

Help us *rekindle* the light of Jewish life in Poland!



Programs of Beit Polska

Beit Polska's offerings go beyond Sabbath and holiday observance. There is a regular schedule of study opportunities in Warsaw and study weekends for those who come from other communities. There are programs for those who seek knowledge of their Jewish roots. There is training for prayer leaders and cantors (shatzim) to serve dispersed communities in Poland. We also welcome anyone who wants to expand his or her Jewish knowledge, to deepen his or her Jewish practice and/or to formally convert.

Beit Polska Highlights

- Publication of the first Hebrew/Polish Progressive Siddur (prayer book) in Europe since World War I.
- International concerts featuring prayer leaders from Poland and the United States.
- "Bogdan's Journey", a documentary concentrating on Polish-Jewish dialogue.
- Translation of books to broaden Jewish identity.



*Photo:
Hazzan Mike Stein,
Director of Lay
Cantors Program*

Beit Polska Tomorrow

Beit Polska continues to expand and enrich the lives of people seeking Jewish communal life. A critical part of the future requires lay and rabbinic leadership. At the present time, there are three Polish speaking rabbinical students. We are also launching a new initiative, The Tikun Olam Society that aims to address issues of societal concern in Poland, like health security, senior care, minority rights, hospice, environmental concerns etc. These are the growing pains of success! We are developing a series of comprehensive plans for future directions for Jewish life in Poland. A draft of those plans can be found at <http://rabbibeliakblog.org/omnibus-future-directions>.

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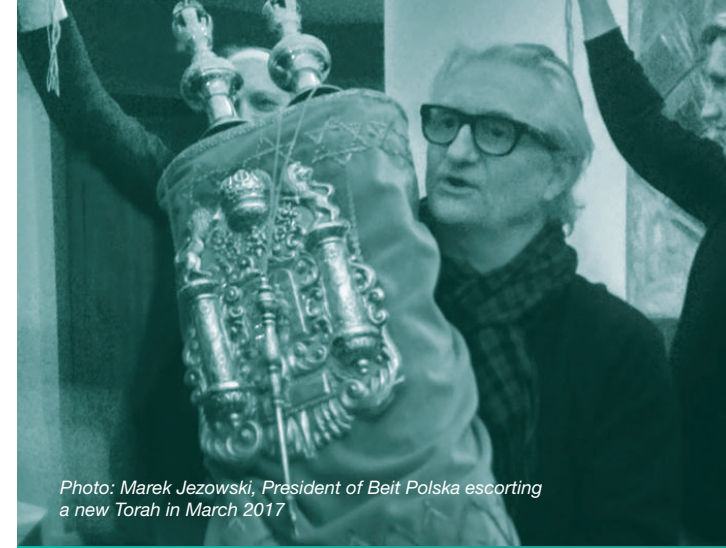


Photo: Marek Jezowski, President of Beit Polska escorting a new Torah in March 2017

Your Invitation to a Miracle!

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Beit Polska: Progressive Jewish Congregations in Poland

Beit Warszawa/Warsaw and Growing
Beit Konstancin/Warsaw
Beit Trojmiasto/Tri-Cities
Gdansk and Growing
Beit Centrum/Warsaw (in process)

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Photos: (Left) Getting ready for a school play; (Right) Beit Polska Board Member, Piotr Stasiak and Rabbi Haim Dov Bellak at the dedication of new Progressive Synagogue in Gdansk, Beit Trojmiasto

A Miracle! We are raising a new generation of progressive Jews in Poland.

What is Beit Polska?

Founded in 1995, to provide communities throughout Poland for Poles in their quest to learn about Judaism. The flagship congregation, Beit Warszawa, was founded in 1995 by Holocaust survivor Severyn Ashkenazy and philanthropist Princess Irina Sayn-Wittgenstein. Now, with the help of the World/European Union for Progressive Judaism and Friends of Jewish Renewal in Poland, a vibrant and increasingly independent country-wide movement is developing. Beit Polska's national chairman is Mr. Marek Jezowski.

Why Beit Polska?

Today individuals and families from all corners of Poland are discovering or acknowledging their Jewish roots... the father who hid his origins in the deadly climate of Nazism and Communist anti-Semitism, the mother who raised her children as Christians hoping to spare them from hatred and intolerance, the children who as adults are seeking answers to the mysteries of their family history. Even many Polish non-Jews want to explore Judaism and its culture.

Where is Beit Polska?

The organization of Beit Polska is located in Warsaw, but it reaches across Poland to include 4 congregations and 7 havurot (social organizations). Beit Warszawa is the flagship congregation located in a suburb of Warsaw. Additionally, efforts to develop Progressive Jewish communal life are under way in Bialystok, Lublin, Lodz, Katowice, Konstancin, Gdansk (including Sopot and Gdynia) Zielona Gora, Torun, downtown Warsaw, and Wrocław.



Photo: Dr. Halina Postek and Dr. Dominika Zakrzewska, teachers in the Step by Step Program

Sponsorship Opportunities

Scholarships for teens, conferences, Ambassadors of Judaism	\$500
One Year of "Second Step" Adult Bar/Bat Mitzvah preparation (one person)	\$1,000
Scholarships for "Step by Step" adult conversion (one person)	\$1,000
Religious Preschool (3 months) - Shabbat Gam Yachad	\$2,500
Teachers/prayer leaders for a month	\$2,500
Training a Progressive Jewish burial society	\$5,000
Sponsor a Holiday event (Seder, Hanukah, or Purim)	\$5,000
Sponsor a year of "your Beit's" congregation expenses	\$10,000
Tikkun Olam Society - Religious Action Centerr	\$10,000
Help us create a horizon: planning, training, and organizing leaders for the future	\$15,000
First modern Polish speaking rabbi in Poland	\$100,000

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