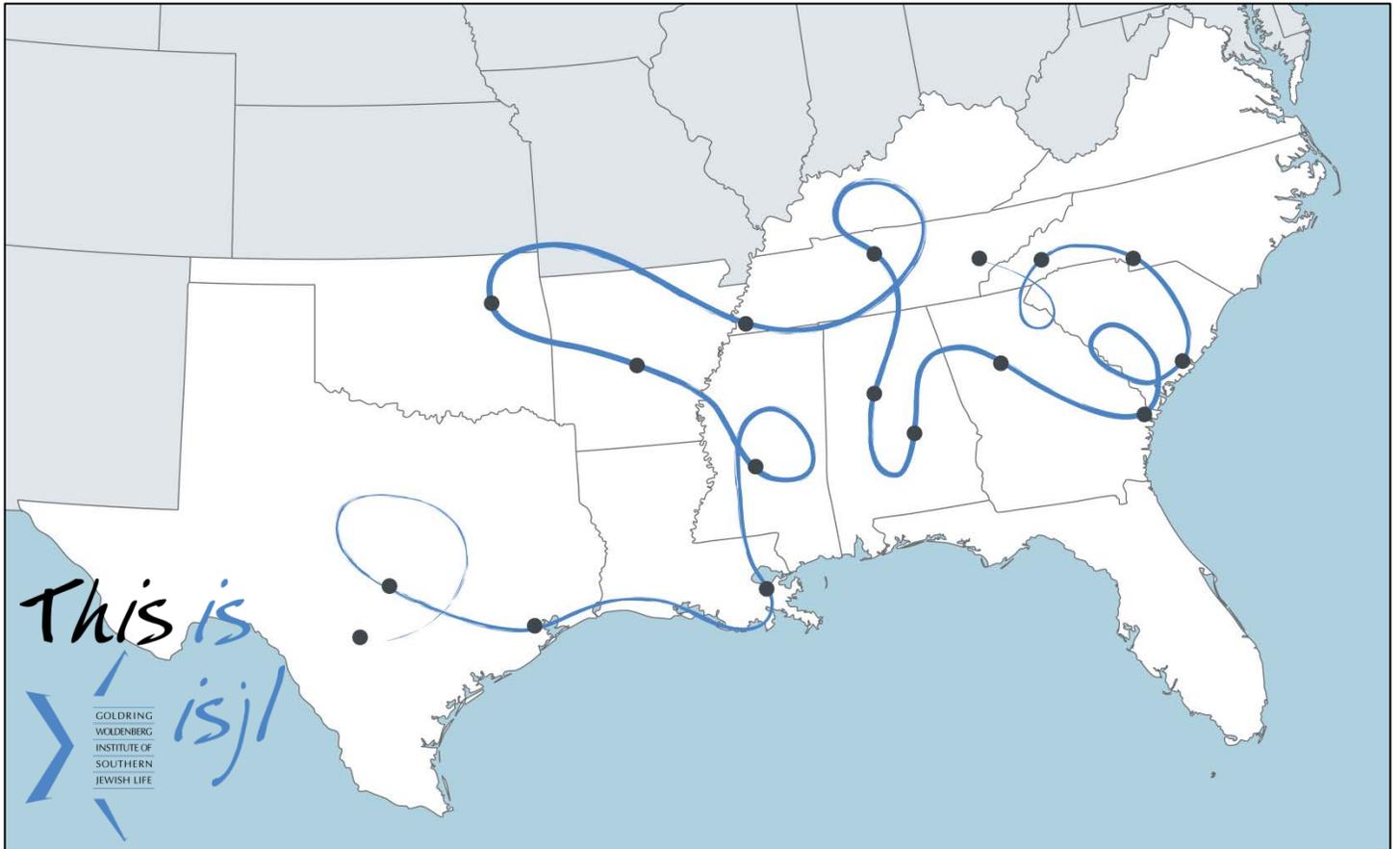
SOUTHERN JEWISH HERITAGE TOURS



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JEWISH ROUTES. SOUTHERN SOIL.



Travel along the Mississippi River from **Memphis** to **New Orleans** learning about the history of the **Delta Blues** and the **Civil Rights Movement**. Follow in the footsteps of **Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.** on the Edmund Pettus Bridge in **Selma**, Alabama. Explore the natural beauty of the **Ozarks** and the history of the **Little Rock Nine** in **Arkansas**. Attend **Shabbat services** in one of the oldest synagogues in the United States in **Charleston**, South Carolina. Take a backstage tour of the **Grand Ole Opry** in **Nashville**, Tennessee. Hike the **Appalachian Trail** in **Asheville**, North Carolina. Visit the **Breman Jewish Heritage Museum** in **Atlanta**, Georgia. **Volunteer** at a non-profit organization advancing literacy in the **Mississippi Delta**. Learn about **Jewish immigration** in **Galveston**, Texas. Get to know the **legacy of Jewish social justice** in **Jackson, Mississippi**.

Visit historic congregations and let members of the Jewish community welcome you with true southern hospitality. Taste authentic southern cuisine, meet local musicians, and take in the unique landscape of this part of the country.

FIND YOURSELF IN THE JEWISH SOUTH

PARTNERING WITH THE ISJL

The Goldring/Woldenberg Institute of Southern Jewish Life (ISJL) works as a trip consultant, allowing you to play an active role in planning your own experience. Based on initial conversations about the focus and interests of your group, we will use our network in the region to create a custom Southern Jewish Heritage itinerary.

The ISJL will:

- Facilitate a conversation with trip leaders and participants about learning goals, the needs and desires of participants, and an ideal budget to best customize the trip.
- Develop an itinerary and be available for remote assistance during the trip.
- Coordinate tours, speakers, and congregation visits for your group.
- Provide advance reading material and educational resources if desired.
- Arrange a Shabbat experience. We recommend that groups traveling with clergy offer to lead a service in a community that does not have full time rabbinical staff – a meaningful experience for community and clergy alike!

Group leaders will:

- Be responsible for all travel, hotel, and restaurant reservations and payments.
- Finalize bus itineraries.
- Be in contact with communities hosting Shabbat to discuss worship style and other logistics.
- Make a donation to any local congregations they visit to help support the continued presence of these southern Jewish communities.

We can build a variety of trips through different southern states, emphasizing southern Jewish life, Civil Rights history, and southern culture. Let our staff create a custom itinerary for your group of congregants, seniors, teens, family members, or college students. Using our contacts in the region, we can plan a variety of themed trips, including Alternative Breaks and service learning projects. We will use our resources and expertise to design a self-guided tour for your group, or you can choose to include expert tour guides and lecturers to further enrich your experience.

EXPLORE MORE

Want a guide on the ground for your southern Jewish journey?

Nora Katz, the ISJL's Director of Heritage & Interpretation, or Dr. Josh Parshall, the ISJL's Director of History, can join groups on the road for their southern Jewish tours. When either Nora or Josh travels with you, expect an experience that is part storytelling, part fact-sharing, part activity-based, and all engaging. Book them early if you're interested — availability is very limited! Get in touch to learn more about pricing for guide services.

Ready to learn more? Get in touch:

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SIGNATURE TRIP

Enjoy southern hospitality, meaningful worship services, unforgettable music, and great meals on our flagship tour.

Consider the legacy of the Civil Rights movement in “the most southern place on earth.”

MISSISSIPPI HISTORY FROM NEW ORLEANS TO MEMPHIS

Day 1-2: New Orleans | Tour Jewish New Orleans with a local historian | Visit historic congregations | Understand the war that changed the world at the National World War II Museum | Learn the artistic story of the south at the Ogden Museum of Southern Art | Dance the night away at Preservation Hall.

Day 3: Natchez, Lorman, Port Gibson, Vicksburg | Learn about Civil War history at Vicksburg National Military Park | Tour the quirky and beautiful Longwood Home | Visit historic Temple B'nai Israel in Natchez.

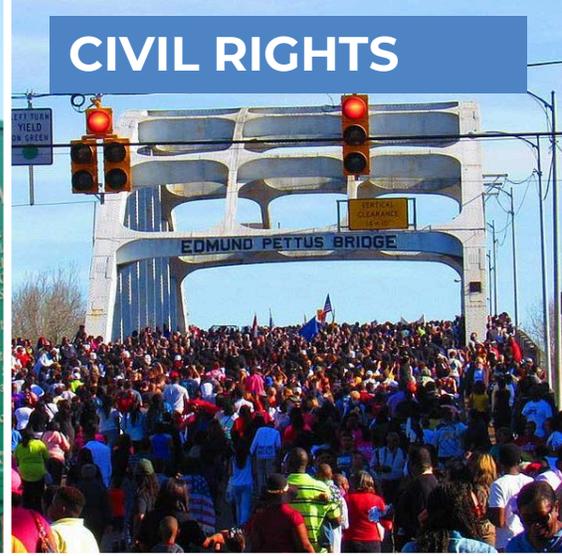
Day 4: Jackson | Get an introduction to the ISJL | Celebrate Mississippi's artists at the Mississippi Museum of Art | Engage with the past at the Museum of Mississippi History and the Mississippi Civil Rights Museum | Reflect on the legacy of Civil Rights at the Medgar Evers House Museum | Attend Shabbat services at Beth Israel Congregation.

Day 5-6: Greenwood, Indianola, Greenville, Cleveland | Contemplate the unique geography of the Delta at the Delta Center for Culture and Learning | Appreciate American music at the Grammy Museum | Learn about small-town Jewish life at Hebrew Union Temple and Museum | Sing the blues at the B. B. King Museum | Enjoy lunch with Indianola's Jewish Mayor | Engage with traumatic history at the Emmett Till Interpretive Center | Visit a traditional synagogue in Greenwood.

Day 7-8: Memphis | Consider the work still underway at the Memphis Interfaith Coalition for Action and Hope | Reflect on Dr. King's legacy at the National Civil Rights Museum and Lorraine Motel | Learn about oral history at the Center for Southern Folklore | Sing along to the hits of the 1960s at the Stax Museum | Follow in the footsteps (and dance moves) of Elvis Presley at Graceland | Bar-hop on historic Beale Street.

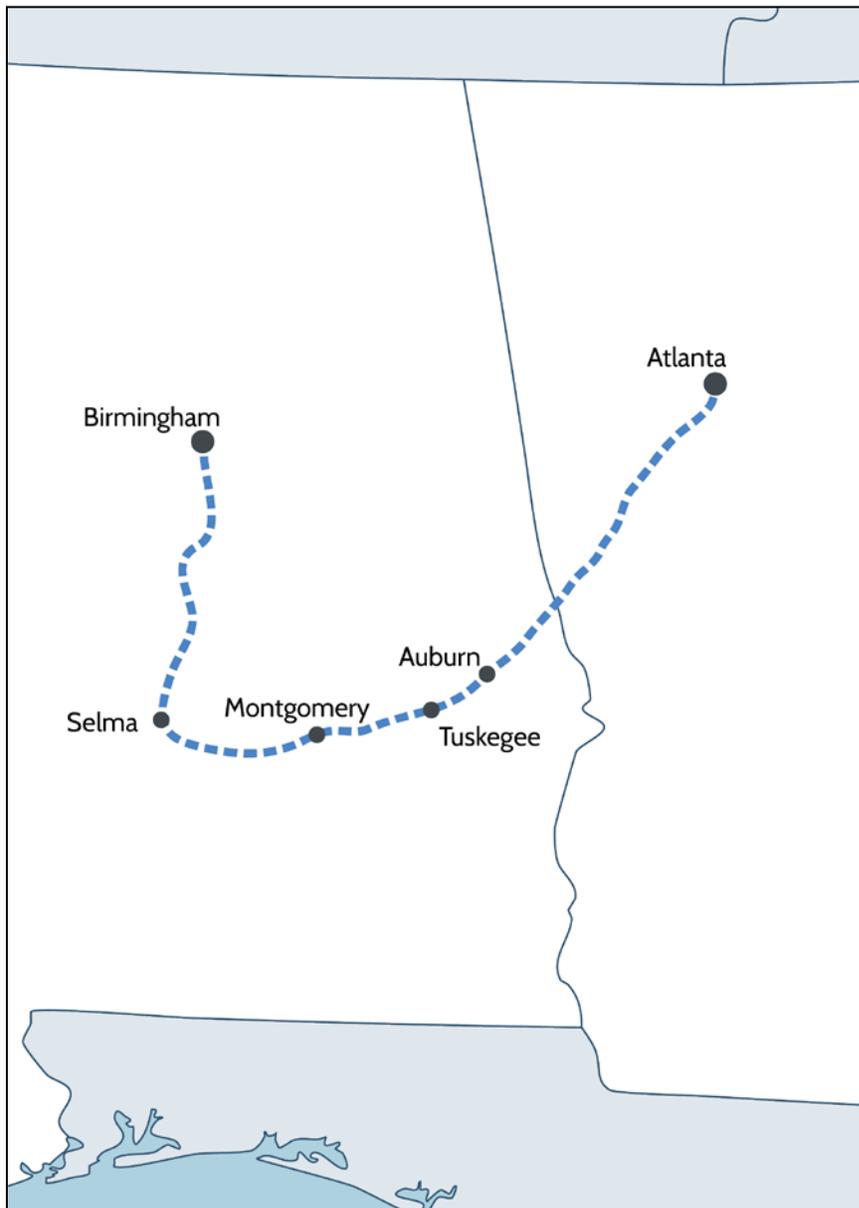
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CIVIL RIGHTS

CIVIL RIGHTS PILGRIMAGE IN GEORGIA AND ALABAMA



Understand the role Jews played in the Civil Rights movement, and consider the work still underway to repair our world.

Day 1: Birmingham | Join the struggle at the Birmingham Civil Rights Institute | Honor the memory of the four girls killed in the bombing of the 16th Street Baptist Church | Visit the state's largest Jewish congregation, Temple Emanu-El.

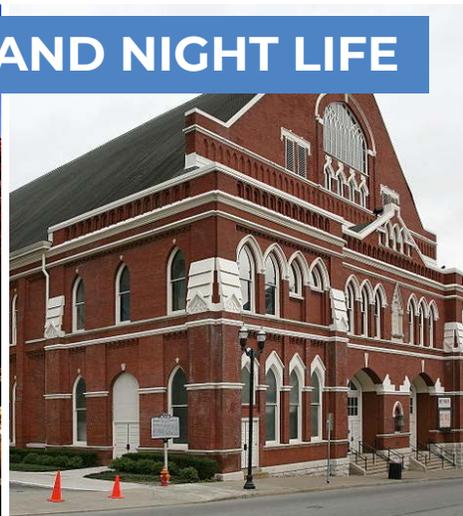
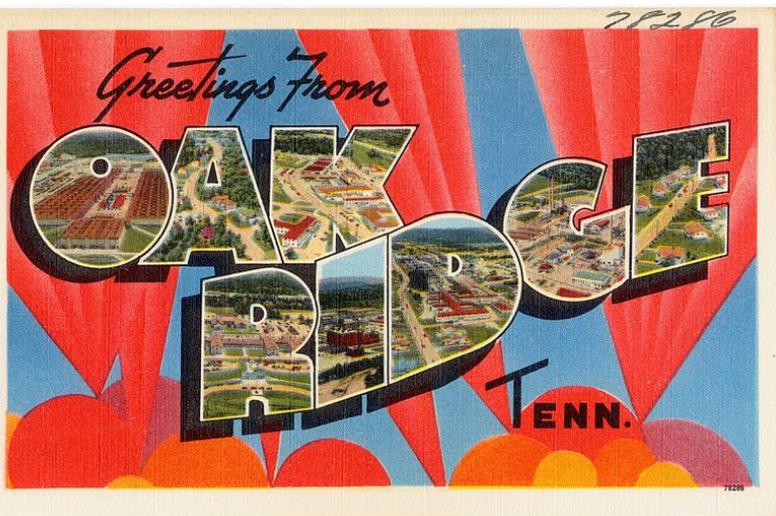
Day 2: Selma | Celebrate democracy at the National Voting Rights Museum and Institute | Begin a pilgrimage at the Brown Chapel AME Church | Stand on the shoulders of giants on the Edmund Pettus Bridge | Enter historic Temple Mishkan Israel.

Day 3: Montgomery | Drive the route from Selma to Montgomery taken by the foot soldiers in 1965 | Sit on the iconic bus at the Rosa Parks Library and Museum | Consider the impact of the Civil Rights Movement at the Southern Poverty Law Center.

Day 4: Tuskegee and Auburn | Learn about Booker T. Washington and George Washington Carver at the Tuskegee Institute | Visit Congregation Beth Shalom in Auburn.

Day 5-6: Atlanta | Visit Dr. King's burial site at the King Center for Nonviolent Social Change | Engage with social justice at the Center for Civil and Human Rights | Reflect on the Jewish past at the William Breman Jewish Heritage Museum | Attend Shabbat services.

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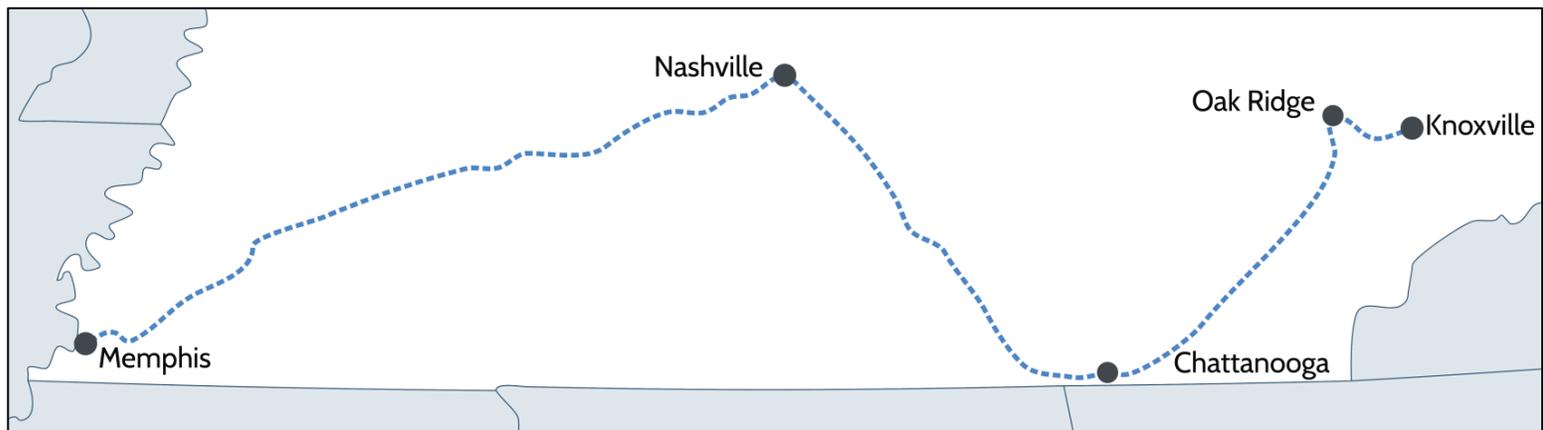


MUSIC AND NIGHT LIFE

JEWISH NUCLEAR SCIENTISTS AND COUNTRY MUSICIANS IN TENNESSEE

Dance the night away in the country music capital of the world.

Explore the little-known story of Tennessee's hidden role in the Manhattan Project.



Day 1: Knoxville and Oak Ridge | Consider the connection between Jews and the Confederacy | Appreciate the importance of Jewish community gathering places at the Knoxville Jewish Alliance | Learn about community arts initiatives from the Knoxville Public Arts Committee | Consider the legacy of Jewish nuclear scientists at the Manhattan Project National Historic Park.

Day 2: Chattanooga | Learn about grassroots public history projects at the Jewish Archives of Chattanooga | Take a scenic train journey up Lookout Mountain – “America’s most amazing mile” | Enjoy contemporary American works at the Hunter Museum of Art.

Day 3-4: Nashville | Understand the history of Jewish publishing in the offices of the *Jewish Observer* | Chat with members of a Nashville congregation | Go behind the scenes of the “Mother Church of Country Music” | Get to know Nashville’s visual arts scene | Consider complex legacies at Andrew Jackson’s Hermitage and the Belle Meade Plantation | Get a taste of Tennessee whiskey | Catch a show at the Grand Ole Opry.

Day 5-6: Memphis | Be called to action at the Memphis Interfaith Coalition for Action and Hope | Reflect on Dr. King’s legacy at the National Civil Rights Museum | Learn about oral history at the Center for Southern Folklore | Sing along to the hits of the 1960s at the Stax Museum | Follow in the footsteps (and dance moves) of Elvis Presley at Graceland | Bar-hop on historic Beale Street.

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FOODIE PARADISE



COLONIAL HISTORY AND OUTDOOR ADVENTURES IN THE CAROLINAS AND GEORGIA

Get a taste of farm-to-table delicacies in the Carolinas' gourmet food scene.

Experience early American Jewish life.

Explore the scenic Blue Ridge Mountains.

Day 1: Asheville, NC | Consider 19th century economic history at the Biltmore Estate | Understand the legacy of Black Mountain College artists at the Asheville Art Museum | Visit a congregation tucked away in the Blue Ridge Mountains.

Day 2: Appalachian Trail | Hike an iconic landscape guided by a veteran Appalachian Trail through-hiker | Enjoy a picnic lunch with 360-degree views of the Blue Ridge Mountains.

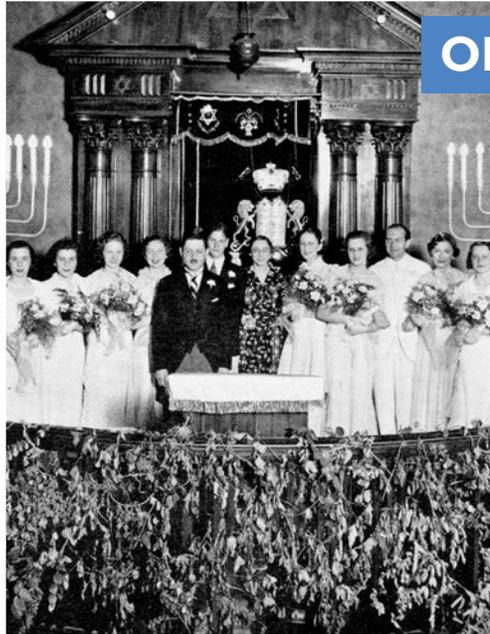
Day 3: Charlotte, NC | Explore contemporary southern identities at the Levine Museum of the New South | Take a tour of the hub of Charlotte's Jewish community | Feel the adrenaline on a guided rafting adventure at the U.S. National Whitewater Center.

Day 4: Columbia, SC | Get to know heritage professionals involved with the Columbia Jewish Heritage Initiative | Explore Reconstruction and presidential history at the Woodrow Wilson Family Home | Attend Shabbat services.

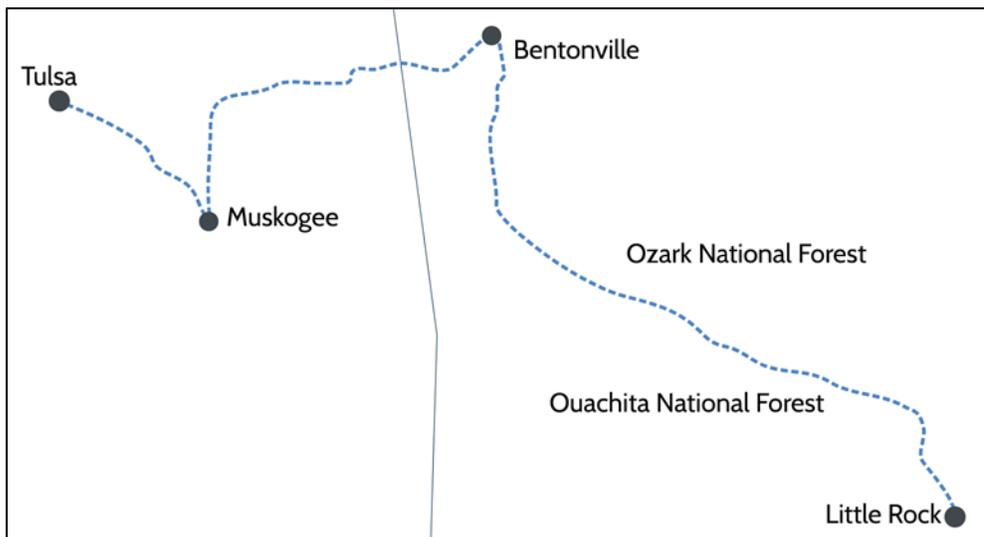
Day 5: Charleston, SC | Explore Jewish heritage in the city that was once the largest Jewish community in the U.S. | Get to know signers of the Declaration of Independence at Middleton Place | Spend time exploring the Jewish Heritage Collection at the College of Charleston | Take a tour of one of the oldest synagogues in the United States | Learn about Native American history at the Charleston Museum.

Day 6-7: Savannah, GA | Take a walking tour of Jewish Savannah | Explore historic Bonaventure Cemetery | Go on a lunchtime food crawl of Savannah's hidden culinary gems | Visit the site of the first black Sunday school in North America | View the oldest Torah scrolls in the United States.

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CIVIL RIGHTS AND ECONOMIC HISTORY IN OKLAHOMA AND ARKANSAS



Explore the history of the Dust Bowl.

Marvel at the birthplace of Walmart and the Jewish community it created.

Walk in the footsteps of giants at Little Rock High School.

Day 1: Tulsa and Muskogee | Learn about the impact of the Dust Bowl at the Woody Guthrie Center | Snap a photo at the Center of the Universe | Appreciate the legacy of Jewish art and artists at the Sherwin Miller Museum of Jewish Art | Take to the skies at the Tulsa Air and Space Museum | Tour former Jewish businesses in Muskogee's streets.

Day 2: Bentonville | Understand the cultural impact of 20th century entrepreneurship at the Walmart Museum | Visit the Northwest Arkansas Chabad | Explore Victorian Bentonville | Learn about indigenous heritage at the Museum of Native American History | Wander through a Frank Lloyd Wright house.

Day 3: The Ozarks | Go underground at Blanchard Springs Caverns | Wander through the Ozark-St. Francis National Forests | Paddle the scenic Mulberry River.

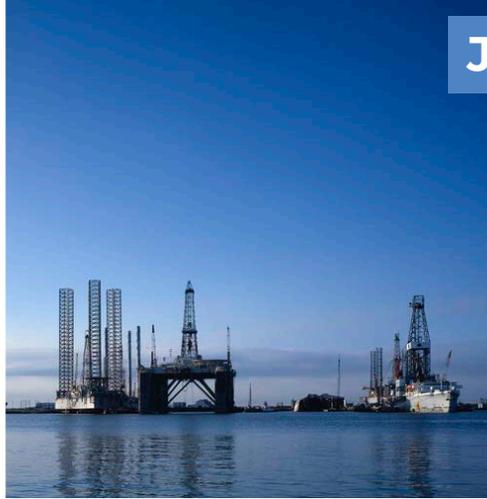
Day 4: Little Rock | Walk in the footsteps of the Little Rock Nine at Central High School | Visit a full-size replica of the Oval Office at the Clinton Presidential Library | Learn about Arkansas women at the Old State House Museum | Be educated about global hunger and sustainable architecture at Heifer Village | Attend Shabbat services.

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Sample all the craft beer Austin has to offer.

Remember the Alamo in San Antonio.

Get to know the Texas oil economy along the Gulf coast.



JEWISH IMMIGRANTS AND SOUTHWESTERN INFLUENCES IN TEXAS

Day 1-2: Austin | Consider the legacy of the War on Poverty at the Lyndon B. Johnson Presidential Library | Go for a swim in Barton Springs Pool | Visit a historic synagogue that was moved to the Austin JCC in 2015 | Build up your craft beer credibility by sampling sips at Austin's best breweries | Catch a show at the Austin Jewish Repertory Theater.

Day 3: San Antonio | Experience Spanish colonial history in San Antonio's missions and cathedrals | Get to know the Southwest at the Briscoe Western Art Museum and the Institute of Texan Cultures | Consider the complexities of commemoration at the Alamo | Celebrate diverse cultural heritage at the San Antonio Museum of Art and the McNay Art Museum | Take a moment to reflect at the Holocaust Memorial Museum of San Antonio.

Day 4-5: Houston | Take a bus tour of Jewish Houston | Spend time in contemplation at the Rothko Chapel, featuring 14 Mark Rothko murals | Nosh on blintzes and brisket at Houston's Jewish deli | Revel in diverse cultural practices at the National Funeral Museum | Enjoy a hearty meal with many generations of Houston Jews | Catch a show at the Houston JCC's Jewish Plays Project.

Day 6: Galveston | Celebrate the vibrancy of contemporary Jewish life at local congregations | Understand the realities of life in the oil industry at the *Ocean Star* Offshore Drilling Rig Museum | Walk in Victorian footsteps at the Bishop's Palace and the Moody Mansion.

Day 7: Beaumont | Get to know the east Texas oil economy at the Texas Energy Museum | Take an early 20th-century etiquette class at the McFaddin-Ward House | Watch a reenactment of the pivotal discovery of oil at Spindletop | Learn the history of Jews and oil at Temple Emanuel.

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