

AYELET'S "Traveling University"

Civil War and Southern Jewish Heritage Cruise



with our Scholar-In-Residence

Professor Stephen Berk

From \$2,599

per person, based on double occupancy

MARCH 23-30, 2007

Tour Includes

- Roundtrip Steamboat Cruise from New Orleans
- 7 nights aboard the luxurious Mississippi Queen
- Sumptuous Meals on board
- 4 American Jewish history shore excursions
- Historic Natchez Spring Pilgrimage Pageant

Cabins:

- J: \$2,599 – Inside, two single beds
 - E: \$2,999 – Outside, doors open to deck, two single beds
 - C: \$3,399 – Deluxe Outside, large bay window, two single beds
 - B: \$3,599 – Superior Outside, private veranda, two single beds
 - BB: \$3,699 – Superior Veranda, deck or private veranda; two single beds
- *Prices per person, based on double occupancy

Featured Highlights

- **The Ayelet Difference: Lectures by Professor Stephen Berk**
- Special tour of Jewish Natchez with the Museum of the Southern Jewish Experience including Temple Bnai Israel
- Historic Natchez Spring Festival Pageant
- Vicksburg Anshei Chesed Cemetery, Historic BB club (Bnai Birth) Vicksburg Battlefield
- St. Francisville Hebrew Rest Cemetery and the Rosedown Plantation
- Magnificent Oak Alley Plantation – the Grande Dame of the great River Road.
- Optional pre-cruise tour of New Orleans with special Jewish Highlights
- Meet with representatives from Jewish Communities

Dr. Stephen M. Berk is a Professor of History at Union College in Schenectady, New York. He has been named the Henry and Sally Schaeffer Chair of Holocaust and Jewish Studies at Union College. Dr. Berk is considered a superb lecturer and teacher. He is the author of *Year of Crisis, Year of Hope: Russian Jewry and the Pogroms of 1881-1882* and is presently writing a book entitled, *Our People Are Your People: American Jewry and the Struggle for Civil Rights 1854-1965*. Dr. Berk is also the author of many articles on Eastern Europe, Russian Jewish History, anti-Semitism and American policy in the Middle East. He has lectured in numerous cities for UJA and Israel Bonds as well as at many colleges and universities throughout the United States. Dr. Berk has led numerous trips to Russia, Spain, Europe, Israel and Eastern Europe. It is a privilege to have him with us!



Proposed Itinerary

Day 1, Friday, March 23, 2007: We depart New Orleans at 6:00pm on the Mississippi Queen.

Day 2, Saturday, March 24, 2007: We arrive at Oak Alley at 8:00am. We tour the Magnificent Oak Alley plantation known as the "Grande Dame of the Great River Road" with a quarter mile canopy of giant live oak trees.

Day 3, Sunday, March 25, 2007: We arrive in lovely St. Francisville. This charming town had a large Jewish Community by the peaceful shaded cemetery – Hebrew Rest receives meticulous care from the last remaining Jewish resident of St. Francisville. We'll pass a forlorn white building – once a synagogue and a church but now abandoned, on our way to Rosedown – the Queen of Feliciana Parish Plantations. We depart at 5:00pm.

Day 4, Monday, March 26, 2007: We arrive in Natchez at 2:00pm. We disembark for our special American Jewish Heritage tour of Natchez. We will tour Temple Bnai Israel built in 1905 and home to the oldest Jewish Congregation in Mississippi (1843). We will see beautiful homes built by the Jews. We enjoy a buffet dinner on the boat at the Pilgrimage. Tonight we celebrate spring at the historic Natchez Pageant. Our steamboat sails from Natchez at 11:00pm.

Day 5, Tuesday, March 27, 2007: We arrive in Historic Vicksburg at 8:00am. Jews have lived in Vicksburg since the early 1800s. We see the modern temple and visit Historic Anshei Chesed Cemetery adjacent to the National Military Park, and historic "BB" (Bnai Brith) club now owned by the city. We view important sites from the Siege of Vicksburg and return to our steamboat for a 1:00pm departure.

Day 6, Wednesday, March 28, 2007: Day at leisure - steamboatin' on the Mississippi.

Day 7, Thursday, March 29, 2007: We arrive in the charming and historic Helena at 8:00am, for a brief visit before we depart for our final destination – Memphis, TN at 1:00pm.

Day 8, Friday, March 30, 2007: We arrive in Memphis, TN at 9:00am.

Tour does not include: Port taxes (approximately \$149.00 per person – subject to change), any border taxes or visas, tips, driver and dining room waiters travel insurance (highly recommended) or items of a personal nature, \$15.00 shipping charge. Please contact Ayelet Tours for single supplement rates. \$100 per person charge if cancelled once booked. \$250 per person charged if cancelled 60-31 days before departure. 100% penalties apply if cancelled 30 days or less before departure. Additional Airline penalties may apply.

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YES! I want to join Professor Stephen Berk on the Civil War
and Southern Jewish Heritage Cruise in
March of 2007!

I am sending this form with a \$500.00 per person deposit, payable to Ayelet Tours, Ltd.

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