PRAGUE, CZECH REPUBLIC

The Jewish community of Prague has survived both the Holocaust and communist rule, and Jewish life is now undergoing a period of revitalization in the Czech Republic. Prague is unique in that the old Jewish quarter was preserved during WWII, making it an extremely popular tourist destination. While the Jewish community is small, there are a variety of organizations and opportunities for students to get involved in Jewish life and there are social organizations geared for student and young adults, which welcome foreign student participation and leadership. There are also a few Kosher restaurants in Prague. Connect with KAHAL to find your Jewish home in Prague, Czech Republic!

OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE

- Shabbat and holiday experiences
- Student leaders and young Jewish professionals events
- Old Jewish quarter and Jewish museum
- Moishe House
- Leadership positions available with the local Jewish student union
- Volunteer opportunities
- Kosher restaurants and shops



















SHABBAT AND HOLIDAYS

Bejt Simcha: A Progressive (Reform) community that holds weekly Friday night services in Czech. The community also holds services and communal meals for High Holidays.

Chabad of Prague: An Orthodox organization that welcomes Jews of all backgrounds. They hold Friday night, Saturday morning and Holiday services, and have free meals for students at their on-site restaurant, Shelanu. It's an open and welcoming environment, but important to know that all announcements are made in Hebrew to cater to the large Israeli tourist population. The rabbi and his wife also hold Jewish learning sessions, where students are welcome.

Czech Union of Jewish Students: A group of Czech university students and young professionals who organize social and cultural events, as well as some Shabbat and Holiday meals. Most group members speak excellent English and love having international students join. Plus, they are always looking for help organizing events, especially around the Holidays!

Jewish Community of Prague: An

night and Holiday services in Hebrew at the Alt Neu Synagogue, the oldest active synagogue in Europe. They also have weekly Saturday morning services at the Jerusalem Street synagogue in partnership with the Masorti (Conservative) community. They hold communal meals at the Community building on Maiselova Street. The community is very strict in its membership and attendance policies—ask KAHAL for more information.



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Masorti Prague: A Conservative community that holds weekly Friday night and Holiday services in Hebrew and English at the Community building on Maiselova Street. They also have weekly Saturday morning services at the Jerusalem Street Synagogue in partnership with the Jewish Community of Prague. Rabbi Ron, an American living in Prague, often organizes community meals for students at Dinitz Kosher restaurant or at his home.

Moishe House: A group of young adults that live together in an apartment and put on several events a month. Events include falafel nights, yoga, Shabbat dinners, study hours, etc. All of the residents speak excellent English and love having international students join.

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 through

www.KahalAbroad.org/grantapp. Contact Becca@KahalAbroad.org with any questions or inquiries.

"I had a lovely time at the Passover Seder. Being in a temple that hadn't been in use since before WWII made it more meaningful."

Roslyn Schneider University of Miami



CULTURAL, SOCIAL, VOLUNTEER, AND MORE

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Federation of Jewish Communities: An organization that runs leadership development programs, volunteer projects and other community events for young Jews in Prague. They can help you find a customized volunteer placement, like at the local Lauder Jewish Day School, or at the Jewish old age home.

Jewish Museum of Prague: Made up of several historic synagogues and the old Jewish cemetery in Prague. This is the best-preserved pre-war Jewish quarter in the Europe, and a Jewish heritage site not to be missed!

"One of the most meaningful aspects of my semester abroad in Prague was being able to explore the rich Jewish history there, visit synagogues, hundred year old sites, and even get to become a part of Prague's local Jewish community for the four months I was there."

Dani Panich New York University



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"I had a great experience going to the Seder in Prague! I thought it was so incredible that people from all over the world and different could get together and celebrate."

Danielle Gordon University of Illinois 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, or contact Becca@KahalAbroad.org with any questions or inquiries about potential programs.

City Must Sees... Walk across the Charles Bridge and explore the historic, picturesque Malá Strana. Don't forget to get your selfie with the Lennon Wall.



KOSHER IN PRAGUE

Chabad's Shelanu Kosher Restaurant & Deli (Břehová 208/8, 110 00 Josefov, Czechia): Offers meat and dairy options and student discounts.

Dinitz (Bílkova 12, 110 00 Staré Město, Czechia): Run by an Israeli, serving excellent Middle Eastern food and other meat dishes. The owner Gabby is a great friend of KAHAL's and always makes our students feel welcome. He enjoys hosting large student dinners and will give you a student discount if you come on your own and mention KAHAL.

Kosher Food Shop in Jewish Community Building (Maiselova 250/18, 110 00): Sells some basic Kosher products, shop is in the basement of the Jewish Community Building. Make sure to let the Community know you are coming in advance, as there is security to get into the building. Kosher in Prague Resource: This resource was put together by the Jewish Community of Prague and will be updated regularly by the community. If you need assistance finding Kosher food, please let us know. kehilaprag.cz/en/tourism/kosher-cr

Mansson Danish Bakery & Cafe (8 Bílkova St., Prague 1): Sells Kosher bread, rolls and ice cream.

