

הקשר היהודי שלך

Your Jewish Connection

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Community

As I sat in the TBA sanctuary for the high holy day services, I marveled at the community that had come together for this religious celebration. There were many friends and familiar faces as I looked around. And there were also new faces and friends I haven't met yet. I felt comfortable, at home, a part of something more than just me. And I felt really good knowing that I am a part of this community and that I had a hand in its creation and ongoing development.

So what's that got to do with the Internet?

For Jews who enjoy traveling or living outside of the New England for part of the year, you may be curious about Jewish communities where you'll be traveling or living. The Internet is a great resource for searching out this information.

For example, if you'll be in Florida, FloridaJewish.com has just about everything you'd need to know. Click on the Communities Directory near the top and you can a list of Jewish communities in Florida along with what you can find in those communities.



Do you prefer the southern states? The Goldring/Woldenberg Institute of Southern Jewish Life (ISJL) covers Texas to Georgia, Kentucky to Florida, and everything in between. It hosts the ISJL Encyclopedia of Southern Jewish Communities, which presents a history of every congregation and significant Jewish community in the South.

Perhaps you prefer the west coast area. Review this discussion of [Jewish communities in the western United States](#). You'll learn some history and how climate affects community building.



If you're thinking more about Europe, you can look up potential communities by visiting the [European](#)

[Jewish Congress](#) Web site. Click on Communities in the menu bar to see a map of Europe. Hover over the map to see a brief description of Jewish communities in that country. Additional European Jewry Web sites include the [Irish Jewish Community](#), the [Romanian Jewish Heritage](#) site, and the [Italian Jewish Community](#).

Traveling further afield, check out the [Jewish Community of Indonesia](#), [Jewish Communities of China](#), and [Kulanu: Communities in developing countries](#).

So relax, sit back, and take a journey to another Jewish community!

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