# **BARCELONA, SPAIN**

Though traditionally known for its Catholic history, Barcelona is home to a small, but active Jewish community. Recently, a new Jewish Student Union and a Moishe House were established to create new opportunities for students and young adults to engage in Jewish life. In addition there are Reform, Conservative, Orthodox, and Chabad communities which hold young adult programming. Connect with KAHAL to find your Jewish home in Barcelona, Spain!

#### **OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE** Connections to local students

Social events

 Leadership opportunities for students to take ownership Shabbat and holiday

experiences

- Jewish heritage tours
- 2 Kosher restaurants







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# SHABBAT AND HOLIDAYS

ATID: This Progressive (Reform) congregation holds weekly Friday night and Saturday morning services as well as services on all of the major Jewish Holidays. They often hold community meals on Shabbat and Holidays as well. Bet Shalom: A Progressive community that has Friday night services and potluck community meals twice a month and on Jewish Holidays. They also hold book clubs, lectures, volunteer days, and other community events.

Chabad of Barcelona: An Orthodox organization that welcomes Jews of all backgrounds. This Chabad attracts lots of tourists and Israelis and is also welcoming to study abroad students. Comunidad Israelita de Barcelona (C.I.B.): A traditional, Orthodox-Sephardic community that has regular Shabbat and Holiday services in Hebrew. They also organize occasional social events for students and young professionals.

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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.

"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



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Shabbat Barcelona: A young Modern Orthodox couple who host weekly Friday night dinners at their home for locals and visitors. One spouse is Spanish and the other is American, so they offer a great perspective on living in Barcelona. 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.

"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



### CULTURAL, SOCIAL, VOLUNTEER, AND MORE

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Unión De Estudiantes Judíos De Barcelona (UEJB): A group of Spanish university students and young professionals who organize social and cultural events. Most group members speak excellent English and love having international students join. Plus, they are always looking for help organizing events. Their events are publicized in a private, secret Facebook group (usually there's an English translation under the Spanish event description). Ask KAHAL staff to be added!

City Must Sees... Walking down Las Ramblas and snacking your way through La Boqueria Market is a highlight of any Barcelona trip.



#### KOSHER IN BARCELONA

Ben Ben Kosher (Carrer Aribau, 257, 08021, Barcelona): A Kosher deli-market with various options including meats, cheeses, arak, and more.

Maccabi (La Rambla, 79, 08002, Barcelona): A long-standing meat restaurant specializing in unique, Sephardic fish dishes and other Sephardic cuisine.



"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