BUENOS AIRES, ARGENTINA

One of the largest Jewish communities in the world, Buenos Aires is home to many different Jewish organizations catering exclusively to students and young adults. An active Hillel provides students with a range of programming options, while Chabad offers dozens of classes each month. Menora, an outreach organization, recently established a group specifically for Jewish international students—MINT. Since many Israelis travel through South America, there is an Israeli Youth Hostel called the Jacob House. If housing is a concern, the local Chabad also offers affordable, kosher housing for Jewish students through ‘Lubas Home’. Through Fundacion Judaica, students can find volunteer and internship opportunities, as well. Don’t forget to check out BsAs’s famous kosher restaurants, including El Galope and McDonalds! Connect with KAHAL to find your Jewish home in Buenos Aires, Argentina.

OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE

• Connections to students and social events
• Internships and volunteer options
• Entrepreneurship and business training
• Advocacy and activism
• Housing and travel
• Jewish heritage tours
• Shabbat and Holiday experiences
• Jewish learning and enrichment
• Dozens of kosher restaurant and stores
SHABBAT AND HOLIDAYS

**AAMJAI:** A Masorti-aligned (Conservative) community, AMIJA has a thriving group of young professionals and students. AMIJA holds weekly Friday night and Shabbat day services, as well as services and meals for High Holidays. A warm, welcoming, and growing community, AMIJA is a great place for students seeking an egalitarian community in otherwise quite traditional Buenos Aires.

**Fundacion Judaica:** An umbrella organization for more than a dozen Jewish organizations of various denominations and missions across Buenos Aires, FJ can help find students opportunities for Shabbat and Holidays, organizations in which to volunteer, housing, internships, and more.

**Iaacob House:** An Israeli-youth hostel in Buenos Aires’s Palermo neighborhood, Iaacob House is a central hub for all kinds of student and traveler activity in BsAs. In addition to frequent Shabbat dinners and events, Iaacob House frequently hosts social events to bring together locals and travelers passing through. Plus, at just $10 USD per night, one won’t find any place cheaper and more convenient to house visiting friends!

**Hillel Buenos Aires:** Hillel in Buenos Aires functions as a support structure and resource for both local and international Jewish students. Often hosting 5-6 cultural and social events each week, Hillel focuses on bringing Jewish values and wisdom into daily life. That said, Hillel’s new Latin American Director is happy to host students in his home for Shabbat and Holidays, as are the families of many Hillel students!
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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.

Chabad of Buenos Aires (ISEJ): An Orthodox organization that welcomes Jews of all backgrounds. They hold daily, as well as Friday night, Saturday morning and Holiday services, and have free meals for students nearly every week. ISEJ, Chabad’s student and young professionals group in BsAs, hosts dozens of classes and events each month, including Jewish text study, social events, and more! ISEJ has a central hub located in Recoleta, which is often filled with local students hanging out, studying, and playing the variety of games available. Chabad also offers students affordable, upscale, kosher housing options through Luba’s Home.

La Casa Belgrano: An Orthodox outreach organization, but welcoming of all religious backgrounds and affiliations, La Casa is a group of young adults who host weekly classes, Shabbat dinners and lunches, and social events at the central hub of La Casa in Belgrano. A favorite among KAHAL students, there is perhaps no better way to meet and befriend dozens of locals in one night than a Shabbat dinner at La Casa. Their events are publicized in a private Facebook group. Ask KAHAL staff to be added!

“I cannot even begin to thank you enough for getting me in touch with La Casa and the community of Buenos Aires. That was without a doubt one of the best nights I have had here in Buenos Aires.

Benjamin Perez
Denver University
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**Menora:** An Orthodox outreach organization, Menora is open to and welcoming of Jews of all background and religious observances. Menora hosts Shabbat dinners at least twice per month, and in addition organizes Shabbat lunch placements each week for international students. Menora’s MINT (Menora of Internationals) offers a variety of social, cultural, and religious events, all of which aim to bring together local Argentinian and international students. Through Menora, students can also access additional Jewish learning opportunities, social and cultural events, and extensive volunteer opportunities through Menora’s two social action groups: Make the Difference and Manos a la Obra. Menora is located in Recoleta. Their events are publicized in a private Facebook group. Ask KAHAL staff to be added!

**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. Their events are publicized in a private, secret Facebook group.

**DIY Experience:** KAHAL micro-grants are available to any Jewish student studying abroad to help facilitate your Jewish experience. Grants can be used to host your own Shabbat or Holiday meal, organize an event, attend a seminar or conference, or in some cases, as travel subsidies. Grants will be made in USD up to $250. Visit www.KahalAbroad.org/grantapp to apply.
Cultural, Social, Volunteer, and More

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Jewish Museum of Buenos Aires: Located in the city’s oldest active synagogue, the Jewish Museum of Buenos Aires is a great place in which to learn about Argentina’s rich Jewish history and heritage. In the past, the museum has also provided internships for students to serve as guides, translators, curators, and more. Contact KAHAL if you’re interested in interning at the museum!
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BBYO Buenos Aires: Led each year by a JDC Entwine Fellow, the BBYO group in Buenos Aires is growing rapidly! There are always opportunities for BBYO alumni to get involved.

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City Must Sees... BA has a great outdoor market culture. Stop by Feria de San Telmo and Feria de Recoleta for two great ones.
KOSHER IN BUENOS AIRES

Kosher in Buenos Aires: One of the largest Jewish communities in the world, Buenos Aires is home to dozens of amazing Kosher restaurants around the city, and even a Kosher McDonald’s! Don’t hesitate to try any of the dozens of steakhouses or ice cream shops as well. You can learn more about Kosher food in Buenos Aires here: yeahthatskosher.com/2010/06/buenos-aires-argentina/

Al Galope (Tucumán 2633, C1052ABE CABA, Argentina): A KAHAL staff favorite

Asian (Av. Córdoba 5300, C1414BAX CABA, Argentina): Another great Kosher option in BA, steak house meets Asian.

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

Joshua Reichek
New York University