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JEWISH LIFE AT SEA

Semester at Sea
Fall Voyage 2018

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Embark Sept 9, 2018
Hamburg, Germany

Sept 15 - 16 | Barcelona, Spain

ATID: This Progressive (Reform) congregation holds weekly Friday night and Saturday morning services as well as services on all of the major Jewish Holidays. They often hold community meals on Shabbat and Holidays as well.

Chabad of Barcelona: An Orthodox organization that welcomes Jews of all backgrounds. This Chabad attracts lots of tourists and Israelis and is also welcoming to study abroad students. Comunidad Israelita de Barcelona (C.I.B.): A traditional, Orthodox-Sephardic community that has regular Shabbat and Holiday services in Hebrew. They also organize occasional social events for students and young professionals.

Home Hospitality: There are many families that love hosting study abroad students in their home for Shabbat and Holiday meals. Contact KAHAL staff to be set up with a local family.

Lejaim: A group in Barcelona for young Jews between the ages of 18 and 35. Lejaim plans social events throughout the year that range from BBQ nights, to bar nights events, and so much more! It is a great way to connect with locals and other international Jewish students.

Moishe House: A group of young adults that live together in an apartment and put on several events a month (Jewish and non-Jewish events for local young Jews). Events include falafel nights, yoga, Shabbat dinners, study hours, paintball, and more. All of the residents speak excellent English and love having international students join.

Shabbat Barcelona: A young Modern Orthodox couple will host weekly Friday night dinners at their home for locals and visitors. One spouse is Spanish and the other is American, so they offer a great perspective on living in Barcelona.

Sept 17 - 18 | Valencia, Spain

Kehilat Aviv: A Masorti (Conservative) community that holds Shabbat and holiday services and loves welcoming study abroad students.

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Sept 18 - 19 | Yom Kippur

Since students will be at sea for Rosh Hashanah (September 9-11) and Yom Kippur (September 18-19), KAHAL will provide resources for students to organize their own holiday services and meals.

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Sept 27 - 28 | Tema, Ghana
Sept 29 - 30 | Takoradi, Ghana
Sept 29 - 30 | Yom Kippur

There is no Jewish community in Takoradi, so the students will need to organize their own observance of Yom Kippur. KAHAL will provide resources for students to organize their own holiday services and meals.

Oct 7 - 12 | Cape Town, South Africa

Chabad at UCT: An Orthodox organization that welcomes Jews of all backgrounds and caters specifically to students and travelers. They hold Friday night, Saturday morning and Holiday services, and have free meals for students. It's an open and welcoming environment, and they organize Jewish learning opportunities as well. They are based right on the University of Cape Town campus, so it's a great place to meet local and study abroad students.

Connect with other Study Abroad Students: Cape Town attracts Jewish study abroad students from all over the world. Take advantage of KAHAL’s network and meet up with other students who are spending the semester there.

Home Hospitality: There are many families that love hosting study abroad students in their home for Shabbat and Holiday meals. Contact KAHAL staff to be set up with a local family.

Moishe House Cape Town: A group of young adults that live together in an apartment and put on several events a month (Jewish and non-Jewish events for local young Jews). Events include falafel nights, yoga, Shabbat dinners, study hours, paintball, and more.

Orthodox/Traditional Synagogues: Cape Town has several Orthodox/Traditional synagogues that hold weekly Friday night and Shabbat day services. Depending on your interests, KAHAL can help find the best community for you.

Temple Israel: A Progressive (Reform) community that holds weekly Friday night and Shabbat day services. The community also holds services and communal meals for High Holidays, as well as frequent social, cultural, and tikkun olam events and activities. It is a warm and open community that loves welcoming international students.

South African Union of Jewish Students (SAUJS): A group of South African university students and young professionals who organize social and cultural events. They love having international students join in their events, which are a great way to meet local and other study abroad students.

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Historic Jew Town and Kadavumbagam Synagogue: Jew Town is one of Cochin’s biggest attractions and is easily explored on foot. There is an old synagogue that’s easy to find and open to visitors. The Jewish community has about 10-20 remaining members. Connect with KAHAL to get in touch with the synagogue’s caretaker, who is one of the few remaining Jews in Cochin. Note that the synagogue is no longer active and it is now a tourist attraction.

Nov 4 - 8 | Yangon, Myanmar (Burma)

Nov 14 - 18 | Ho Chi Minh City, Việt Nam

Chabad of Ho Chi Minh City: An Orthodox organization that welcomes Jews of all backgrounds and caters specifically to students and travelers. They hold Friday night, Saturday morning and Holiday services, and have free meals for students. It’s an open and welcoming environment, and they organize Jewish learning opportunities as well.

Nov 24 - 29 | Shanghai, China

Chabad of Pudong: An Orthodox organization that welcomes Jews of all backgrounds and caters specifically to students and travelers. They hold Friday night, Saturday morning and Holiday services, and have free meals for students. It’s an open and welcoming environment, and they organize Jewish learning opportunities as well.

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Jewish Tours of Shanghai: Shanghai has long been the home of a thriving Jewish community and has a fascinating history that is not to be missed. Join world renowned tour guides for Jewish walking tours of Shanghai and learn about this unique Jewish story.

Kehilat Shanghai: A Progressive (Reform) community that holds weekly Friday night and Shabbat day services. The community also holds services and communal meals for High Holidays, as well as frequent social, cultural, and tikkun olam events and activities. The community is made up of lots of American expats and loves welcoming international students.

Moishe House Shanghai: A group of young adults that live together in an apartment and put on several events a month (Jewish and non-Jewish events for local young Jews). Events include falafel nights, yoga, Shabbat dinners, study hours, paintball, and more. The residents in the Shanghai house are mostly American, and they attract students and young professionals from all over the world.

Young Professionals Network: Shanghai has a hub of Jewish young professionals who have come to China for business opportunities. The group gathers every few weeks to learn from seasoned professionals about their careers.

Dec 2 - 6 | Kobe, Japan

Chabad of Kobe: An Orthodox organization that welcomes Jews of all backgrounds and caters specifically to students and travelers. They hold Friday night, Saturday morning and Holiday services, and have free meals for students. It’s an open and welcoming environment, and they organize Jewish learning opportunities as well.

Dec 16 | Honolulu, Hawaii

Disembark Dec 23
San Diego, California
“The Passover seder in Casablanca was by far the coolest experience I had while abroad! It was an amazing experience that made me feel at home in such a far away land. I learned that I have family all over the world because I am Jewish, and it made me very proud of my resilient faith.”

Gabriel Kisber, SAS Spring 2017
University of Missouri

“The holidays and Shabbats I spent with Jewish communities changed my entire perspective about Jewish identity and peoplehood. Immersing myself in Jewish communities across three continents made me realize that as a part of the Jewish people, I am part of something much bigger.”

Abby Seitz, SAS Fall 2016
Columbia College, Chicago

“Taking a look into Judaism around the world has helped me realize that being Jewish and a world citizen is the same thing”

Julia Westbrook, SAS Fall 2016
University of Tulsa
"I am very thankful that KAHAL gave me this opportunity to grow my own Jewish identity. I feel more a part of the global Jewish people after seeing that we are not alone, and that though there is distance between us, we always have strong and deep connections with each other."

Cameron Graf
Milan, Italy

"Whether it was baking challah in our dorm kitchen, bringing Jewish and non-Jewish students to Kabbalat Shabbat services, or enjoying Tel Aviv Purim festivities with friends, I really felt at home in a place thousands of miles away from where I live and grew up."

Joshua Reicheck
Tel Aviv, Israel

"I am extremely grateful for KAHAL’s encouragement to sign up for the March of the Living trip, easily the most meaningful Jewish experience I had while abroad and, really, ever."

Jesse Parritz
London, England
University of Wisconsin-Madison

"Without the connection KAHAL provided me with local Jews I would have missed out on some incredible experiences. My journey to Prague would not have been complete without the connections, opportunities, and Jewish hospitality KAHAL provided."

Graham Paul
Prague, Czech Republic
KAHAL and Semester at Sea partner to provide meaningful Jewish experiences for students while at port and at sea. KAHAL provides Semester at Sea students with resources to lead Friday night and Saturday morning Shabbat services, holiday services, and other programs. In addition, KAHAL has a micro-grant program available and a special Semester at Sea budget for students to organize Jewish activities on board the ship and at port.