

YOUTH

Overview

Hi and welcome to Juko! The Youth Committee (Juko) organises events for children, teenagers and young adults. The focus is on transmitting Jewish identity, Jewish knowledge and Jewish values through extracurricular activities. This includes fun events like theatre visits for children, and further education courses such as emergency first aid and Hadracha (leadership training) for prospective Madrichim (youth leaders).

Students and young professionals network at Friday dinners and after-work events. Besides the get-togethers that the Juko organises itself, it also supports associated organisations, in particular the three youth groups: Bnei Akiva, Hagoschrim and Hashomer Hatzair; the Association of Jewish Students Zurich (VJSZ), as well as others. The Juko also represents the ideas and concerns of the younger generation within the community.

For questions and suggestions please contact: juko@icz.org.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Youth groups

HAGOSCHRIM

In Hagoschrim we explore our Jewish roots and traditions. We are traditionally oriented and follow the rules of Shabbat and Kashrut. We are 90 Chaverim (members) and meet every Shabbat at 15:00 in the ICZ. You make friends for life, and talk to them about G-d

and the world – and whatever else is on your mind. We organise an annual summer Machane (camp) and a winter Machane, together with Emuna (Basel) and Dubim (Bern). If you're in the older Kvutzot (groups), you'll go on the Israel trip together. But that's not all: we have a lot of Tiyulim (excursions), activities and fun events.

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BNEI AKIVA ZURICH

In Bnei Akiva we follow the ideology of Torah veAvodah (Torah and work), the connection between religion and secular life. Together we discover our Jewish identity and talk about Zionism. In Bnei Akiva, Shabbat is holy to us, and we follow Kashrut strictly. We meet every Shabbat afternoon. In Zurich we are about 130 Chaverim (members). Together with the Basel Snif (branch) we organise two Machanot (camps): one in summer and one in winter. Every two years the two oldest Kvutzot (groups), together with other Chanichim (campers) from all over Europe, can participate in a Sayarim (hiking camp). The four-week trip to Israel takes place the following year.

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HASHOMER HATZAIR ZÜRICH – KEN YITZHAK RABIN

In Hashomer Hatzair, we explore our Jewish roots and get to know the socialist-Zionist way of thinking of our youth movement. You'll become part of a worldwide network that you'll get to know over time. In Zurich, members meet every Shabbat from 14:30 to 18:00 in our Ken (den) in the ICZ. There we have a great time together with exciting discussions, fun games, Israeli dances and songs, and much more. Our Machanot (camps) take place twice a year. And we organise an Israel trip for the older Chaverim (members). In Hashomer Hatzair we are committed to tradition. The rules of the Shabbat are secondary for us in the programme.

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Students

Zurich Association of Jewish Students (VJSZ)

Our aim is to offer Jewish students and young professionals in the Zurich area a platform where fun, friendship, discussion and involvement are the main focus. We cultivate a variety of interests and perspectives, encourage lively exchange, promote a sense of community, and thus contribute to a lively Jewish life in Zurich. To achieve this, our team organises events ranging from parties and dinners to political discussions. The age of the VJSZ members ranges from 18 to 30 years.

The VJSZ is also a contact point for Jewish students from abroad, and we are happy to help with questions and concerns about Jewish life in Zurich.

We look forward to meeting you!

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Swiss Union of Jewish Students (SUJS)

SUJS is the umbrella organisation of Jewish student associations in Switzerland. It represents students and young adults at national level.

SUJS is committed to working in three areas:

1. Supporting and coordinating local associations in all areas
2. Organising its own events at national level throughout Switzerland
3. Connecting students internationally

Our aim is to network, educate and represent students and young adults, and to strengthen Jewish identity and self-confidence. In order to achieve our goals, we are generously supported by the Swiss Federation of Jewish Communities in various ways, and can draw on their know-how and infrastructure.

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March of the Living

The ICZ Youth Committee organises a special group for **young adults (18-35)** who wish to participate in the annual March of the Living. The March of the Living is a commemorative march that has taken place every year since 1988 on Yom Hashoah, the Jewish Holocaust Memorial Day. The motto of the project is: "Journey into the past for our future" and follows the path from the Auschwitz concentration camp to the Birkenau extermination camp. The march is combined with a six-day study trip to Poland under professional guidance. The trip is offered and subsidised by the ICZ in cooperation with the Central Welfare Office of the Jews of Germany (ZWST), which is responsible for the operational management of the trip.

You can read reports on previous years' trips below.

PAST MOTL TRIPS

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Lavi Olami Zurich

Hello & Shalom

The Rabbinate, Board and Youth Committee are delighted to welcome the two Schlichot (envoys) Revital de Haas and Ayelet Amar from Lavi Olami to Zurich and the ICZ family.

Lavi Olami was founded in Israel in 2012, with the aim of promoting Jewish life for young adults outside Israel. The name "Lavi" was chosen to clearly communicate the intention to be ready to act like a lioness in defence of her offspring. This image refers to the ever-growing problem of assimilation - especially in a secular society.

The Schlichim (envoys) of Lavi Olami are specially trained to strengthen and defend the Jewish identity of young adults. "Olami" stands for worldwide, because it is a network. There are successful Lavi Olami houses in Berlin, Frankfurt, Dusseldorf, Munich, Vienna, Amsterdam, and Budapest, and now also in Zurich. In the USA, Canada and England, Lavi Olami is active in many universities on campus. A Lavi house will be opened soon in Cologne.

Revital (25 years old) and Ayelet (21 years old) are both from Israel and have interrupted their studies to work for Lavi Olami. They organise an active programme for young Jewish adults in the Zurich Lavi house. The highlight of the week is the regular Friday night dinner. There are also many other events, each of which is announced via social media. They take place in a cosy setting, with the opportunity for lively social exchange between young adults in Zurich.

The Lavi house in Zurich is mainly supported by the ICZ. We are very grateful for donations. Please contact malaika.kurz-levin@icz.org about this.

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