

Od Yosef Hai Shabbaton & Hachnaset Sefer Torah in Prague
(16 or 17-20 March 2023)
Day-By-Day Programme.



Thursday, 16 March 2023

Arrival in Prague – Day at Leisure

Friday, 17 March 2023

Arrival in Prague.

Optional Walking Tour of Jewish Prague (2.5 Hours).

Mincha & Arbit Service in the Old-New Synagogue.

Dinner in the Jewish Community Centre adjacent to the Old-New Synagogue.

Saturday, 18 March 2023

Shacharit & Musaf Service in the Old-New Synagogue.

Kiddush & Lunch in the Main Hall of the Jewish Community Centre.

Mincha, Seuda Seleshit, Shiur & Arbit in the Jewish Community Centre & Old-New Synagogue.

Evening at leisure.

Sunday, 19 March 2023

Optional Morning Tour of Prague including admission to Prague Castle (4-hours).

Mid/Late Afternoon Hachnaset Sefer Torah with Buffet Meal & Refreshments.

Mincha & Arbit at the Old-New Synagogue.

Evening at Leisure.

Monday, 20 March 2023

Optional Morning Tour of Theresienstadt (5-6 hours).

Afternoon or Evening Departure from Prague.

RABBI YOSSI DAVID

We are delighted to announce that Rabbi Yossi David of the Od Yosef Hai Synagogue in Hendon, London is participating in the Prague Shabbaton and will be our Scholar in Residence.



Rabbi Yossi David was born in Gateshead, near Newcastle in the U.K. but was raised in Buenos Aires in Argentina and moved back to London at the age of 12. He attended High School in North London and then studied in Shaare Torah Manchester for 4 years before studying in the famous Ponevish Yeshiva in Bnei Brak in Israel under the leadership of Maran Harav Shach. After marrying his wife, Sharona, he continued to study in Yeshiva until joining the Kollel Darchei Horaha under the guidance and leadership of The Rishon LeZion Rabbi Mordechai Eliyahu Z”L in Jerusalem for 12 years. During this time, he gained Rabbinical Ordination (Semicha) for Rabanut and Dayanut from Rabbi Eliyahu and from the Chief Rabbi Of Jerusalem, Rabbi Shalom Mashash and the Rabbanut Harashit. In 2008, he

moved back to London and became the Assistant Rabbi to his father, Dayan Abraham David at the Od Yosef Hai Synagogue and Yeshiva in Hendon, London.

As well as being the Assistant Rabbi, he is involved in directing the religious ethos of Nancy Reuben Primary School as well as being one of the School Governors. He gives regular shiurim to his congregants both at Od Yosef Hai and at private homes in North-West London. He gives shurirm in other communities and is in popular demand. Rabbi Yossi has made a huge and dramatic impact on the constantly growing Young Professionals. He pushes YPs forward, collectively with their wives with a series of shiurim (lectures), or isolated in one-on-one executive learning sessions. He works hard to stretch and expand their intellectual capacity with his in-depth and diverse knowledge of diverse topics.



The Rabbi starts his day for the community with his Daily “Early Birds” shiur, (6.00 am) before morning prayers, and is intermittently available through his busy learning schedule whilst running the Od Yosef Hai kollel, right up until the late hours of the night with his selfless support and guidance he is always available to help the new young couples and professionals with a listening ear to turn to.

The Od Yosef Hai Community is privileged to have in their midst, a sought-after Talmid Chacham giving all his time to the needs of the community.

In 2018 Rabbi Yossi was appointed Dayan to oversee the Sephardi Kashrut Authority.

PRAGUE HOTELS

1. The Clarion Old Town Prague Hotel (4-Star)



Situated on a quiet street on the north side of Prague's world famous Old Town, the elegant Clarion Hotel Prague Old Town provides all the benefits of convenient access to major cultural and tourist attractions while maintaining a calm distance from the madding crowd. Guests will find the Old Town Square, Jewish Quarter and Náměstí Republiky a mere five minutes away and the awe-inspiring St Charles Bridge within easy walking distance. Across the nearby Štefánikův Most, visitors can enjoy the large Letenská Pláň gardens, offering majestic views of the Vltava river. Meanwhile, the roof terrace offers gorgeous views of the skyline of Prague, City of 100 Spires, the old Royal Palace and St Vitus' Cathedral, the state treasury and national shrine of Czechia.

A 10-12 minute walk from the Old/New Synagogue in Prague.

Cost: Standard Room for Double Occupancy: EUR 75.00 per room per night

Cost: Standard Room for Single Occupancy: EUR 65.00 per room per night

Cost: Standard Room for Triple Occupancy: EUR 101.00 per room per night

Cost: Superior Room for Double Occupancy: EUR 90.00 per room per night

Cost: Superior Room for Single Occupancy: EUR 80.00 per room per night

Cost: Superior Room for Triple Occupancy: EUR 116.00 per room per night

All of the above rates are inclusive of Buffet breakfast, WIFI and VAT but does not include the city tax which is EUR 1.96 per person per day.

2. The President Hotel (5-Star)



tourist city Prague.

Situated in the heart of the picturesque old town, the modern President Hotel Prague enjoys a romantic location directly on the banks of the River Vltava. The hotel has a distinctive contemporary façade; the rooms are designed in a classic, elegant style and have views of Prague Castle, the river and the old town. Guests can also enjoy panoramic river views from the hotel's restaurant. The beautiful Jewish quarter with its small streets and historic buildings is in the immediate vicinity of the hotel. Famous sights such as the Old Town Square or the Charles Bridge are within a short stroll. Come to enjoy a new open wellness and beautiful the most popular European

A 5-minute walk from the Old/New Synagogue in Prague

Cost: Superior Room for Double Occupancy: EUR 220.00 per room per night

Cost: Superior Room for Single Occupancy: EUR 220.00 per room per night

Cost: Superior Room for Triple Occupancy: EUR 290.00 per room per night

Cost: Deluxe River Room for Double Occupancy: EUR 260.00 per room per night

Cost: Deluxe River Room for Single Occupancy: EUR 260.00 per room per night

Cost: Deluxe River Room for Triple Occupancy: EUR 330.00 per room per night All of the above rates are inclusive of Buffet breakfast, WIFI and VAT but does not include the city tax which is EUR 1.96 per person per day.

THE OLD-NEW SYNAGOGUE IN PRAGUE



The Old/New Synagogue



The Hoch (smaller) Synagogue 1

The Old-New Synagogue is the oldest site of Prague's Jewish Town and the oldest extant synagogue in Europe. It has been the main synagogue of the Prague Jewish community for more than 700 years. Built in the last third of the thirteenth century by stone-masons from the royal workshop who were working on the nearby Convent of St. Agnes, it is a testimony to the important status of the then Jewish community of Prague. Originally it was called the New or Great Shul. After other synagogues were established in the late 16th century it became known as the

Old-New
(Altneuschul).

Legend has it, however, that its foundation stones were brought by angels from the destroyed Temple of Jerusalem "on condition" (Heb. Al-tenai) of their return upon restoration of the Temple. The Old-New Synagogue enjoyed tremendous respect in Prague's Jewish Town and in Jewish communities abroad. It also became enveloped in



The Main Synagogue

numerous legends and tales. According to one legend, the synagogue was protected against fire in the ghetto by the wings of angels transformed into doves, which is why it has remained

miraculously intact to this day. Another legend has it that the attic of the synagogue is the home to the remains of the Golem, the artificial creature made of clay that was animated by the Rabbi Loew in order to protect the Prague community.

MEALS INCLUDED IN THE SHABBATON PROGRAMME

All included meals are at in Jewish Community Centre adjacent to the Old/New Synagogue

Cost: £ 65.00 per person.

Includes a 4-course set Shabbat dinner on Friday, 17 March and a 3-course set Shabbat Lunch on Saturday, 18 March. Any dietary requirements should be advised well in advance of the programme.

OPTIONAL TOURS IN PRAGUE

Friday, 17th March 2023: Walking Tour of Jewish Prague: Depart 12.30 pm (2-2.5 hours)



Includes visiting various places of interest in the Jewish Quarter including the well-known Old Jewish Cemetery housing the graves of the Maharal and the Keli Yakar.

Cost: Adult: £ 25.00 per person

Cost: Child (15 and Under): £ 21.00 per person

Includes a Jewish/English speaking guide, admission to the places of interest in the Jewish Quarter and

based on minimum 20 paying guests.

Sunday, 19th March 2023: Morning Tour of Prague: Depart 9.00 am (4 hours)



The general tour of Prague concentrates on the history of the non-Jewish part of Prague, but through the Jewish eyes. You will see the beautiful exteriors of the Prague Castle, houses of the Lesser Town and also a sad story of the Hebrew inscription on the statue of Jesus at the gothic Charles Bridge.

Cost: Adult: £ 38.00 per person.

Cost: Child (15 and Under): £ 33.00 per person

Includes a Jewish/English speaking guide, a private air-conditioned motorcoach, admission to the Prague Castle and based on minimum 20 paying guests.

Monday, 20th March 2023: Theresienstadt: Depart 9.00 am (5-6 hours)



A small Czech fortress town about a one hour drive from Prague. This town was converted into a Ghetto for Jews from many European countries during the Holocaust. You will visit the museum, cemetery and also an example of great courage and high spirit of the Jews despite the hard times – the secret Ghetto synagogue.

Cost: Adult: £ 48.00 per person

Cost: Child (15 and Under): £ 45.00 per person.

Includes a Jewish/English speaking guide, a private air-conditioned motorcoach, admission to Theresienstadt and based on minimum 20 paying guests.

PROGRAMME NOTES

1. Should you interested in participating in the Od Yosef Hai Shabbaton & Hachnaset Sefer Torah Programme in Prague, we recommend that you e-mail **DAVID ALBERT** (david@thealberts.co.uk) as soon as possible. Even prior to the programme being published there has been much interest in the programme and as a result space will be limited. If you have any questions relating to the programme, please contact either **BARUCH NAHUM on 07973 641907 (e-mail: moving@kingsremovals.com)** or **DAVID ALBERT on 07988 792716 (E-Mail: david@thealberts.co.uk)** We would both be happy to assist you in any way possible.
2. All flights are to be booked directly by the participant and should be booked as quickly as possible as flight prices will rise the closer you get to the programme.
3. We have provided a choice of two hotels in Prague. They have been chosen for their standard and due to their proximity to the Jewish Quarter of Prague and the Old/New Synagogue. Both hotels are to be reserved directly and shortly we will be providing an on-line booking link for each hotel. All reservations need to be made by 16 February 2023 but are subject to availability at the time of booking. Payment details and terms and conditions will be provided at the time of booking. If you would like to book additional nights in Prague either before or after the programme, the quoted rates will be valid 2 nights before and 2 nights after the end of the programme.
4. We are also attempting to reserve about five rooms at a fully Kosher Hotel in Prague which is The 5-star King David Hotel and is a 25-minute walk from the Jewish Quarter of Prague and the Old/New Synagogue. Rates will be advised in due course but rates will be in the region of EUR 200.00 per room per night inclusive of breakfast, VAT and city tax.
5. All optional tours together with all included meals will have to be reserved and paid for in advance of the programme. An on-line booking link for all optional tours and the included meals will be set up in due course.
6. Arrival and Departure transfers can be reserved in advance. Depending on the time of day, the transfer by taxi from Prague Airport to the two hotels will take approximately 30-minutes. If you would like to reserve both an arrival and airport transfer, flight information must be provided. The cost of a taxi from Prague Airport to the two hotels and/or vice versa depend on traffic but will cost approximately **£ 30.00** each way but must be paid to the taxi-driver in cash in Czech Koruna.
7. There are a number of Kosher restaurants in Prague. A list of these hotels can be provided on confirmation of the programme and can be reserved directly for lunch and dinner on days where meals are not included in the programme.
8. On confirmation in the participation of the programme, you will be added to the "OYH Prague Shabbaton & Hachnaset Sefer Torah" Whats App Group, where more information will be provided leading up to the programme itself.