MADRID, SPAIN

Madrid is the largest Jewish community in Spain, made up of several warm, welcoming communities. Despite several barriers to entry, students connecting through KAHAL have access to a Progressive (reform), Masorti (Conservative), and Orthodox community—all of whom provide programs for young adults. Be sure to explore Madrid’s pre-inquisition history through tours, as well. Connect with KAHAL to find your Jewish home in Madrid, Spain!

OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE

• Connections to local students and social events
• Leadership opportunities for students to take ownership
• Shabbat and holiday experiences
• Jewish heritage tours
• 2 Kosher restaurants and several Kosher stores

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SHABBAT AND HOLIDAYS

Comunidad Judía de Madrid (CJM): A traditional community that holds Shabbat and Holiday services in Hebrew and Spanish. They organize weekly Friday night dinners for students and young professionals that draw an international mix of people.

Comunidad Judia Reformista de Madrid: A Progressive (Reform) community that holds Shabbat services and potluck community dinners twice a month, as well as services and dinners on all the major Jewish Holidays. It’s a small, relatively new community that sometimes organizes volunteer and social events as well.

Marom España: A group of students and young professionals that organize social and cultural events, as well as Shabbat and Holiday dinners and services. They are affiliated with the Masorti (Conservative) movement, but are open and welcoming to Jews of all background. Their events are publicized in a private, secret Facebook group. Ask KAHAL staff to be added!

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.

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.
18+: A group of volunteers and professionals aligned with the official Jewish community of Madrid who organize social and cultural events for students and young professionals. Their events are publicized in a private, secret Facebook group. Ask KAHAL staff to be added!

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City Must Sees... No stay in Madrid is complete without taking in a match of Real Madrid. Pro-tip, some members of the local Jewish community have pretty solid tickets and sometimes invite their favorite students to go along with them! Also, don’t miss Madrid’s incredible bar scene, highlighted by El Tigre—a favorite of locals and expats, alike!
KOSHER IN MADRID

Jewish Madrid: This website is the best resource for finding Kosher food in Madrid: http://www.jewishmadrid.com/

"I can honestly say that some of my closest friends I’ve made here are from the Jewish community and thanks to KAHAL."

Beth Roseman, Universitat Autonoma de Barcelona

"Meeting Jewish students in Spain and around Europe through KAHAL gave me a whole new perspective on my Judaism. I can’t wait to share my experience with my community back home."

Laurence Hochman
The College of New Jersey

"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