

MELBOURNE, AUSTRALIA

Melbourne is home to Australia's largest Jewish community. The Australian Jewish Student Union (AUJS) plans programs and volunteer opportunities on campus. There are multiple synagogues of all levels of observance and an active Chabad on campus. Kosher food is readily available and there are a variety of social and cultural organizations that students can get involved with as well. Connect with KAHAL to find your Jewish home in Melbourne!

OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE

- Shabbat and holiday experiences
- Internships and volunteer options
- Advocacy and activism
- Jewish learning and enrichment
- Dozens of Kosher restaurants and stores

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YOUR JEWISH HOME ABROAD



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A photograph of the Melbourne skyline, featuring a bridge over a river and a flag of Australia in the foreground.

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SHABBAT AND HOLIDAYS

AISH Australia: An Orthodox outreach organization that welcomes Jews of all backgrounds and caters specifically to students and young professionals. They hold Friday night meals, organize ongoing Jewish learning programs, coordinate opportunities for study, and provide a homey, warm, welcoming environment.

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.

Zooz Minyan: A student-led Modern Orthodox minyan that meets every Friday night and on Holidays.

East Melbourne Synagogue: The only synagogue in downtown Melbourne. It's an Orthodox synagogue that's welcoming to Jews of all practice levels, although men and women do sit separately. There are weekly free Friday night dinners that attract lots of students and young professionals.

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.

Kehilat Nitzan: A Masorti (Conservative) congregation that holds Friday night, Saturday morning and Holiday services. They hold occasional community meals and events as well.

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Shira Hadasha: A Modern Orthodox congregation that has Carlebach-style musical services and a vibrant, young congregation. There are several other Orthodox congregations in Melbourne as well.

Temple Beth Israel: A Progressive (Reform) synagogue that holds musical Friday night and Saturday morning services and can help organize home hospitality. There are a few other smaller Progressive congregations in Melbourne as well.

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.

"The Jewish community of Melbourne is extremely welcoming. It's definitely hard to go out of your comfort zone and invite yourself over to people's homes for meals, but after the first few times, I was getting invitations almost every week."

Becca Sirota
Emory University



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CULTURAL, SOCIAL, VOLUNTEER, AND MORE

AIJAC: An organization that advocates the interests of the Australian Jewish community to government, media and other community organizations. They host lectures and events where students are welcome, and it's possible for students to intern or volunteer with AIJAC.

AUJS: A student-led organization that runs social, educational, and political programs on campus. AUJS also runs national leadership programs and retreats. Their events are publicized in a private Facebook group. Ask KAHAL staff to be added!

Kollel Beit Hatalmud: An Orthodox organization that organizes Jewish learning programs.

Jewish Museum of Australia: A Jewish culture and history museum in the Melbourne suburbs.

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City Must Sees... Take in Melbourne's coffee culture and get lost in the city's laneways. Make your way over to the Southbank Promenade and take in the city's beautiful skyline.



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KOSHER IN MADRID

Kosher in Australia: This website and app is the best place to access information about Kosher food in Australia and Asia: www.ka.org.au

Caulfield and St. Kilda: The Jewish community is concentrated in these southeastern Melbourne suburbs, and there are tons of Kosher restaurants and shops nearby.



"Living in Melbourne helped me realize the importance for myself of having a Jewish community around to spend Shabbat with and share in Jewish experiences. It also helped open my eyes to the fact that this is a possibility no matter where you find yourself in the world."

Akiva Gelber
University of Maryland