

## The Germany Close Up Fellowship

A Program for Young Jewish Professionals in Cooperation with *Classroom Without Borders*

August 5<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup>, 2013

Established in October 2007, *Germany Close Up – American Jews Meet Modern Germany* is an initiative created to enrich transatlantic dialogue and provide Jewish American young emerging leaders up to 35 with an opportunity to experience modern Germany up close and personally. A generous government scholarship (a part of the ERP Special Assets of the German Ministry for Economics and Technology) covers more than two thirds of participation costs, which leaves a participation fee of **\$950** per person. At the same time, Germany Close Up is an independent body regarding the organization and contents of its programs. The purpose of the program is to allow participants to gain *their own perspective* on Germany through individual experience.

The trips are designed as an exposure to a myriad of facets that form modern Germany, with both the past and present in focus. Every GCU trip entails a number of activities, tours and meetings. The different groups will meet German opinion makers from academic life and from across political spectrum as well as representatives of grassroots movements and German peers. All the trips cover issues of Germany's terrible past and its efforts to deal with the memory of the Holocaust and the Nazi terror up to this very day. They will also consider its transformation in the last 60 years into a modern, reunified, and democratic country in the heart of the European Union, home to the third-fastest growing Jewish community worldwide. Observing Shabbat and keeping a kosher diet are both possible on all GCU trips.

**The 11-day program between August 5<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> (start in the US will be August 4<sup>th</sup>)** will enable participants to experience Berlin's multicultural life, visit former East Germany, the Jewish Museum in Berlin, the Memorial to the Murdered Jews of Europe and experience other key historical sites and other cultural venues. They will meet with German opinion-makers, grass root movements, faculty and students of the Humboldt University Berlin, the Jewish community and Germans contemporaries. The role of Jewish voices in transatlantic relations will be explored as participants actively contribute to German-American dialogue.

This Program is being conducted in affiliation with Classrooms Without Borders a program of The Jewish Federation of Greater Pittsburgh. [www.classroomswithoutborders.org](http://www.classroomswithoutborders.org)

The program will focus on the following topics:

- Berlin and united Germany
- The Holocaust and the Nazi Era including a visit to a former Concentration Camp
- Transatlantic/German-American relations (incl. a meeting with officials of the German Federal Foreign Office)
- Jewish Berlin, present and past (incl. the integration of new members of the Jewish community)
- German-Israeli relations
- A visit to Heidelberg, Speyer, and Worms

\*Each participant is responsible for a fee of **\$950** which is paid in advance to The Jewish Federation of Greater Pittsburgh with CWB in the memo line. Please mail to: Classrooms Without Borders, P.O. 60144, Pittsburgh PA 15211. CWB will organize a group flight for the participants (For further information see separate Waiver form). Please note that in case of cancellation you will be responsible for all resulting flight costs and cancellation fees.

\*Germany Close Up covers the following expenses in Germany: hotel accommodations in double rooms, most meals, transportation within Germany, admission fees and event tickets. The scholarship does not include tipping. Please keep in mind you will need to pay around 50€ (roughly \$75) for tips.

For any further questions please do not hesitate to contact us at the Germany Close Up office ([office@germanycloseup.de](mailto:office@germanycloseup.de)) or Dr. Zipora Gur at Classroom without Borders ([zipora@classroomswithoutborders.org](mailto:zipora@classroomswithoutborders.org)).

You will find our application form online on our website.

Please submit it by **February 28<sup>th</sup>, 2013**, including the following files (no ZIP files. please send a copy of your attachments to [cwb\\_august2013@germanycloseup.de](mailto:cwb_august2013@germanycloseup.de)):

- An online application form
- A cover letter
- A resume
- A 1-2 page essay about your interest in the program
- One letter of recommendation

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