# PARIS, FRANCE

The Jewish community of Paris is large and spread out across several districts. There are multiple Kosher restaurants and synagogues throughout the city, with a very active Chabad on campus. Due to safety concerns, there are high barriers to overcome to get involved with community. Each major campus in France has a representative Jewish Student Union, known as UEJF, which provides opportunities for students to engage with politics, advocacy, and activism. There are two Moishe Houses and a variety of social and cultural opportunities for students to get involved with. Connect with KAHAL to find your Jewish home in Paris, France!

## **OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE**

- Connections to students and social events
- Internships and volunteer options
- Advocacy and activism
- Housing and flat-shares
- Shabbat and holiday experiences
- Jewish learning and enrichment
- Hundreds of Kosher restaurant and stores











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### SHABBAT AND HOLIDAYS

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.

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 Gesher: A Progressive (Reform) bi-lingual (French and English) synagogue in Paris that holds weekly Shabbat and Holiday services. There are many expat members, and the community is very welcoming and hospitable towards study abroad students.

Marom Paris: A group of students and young professionals that organize Shabbat and Holiday dinners and services, as well as social and cultural events. They are affiliated with the Masorti (Conservative) movement, but are open and welcoming to Jews of all background. Their events are publicized in a private, secret Facebook group. Ask KAHAL staff to be added!

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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. Once I started to gather a few of my friends, they wanted to include more of their friends. I soon realized that I was not the only student craving a Jewish connection, even while abroad and free from responsibility. KAHAL offered me the resources to connect with other Jewish students and provide them with Jewish opportunities such as Shabbat dinner, Yom Kippur break- fast, and a falafel social.

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Moishe House: A group of young adults that live together in an apartment and put on several events a month (Jewish and non Jewish events for local young Jews). Events include falafel nights, yoga, Shabbat dinners, study hours, paintball, and more. All of the residents speak excellent English and love having international students join. Their events are publicized in a private, secret Facebook group. Ask KAHAL staff to be added! UEJF: A student-led organization that runs social, educational, and political programs on campuses across the city. Each campus has it's own local UEJF chapter. Their events are publicized in private, secret Facebook groups. Ask KAHAL staff to be added!

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City Must Sees... Take a walk around Le Marais, the old Jewish quarter of Paris and admire all the beautiful shops and bakeries along the way. Or head out to Montmarte, home of the Moulin Rouge, and one of Paris' most picturesque neighborhoods.



#### KOSHER IN PARIS

Kosher in Paris: Paris is home to the most kosher restaurants of any city in the world, and you'll find many of the Kosher spots in the 8th or 17th district, but others are spread throughout the city. Check out this handy list of the best in Paris: yeahthatskosher.com/2013/06/top-15-kosher-restaurants-in-paris-france/

L'As du Fallafel (34 Rue des Rosiers, 75004 Paris, France): A favorite spot for Kosher food in Paris.

La fille du Bouche (20 Rue Cardinet, 75017 Paris, France): A KAHAL staff favorite, which we argue offers the best value of any restaurant in Paris.

