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 KAHAL: Your Jewish Home Abroad
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Frequently Asked Questions for Study Abroad Departments & Providers

What is KAHAL?

KAHAL is a nonprofit organization working in 50 countries and 110 cities around the world that facilitates transformational Jewish experiences for study abroad students. KAHAL is a **network & resource**.

What is KAHAL's mission?

KAHAL aspires to give the tens of thousands of Jewish students studying abroad each year the resources, tools, and connections they need to meaningfully engage with the global Jewish community in their host country and deepen their Jewish identity during one of the most important, meaningful, and enduring experiences of their lives.

What does KAHAL do?

Wherever students travel, KAHAL can connect participants with amazing, immersive experiences in their local communities. KAHAL connects Jewish students to exciting opportunities and high-impact experiences by working with local Jewish students, families, organizations, and community leaders.

Is KAHAL a study abroad provider?

No, KAHAL is not a study abroad service provider. KAHAL is a **network, resource, & concierge** for students going through any university or provider. KAHAL functions similarly to Diversity Abroad, the Forum on Education Abroad, and the Institute of International Education (IIE). On the contrary, KAHAL works one-on-one with students.

Can non-Jewish students benefit from KAHAL?

Yes; by connecting with KAHAL, all students will be able to learn about Jewish culture, regardless of religious affiliation. Learning about another culture fosters intercultural competence and self-awareness of one's own beliefs and personal biases. KAHAL strives to be a voice for religious identity across the study abroad community and encourages all students to explore and deepen their connections to their own identities abroad.

How is Judaism both a culture and a religion?

The Jewish people are an ethno-religious group, an ethnic group that shares a common religion and cultural heritage. Many students feel connected to their Jewish heritage and traditions rather than to religious observance. The spectrum of Jewish identity varies throughout the world both culturally and religiously. Through the diversity of Jewish heritage, KAHAL enables students to experience a deeper level of cultural immersion.

Which specific cultural resources does KAHAL provide?

KAHAL connects Jewish students to other Jewish students who are studying abroad, in addition to their expansive network of local community contacts, organizations, and events. The KAHAL network also works to connect students to kosher food, High Holiday experiences, Passover experiences, and Shabbat dinners.

Does KAHAL provide funding for students?

Yes, KAHAL provides micro-grants for up to \$250 for students who wish to host their own Jewish event. Other purposes for the micro-grant include Jewish travel, Jewish conference/educational seminars, costs for holiday travel, and local meet ups. <http://kahalabroad.org/grantapp/>

Which resources are available for faculty & staff at university study abroad departments and third-party providers?

As specialists in the field of religious identity abroad, KAHAL offers professional development opportunities and location-specific resources for faculty and staff at organizations that facilitate study abroad programs. For providers specifically, by officially partnering with KAHAL, and becoming a member of the KPP (KAHAL Preferred Provider) network, providers and faculty will have access to organization-specific materials and trainings for increased intercultural competence.

See more at: www.KahalAbroad.org

Is there a fee to access KAHAL's resources?

KAHAL services are free (or highly subsidized) for student participants.

There is a fee and membership process for study abroad departments & providers to become members of the KPP. KAHAL spends time and money developing customized resources for members of the KPP network. KPPs also have access to KAHAL's marketing efforts.