

SHELANU & ETGAR 36 CIVIL RIGHTS JOURNEY

January 14–17, 2027

What is Etgar 36?

Etgar 36 is an immersive Civil Rights journey through the American South. Rather than simply learning about history in a classroom, teens meet people who were at the center of the Civil Rights Movement and hear their personal stories.

What is the Jewish connection?

The journey explores the important role Jews played in the Civil Rights Movement while asking a larger Jewish question: What does our history of experiencing oppression teach us about our responsibility to stand up when others are being oppressed? Participants will learn about Jewish individuals who participated in the movement and consider the Jewish tradition of social activism and responsibility.

Sample Trip Itinerary

 DAY	 HIGHLIGHTS
THU • JAN 14  ATLANTA	- Airport pickup in Atlanta - Introduction to the journey's theme - Leo Frank story: learn about the 1915 lynching of Leo Frank and its impact on Jewish identity in the South  Overnight: Fairfield Inn, Fairburn, GA
FRI • JAN 15  ATLANTA → MONTGOMERY	ATLANTA → MONTGOMERY 8:00 AM depart for Montgomery after hotel breakfast 10:00 AM Introduction to Rosa Parks & Montgomery Bus Boycott 10:30 AM Rosa Parks Museum 12:30 PM lunch 2:00 PM National Memorial for Peace and Justice 3:30 PM Equal Justice Initiative's Legacy Museum 5:15 PM depart for Shabbat services 6:00 PM Shabbat services, pizza dinner  Overnight: Fairfield Inn, Montgomery
SAT • JAN 16  SELMA	MONTGOMERY → SELMA → BIRMINGHAM → ATLANTA 8:30 AM depart for downtown Montgomery after hotel breakfast 9:00 AM EJI Freedom Sculpture Garden 10:00 AM Depart for Selma; box lunch pickup 12:15 PM Selma tour & Edmund Pettus Bridge - Meet someone who was beaten during the march and hear her story - Learn about Rabbi Abraham Joshua Heschel and his involvement 2:15 PM depart for Birmingham 4:15 PM Birmingham contextualization 4:30 PM 16th Street Baptist Church & Kelly Ingram Park - Meet the "Fifth Little Girl" who survived the bombing 5:45 PM dinner at Pizitz Food Hall  Overnight: Fairfield Inn, Fairburn, GA
SUN • JAN 17  ATLANTA	ATLANTA 8:30 AM depart after hotel breakfast 9:00 AM King Center & Auburn Avenue neighborhood - See the historic neighborhood where Dr. King was born, preached, and is buried 10:00 AM Sunday morning service at Ebenezer Baptist Church 11:45 AM lunch at Ponce City Market (on your own) 1:00 PM depart for airport

PARENT FAQ • PRACTICAL DETAILS

Can you accommodate food allergies or dietary needs?

We are traveling through the Deep South, but Etgar 36 can accommodate the following:

- Vegetarian
- Vegan — participants should bring their own snacks/supplemental food
- Nut allergies
- Lactose intolerance & dairy allergies

What should my teen expect?

Expect a weekend that is busy, meaningful, and sometimes challenging. Teens will learn history, hear personal stories, spend time together, experience different communities, and have opportunities to reflect on what they are seeing and hearing. Most importantly, we hope they return home asking: “What can I do with what I have learned?”

What are the estimated trip costs?

The following provide the estimated trip costs and important dates. Each Synagogue may also choose to help support the cost of the trip for their teen members. The following chart does not include dinner on Thursday, lunch on Sunday or tips for the driver.

 ESTIMATED TRIP COSTS 				
GROUP SIZE 		COST PER PERSON	 TO HAVE FEWER PEOPLE IN A ROOM	
ROOM OCCUPANCY			ADDITIONAL COST PER PERSON	
 25 – 51 PEOPLE		\$975 per person	 3 IN A ROOM	ADD \$165 per person in that room to price of trip
 20 – 24 PEOPLE		\$1,095 per person	 2 IN A ROOM	ADD \$265 per person in that room to price of trip
 AIRLINE (ESTIMATED)		 LEAVE CVG Thursday at 5:50 PM land in ATL at 7:26 PM	 RETURN TO CVG leave ATL at 3:58 PM arrive in CVG at 5:21 PM	\$391 per person
 IMPORTANT DATES				
 SIGN-UPS BEGIN AUGUST 25	 MUST HAVE 20 PEOPLE BY OCTOBER 1	 CLOSE SIGN-UPS & PAYMENTS DUE NOVEMBER 1	 PRE-TRIP EDUCATION EARLY JANUARY	 POST-TRIP CONCLUSION WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 20