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Dear Parents and Alumni,

After a very successful and exciting first independent, Reishit Trip to Poland last year, we are excited to announce this year's Reishit trip departing for Prague on March 21, 2012. The return flight to Israel will be on Thursday, March 29th. We've designed an inspiring itinerary and comprehensive educational schedule. Our journey will focus on important historic Torah centers, and examine and celebrate Jewish life in Eastern Europe by visiting ancient shuls, the resting places of Gedolim, Chassidic Rebbes & extraordinary Jews, and communities of pre-War Poland and Prague. We will bear witness to the horrors of the Shoah together, and BE"H, emerge more informed, inspired and committed to our tradition and People.

In years past, our talmidim have experienced Poland with outside organizations and private tour providers. In recent years families have found the increase in price to be prohibitive, and many talmidim have not been able to participate as a result. Running our own trip has numerous obvious educational, pedagogic and logistic benefits, not least of which is the **reduced price of \$2,000** – hundreds of dollars less than last year's Heritage program. And this year for the first time we will be visiting two countries, Poland and Prague in the Czech Republic.

The cost of the program is all inclusive:

- Round-trip airfare from Israel to Prague
- Full board and hotel accommodations throughout
- Traveler's insurance
- Modern, air conditioned coach buses
- Accompaniment by security guard
- Transportation from Reishit to the airport
- Comprehensive Jewish Guide & Educational Map of Poland
- Embroidered "Reishit Fleece"

Logistic arrangements are being coordinated through Shorashim / Diesenhause-Unitours, one of the largest and most experienced tour providers to Eastern Europe.

“Shorashim/ Diesenhause-Unitours” work in conjunction with Israel’s Ministry of Education, and facilitate travel to Poland for over 5,000 Israeli students annually.

Parents, Grandparents & Alumni are invited to join us!

Parents, Grandparents or alumni who want to join our trip are welcome to travel with the yeshiva flight from Israel or to meet us in Prague on March 21. If you would like help with travel arrangements in Europe (side trips, etc.) you can contact us and we will be happy to help you. However, if you are not a Reishit student you must arrange your own travel insurance. For those meeting us in Prague, there is a reduced rate of \$1560.

****To ensure a spot for you and/ or your son, please make sure to register by January 8, 2012 / 13 Tevet 5772.***

Below you will find relevant registration, travel and insurance forms; they may be faxed to our office at 718-766-7742 or scanned and emailed to: Rashie@reishit.org.

We look forward to your participation and to sharing this most meaningful experience together.

B'vracha,
Rav Elie Marcus