



# ANNUAL REPORT 2025





# **EUROPEAN JEWISH COMMUNITY CENTRE**

*Highlighting 2000 years of Jewish culture in Europe*

# THE CENTRE

The European Jewish Community Centre, located at the heart of the European Quarter in Brussels, is a focal point for Jewish events, services and resources at the European Union. The EJCC is a people oriented, community-driven organization dedicated to enhancing the quality of Jewish life through educational and cultural events. The centre is multi-lingual, serving the needs of government officials, diplomats, journalists and consultants to the EU.



## OUR MISSION

To **promote Jewish culture and values in the European Union** and its institutions, by creating a dynamic centre for anyone interested in Jewish Culture, nourishing a community in all its diversity.

To **strengthen Jewish identity**, nurturing a meaningful Jewish life with an eye on progress, and consistent with today's world.

To **create bridges between communities** by bringing together people of different cultures and create dialogue.`

To **empower volunteers** to reach out and give a hand, **bringing help to the most vulnerable**, isolated and refugees around us

# 5 FIELDS OF ACTION



## EU AFFAIRS

**5 events**  
**1205 participants**

**58 activities**  
**3055 participants**

## DIALOGUE AND DIVERSITY



## JEWISH LIFE AND CULTURE

**17 events**  
**3600 participants**

# 5 FIELDS OF ACTION



## EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTE

**12 Educational Programmes**  
**385 lessons**  
**177 single students**

**644 visits**  
**20 volunteers**

## YACHAD



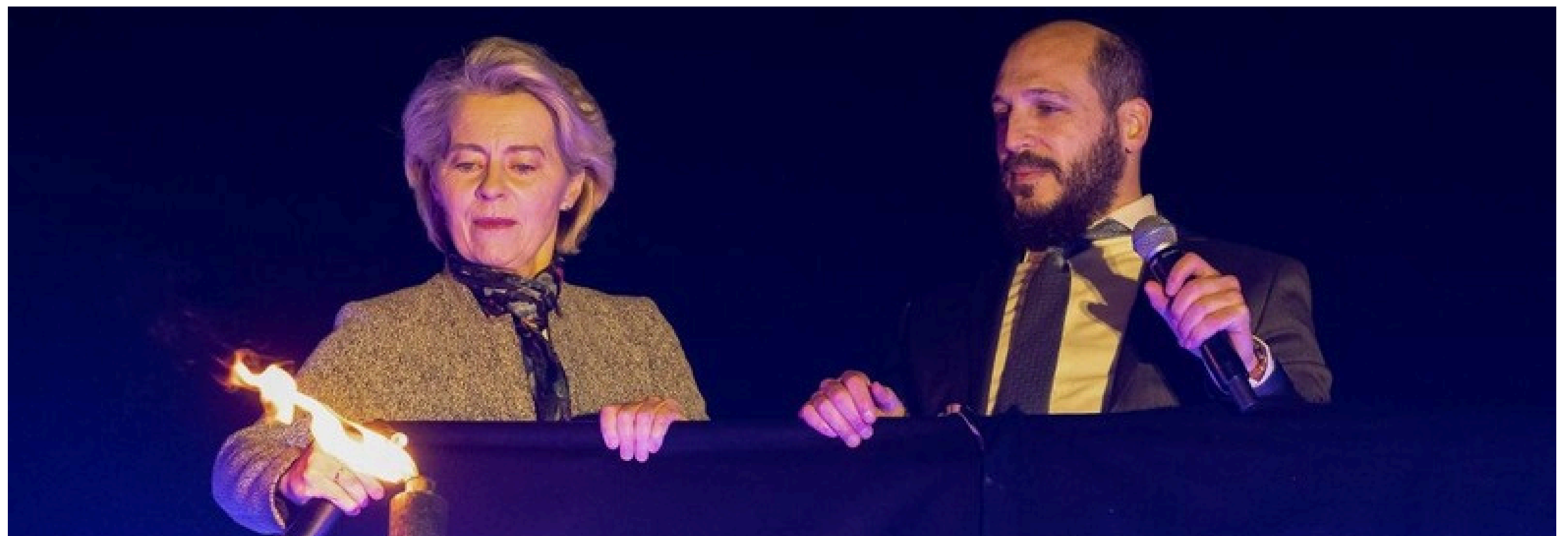
# EU Affairs

## Events and activities

- Holocaust Remembrance Day Conference at the European Commission
- Jewish New Year at the European Parliament: Art Exhibition "Cities of Lost Memory" by artist Alexandre Mitchell
- EuroChanukah at the European Commission under the Patronage of HR/VP Kaja Kallas and "Share the Light" Prize awarded to ASF
- EuroChanukah on Rond-Point Schuman with European Commission President, Ursula Von der Leyen

**4 events**

**1205 participants**









# Jewish Life & Culture



**17 events**  
**3600 participants**

## Events and activities

- Shabbat Dinner & Talk - Space Exploration: To the moon and beyond
- Shabbat Kiddush & Talk - In honor of Tu B'shvat: Conference by Aviva Azan
- Purim Party for Kids & families
- Purim Brunch & Talk
- Matza Bakery: Bake your own matza
- Pesach - First and Second Seder
- Shavuot Pizza Party
- Tribute to the Rebbe - Concert & Shabbat Dinner
- Rosh Hashanah - LeChayim Cocktail
- Tashlich & Shofar in the Park
- Rosh Hashanah Dinner
- Yom Kippur - Break the Fast
- Dinner under the Sukkah
- Lunches under the Sukkah
- Dance with the Torah
- Comedy Show with Ethan Lallouze
- Brussels Mega Challa Bake - Welcome Home
- Chanukahland for Children
- Chanukah Concert for Bat Mitzvah Girls









# EU Young Professionals



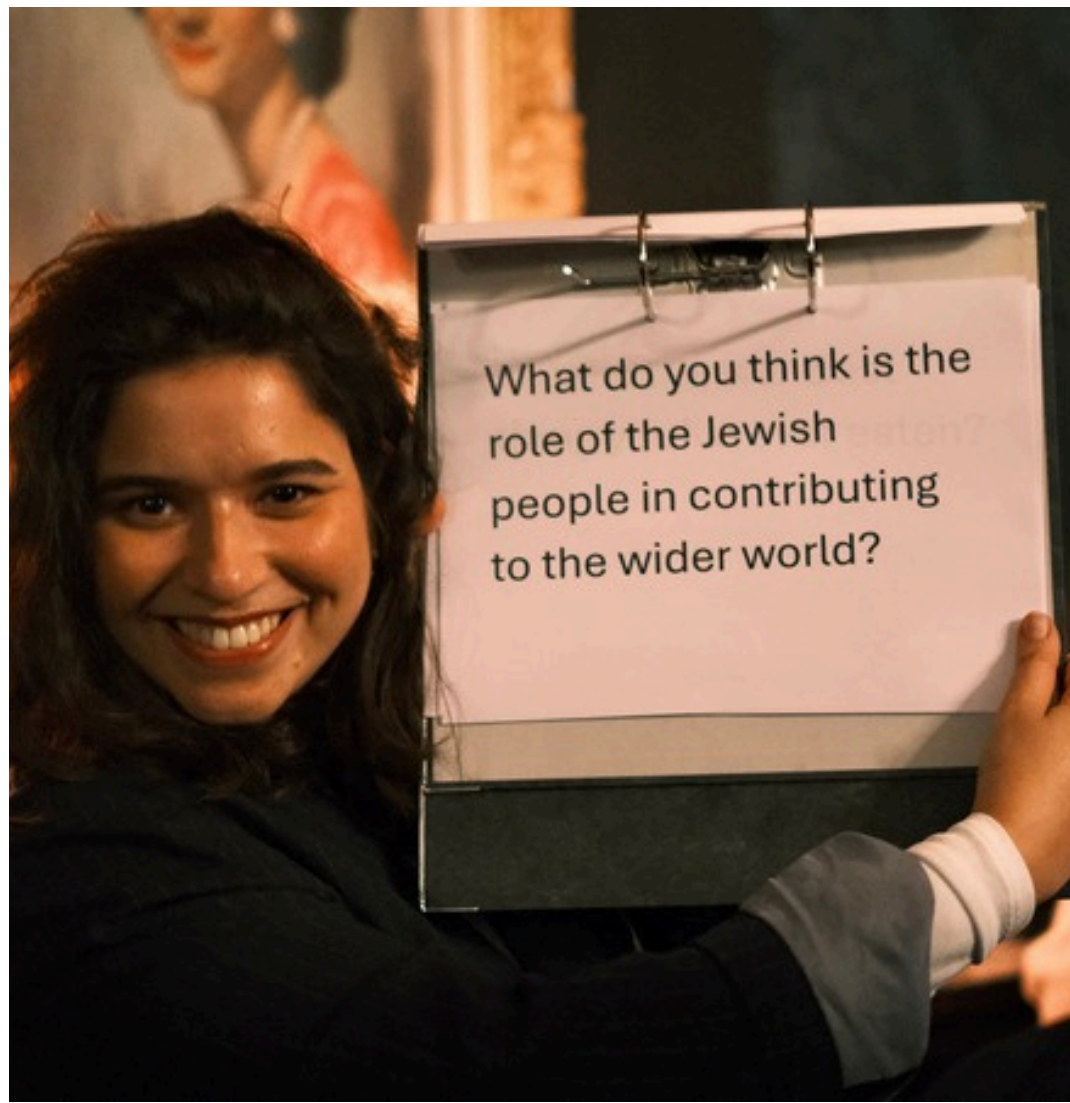
**8 events**  
**985 participants**

## Events and activities

- Eu Young Professionals: New Year, New Beginning
- Challa Bake for Young Professionals
- Purim Party: Bal Masque
- Young professionals Afterwork: Gardenstyle Party
- BBQ & Beers: Summer Social
- Back Together: New Season, same vibes BBQ
- Simchat Torah: We will dance for them
- Chanukah Cocktail Party for Young Professionals







# Kabbalah Cours for Young Professionals

- How did Kabbala come to me?
- The Evolution of Ego
- The Dawn of Limitation
- The infinite Light
- The World of Chaos
- When the interface blocks the core
- The concept of true freedom
- The Great Concealment
- Shavuot study night
- The Essence of Everything

**32 students**

**10 lessons**

**September 2025 - June 2026**



# Education

Jewish Learning Institute  
September 2025 - August 2026

We promote tolerance through education and understanding. What better way to a more peaceful world! We offer a template of mostly interesting learning courses on Judaism and Hebrew language, for children and adults alike. The following educational programmes are offered by the EJCC

**12 programmes**  
**385 lessons**  
**177 single students**



Eulpan



Bar Mitzvah



Smarties



Women's club



Sunday Kid's



Bat Mitzvah



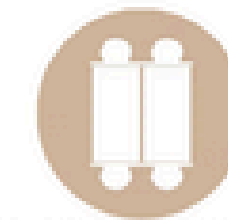
Jewish Philosophy



Torah & Tea



Talmud Lessons



Shabbat Morning



Cteen



Abarbanel

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# Women's Club



**8 evenings**  
**30 participants**

Our women's club is a once a month "ladies only" gathering in the evening to chat and learn about the upcoming Jewish Holidays. Thought-provoking talks and inspiring encounters follow a delicious dinner



# CTEEN



**2 gatherings**  
**12 participants**



Our programs for teenagers provide a nurturing environment where teens can learn about themselves through giving to others, identify with individuals who share the same faith, and be part of a group that focuses on building positive core values.

# Abarbanel



**12 students**  
**(zoom and in person)**  
**36 lessons**

Finishing the week on a fresh note and delve into the millenary wisdom of Isaac Abarbanel, the esteemed Middle Ages sage and adviser to the crown before the Inquisition. Rabbi Avi Tawil leads an enriching study of the weekly Torah portion.



# Sunday Kids Programme



**25 students**  
**20 lessons**

You want your kid to explore the colorful beauty of the Jewish holidays in all their diversity? Then we have just the right program for you! In our Sunday Youth Program we will take children 4 to 9 on an exciting journey one Sunday every month, in which they will not only learn about the meaning behind the holidays, but also get to discover each holiday's very individual spirit and joyfulness. No matter whether through baking, crafting, singing or planting, in this program the kids will learn in a very interactive way to not only connect to Jewish tradition but also one another.

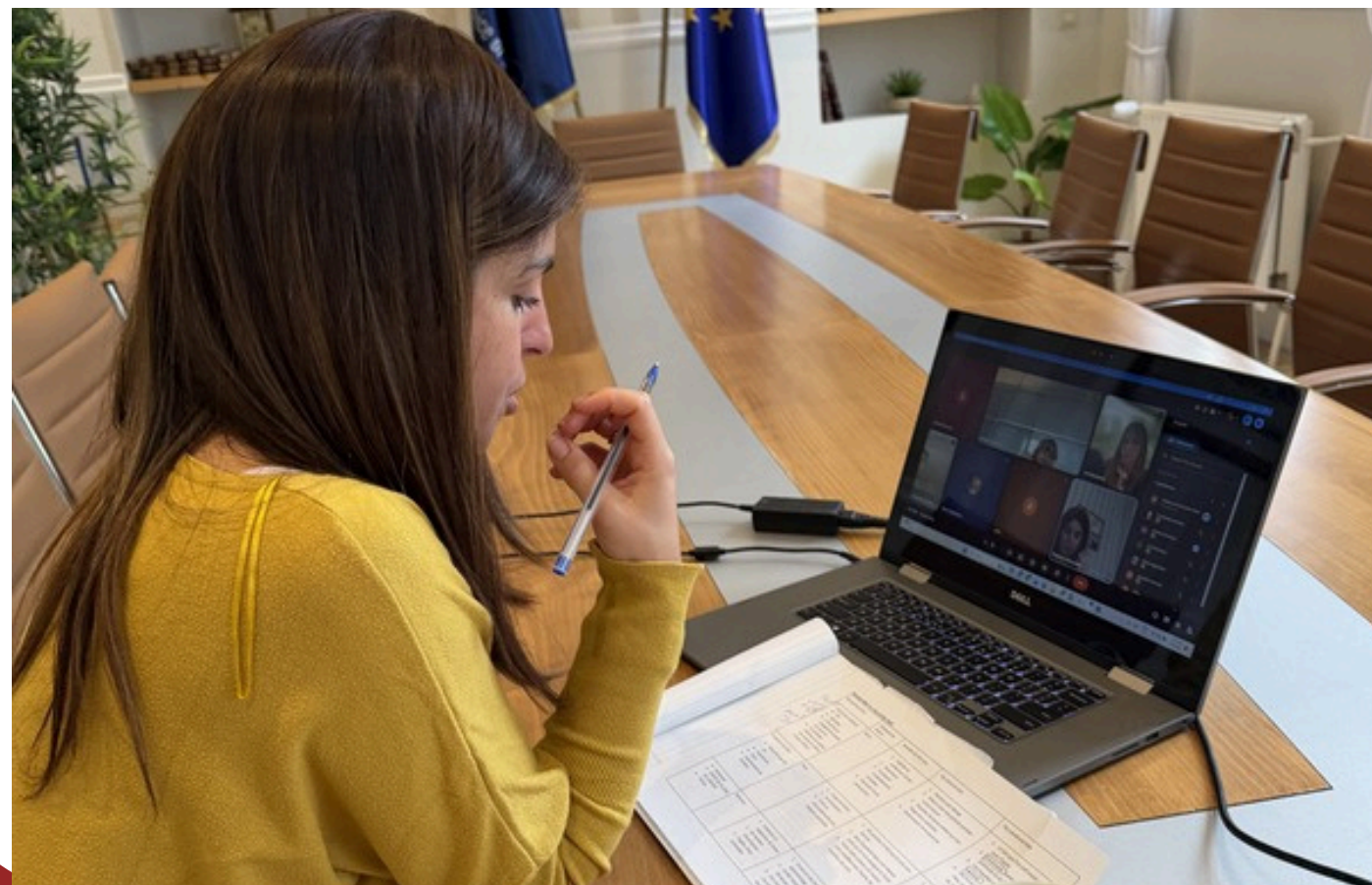


# Jewish Philosophy



**8 students**  
**36 lessons**

A weekly class on array of popular topics. Discover each week how the Torah portion can bring insight into our lives today, with knowledge from our great Jewish heritage and philosophers.



**15 students**  
**35 lessons**

## Torah&Tea

Is a once a week "ladies only" zoom at lunch time learn the profound meaning of the Torah on a text based study.

# Kabbalah



**32 students**  
**10 lessons**

It's a once-a-month class for young professionals, given by Avi, starting with dinner and followed by the lesson.

Kabbalah is a stream of Jewish mysticism that explores how the infinite (Ein Sof) expresses itself through the "Tree of Life" (sefirot) and how aligning your actions with that flow can deepen self-awareness and intentional living.



# Smarties



**5 students**  
**35 lessons**



Is a dinner and a study for young professional girls only. Every Wednesday evening we get together and study "Inside time" from Yanki Tauber.

## Talmud Class



**12 students**  
**35 lessons**

Talmud is the mainstay of Jewish tradition. It has been recognized as an extraordinary scholarly achievement and a model of unparalleled critical analysis. Explore this important area of Jewish scholarship with our in depth-lectures. It will give you a glimpse into the methods and workings of the Talmud. Classic topics will be learned in the traditional Yeshivah style. You will have the opportunity to examine various opinions of Talmudic sages, analysing a case study of disputed ownership and the Talmud's thoughtful approach to resolving it.



## EUIpan



**18 students**  
**78 lessons**

The only Hebrew learning course in the European Quarter. This programme consists of weekly lessons given by a professional language teacher to students from beginners and advanced level groups.

# Bar Mitzvah Buddies



Bar Mitzvah Buddies is a program designed for boys aged 11 to 12, preparing them for their Bar Mitzvah. This engaging program includes 23 lessons, focusing on Jewish holidays, Jewish philosophy, Torah, and prayers. Each session provides personalized guidance within a supportive community, helping each boy confidently step into Jewish adulthood.

**4 students**  
**22 lessons**



# Chassidic Philosophy



**10 students**  
**48 lessons**



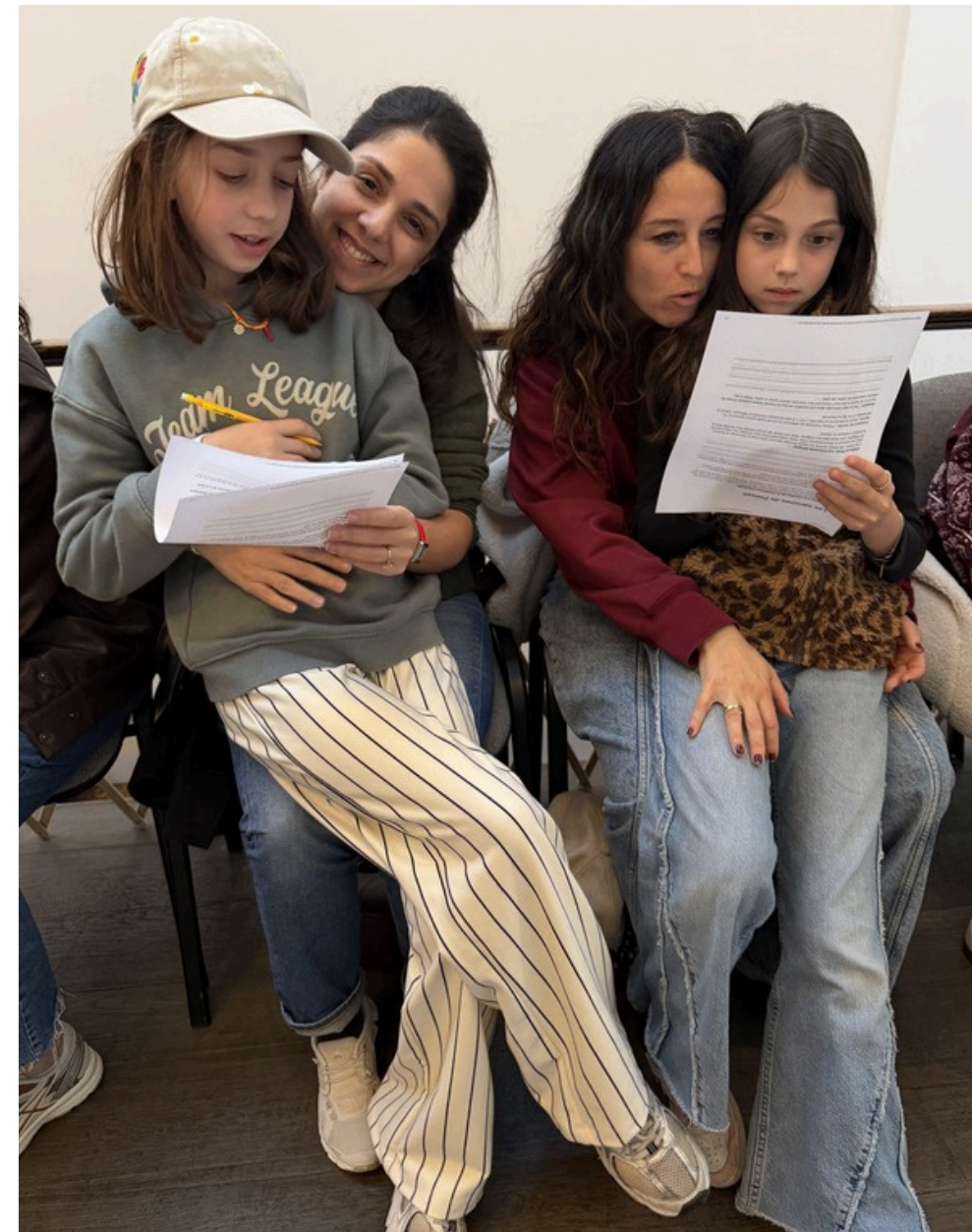
Every Shabbat morning, just before the Shabbat prayer, a warm and welcoming gathering takes place featuring a delicious breakfast and thoughtful discussion. The focus is on exploring the deeper meaning of the Torah, offering participants a chance to nourish both body and soul while engaging in meaningful conversation and reflection.

# Bat Mitzvah Club



**13 students**  
**16 gatherings**

Is a program that prepares girls between 11 and 13 years old for their Bat Mitzva. This program consists of 16 gatherings in which we will cross the milestones on Jewish History while discovering important female figures in our history. We will also celebrate the Jewish holidays while focusing more extensively on Jewish thoughts and values with a first initiation to spirituality, duality between body and soul, and our personal relationship with G-d





# Dialogue & Diversity



D&D is a Jewish initiative of intercultural dialogue. On an educational level, D&D brings together Jews, Muslims, Christians, Buddhists and non-confessionals around one same project: to promote the understanding and acceptance of our differences in order to reduce stereotypes and prejudices and consolidate a more inclusive society. On an institutional level, D&D raises public awareness on the importance of respect and exchange between religious and cultural communities and on the importance to celebrate our diversity.



# Embrace my diversity



Dialogue  
& Diversity

Dialogue&Diversity (D&D) welcomes all schools in Brussels and beyond for an introduction to Jewish culture and a workshop on diversity. Our society is composed of diverse social and cultural elements. D&D encourages the discovery of other cultures in order to improve understanding and acceptance of the other. With this in mind, we have designed a two-part workshop for school groups: an introduction to Jewish life and a game about identity.

**23 classes**  
**1131 students**



- Pole Jeune - Nivelles
- Centre d'Enseignement Secondaire d'Etterbeek Ernest Richard
- School from Jodoigne
- Lycée Émile Jacqmain
- Ecole Leaken
- L'institut des Ursulines de Koekelberg
- Centre scolaire du Sacré-Coeur de Jette
- Athénée Émile Bockstael
- Collège St Vincent St Francois
- Ecole Arbre Ballon
- Ecole Aurore
- Ecole Vanhelmont
- IMELDA
- Ecole Clarté & Ecole Tournesol
- Ecole Van Asbroeck
- Ecole J. Brel
- Ecole Vanhelmont
- Ecole les Bruyères (n°6)
- Saint André
- CSMC
- Sainte Famille d'Helmet
- Athénée Isala van Diest
- Centre d'enseignement secondaire d' Etterbeeck
- Aktion Sühnezeichen Friedensdienste





# Women

A women's discussion group that meets once a month with Jewish, Muslim, Christian, Buddhist and non-denominational women in a warm and open environment to discuss each other's challenges, culture and traditions and to frankly address the stereotypes and misconceptions we face.

**7 activities**  
**(Jan 2025- March 2026)**  
**233 women**



- Women in diversity: Club de Lecture
- Picnic & Guided Tour: House of European History
- Movie Screening: Dans tes Yeux Je Vois Mon Pays
- Women in Diversity: Bien Nommer pour Mieux Dialoguer
- Women in Diversity: Club de Lecture
- Iftar Dinner & Talk



# Advocacy



Dialogue & Diversity Advocacy helps leaders understand both the problems and the solutions. We reflect on hate incidents, online tensions and local conflicts, then match it with examples of projects that bring people together, youth centres, intercultural actions and more.

**23 activities including MEPs, religious leaders, ambassadors, journalists  
January 2025 - April 2026**



- Neighbours Phase II: Kick-off and budget partner meetings (August 2025).
- Holocaust Remembrance Conference 2025 - Partners
- Rwanda, Kigali Security Summit | Kigali, Rwanda - Building strategic partnerships between Africa, the US, Israel, and the Middle East.
- 8th Working Group Meeting on the EU Strategy
- Freedom of Religion & Belief EU-Bahrain Summit
- Yad Vashem Exhibition European Parliament - Participation
- Dr. Christian Staffa & EC Coordinator: Roundtable meeting regarding the fight against antisemitism
- Ambassador Rabbi Yehuda Kaploun: Dinner discussion with the U.S. Special Envoy

# Advocacy



Our team briefs EU bodies and national authorities and speaks at European and international conferences to share what is happening on the ground and to show how respect for difference keeps democracy strong.

- European Parliament Taskforce against Antisemitism - Vice President Picierno
- Partnership with Office of High Representative Vice President Kaja Kallas - EuroChanukah
- Commissioner Magnus Brunner - Reception at the Berlaymont
- Cabinet Commissioner Brunner: Meeting with Jewish umbrella organizations regarding rising antisemitism
- ATID Project development with Cabinet of President von der Leyen
- Establishment of the European House of Jewish Culture with Cabinet of the Bourgmestre of Brussels
- Holocaust Remembrance Conference 2026 Theme: "Remembering the past. Shaping the future."
- 5 gatherings with religious leaders
- Agreement of future cooperation with Argentinian Embassy
- International Conference of Jewish Leaders New York
- Civil Society Forum European Commission - Speaker





# D&D social events



Dialogue  
& Diversity

From forest walks to an intercultural Iftar for women, to bar-top strategy sessions with activists and civil-society leaders, and the European Commission's EuroChanukah celebration, each Dialogue & Diversity bridge event put different communities side by side on neutral ground. By sharing food, space, and unfiltered questions, participants worked out practical next steps together, building the habits of mutual responsibility that keep democracy flexible and alive.

**6 activities**  
**950 participants**

- Iftar Dinner for religious leaders
- Iftar Dinner for Women in Dialogue
- Workshop with Ethan Lallouz for Public and Jewish schools
- Comedy Show with Ethan Lallouz at CCLJ
- Matza Bake with Protestant Church at the Jewish Museum
- An interfaith dialogue at Chapel for Europe





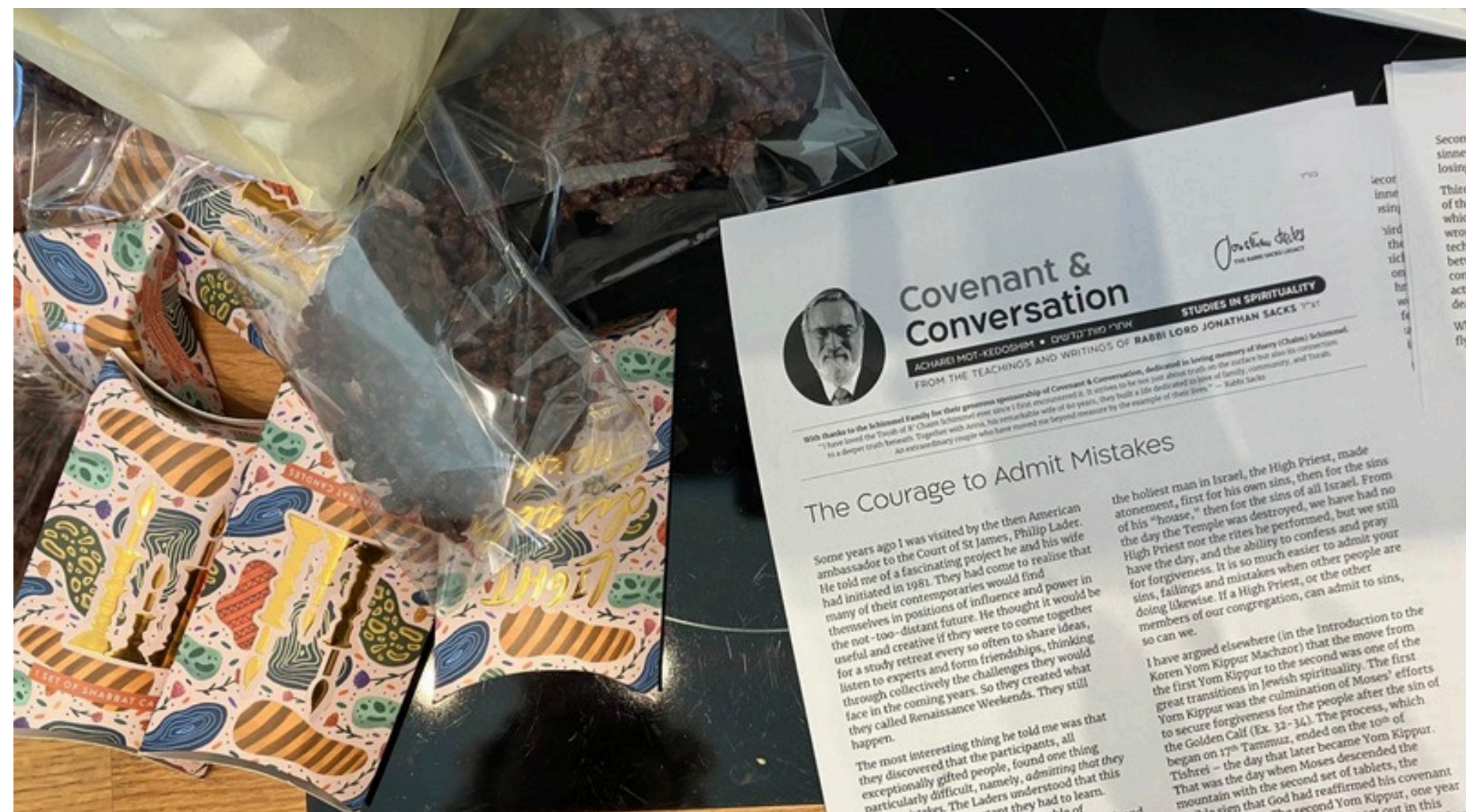
# Yachad Project



This is an initiative where our amazing volunteers visit different people all over Brussels, not only to bring them our homemade Shabbat products, but also to spend some time with them. Our volunteers visit all kinds of people, whether it's someone recovering from an illness or a young family who has just welcomed a newborn. However, these visits are particularly focused on people who appreciate a warm gesture and human contact.

**350 visits**  
**15 volunteers**





# EJCC in the city

Every Tuesday Nehama delivers a Chronique in the Matinale of Radio Judaica with Didier Cohn. She discusses contemporary issues and connects them with Judaism and spirituality. We receive a vast amount of feedback and comments on the topics that she discusses each week. For many people in Brussels, this is a weekly appointment to hear Nehama's view of the world and though that reflect on those topics and their own views as well.



**Radio Judaica**  
**45 shows**  
**&**  
**175.110 views on Facebook**

# EJCC in the Cyberspace

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European Jewish Community Centre

855 posts   1.131 followers   636 following

Community Center  
Focal point for Jewish events, services and resources at the European Union  
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Avi-Nehama Tawil

241 posts   1.062 followers   1.517 following

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# D&D in the Cyberspace

The screenshot shows the Facebook profile for 'dialogue\_diversity'. The profile picture is a circular logo with a stylized 'D' and 'D' and the text 'Dialogue & Diversity'. The bio reads 'Dialogue and Diversity' with 131 posts, 205 followers, and 227 following. The community description is 'Building bridges between communities by:' followed by 'Schools', 'Women', and 'Advocacy... more'. A website link 'www.dialoguediversity.eu' is provided. A 'Professional dashboard' shows 151 views in the last 30 days. Navigation buttons include 'Edit profile' and 'Share profile'. Below are icons for 'New', 'Recettes', 'Activities', 'Sukkot', and 'Rosh Hashi'. At the bottom, there are three video thumbnails: a woman playing piano (279 views), a whiteboard with handwritten text (193 views), and a boy holding a fruit (185 views).



The Dialogue & Diversity logo, featuring a stylized 'D' with a smaller 'D' inside and five yellow stars above it, is centered on a black background. Below the logo, the text 'DIALOGUE & DIVERSITY' is written in large, bold, white capital letters, with the ampersand in gold. To the right of the logo, there are buttons for 'Professional dashboard' and 'Edit'. The text 'Dialogue & Diversity' and '380 followers · 5 following' is also visible above the main banner.

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# European Commission celebrates Chanukah

17 December 2025 - President Ursula von der Leyen delivered a keynote speech at the EuroChanukah event organised by the European Jewish Community Center and European Jewish Association at the European Commission headquarters.

date: 18/12/2025



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## Historic EuroChanukah Celebration in Brussels Marks Launch of Simone Veil Prize for Jewish Cultural Heritage

17/12/2025



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glbouchez 🌟 Celebration of the holiday of Hanukkah at the invitation of the European Jewish Community Centre, in the presence of the President of the European Commission.

👉 My presence wanted to be an unwavering and unconditional support to the fight against antisemitism and to the Jewish community, which has been recently struck by violence and hatred and death, this time in Australia.

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## "Les Juifs et l'Europe partagent une histoire ancienne" : les responsables politiques réunis pour célébrer Hanoucca devant la Commission européenne

Après l'attentat antisémite de Sydney, la cérémonie de Hanoucca organisée devant la Commission européenne a pris, cette année, une dimension hautement symbolique.



Ursula von der leyen - David Weytsman - Philippe Close

Sur le même sujet



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Cette cérémonie devait avoir lieu. Comme chaque année. Mais cette année, elle prend une résonance toute particulière au regard de l'actualité et après l'attentat antisémite de Sydney.

