

# LONDON, ENGLAND

The London Jewish community is one of the largest and most organized in the world. On campus, students can find The Chaplaincy, Jewish Societies (JSOC), AEPi, Chabad on Campus, JLE/AISH, and Israel societies, all of whom provide resources and weekly opportunities for Jewish students to get involved. Politics is a hot topic on campus, and students can find many ways to advocate for the causes most important to them. Off campus, there are local synagogues and a variety of organizations who can provide a range of services, from housing, to education, to internships and volunteer opportunities. A Kosher haven in Europe, London provides dozens of options for students across the city. Connect with KAHAL to find your Jewish home in London!

## OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE

- Connections to students and social events
- Internships and volunteer options
- Entrepreneurship and business training
- Advocacy and activism
- Housing and flat-shares
- Shabbat and holiday experiences
- Jewish learning and enrichment
- Dozens of Kosher restaurants and stores





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**FND:** A weekly Friday Night Dinner that's organized by students, for students across London. The dinners draw local and international students alike, and they are a favorite among KAHAL students in London! Like the FND Facebook page for updates and to register for dinners at: [facebook.com/FNDLondon](https://facebook.com/FNDLondon)

**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.

*"My experience at Finchley Progressive Synagogue was amazing. The congregation was engaging and welcoming."*

**Brooke Baevsky**  
Syracuse University

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**Marom:** A Masorti (Conservative) organization that has a presence on university campuses across London. They can help organize places for students to go to services at local Masorti synagogues for Shabbat and Holiday services.

**Bevis Marks Synagogue:** A traditional Spanish-Portuguese synagogue in the City of London that is the oldest synagogue in London. The American rabbi hosts students and other visitors in his home for Friday night dinner and Saturday lunch, and the community draws lots of young expats. In addition to Shabbat and Holiday services, Bevis Marks also hosts social and other events like Jewish walking tours and July 4th BBQs.

**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](http://www.KahalAbroad.org/grantapp) to apply, or contact [Becca@KahalAbroad.org](mailto:Becca@KahalAbroad.org) with any questions or inquiries about potential programs.

*When I was invited to a family's house for Passover I didn't know what to expect, but within minutes I felt like I was at home in New York.*

**Mikey Levitt**  
New York University



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**AEPi:** This AEPi chapter is city-wide and organizes events that are open to non-brothers as well (guys and girls are welcome!)

**Campaign Against Anti-Semitism:** An organization that gives students the resources and support they need to combat anti-Semitism on campus.

**Chaplaincy:** An Orthodox organization that works with university students across the UK. The Chaplaincy rabbi works with all of the universities in London and he can help students in a variety of ways, such as finding host families for Shabbat, working with the university when Jewish Holidays conflict with exams, and providing general guidance and support for all Jewish students.

**Genesis/ JLE/ AISH:** An Orthodox organization that welcomes Jews of all backgrounds. They have Jewish learning programs, career-oriented lectures and social events for student and young professionals across London.

**Jewish London Walking Tours:** A member of the local Jewish community is a local tour guide that specializes in Jewish tours of London, which are a great way to learn about the community's history.

**Jewish Volunteering Network:** An online database of a variety of volunteer opportunities in London. There are one-off as well as ongoing opportunities of all kinds.

**Limmud UK:** A week-long volunteer-led non-denominational learning program in December that attracts Jews from all over the world.



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**UJS and J-Socs:** Every university campus in London has their own J-Soc (Jewish Society on Campus) that organizes weekly lunch and learns, lectures, volunteer programs, parties and more. All of the J-Socs across the UK are under the Union of Jewish Students (UJS) umbrella organization that provides opportunities for student activists to come together on the national level. Like the J-Soc London Facebook page for updates, and ask KAHAL staff for the link to your campus' J-Soc group at [facebook.com/groups/londonjsocevent](https://facebook.com/groups/londonjsocevent)

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### March of the Living UK:

KAHAL students can join this week-long trip to Poland with British university students to learn about Jewish life in Poland from the Middle Ages, through the Holocaust, and up until today. This is a life-changing experience that is a highlight of many students' study abroad experiences.

**City Must Sees...** London has a fantastic street market scene. Head to Broadway Market or Maltby Street Market and the nearby micro-breweries, or brave the tourist crowds at Borough Market and Camden Lock Market.

*"March of the Living [was] easily the most meaningful Jewish experience I had while abroad, and really... ever... While seeing the camps had a profound impact on myself and others, the true value of the trip was the community that surrounded me. The educators, bus leaders, and all other staff went above and beyond anything I could've hoped for with a trip of this nature. Additionally, sharing my experience with such a close-knit group of students, specifically the honest exchange of ideas, emotions, and opinions, deepened my experience immensely. It is precisely this that I will carry with me the rest of my life."*

**Jesse Parritz**  
**University of Wisconsin**



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## KOSHER IN LONDON

**Hendon/ Golders Green:** The Jewish community is concentrated in these northwest London neighborhoods, and there are tons of Kosher restaurants and shops nearby.

**Rubens (79 Baker St, Marylebone, London W1U 6RG, UK):** This meat restaurant on Baker Street is the only Kosher establishment in Central London, and it offers delicious food at great prices.

**Mul Hayam (Wing On Plaza, 62 Mody Rd, Tsim Sha Tsui East, Hong Kong):** A kosher, meat restaurant located in Kowloon Bay. A fusion of Israeli and Chinese cuisine, Mul Hayam is a favorite among locals and tourists alike.

*"My Jewish experience abroad in London exceeded expectations. My new friends... reminded me of the incredible power of Judaism that unites us as a nation, not just as a faith. Having friends from such diverse Jewish backgrounds enhances my love of Judaism and means that going forward I have numerous Jewish homes away from home."*

Aaron Grand  
Harvard University