

# MISSISSIPPI HISTORY FROM MEMPHIS TO NEW ORLEANS

**Congregation B'nai Israel's May 2019 trip to Mississippi** will feature exciting museums, great music, and conversations with members of rural and urban southern Jewish communities. The group will travel through Memphis and the Mississippi Delta before following the Mississippi River south through Jackson (the state's capital and home to a rich Civil Rights history), Vicksburg (site of a key battle and siege in the Civil War), and Natchez (home to Mississippi's oldest Jewish community). The trip ends in New Orleans with Shabbat-observant options for a meaningful day in the Garden District. Expert local guides will join the tour for historical insights, community connections, and trip leadership.

**Trip Highlights** | The National Civil Rights Museum, Sun Studio, and Center for Southern Folklore in Memphis | The Emmett Till Interpretive Center in Sumner, MS | The GRAMMY Museum and dinner with members of a southern Jewish congregation in Cleveland, MS | The B.B. King Museum and lunch with Indianola's Jewish mayor | Hebrew Union Congregation and the Greenville History Museum in Greenville, MS | Civil War history in Vicksburg, MS | Learning about the Institute of Southern Jewish Life and visiting the Mississippi Civil Rights Museum in Jackson, MS | A visit to Temple B'nai Israel, home to the historic Jewish community of Natchez, MS | Bus tour of Jewish New Orleans and a visit to the site of the future Museum of the Southern Jewish Experience | New Orleans history at the Whitney Plantation Museum and Touro Synagogue | Music and nightlife on Beale Street in Memphis and at Preservation Hall in New Orleans.

