

WOMENS PHILANTHROPY MISSION

Trip to Paris

Jewish Federation of St. Louis
APRIL 20 - 24, 2026



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TRAVEL TOGETHER. UNITE GLOBALLY.

Itinerary

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DAY 1: MONDAY, APRIL 20 – BIENVENUE À PARIS

- Upon arrival at Roissy Charles de Gaulle Airport, the group will be met by our representative and **Nir Buchler**, the Regional Director, Southeast for The Jewish Agency (JAFI). Travel to Nir's childhood neighborhood, **Montmartre**. This well-known bohemian area is known for its artistic history, the **Sacré-Cœur Basilica**, cobblestone streets, and the artist-filled **Place du Tertre**.
- The participants already in Paris on pre-nights will be transferred to meet your fellow travelers.
- Enjoy lunch on own.
- After lunch, you'll travel to the Grand Synagogue of Paris, known as the **Synagogue de la Victoire** –the largest synagogue in France, established in 1874.
- Meet with synagogue president, **Jacques Canet** for a vibrant discussion.
- Travel to the **JAFI** offices to learn about the work being done by Nir and his colleagues.
- Transfer to your hotel for check-in and time to relax.
- This evening, enjoy a **welcome dinner** at a local kosher restaurant with a special guest speaker from Paris' Jewish community.

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DAY 2: TUESDAY, APRIL 21 – PARIS

- Breakfast at the hotel.
- Travel to the **Marais district** for a walking tour of Paris's historic Jewish quarter, filled with vibrant culture, synagogues, charming streets, and moving stories.
- Walk along the **Rue des Rosiers** to learn the history of the neighborhood, and appreciate the 2,000 year history of the Jewish community in Paris.
- Visit the moving **Shoah Memorial** and stop at the **Wall of Names**.
- Lunch on own. Why not stop at L'As du Falafel—the most famous falafel spot in Paris (optional)—or explore one of the many Jewish bakeries, restaurants, and specialty shops nearby.
- You'll then depart for the 9th arrondissement where you will uncover the art of fragrance with a **hands-on perfume workshop at Fragonard**.
- Have a private visit to the beautiful **Palais Garnier**, Paris' beautiful opera house. Discover the opulent architecture and hidden Jewish influences in this cultural gem, which most notably houses the ceiling fresco by Marc Chagall.
- Return to the hotel where the remainder of your day is at leisure.
- Dinner on own.

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DAY 3: WEDNESDAY, APRIL 22 – PARIS

- Have breakfast at the hotel.
- Depart on a **panoramic tour** of the city to view its iconic sites. Drive down the **Champs Elysées**, see the **Eiffel Tower**, **Place de la Concorde**, **Arc de Triomphe**, and **Notre Dame Cathedral**.
- Visit **Moishe House** to meet with residents and organization leadership to learn about Jewish life in France today through the eyes of the younger generation.
- Lunch on own.
- Visit **La Galerie Dior**. This immersive museum pays homage to the legendary house of Christian Dior, showcasing decades of haute couture, iconic designs – from breathtaking gowns to intricate sketches and archival pieces – as well as the artistry behind one of the world’s most celebrated fashion brands. Galerie Dior offers a mesmerizing glimpse into the magic of Parisian couture.
- The remainder of the day and evening are free at leisure. Some suggestions for your free time:
 - Exploring **Saint-Germain de-Prés** on the **Rive Gauche (Left Bank)**.
 - Relax at a cafe along **Place du Vosges**, one of the most beautiful squares in Paris.
 - Pay a visit to the world-famous **Louvre** museum.
 - Shop at the **Galleries Lafayette**, Paris’ most-famous department store or along the fashionable **Rue du Faubourg Saint-Honoré**.
- Dinner on own.

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DAY 4: THURSDAY, APRIL 23 – PARIS

- Breakfast at the hotel.
- Today, journey from Paris to the suburb of **Sarcelles**—affectionately known as “**Little Jerusalem**.” Jews from North Africa mostly settled in this neighborhood, which has blossomed into a hub of Jewish life, filled with synagogues, kosher markets, and vibrant community institutions. While Sarcelles radiates warmth and tradition, it has also faced challenges. Tensions with the local Arab Muslim community, which first erupted in 2014, continue to shape the conversation around antisemitism and coexistence in France today. On this eye-opening visit, you will:
 - Stroll through the **Paul-Valéry** “Little Jerusalem” area, browsing kosher shops and discovering the heart of the community. Enjoy a **pastry tasting** at a popular kosher patisserie.
 - Step inside the **Grande Synagogue de Sarcelles** to learn its history and the security measures in place since 2014.
 - Pause at the **Memorial to Victims of Antisemitism**.
 - Savor a kosher lunch at **Chez Inoun**, with a chance to meet local residents.
 - Visit the **Jewish Community Center** and speak with its director about current programs and initiatives.
- Return to your hotel to relax before your last evening in the “City of Lights.”
- Enjoy a delicious kosher **farewell dinner** with a special guest speaker. Reflect as a group on your journey through Paris.

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DAY 5: FRIDAY, APRIL 24 — *DEPART PARIS*

- Have breakfast at the hotel and check out.
- Group transfer to Roissy Charles de Gaulle Airport for your return flight home.

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THANK YOU!

THANK YOU FOR THIS OPPORTUNITY. WE HOPE TO HAVE THE CHANCE TO WORK WITH YOU. IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, PLEASE BE IN TOUCH.

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