

# הקשר היהודי שלך

## Your Jewish Connection

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### Jewish Life around the World

”There’s a miracle going on in Poland; Jewish life is thriving, and it’s easier, safer, and



better to be Jewish every day in Poland than anywhere else in Europe,” Jonathan Ornstein, the director of the Jewish Community Center of Krakow, told participants in a 2015 conference marking the 25th anniversary of the renewal of diplomatic relations between Poland and Israel. To learn why he made this remark, visit [The Resurgence of Jewish Life in Poland](#) and [Why Jewish Life Is Thriving in Today’s Poland](#). Both articles discuss how local and international Jewish organizations, philanthropists, and advocates have invested in both Jewish people and Jewish life.

Did you know that Jews have been in Venice, Italy, for over 500 years? Today they are a small community and the Jewish ghetto is just another area of Venice. The 500th anniversary of the establishment of the ghetto was in 2016. Visit [The New York Times article](#) for a fascinating description of one man’s visit to this ghetto in Venice.

In Britain, the [Jewish News Online](#), Britain’s Biggest Jewish Newspaper, is your source for every bit of news that has a connection to Jews, Jewish life, living, and culture. Visit the site to find myriad topics that link (or not) to Judaism.

Jews in Egypt once thrived, but now are barely surviving.



[Jewish Life in Egypt](#) describes a prosperous and vibrant Jewish population in the past, as evidenced by many buildings and synagogues. Read about today’s [struggles for this community](#).

In a 2017 interview with the Director of the Tehran, Iran, Jewish Community, the Director said “... the Jews’ condition in Iran has always been better than in Europe...” Jews are a recognized minority there, which makes life a bit easier, even though they have some restrictions under Iranian law. Get [the details on Iran here](#) and [here](#).

[Asian Jewish Life](#), an online journal, was founded after the tragedy in Mumbai, India. Part of its purpose is to



unite the variety of Jewish communities within Asia. It describes Asian Jewish communities as having deeply rooted histories, filled with vibrant color, unique culture, and rich flavors not seen in other parts of the Jewish world. Sample articles: *The Jews of Bollywood*; *On Writing, Love, and Judaism in Japan*; and *Is Judaism the Yang to China’s Yin*.

[Jewish Australia Online](#) is one-stop shopping: everything, or almost everything, you want to know about the Jewish communities in Australia. You search by topic or alphabetically to find what you need. Note that some of the links take you to other web sites.

How about South American Jewish communities?

[7 Things to Know About the Jews of Brazil](#)

[The Jewish Community of Sao Paulo, Brazil](#)

[The Jewish Community of San Recife](#)

[Jewish Argentina](#)

[Buenos Aires: Culture and Community](#)

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