

# ROME, ITALY

Rome is the oldest continuous Jewish community in the world and is still home to a vibrant Jewish landscape. Though there are high barriers to entry for foreign students, by connecting with KAHAL you can access Jewish student programming through the local Italian Jewish Student Union and J-Events. There's also an active Chabad on Campus, Orthodox and Progressive (Reform) Jewish community, all of whom provide programs for Jewish young adults. Connect with KAHAL to find your Jewish home in Rome, Italy!

## OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE

- Connections to local students and social events
- Internships and volunteer opportunities
- Shabbat and holiday experiences
- Jewish learning and enrichment
- Jewish heritage tours and museums
- Jewish Bed and Breakfast / Kosher travel
- Dozens of Kosher restaurants and stores





## SHABBAT AND HOLIDAYS

**Beth Hillel Roma:** 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 community that was founded by American ex-pats, so there are many English speakers.

**Chabad:** An Orthodox organization that welcomes Jews of all backgrounds and caters specifically to students. 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. Chabad of Rome is located in the Piazza Bologna neighborhood, but can place students for Shabbat in the ghetto area or in Piazza Bologna, according to preference.

**Comunità Ebraica di Roma:** A traditional community that holds Friday night and Holiday services in Hebrew at the Great Synagogue in Rome. The traditional services are in

*"The most meaningful Jewish experience I had while abroad was the Shabbat dinner I was invited to by the Jewish community in Rome... The most important concept I learned was that no matter where I travel either it be Italy or France if I run into another Jew I'm treated as a member of their community. This made me proud and thankful to be a Jew."*

**Lauren Rafelson,  
Michigan State University**



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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.

**J Events:** A group of local students who organize monthly Friday night dinners and other social events. Their events are publicized in a private, secret Facebook group. Ask KAHAL staff to be added!

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*"Within a few minutes of meeting someone, I would frequently be invited to their Shabbos table or out to spend time with them, solely due to the fact that we share the same faith and because I was new to the community. This made me feel so at home, knowing that I could turn to so many different people while I was 10,000 miles from home."*

Hallie Goldstein, Scripps College



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## CULTURAL, SOCIAL, VOLUNTEER, AND MORE

**DELET:** A group within the Comunità Ebraica di Roma who organizes social events and dinners for students and young professionals.

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**Jewish Roma Walking Tours:** A member of the local Jewish community is a local tour guide that specializes in Jewish tours of Florence. She is happy to offer KAHAL students and their families discounted rates.

**UGEI:** A student-led organization that runs social, educational, and political programs on campuses across the city. They also run national programs and seminars to bring young Italians from across the country together, and they welcome study abroad student participation. Ask KAHAL staff to be added to their events!

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**City Must Sees...** A fascinating array of cultural experiences await students in Rome, ranging from ancient Roman ruins to contemporary displays of Italy's checkered modern history. Walk around the city to take in many of the most famous sites (most of which are free) and finish your evenings in the Campo dei Fiori—a favorite of expats and study abroad students. For a more local flare, try Spazio 900 or other discoteche around the city's periphery.



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## KOSHER IN ROME

**Kosher in Rome:** Rome's unique history comes to bear in its thriving kosher culinary scene, with dozens of highly acclaimed restaurants lining the streets of the ghetto and Piazza Bologna areas. Be sure to try the "Jewish artichoke," a uniquely Roman dish which draws Jews and non-Jews alike to the ghetto's shops! Check out this website for more resources: <http://jewisheurope.org/city.asp?City=Rome>

**BellaCarne (Via del Portico d'Ottavia, 51, 00186 Roma RM, Italy):** A favorite Kosher meat restaurant.

**Kosher Cakes (Piazza Costaguti N. 21, 00186 Rome, Italy):** Amazing bakery for all of your sweet tooth needs.

**Ba Ghetto (Via del Portico d'Ottavia, 57, 00186 Roma RM, Italy):** Roman Jewish and Middle Eastern food in the Jewish Ghetto.

