



TOURIST INFORMATION



The Jewish Community
of Stockholm

HISTORY OF JEWS IN SWEDEN

The first Jew permitted to take up permanent residence in Sweden was Aaron Isaac, a merchant from Germany. He came to Stockholm with his family in 1774, accompanied by a minyan of people, who also brought their families. As the Jews of Sweden were emancipated in 1870 their number had increased to 3000 through natural increase and new immigration. Communities were founded in Gothenburg, Malmö and in several other towns around the country. While immigration at the beginning of the 20th century consisted mainly of individuals or single families, persecution in Russia forced large numbers of Jews into exile. Several thousand came to Sweden.

During the thirties numerous Jews fled from Nazi Germany. The largest immigration occurred immediately after the Holocaust, when thousands of survivors were brought over from the death camps. About 5,000 of them remained in Sweden, although the majority left for Israel and the USA. This influx doubled the population. The political events in Hungary in 1956, Czechoslovakia in 1967, and Poland in 1968 led to additional Jewish immigration to Sweden. The most current group of immigrants came from the former Soviet Union.

JEWS OF STOCKHOLM TODAY

As of June 2009 there are around 4,400 members of the Jewish Community in Stockholm. The Jewish Community of Stockholm is a unified community, meaning that all synagogues, conservative as well as orthodox, belong to the same organization. There is a Jewish elementary school, junior high school and a variety of organizations.

There are Jewish Communities in Gothenburg and Malmö as well, and we estimate that there are around 18,500 Jews living in Sweden today.

The main building of the Jewish Community is situated in downtown Stockholm at Wahrendorffsgatan 3 B. Office hours are 9 am to 5 pm Monday-Thursday, and 9 am to 4 pm on Fridays. The office closes for lunch between 12 and 1 pm. The offices are closed between July 13 and August 7, 2009. Phone 08-587 858 00 and on the web - www.jfst.se

THE HOLOCAUST MONUMENT IN STOCKHOLM

A memorial to the victims of the Holocaust is engraved on the wall leading from the entrance of The Great Synagogue to the Jewish Community office building. It was inaugurated in 1998 by Carl XVI Gustav, King of Sweden, and records 8,500 victims who are relatives of Jews residing in Sweden. The 42-meter monument serves as a link between a monstrous past and a future in which there should be no room for such atrocities to be repeated. No entrance fee. Opened during weekdays.

Guided tours of the Great Synagogue and Holocaust Monument run between June 18 and September 4, 2009. Monday-Thursday 11 am and 1 pm, Friday 11 am only.

Entrance fees: SEK 120, \$15 or € 10.

For larger groups, please call in advance – phone 0708-211 897.

Souvenirs and postcards can be purchased during the tour.

THE JEWISH LIBRARY

The Jewish Library is located under The Great Synagogue on Wahrendorffsgatan 3. The library is open Monday 3 – 19 pm, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday 1– 4 pm.

During the summer it is closed from June 26 until August 2, 2009.

THE JEWISH MUSEUM

The museum is located on Hälsingegatan 2, phone 08-31 01 43. The permanent displays include a number of showcases, in which the artifacts are presented mainly in terms of categories such as Torah, Shabbat, Brit Mila etc. Since its start the museum has set up a number of special exhibitions covering different aspects of Jewish life in Sweden. Opening hours: All days 12–4 pm, except Saturday. www.judiska-museet.se

JEWISH COMMUNITY CENTRE

The JCC is located at Nybrogatan 19 in the Judaica House, but is closed during summertime.

THE JUDAICA HOUSE

The Judaica House at Nybrogatan 19 hosts various Jewish organizations and a Mikvah. For further information call 08-587 858 00.

THE SYNAGOGUES

The Great Synagogue (Masorti)

The Great Synagogue at Wahrendorffsgatan 3 (next to the Community offices) is built "oriental" style, and seats 900 people. The Great Synagogue is an official national historical building, built in 1870. During the summer services are held at the following times:

- Monday and Thursday - Shacharit 8:00 am
- Friday evening 6:30 pm
- Shabbat morning 9:15 am

The service here is conservative/masorti. Mixed seating. Women are counted in all services

Adat Jeshurun (Orthodox)

Adat Jeshurun is situated at Riddargatan 5. The interior originally comes from a synagogue in Hamburg which survived the Kristallnacht in Germany in 1938. The synagogue is situated on the 2nd floor in the building housing the Hillel School.

Adat Israel (orthodox)

Adat Israel is situated at St. Paulsgatan 13 in a building that dates back to the 18th century. It was renovated some 20 years ago and is well worth a visit. The history of the synagogue is more than 100 years old, and Adat Israel was long known as the "polische minyan".

Please note that all orthodox morning services, Sunday–Friday June 14 to July 17, will take place at Adat Israel at 8:15 am on Sundays and 7:30 am on weekdays. Shiva Asar Betamuz 9/7 only i Adat Israel kl 7.30.

From July 19 to August 14 only in Adat Jeshurun Sundays at 9:00 am, weekdays 7:45 am.

Tisha B'av in both synagogues, Wednesday 29/7, 9:15 pm.

Thursday morning July 30 at 7:00 am in Adat Israel. Thursday morning July 30 at 7:00 am in Adat Jeshurun.

KOSHER FOOD

Kosherian, Nybrogatan 19. For opening hours please call tel 08-663 65 80, or go to www.kosherian.se

The following restaurants have no hashgasha:

Restaurant Hälsokost Lemuria. Serves vegan food. Address: Nybrogatan 26, phone 08-660 02 21. Opening hours: Monday–Friday 10 am–6 pm.

Lao Wai, Chinese vegetarian restaurant, Luntmakargatan 74, phone 08-673 78 00.

The following products have been checked and approved by an orthodox Rabbi. In general regular plain milk products like yogurt, milk, butter are checked and allowed. Breads: Schulstad, Pågen, Vivels, Europabagaren – dairy and parve. Smoked salmon, Philadelphia Cream Cheese allowed. Kosher wine can be purchased at Systembolaget, the state-run wine stores.

