



Capstone Teen Study Tour
Civil Rights Journey to the American South
February 17 – 20, 2024

~ Frequently Asked Questions ~

1. **Cost:** The cost per person including round-trip airfare from Pittsburgh to Atlanta, three-nights in a hotel (double-occupancy), charter bus, all meals beginning Monday morning (except for one dinner), entrance fees, and Etgar 36 staff will be **\$1,240 per teen participant**.

A subsidy of \$740, provided by the Federation, reduces this cost to **\$500 per teen participant**.

2. **Can food issues be accommodated?** With advance notice, we can accommodate kosher, vegetarian, vegan, peanut allergies, and gluten free diets. Participants do need to realize that we will be in the deep south and are taking advantage of local cuisine. People with dietary concerns are encouraged to bring their snacks and supplemental food that they can keep on the bus.
3. **Do the hotel rooms have refrigerators in them?** Yes. There are mini fridges in the rooms.
4. **How big is the bus?** A full bus has 50 participants (not including the Etgar 36 staff).
5. **Are there chargers on the bus?** Yes. Each seat has an outlet to charge phones, etc.

6. **Is there Wi-Fi on the bus?** Yes. There will be spots along the route where service is not available.
7. **Is there a bathroom on the bus?** Yes, and we will make scheduled bathroom stops on long rides.
8. **Is there a bus that accommodates wheelchairs?** Yes. We will need to know as far in advance as possible to guarantee that we have that bus available for our group. We also have access to buses that do knell to the curve and/or we have a step we use to make getting on and off easier for those who need it. We can also put a scooter under the bus.
9. **Will we have the same bus with us the whole time and can we leave things on it?** Yes. The driver will be on the bus the whole time, or it will be locked up overnight.
10. **How much walking is there on the trip?** The longest blocks of walking are in the EJI Memorial in Montgomery, which is about a ½ mile, and when we walk across the Edmund Pettus Bridge, in Selma, which is about a ¼ of a mile.
11. **Is there time for reflection on the trip?** Yes, there will be organization time for personal and group reflection.
12. **Is there a dress code for the trip?** No. Participants should dress for the weather and comfort (layers are recommended). We are outside for much of the trip. Casual nice is fine for Sunday morning Church services (but no graphic tee shirts).

Suggested Pre-Trip Reading List:

"Just Mercy" – Bryan Stevenson. He is the Founder and Director of the Equal Justice Initiative

"March" by Congressman John Lewis. This is a 3-part graphic novel about the Selma to Montgomery march.

The Taylor Branch trilogy about Dr. King: "Parting the Waters: America in the King Years 1954-63"

"Pillars of Fire: America in the King Years 1963- 65" "At Canaan's Edge: America in the King Years 1965-68."

"The New Jim Crow: Mass Incarceration in the Age of Colorblindness" by Michelle Alexander

"The Quiet Voices: Southern Rabbis and Black Civil Rights, 1880s to 1990s" by Mark Bauman and Berkley Kalin

"Going South: Jewish Women in the Civil Rights Movement" by Debra Schultz

"Troubling the Waters: Black-Jewish Relations in the American Century" by Cheryl Lynn Greenberg