



# HUNGARIAN JEWISH TRAVEL GUIDE

## Budapest

There are about 100-120 thousand Jews living in Hungary; 90 percent of them lives in Budapest. One can find nearly 20 working synagogues in the capital. The most important task of the Federation of Jewish Communities is to develop the religious Jewish life to help those elderly who are in need and to assure the continuity of Jewish education.

The community has kosher shops and restaurants and a many cultural places for example a Jewish Museum. Budapest is also home to Europe's largest synagogue on Dohány Street; and the third largest Jewish library in the world. The Federation of Jewish Communities in Hungary as a main organization represents the Hungarian Jewry at several international organizations just like in the European Jewish Congress and in the World Jewish Congress.

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Country calling code: +36

Total population: 10.000.000

Emergency telephone: police-107, fire-105, ambulance-104

Electricity voltage: 220

### Community Organization

Federation of Jewish Communities in Hungary (MAZSIHISZ)

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### Autonomous Orthodox Israelite Community in Hungary

Orthodoxy is a significant and important part of the MAZSHISZ not only because they offer kosher catering and food. The mikveh and the 12-grade Endowment School also operate under the supervision of the orthodox community.

Address: VII. Dob Street 35.

Telephone: (1) 351-0525

### Chabad Lubavits

Address: VII. Károly Boulevard 18.

Telephone: (1) 267-5746

Email: [info@hitkozseg.hu](mailto:info@hitkozseg.hu)

Website: [www.hitkozseg.hu](http://www.hitkozseg.hu)

## Synagogues in Budapest

### *Dohány Street Synagogue*

It was built according to the plans of Viennese architect Ludwig Foerster. This huge synagogue, built in 1859, seats 3,000 people and is the largest active synagogue in Europe and the second largest in the world (after the one in New York). The building was built in the style of a basilica. The design of the synagogue, while basically in a Moorish style, also features a mixture of Byzantine, Romantic, and Gothic elements.

The congregation practices Neolog Judaism. Its ark contains 25 torah scrolls taken from destroyed or looted temples during the Holocaust. The synagogue also has an organ.

Address: VII. Dohány Street

Telephone: (1) 342-2353

Webpage: [dohany@dohany-zsinagoga.hu](mailto:dohany@dohany-zsinagoga.hu)

### *Bethlen Synagogue*

The synagogue has been working since the end of the 1920's.

Address: VII. István Street 17.

Telephone: (1) 342-6170

### *Bérkocsis Synagogue (Jewish Theological Seminary)*

The synagogue was built in 1877 according to the plans of Ferenc Kolbenheyer and Vilmos Freund. Usually youth gather here as the building gives place also for the University of Jewish Studies.

Address: VIII. Bérkocsis Street 2.

Telephone: (1) 317-2396

Webpage: [www.or-zse.hu](http://www.or-zse.hu)

### *Buda Synagogue*

The synagogue was built in French-Gothic style in 1888, based on Sandor Fellner's plans.

Address: II. Frankel Leó Way 49.

Telephone: (1) 326-1445

Webpage: [www.frankel.hu](http://www.frankel.hu)

### *Hegedűs Synagogue*

The prayer room was first created in a tenement-house in 1911; it was remodelled in 1927 by Lipót Baumhorn.

Address: XIII. Hegedűs Gyula Street 3.

Telephone: (1) 349-3120

### *Heroes' Synagogue*

The synagogue was built in 1929-31 in remembrance of the heroes of World War I. by Ferenc Faragó according to the aesthetics of the times. Traditionally in winter time the community of the Dohány synagogue prays here.

Address: VII. Wesselényi Street 5.

Telephone: (1) 342-2353

### *Hunyadi Synagogue*

The synagogue was founded in 1896 and can be found on the mezzanine floor of a tenement.

Address: VI. Hunyadi Square 3.

Telephone: (1) 342-5322

### *Lágymányos Synagogue*

This is the smaller prayer house of the Buda community

Address: XI. Károlyi Gáspár Street square 5.

Telephone: (1) 361-1965

Webpage: [www.zsinagoga.net](http://www.zsinagoga.net)

### *Nagyfuvaros Synagogue*

This community has a very active life; colourful cultural events take place here.

Address: VIII. Nagyfuvaros Street 1.

Telephone: (1) 3342731

Webpage: [www.nagyfuvaros.com](http://www.nagyfuvaros.com)

### *Páva Synagogue*

The community gathers here in a renovated environment within the premises of the Holocaust Museum and Documentation Centre.

Address: IX. Páva Street 39.

Telephone: (1) 215-8796

Webpage: [www.pava-zsinagoga.fw.hu](http://www.pava-zsinagoga.fw.hu)

### *Újpest Synagogue*

This large synagogue was built in 1886 as the second one of this era.

Address: IV. Berzeviczy G. Street 8.

Telephone: (1) 369-0827

### *Vasvári Synagogue*

This district is supervised by Chabad Lubavits. Yeshiva is also functioning in the building.

Address: VI. Vasvári Pál Street 5.

Telephone: (1) 342-1328

### *Zugló Synagogue*

This synagogue is located in a mansion, which was bought in 1930 and turned into a synagogue by Aron Aronffy, a doctor-colonel of World War I.

Address: XIV. Thököly Road 83.

Telephone: (1) 251-3970

## **The Orthodox Synagogues**

### *Kazinczy Synagogue*

Address: VII. Kazinczy Street 27.

Telephone: (1) 351-0526

### *Dessewffy Synagogue*

Address: Dessewffy Street 23.

Telephone: available through the orthodox community

### *Visegrádi Synagogue*

Address: XIII. Visegrádi Street 3.

Telephone: available through the orthodox community

### *Teleki Square Synagogue* Teleki Square – Chortkow Synagogue (with musach Sephardic)

Address: Teleki Square 22.

Telephone: (1) 351-0524

Webpage: [www.dublin.hu/teleki](http://www.dublin.hu/teleki)

## Synagogues on the countryside

Békéscsaba

Address: Széchenyi liget

Debrecen

The synagogue was built in Eclectic style in 1909. The façade is dominated by the triple window and entrance. The synagogue's interior, ornamentation and furnishing has been renovated.

Address: Bajcsy Zs. Street. 26.

Telephone: (52) 415-861

Opening hours: 8-16.00

Hódmezővásárhely

Address: Szeremlei Street 3.

Telephone: (62) 249-689

Opening hours: 13.00-17.00

Jánoshalma

Address: Petőfi Sándor Street 3.

Telephone: (70)-361-9157

Kaposvár

Address: Berzsenyi Street 14.

Telephone: (30)-9361582

Karcag

Address: Kertész József Street 7.

Telephone: (30) -925-9594

Kecskemét\*

Address: Nagykőrösi Street 5.

Telephone: (76) -504-727

Opening hours: Friday evening

Keszthely

Address: Kossuth Lajos Street 20.

Telephone: (83) 312-188

Kiskunhalas

Address: Petőfi Street 1.

Telephone: (30)-347-3333

Mosonmagyaróvár

Address: Kossuth Lajos Street 20.

Telephone: (20)-9656311

Nagykanizsa

Address: Fő Street 6.

Telephone: (30) 385-2503

### Nagykőrös\*

The synagogue was built in 1925 according to the plans of Lajos Molnár. The interior of it is furnished in a traditional style.

Address: Rákóczi Way 21.

Telephone: (53) -552-423

### Nyíregyháza

Address: Mártírok Square 6.

Opening hours: Monday-Thursday 8-14.00

Telephone: (42) 417-939

### Pécs\*

The great synagogue was designed by Károly Gerstner and Lajos Frey according to the Romantic style. The arched central part rises above the roof-ridge. A clock is set in the centre encircled by a Hebrew text: "For mine house shall be called a house of prayer for all people" (Isaiah 56:7)

Address: Fürdő Street 1.

Telephone: (72) -315-881

Opening hours: from May to September 10-17.00

### Salgótarján

Address: Füleki Way 55.

Telephone: (30) 370-3265

### Siófok

Address: Széchenyi Street 4.

Telephone: (84) 107-54

### Szeged\*

The great synagogue was built in 1903 according to the plans of Lipót Baumhorn. It is a magnificent masterpiece of the Art Nouveau lying in the centre of a garden. A marble plaque in the vestibule lists the names of the victims of the Holocaust from Szeged. The elaborate painted decoration, the use of various colours and ornamental motifs, the Hebrew and Hungarian inscriptions reflect both the Hungarianness and the Jewishness of the builders. The interior ornamentation and the stained glass windows, reflecting the sequence of Jewish holy days were made by Miksa Róth.

Address: Guttenberg Street 20.

Telephone: (62) 423-849

Opening hours: from April till September 10-12.00 and 13.00-17.00; from October till March 9-14.00

Website: [www.zsinagoga.szeged.hu](http://www.zsinagoga.szeged.hu)

### Szekszárd

Address: Szent István Square

Telephone: (74) 511-247

### Székesfehérvár

Address: Várkörút 19.

Opening hours: weekdays 17.00-18.00

Telephone: (20) 955-3580

Szolnok  
Address: Templom Street 2.  
Opening hours: 9-17.00 except Monday

Szombathely  
Address: Batthyanyi Square 9.  
Telephone: (94) -505-033  
Opening hours: Tuesday 15.00-17.00, Friday 15.00-19.00

Vác\*  
Address: Eötvös Street 3.  
Telephone: (30) -945-7276

*\* Schul on the countryside with active rabbi  
If phone number is available, please contact before visiting*

## Cemeteries in Budapest

*Farkasrét*  
Address: XII. Érdi Way 9.  
Telephone: (1) 249-2671

*Kerepesi*  
Address: VIII. Salgótarjáni Way 6.  
Telephone: (1) 314-1269

*Óbuda*  
Address: III. Külső Bécsi Way 369.  
Telephone: (1) 250-6060

*Rákoskeresztúr*  
Address: X. Kozma Street 6.  
Telephone: (1) 262-4687

Orthodox cemeteries:

*Granatos*  
Address: XI. Gránátos Street 12.  
Telephone: (1) 351-0524

*Old cemetery*  
Address: XII. Csörsz Street  
Telephone: (1) 351-0524

## Cemeteries on the countryside

Baja

Address: Szegedi Way 107.

Opening hours: 7-20.00

Balassagyarmat

Address: Temető Street 1.

Opening hours: 8-18.00

Békéscsaba

Address: Széchenyi liget

Csendes Street (orthodox)

Opening hours: 10-17.00

Debrecen

Address: Monospályi Street

Opening hours: 8-16.00

Győr

Address: Temető Street 23.

Opening hours: 9-17.00; Sunday 9-15.00

Hódmezővásárhely

Address: Tuhutum Street 17.

Opening hours: 9-18.00

Kaposvár

Address: Malom Street 11.

Opening hours: 9-17.00 ; Sunday 9-12.00

Telephone: (30) 936-1582

Kiskunhalas

Address: Gólya Street 2.

Opening hours: 8-17.00

Telephone: (30) 347-3333

Mosonmagyaróvár

Address: Mosonyi M. Street

Opening hours: 13.00- 16:30

Telephone: (20) 965-6311

Nagykanizsa

Address: Ady Endre Street 74.

Opening hours: 9-17.00

Nagykőrös

Address: Mikes Kelemen Street

Opening hours: 10-16.00

#### Nyíregyháza

Address: Kótai Street 4.

Opening hours: Monday-Thursday and Sunday 10-15.00

Telephone: (30) 490-0084

#### Pápa

Address: Veszprémi Way 27.

Telephone: (20) 426-9641

#### Pécs

Address: Szív Street 2.

Opening hours: 8-16.00

Telephone: (72) 319-881

#### Salgótarján

Address: Füleki Way 55.

Opening hours: 9-17.00

#### Sopron

Address: Tómalom Street 22.

Opening hours: 8-16.00

#### Szeged

Address: Fónógyári Way 9.

Opening hours: 8-16.00

Telephone: (70) 542-0961

#### Székesfehérvár

Address: Ovoda way

Opening hours: 9-17.00

#### Szentendre

Address: Hold Street

Telephone: (30) 439-8292

#### Szolnok

Address: Hoksár Street 2.

Opening hours: 8-17.00

#### Szombathely

Address: Bercsényi Street 26.

Opening hours: from Sunday to Friday 7-18.00

#### Vác

Vác is the center of the religious life and culture of the Jews living in the Danube bend. In the years between 1570 and 1580 the Turkish census mentions a certain "Jewish street" with six houses in it. The community has elected Adolf Neumann for its first rabbi. The Vác Chevra Kadisha Jewish Holy Association was founded in 1844. The synagogue built up in Romantic style was inaugurated in 1864.

Address: Oberlander Endre tér 1.

Opening hours: (30) 9457-276

Veszprém  
Address: Mártírok way 8.  
Opening hours: 8-20.00

Zalaegerszeg:  
Address: Göcsei Way 8.  
Opening hours: weekdays 7- 17.00

Opening hours apply to all day except Shabbat, Jewish and National Holidays  
If phone number is available, please contact before visiting.

## Tomb of famous rabbis

Without the demand of completeness:

### *Steiner Jesájá Sajele-Bodrogkeresztúr*

He was born in 1851 at Zboro. During his childhood he attended the Yeshiva at Büdszentmihály, and then he attended the lectures of chadic Hers Friedmann at Olaszliszka. Hers Friedmann appointed him to be his successor. Jews and non-Jews from all over the world visited seeking for his advices. He died in 1925; his coffin was made of his prayer table.

### *Vorhánd Mózes-Makó*

For 25 years he was a dajan at Nyitra, after he was elected to be the rabbi of Makó. He was a rabbi with high knowledge carrying authority as a leader of a Yeshiva. He died in Budapest in 1944.

### *Kol Árje Schwartz-Mád*

He was born in 1824. At the age of 14 he was attending the Yeshiva of Moseh Szofer. In 1861 he was the rabbi of Beregszász, from 1881 the rabbi of Mád until his death in 1883.

### *Taub Ezekiel - Nagykálló*

He was born in 1751 at Nagykálló. He was elected to be a rabbi in 1781. People from all over the world went on a pilgrimage to meet him. He was a well-known Talmud chohem. He was the one who composed the famous song: "The Rooster is Crowing"

### *Friedmann Cvi Hers-Olaszliszka*

He was born in 1808 at Sátoraljaújhely. He first studied at Mózes Teitelbaum than at the world famous rabbi Jisrael. He was a well-known chadik. After his death the glitter of Olaszliszka ended. Visiting is recommended in groups.

### *Teitelbaum Mózes/Jiszmah Mojse-Sátoraljaújhely*

He is the founder of the Hungarian Chasidism; the first rabbi of the Sziget-Szatmár Chasid dynasty. He was born in Prmysl at 1795 to a well-known rabbi family. He was elected to be the rabbi of Sátoraljaújhely at 1808. He established a famous Yeshiva where he thought for 33 years. After his death Sátoraljaújhely became the centre of the Chasidism.

## Tourist Sites

### *Rumbach Synagogue*

This synagogue is a fine example of the work of the Viennese architect Otto Wagner. The building itself was erected in the romantic style, richly decorated with Moorish elements. It was consecrated in 1872. Its cultural heritage is the preservation of the status quo. The Rumbach Sebestyén Synagogue together with the orthodox Kaziczy street synagogue and the neolog Dohány street synagogue form the so-called “Jewish triangle of Budapest”.

Address: VII. Rumbach Sebestyén Street 11-13.

Opening hours: 10-16.00

### *Synagogue of Apostag*

The synagogue was built in 1768. The exterior of the Late Baroque building with a Classicist façade has faithfully preserved the original form. The original interior and part of the decoration has been carefully preserved. The renovation designed by Péter Wirth was awarded the Europa Nostra Prize.

Address: Iskola Street 5.

Telephone: (78) - 427-227

### *Synagogue of Baja*

The synagogue was dedicated in 1845. In 1985 the local library was relocated to the renovated and transformed building. Careful interior architectural work has preserved the original atmosphere. There is a great memorial for the victims of the Holocaust on one side of the building.

Address: Munkácsy Mihály Street 9.

Telephone: (79)- 322-741

Website: [www.c3.hu/~aevk/](http://www.c3.hu/~aevk/)

### *Synagogue of Győr- Art Museum*

The synagogue was built by the neologian Israelite congregation between 1868 and 1870 in neo-Romanesque style, with an octagonal plan. The church interior is breath-taking with its circular balconies and the dome. It served as pattern for a number of significant European synagogues at the time of late historicism. Here you can see János Vasilescu's excellent Hungarian fine arts collection as well as paintings and statues by Lili Országh and her contemporaries.

Address: Kossuth Lajos Street 5.

Telephone: (96) 322 -695

Website: [www.artmuz.hu](http://www.artmuz.hu)

Opening hours: Wednesday- Sunday 10-18.00

### *Synagogue of Makó*

The Jews were first allowed to settle down in Makó by Miklós Stanislavich the Bishop of Csanád in the 1740's. The first synagogue was built between 1770-1780; it was the first Jewish house for prayer in the country. This building later became known as the old synagogue. In 1919 it was destroyed. The second synagogue was erected in the 1870's; it was an orthodox one. In 1914 Lipót Baumhorn designed a neologue synagogue, which was demolished in the socialist era. Following the Holocaust the orthodox synagogue fell into a sad state, but in 2002 it was reconstructed.

Address: Eötvös Street 15.

Telephone: (30)-3890613

### *Synagogue of Mád*

The late-Baroque style synagogue of Mád (1795), in the Tokaj Hegyalja viniculture region, is one of the oldest in Hungary and the only one where its lavishly ornamented 18th century interior has survived in its original form. The synagogue stands in the centre of the village together with the Catholic Church and the Reformed Church, and is a crucial element of the urban landscape, symbolising the peaceful cohabitation of all three religious communities in a once flourishing settlement. The synagogue was restored in compliance with Jewish orthodox traditions and is suitable for religious services. This successful partial reconstruction provides a valuable model for the revival of neglected synagogues throughout Central and Eastern Europe, thereby contributing to enhancing a community's identity.

Address: Rákoczi Way 75.

Telephone: (47)-348043

### *Synagogue of Miskolc*

The synagogue built between 1861-63 is one of the most famous monuments of the Hungarian Romantic architecture. It was designed by Ludwig Forster. Visiting on Sunday should be arranged in advance.

Address: Kazinczy Street 7.

Telephone: (46) 505-044

Opening hours: from Sunday to Friday 9-15.00

### *Old Synagogue of Sopron*

In the 13<sup>th</sup> century the program of King Béla IV welcomed the Jews in Sopron. A street was allocated to them (today it is called Új street). The old synagogue was erected around 1300. Under a high pyramid roof the Old Synagogue consists of a large two-storied prayer hall and a prayer for woman. It belongs to the protected monuments of the town.

Address: Új Street 22.

Telephone: (99)-311327

Website: [www.museum.sopron.hu](http://www.museum.sopron.hu)

### *Tiny Shul of Szentendre*

This small town lies near Budapest. It is a popular tourist attraction owing to its many sights and monuments. One of the many museums is a small Jewish museum, which is occasionally serves as a synagogue.

Address: Alkotmány Street 3.

Telephone: (30) 932-2900

### *Synagogue of Tokaj*

The first synagogue was built on the banks of the Tisza, was no bigger than a family house. It burnt down in the great fire of 1890. On this site a larger synagogue was built donated by a wealthy member of the community. He also financed the building of a new, beautiful synagogue. The latter one was erected in romantic Moorish style which resembles the one in Pécs. Nowadays the building is used for occasional cultural events. Explore old wine cellars and taste some of the excellent kosher wines.

Address: Serház Street 55.

Telephone: (20)-969-4493

Website: <http://konferencia.tokaj.hu>

### **Holiday resort Balatonfüred**

It can be found near the Lake Balaton. With its kosher kitchen and a small synagogue it welcomes all vacationers who would like to relax in a nice surrounding with a beautiful garden. Accommodation is offered between May and September as arranged with the Social Department of MAZSIHISZ.

Address: Balatonfüred, Liszt Ferenc Street 6.

Telephone of the Social Department: (1) 413-5571

### **Hotel**

Kings Hotel and Restaurant

Address: VII. Nagydíófa Street 25-27.

Telephone: (1) 352-7675

### **Restaurant**

Hanna (orthodox)

Address: VII. Dob Street 35.

Telephone: (1) 342-1072

Carmel Cellar / glatt kosher

Address: VII. Kazinczy Street 31.

Telephone: (1) 342-4585, (1) 322-1834

Salamon glatt-kosher Restaurant

Address: VII. Nagydíófa Street 27-29.

Telephone (1) 413-6969

### **Bakery, Pizza store, Dairy products**

Carimama (orthodox)

Address: VII. Kazinczy Street 28.

Telephone: (1) 342-0231

Website: [www.carimama.hu](http://www.carimama.hu)

**Meat** (orthodox)

Address: VII. Dob u. 35.

Telephone: (1) 3445165

**Meat and Food** is available at the Laky Kitchen

Address: Laky Adolf Street 38-40.

Telephone: (1) 221-4215

### **Grocery**

Rotschild Kosher food store

Address: VII. Dob Street 12.

Telephone: (1) 267-5691

### **Mikve**

Address: VII. Kazinczy Street 16.

Telephone: (1) 321-7332 (in the evening)

Supervision: rabbi Weisberger

(contact for women: (20) 317-1351)

## **Museum**

*Hungarian Jewish Museum and Archives*

Address: VII. Dohány Street 2.

Telephone: (1) 343-6756

Website: [www.bpjewmus.hu](http://www.bpjewmus.hu)

*Holocaust Documentation Centre*

Address: IX. Páva Street 39.

Telephone: (1) 455-3333

Email: [iroda@hdke.hu](mailto:iroda@hdke.hu)

Website: [www.hdke.hu](http://www.hdke.hu)

## **Library**

*Jewish Theological Seminar- University of Jewish Studies*

Address: Bérkocsis Street 2.

Telephone: 317-2396

## **Cultural Life**

### **Bálintház**

The community centre has been the pulse of Jewish communal and cultural life since 1994. There are different clubs, courses, a computer room, a modern fitness centre and a plenty of interesting programs on the offer.

Address: VI. Révay Street 16.

Telephone: (1) 311-9214

Website: [www.balinhaz.hu](http://www.balinhaz.hu)

## **Tour**

*Aviv Travel*

Address: VII. Síp Street 12.

Telephone: (1) 462-0477

Website: [www.aviv.hu](http://www.aviv.hu)

## **Heritage Tour**

*Mazsike (Hungarian Jewish Cultural Association)*

Address: VI. Révay Street 16.

Telephone: (1) 311-6665

Website: [www.mazsike.hu](http://www.mazsike.hu)

## **Media**

*Új Élet* - The paper of the Federation of Jewish Communities in Hungary

Address: VII. Síp Street 12.

Telephone: (1) 413-5537

*Remény* - Jewish social, public life and cultural periodical

Address: VII. Síp Street 12.

Telephone: (1) 342-2355

*Szombat* - Hungarian Jewish Periodical of the 21<sup>st</sup> century

Address: VI. Révay Street 16.

Telephone: (1) 311-6665

Website: [www.szombat.org](http://www.szombat.org)

*Múlt és Jövő*

Address: II. Keleti Károly Street 27./I. 1.

Telephone: (1) 316-7019

Website: [www.multesjovo.hu](http://www.multesjovo.hu)

**Booksellers**

*Biblical World Judaica Gallery*

Address: VII. Wesselényi Street 13.

Telephone: (36-1) 354-1561

*Mizrah Jewish Gift Shop*

Address: VII. Dohány Street 1/a.

Telephone: (1) 411-1184