



# CONGREGATION KOL AMI

PASSOVER TOUR TO ST. PETERSBURG & THE BALTICS | MARCH 28—APRIL 5, 2007

LED BY: CANTOR MO GLAZMAN & DR. CAROLE B. BALIN

### ALL THIS IS INCLUDED:

- Flights: New York - St. Petersburg Vilnius - New York
- First Class Overnight Sleeper Train from St. Petersburg—Riga
- Accommodations in Moderate-Deluxe Hotels
- All transfers
- 12 meals: 7 buffet breakfasts, 1 lunch and 4 dinners (including 2 Seders)
- All sightseeing
- Private motor coaches featuring large panoramic windows, reclining seats and footrests
- Friendly and professional English speaking tour educator, licensed guide
- All program and entrance fees
- ARZA World neck cushions, luggage straps and name tags

**NOT INCLUDED:** Airport Taxes, September 11th Security fee & fuel surcharge, tips to guides and driver

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Cost: \$178 per person.

Dear Friend of Congregation Kol Ami

Eastern Europe, specifically the Baltic Republics and Russia, are the cities from which many of our families originate. Prior to the Holocaust they were considered major centers of Jewish life and learning. The pre-World War II statistics indicated an astonishing Jewish population and thriving culture. Vilnius' Jewish population was nearly 100,000, about forty-five percent of the city's total and the country was strewn with some two hundred Jewish communities sustaining the lives and livelihoods of about 240,000 people. Vilnius had 105 synagogues and six daily Jewish newspapers many of which were in Yiddish.

The post-war numbers are horrifying: Only 24,000 Jews survived; 90 percent of the Jews had been murdered. Vilnius' Jewish population today is 5,000, a mere five percent of what it once was. The country is home to only 6,500 Jews, including 200 Holocaust survivors. There is only one Jewish newspaper, and only one synagogue and few people speak Yiddish anymore. The histories of Kaunas, Riga and St. Petersburg reveal similarly tragic statistics.

Today these communities are seeing a rebirth of Jewish life and in partnership with ARZA I have been developing an itinerary for a 9 day trip to St. Petersburg, Latvia and Lithuania from March 28 – April 5 2007. We will embark on a guided tour of pertinent Jewish sites, including museums, synagogues and ghettos. We will experience the exceptional culture and great food of these cities and we will connect with local Liberal Jewish communities. We will attend concerts and ballets and we will explore the richness of the arts in Eastern Europe. Most importantly, we will train as a team of Seder leaders equipped musically and liturgically to lead Seders for households that need our help in celebrating Passover. Though we ended last year's Seder with "next year in Jerusalem," please join us and consider the possibilities of spending Pesach "next year in the Baltic's and Russia."

Sincerely,

*Cantor Mo Glazman & Dr. Carole B. Balin*



TOUR TO RUSSIA	AIR & LAND	SINGLE SUPPLEMENT
March 28 –April 5, 2007	\$2,999	\$435
Rates are per person based on double occupancy and a minimum of 25 participants. *Child rates are available, enquire upon registration.		

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Dr. Balin is a Professor of Jewish History at the New York campus of Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion from which she was ordained. While she teaches courses on the sweep of Jewish history - ancient, medieval, modern and American - her area of specialization is Jews in Eastern Europe. Dr. Balin's book *To Reveal Our Hearts: Jewish Women Writers in Tsarist Russia*, which won a Koret Publication Prize, offers a nuanced portrait of Jewish women within their Russian-Jewish milieu that reaches beyond the stereotypes of *balebuste* (housewife) and revolutionary currently held in collective Jewish memory.

