

Become a



Friends and Sustainers of the Jewish Community



Our history

The presence of a Jewish community in Florence dates back to the 15th century under Cosimo il Vecchio de' Medici. In 1570 Jews were forced to live in a Ghetto with restrictions on their freedom. In 1848 the Ghetto was opened, but it was not until the Unification of Italy in 1861 that Jews were finally allowed to occupy important political, cultural and artistic positions in Florentine society. In 1938 the Fascist government enacted Racial Laws with strict bans marginalizing Jews from civil life. On November 9th, 1943, the first convoy of deportees for Auschwitz departed from platform 16 of the Santa Maria Novella railway station in Florence. Between 1943 and 1944, more than 500 Jews were deported from Florence. After the Shoah, the Jewish Community re-flourished around the

Great Synagogue, which became a symbol of rebirth.

Who we are today

The Jewish Community of Florence has just under 1000 members, mainly of Sephardic origin, but also includes Ashkenazi Jews from Eastern Europe, Israel and the United States. The congregation is Italian Orthodox.

What we do

The Jewish Community offers an important connection for all Jews to feel at home in Florence with a complete range of social and educational services including a Jewish Preschool, Talmud Torah, Youth Groups, a Jewish Women's Group, a Library, Historical Archives, Beth Midrash and adult study groups, as well as religious services such as Brit Milot, B'nei Mitzvah, Weddings, Mikveh and Jewish Cemeteries.

The Jewish Community also organizes cultural events open to the public and promotes kosher food for visitors. The synagogue in Siena is also part of the Jewish Community of Florence.

Our mission

To support and enhance Jewish life, learning and heritage in Florence and Siena, promoting projects to support the Jewish Community.

Thanks to valuable contributions from Sustainers and Members, the Jewish Community is able offer a wide range of educational, cultural, religious and social events.



Sustainer program

To become an Annual Sustainer, simply make a donation each year through our website: <https://www.firenzebraica.it/pagamenti/sostenitori/?lang=en>

Choose the amount you would like to donate for the current year. The suggested amount is 100 euro, but any amount is welcome.

We will contact you the following year to ask if you are interested in renewing your support to the Jewish Community.

Please note that there are no automatic renewals, you will be contacted next year.

Additional benefits of becoming a Sustainer

With a donation of at least 100 euro, you will receive:

- Two guest passes to the Jewish Museum of Florence or Siena (to receive your tickets please write to donations@firenzebraica.it)
- Our "Friends of the Jewish Community" tote bag (please send us your shipping address to receive your bag)
- A discount on Kosher for Passover products.



Friends of the Jewish Community

Help us grow

Stay tuned through our newsletter "Friends of the Jewish Community" for updates on projects, sign up by filling in the Contact Form on our website: <https://www.firenzebraica.it/contact-us/>

Friend us on Facebook and follow our page: <https://www.facebook.com/Firenzebraica>

Come to one of our numerous cultural events, such as the Balagan Café or the European Day of Jewish Culture: <https://www.balagancafe.com/>

Get involved as a volunteer: <https://www.firenzebraica.it/work-with-us/?lang=en>

Follow our specific projects on our website: <https://www.firenzebraica.it/goals-donations/?lang=en>



For information write to:

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It is possible to make donations through our website:

www.supermitzvah.com

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