



**Jewish  
Culture  
Festival**

**INFO PACK**



A group of people are gathered outdoors in front of a stone wall. A man with a beard and glasses, wearing a black shirt and a dark cap, is waving his right hand and holding a clear water bottle in his left. To his right, a woman with brown hair and bangs, wearing a black and white patterned shirt, is smiling. In the background, other people are visible, including a man in a blue cap and a woman in a blue top. The image has several graphic overlays: a dark teal rectangle with the word 'CLICK!' in yellow, a dark teal rectangle with the text 'CHECK WHAT IS WAITING FOR YOU!' in yellow, and a yellow brushstroke in the bottom left corner. There are also white polka dots in the top left and bottom right corners.

**CLICK!**

**CHECK WHAT  
IS WAITING  
FOR YOU!**



# AGENDA

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# WHAT?

The largest event presenting the contemporary culture created by Jews in Israel and the entire Diaspora

# 32RD JEWISH CULTURE FESTIVAL

BASIC INFO

# MISSION

Our main goal is to educate and to present the diversity and beauty of Jewish culture from all around the globe.

# WHEN?

The 32nd edition

28.06.2023- 3.07.2022

Kazimierz – the former Jewish quarter of Kraków



# The Office Crew



**JANUSZ MAKUCH**

Director and founder of the JCF

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**KATARZYNA WYDRA**

Deputy director, in charge of logistics and  
production of JCF events

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**ROBERT GAŁEK**

Deputy director, in charge of promotion  
and fundraising

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# The Office Crew



**ULA NOWAK**

Program manager of Cheder,  
cooperates in creation and  
production of the JCF lineup



**MICHALINA  
PIECZONKA**

PR and Social MEdia manager



**EDYTA GAWLAK**

Volunteer program manager, supports  
the production of JCF events





# תח CHEDER

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Cheder is the name of the cafe run by the Jewish Culture Festival. This is where you can taste excellent coffee, including Cheder's specialty: coffee brewed in a finjan, a unique Israeli brass-pot.

As the Festival's cultural center, the cafe hosts concerts, lectures, workshops, meetings throughout the year, during which one can personally experience various aspects of the Jewish culture





## HOW MANY VOLUNTEERS DO WE HAVE?

Around 50 people aged 18-99 from  
different countries and cultures

## WHAT DOES 'MACHER' MEAN?

In yiddish it is someone really  
important who gets things done. To  
be a Macher means to learn, to  
develop skills and to meet a lot of  
new and inspiring people

## HOW LONG HAVE WE BEEN WORKING TOGETHER?

Some volunteers will be working  
with us for the first time, while  
others have been part of the Festival  
for many years.

# WHO ARE THE MACHERS?



# Volunteering at Jewish Culture Festival with EUROPEAN SOLIDARITY CORPS (ESC)

For the third time we are inviting 40  
volunteers from different countries  
as part of ESC Program that brings  
together young people to offer an  
inspiring and empowering  
experience!

This program is for people from  
outside Krakow aged 18-30.







## WHO ARE THE MACHERS?

40 volunteers from European  
and partner countries  
with local volunteers



### DIVERSITY

**of views, cultures,  
values and traditions**



### BUILDING

**a network of contacts  
and an active society**



### INCLUSION

**an opportunity to meet  
new people and learn  
new skills**





# Coordinators

**FIRST CONTACT PEOPLE  
FOR VOLUNTEERS**



# Coordinators are...

IN CHARGE OF  
CONTACT BETWEEN THE OFFICE AND  
THE VOLUNTEERS





# Coordinators are...



IN CHARGE OF THE RECRUITMENT  
PROCESS AND VOLUNTEERS'  
EVENT MANAGEMENT





**Coordinators  
are...**

**NICE, SMILING  
GROUP OF FRIENDS!**





# **Festival Venues**





## KAZIMIERZ

No visit to Krakow would be complete without a tour of the old Jewish Quarter. During the Festival, the streets of Kazimierz are full of multilingual conversation, Klezmer music and concerts, where people sing and dance together.



## SZEROKA STREET

After 3 years we are coming for The Jewish Woodstock. The largest Jewish music scene in the world. The best music and atmosphere. The most important concert of the summer.

The reason why you should come to Kazimierz from another corner of the world. These are just a few of the expressions we've heard over the years about the "Shalom on Szeroka" concert - the culmination of each edition of the





## FESTIVAL TENT

The centre of events, lectures, workshops, concerts and meetings. This project was created specifically for the 29th Jewish Culture Festival, however thanks to the positive reaction of our guests we want to recreate it this year.



## TEMPEL SYNAGOGUE

Opened in 1862, it is not only a place of worship, but also a dynamically developing centre of Jewish culture, where numerous concerts and meetings take place, especially during the Jewish Culture Festival.





# WHAT WILL YOU DO?

## FESTIVAL OFFICE

help with everyday tasks

## GENERAL DUTIES

assist artists  
&  
the Festival guests

## FESTIVAL EVENTS

help with workshops,  
meetings, lectures,  
concerts  
etc.

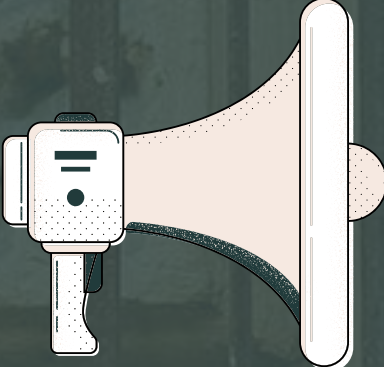


# Events



**WHAT HAPPENS  
DURING THE FESTIVAL?**





**CONCERTS**



**YOUTH  
PROGRAM**



**SIGHSEEING**



**LECTURES,  
DISCUSSIONS**



**WORKSHOPS**



**PERFORMANCES**



**ARTISTIC  
INTERVENTIONS**





## **PREPARATIONS**

**WHAT YOU WILL DO  
BEFORE THE FESTIVAL**



**VISIT CULTURAL  
INSTITUTIONS IN  
KRAKÓW**



**ATTEND WORKSHOPS**

soft skills and event  
management trainings



**GO FOR A TRIP  
TO GET TO KNOW  
EACH OTHER**



**LEARN JEWISH BASICS**  
lectures and guided tours



**SOCIALISE**





**PARTICIPATION IN  
WORKSHOPS, LECTURES,  
MEETINGS**

**FREE ADMISSION TO ALL FESTIVAL  
EVENTS**

**SOCIALISING**  
trips and closed events/parties

**VOLUNTEER CENTRE**  
a place of relaxation and rest for volunteers only

**A LOT OF FUN TIME WITH  
WONDERFUL PEOPLE**

**HEALTH INSURANCE**

**BENEFITS  
OF BEING  
A MACHER**





# **BENEFITS OF ESC PROGRAM\***



**AIRLINE/TRAIN TICKETS**



**ACCOMODATION IN DORMS  
IN KAZIMIERZ QUARTER**



**POCKET MONEY  
COVERING DAILY FOOD  
EXPENCES**



**HEALTH INSURANCE**



**WORK IN AN INTERNATIONAL  
ENVIRONMENT**

\*applies to people from outside Krakow aged 18-30



# VOLO CENTRE



Volo Centre is a space dedicated to festival volunteers. It is housed in the Museum of Municipal Engineering in Kazimierz and is only accessible to volunteers.

Volo Centre is a space for relaxation and rest. There is always something to drink, snacks and a couch where you can take a nap. You can meet other volunteers there.

Some of the workshops, meetings and preparations for the Festival also take place there.



# ACCOMMODATION

Volunteers will be accommodated in dorm rooms booked specially for them, located in Kazimierz.

This is a modern dormitory opened in 2020. Each room has an ensuite bathroom, small fridge, electric kettle, most of them also have a large balcony. There is free wireless internet throughout the building.

Additionally, each floor has a spacious communal kitchen and there is a common laundry room in the building.

You can check it here:

<https://zaulek.up.krakow.pl/>





ARRIVAL: 28MAY  
DEPARTURE: 10 JULY

# SCHEDULE



**SUBMIT YOUR  
APPLICATION**

22.02-21.03

**ACCEPTANCE  
LETTERS**

END OF APRIL

**JEWISH CULTURE FESTIVAL**

28.06-02.07



from February to April

May

**INTERVIEWS WITH SELECTED CANDIDATES**

**CONTRACT SIGNING AND  
TICKETS PURCHASE**





# FAQ

ALL YOU WANT TO KNOW BUT ARE  
AFFRAID TO ASK



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**1.How will I know if I got accepted?**

**We will send you an email.**

Between April 18th-24th, we will announce the recruitment results. You will get feedback from us regardless of whether you are accepted. If we invite you to participate in the program, you have to confirm your availability by 1st May.

Then we will buy you tickets and sign a contract.



**2.Can I be a volunteer if I am from Krakow?**

**Yes! However you will not be a beneficiary of European Solidarity Corps program.**

It means that we'll not be able to cover you expenses for tickets, accommodation and food. But you will be able to enjoy all the benefits of volunteering, participate in the preparation and festival events :)



*\*If you are Cracovian or you live in Krakow please note that questions marked with an \* apply only to people from outside Krakow coming to the festival as part of ESC*





3.If I am in Krakow on a different ESC program, can I be a volunteer?



**Yes.**

If you take part in a long-term project, you can take part in the Festival on the same terms as volunteers from Krakow.

4. Do I need to have a supporting organization?

**No.**

5.Can I take part in the project if I have already participated in another ECS program?

**Yes.**

This is team volunteering that you can participate in several times, even having taken part in the long term program.



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6. Where will I be accommodated?\*

**In a twin room in Kazimierz**

You will live in dorm rooms booked specifically for volunteers, located in Kazimierz.

You can check it here: <https://zaulek.up.krakow.pl/>



7. What will I eat?\*

You will get money to cover **daily food expences.**

Sometimes we will have dinner together in one of Krakow's restaurants.

During the Festival snack and beverages are provided at the Volunteer Centre.

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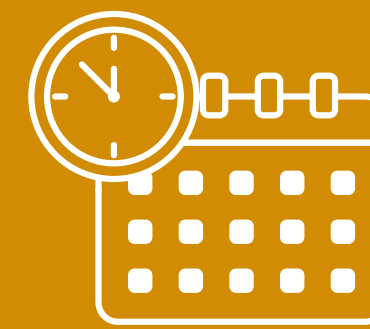
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**8. How will I know when my shift begins?**

**There will be a schedule.**

A few days before the start of the Festival, there will be an official volunteer briefing, where you will receive a full schedule. Before each event, you'll be given further details on the exact time your shift begins and the name of the coordinator responsible for the event.

**9. What if I can't be on my shift?**

**Let the coordinator know.**

It is very important that volunteers show up for their shifts. Without you, the events cannot take place! Of course, there may be an exceptional situation and then, as soon as you know you cannot make it to your shift, be sure to inform the event coordinator.



**10. What if I get lost / feel unwell etc.?**

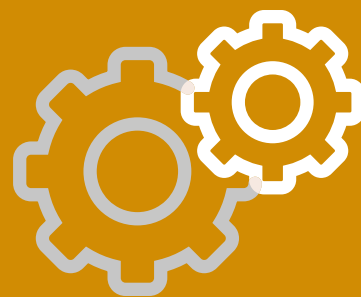
**Let the coordinator know.**

Coordinators are there to help you. They are your emergency contacts as well. Each of them has been a volunteer at some point and they know very well the situations that could happen, so don't hesitate to get in touch with them! Besides, they're really cool people, with a sense of humour ;)

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11. Will I have to work all day? What time do I start?

**You won't be expected to work all day**

You will work according to the schedule we prepare. As a rule, volunteers don't work more than 8 hours a day. Of course, between shifts you have breaks during which you can rest. We also try to plan your work so that everyone can take part in festival events as participants.

12. Will I have a lunch break?

**Look above, question 11 :)**



13. What if my country's borders are closed?\*

**We don't anticipate this scenario! ;)**

But we try to be prepared for it. If connections between your country and Poland are suspended, we will plan transfers via other countries. You may also have to travel by another means of transport (coach, car, train).

If neither of these options are possible, you will not be able to participate in the program this year and hopefully we will meet next year.



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14. What if the Polish borders are closed?\*

**We don't anticipate this scenario either! ;)**

So far, there is no indication of such a scenario, and by the time we sign contracts with you in May, we will definitely know more about the current situation. We will stay in touch with you and keep you informed in case of any last-minute complications.

15. Is it possible that the program will not take place?\*

**We are taking all precautionary measures...**

...monitoring government announcements, and everything indicates that the situation should not get worse. We will stay in touch with you and inform you about any changes in advance.



16. Can I cancel my participation in the program?\*

**Probably not.**

The tickets we purchase for you are non-refundable and the contracts we sign with you are binding for both sides. Any exceptional cases will be considered individually.



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17. Do I have to pay anything, how much will it cost me?\*

**Nothing.**

We cover the cost of return tickets, accommodation and meals, plus you get 120 euros (about 600 zlotys) of pocket money for the entire month. However, you will have to cover additional expenses though, such as cinema tickets, ice cream etc. or other activities which are not part of the festival programme.

18. Who will pay for the COVID test if necessary?\*

**You will.**

Unfortunately, our funding does not cover the cost of testing for COVID-19

19. What if I get infected?

**You will have access to a doctor.**

Remember that you are insured, but we take responsibility for you. Therefore, we ask you to take care of your health and take all precautions.



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## 20. Do I need to be vaccinated?

**Hard to say.**

For now, vaccinations are unlikely to become obligatory in Poland, but regulations may change. However, less restrictions apply to vaccinated travellers and you may not be able to cross the border without being vaccinated - keep an eye on the situation and follow the information provided by your respective government.

## 21. What precautions should I take?

**We are all obliged to follow the sanitary regime.**

Remember about face covering, hand sanitizing and keeping a safe distance. All Festival events will be organized in accordance with the safety rules and recommendations in force.





## 22. How can I get more information and how will we communicate?



**We will communicate by e-mail until your arrival.**

**If you have any questions, get in touch with Edyta - the volunteer program manager:**

**[edyta.gawlak@jewishfestival.pl](mailto:edyta.gawlak@jewishfestival.pl)**



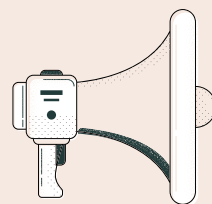


# Let's Talk



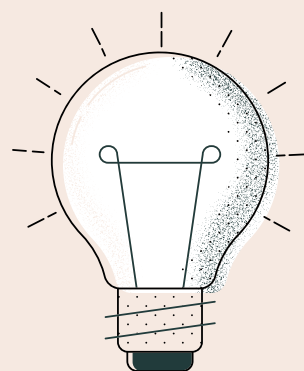
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