Travel and Do Jewish Things

Do you like to travel? Do you like to find out about the Jewish community wherever you go? If so, let’s travel in the U.S. and then to Europe to see what kinds of Jewish things we can do.

We can start in our backyard in Boston. Did you know Eastern European Jews began settling in the North End in the 1870s? The Rabinovich family was among them and they opened a grocery store that eventually led to the creation of Stop & Shop. By the 1920s, Jewish families moved to Roxbury, Newton, Revere, and Brookline, and few signs remain of their presence. Go to NorthEndBoston.com and find out what remnants of Jewish life are still in the North End.

What can I say about New York City? There is The Jewish Museum, the Carlebach Shul, and the Jewish Theological Seminary, among many other places. And what of Machpelah Cemetary? Go there to visit Houdini’s grave.

In Baltimore, MD, the Jonestown neighborhood is historically Jewish and is where you can find the Lloyd Street Synagogue (part of The Jewish Museum). Built in 1845, it is one of the oldest synagogues in the United States and the first synagogue erected in Maryland, a state known for its religious tolerance.

How about Atlanta, GA? Even though the Atlanta Jewish Life Festival was in January, you can go to the web site and see the lists of Jewish businesses, synagogues, schools, and more in the Atlanta area. The Jews live all over the city, and this one-day festival brings everyone together.

In Miami, FL, you can find many kindred spirits. Shalom Miami can help you find kosher food, Jewish events, historical sites, and more. Also check out Shtetl by the Sea for a list of Jewish landmarks.

Jews arrived in New Orleans, LA, when it was under French control and have been there for over 200 years. In spite of French and Spanish governments wanting to remove the Jews, they have stayed and continue to thrive, and have made significant contributions to the city, even taking part in the Mardi Gras parades.

Moving west, visit Jewish Things to Do Los Angeles CA for lists of activities suggested by local Jewish families. Whether indoors or out, there are many choices plus a short list of Kosher restaurants. At the bottom of the website are links to synagogues and events.

Heading to Europe, many places have Jewish quarters and we can find Jewish things to do in:

- London, UK
- Paris, France
- Madrid, Spain
- Venice, Italy
- Rome, Italy
- Vienna, Austria
- Prague, Czech Republic
- Budapest, Hungary
- Bucharest, Romania

So have fun planning your next adventure and include Jewish things to do!