



**INSIDE JEWISH CHINA**  
**JDC Entwine Insider Trip for Russian Speaking Young Professionals**  
**In Partnership with the Genesis Philanthropy Group**  
**December 11 - 19, 2017**

**About China:** JDC has played a historic role in this region, especially during the World War II era in Shanghai when it took responsibility for the well-being of European Jews fleeing from Nazi persecution, and were subject to the rigors of ghetto life under Japanese rule. Over the past 67 years, it has maintained a small foothold – providing humanitarian support to a small number of Chinese who helped Jews survive, and, in the 1990's, collaborating with the Shanghai authorities to improve welfare services in the city. JDC's focus is to help establish a network of inter-community connectedness among the various pockets of Jews throughout China and the larger East Asia region by creating joint programming ventures and promoting cooperation.

JDC is working to contribute to the quality of Jewish life and its future growth and to create a stronger Jewish organizational presence in the region. The Limmud Conference, an internationally renowned multi-dimensional celebration of Jewish life and learning was brought to China/East Asia in 2012 with guidance and support of JDC. The Limmud framework has been utilized successfully by JDC in Europe and in the former Soviet Union to strengthen Jewish community life and in East Asia, it is seen as central to creating a framework that enables the needs of the population across the region.

**Itinerary Highlights:**

- **Explore emerging Jewish life in East Asia** with the world's leading Jewish humanitarian organization, JDC
- Engage with young professionals and innovators from across Asia for **Limmud China**, a cross-communal Jewish educational experience
- **Discover China's unique Jewish history** and JDC's role in the region through exclusive site visits and briefings with community leaders and professionals in Shanghai
- Travel with a diverse cohort of young professionals from across the world to experience authentic Chinese culture, cuisine and nightlife

**Trip Dates:** December 11 - 19, 2017

**Participation cost:** \$600 USD, not inclusive of international flights (please note this is a subsidized fee. Additional subsidies may be available on a limited basis).

The trip cost includes:

- Local transportation within China
- Meals
- Hotel accommodations
- Site visits, briefings, tours, etc.
- Medical and emergency evacuation insurance

Participants will be expected to submit a non-refundable payment of \$600 upon confirmation of participation.

**Flight Details:** Participants will be responsible for booking their own round-trip airfare to and from Shanghai. More Guidelines will be shared upon acceptance.

***Entwine** is a one-of-a-kind movement for young Jewish leaders, influencers, and advocates who seek to make a meaningful impact on global Jewish needs and international humanitarian issues. We do this by offering service experiences in Jewish communities around the world, educational events and programs, and leadership development opportunities. **Entwine** is an initiative of JDC, the largest Jewish humanitarian organization in the world. JDC works in 70 countries, specializing in humanitarian aid, Jewish community renewal and disaster relief. Learn more: [www.jdcentwine.org](http://www.jdcentwine.org)*

***About the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee (JDC):** For over 95 years, JDC has provided rescue, relief, and renewal for Jewish communities outside of North America, helped Israel meet the needs of its most vulnerable citizens, and offered a Jewish response to natural and man-made disasters and non-sectarian development needs around the world. JDC's work in over 70 countries is inspired by Jewish values of mutual responsibility, that kol yisrael areivim zeh l'zeh (all of Israel is responsible for one another), and tikkun olam, that Jews have an obligation to repair the world.*

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## **JDC Entwine Inside Jewish China Frequently Asked Questions**

### **Who is the appropriate candidate for JDC Entwine Insider Trips for Young Professionals?**

This program is for Jewish young professionals from across the United States and around the world. JDC Entwine looks to put together a diverse group of young professionals ranging in age, background, profession, and interests. There is no one profile that is appropriate.

### **What is the age range of the group?**

JDC Entwine Insider Trips for Young Professionals are open to post-college age individuals from across the US. Participants generally range in age from early twenties through late thirties.

### **What is involved in the application process & what information should I have handy?**

The application asks for information about your education and activities/volunteer experience, current employment, as well as a few short essay questions. You will also need to upload a copy of your resume and a bio, which will be shared with other participants.

A select number of applicants will be invited for an interview within one month following the application deadline. Trip interviews are conducted via Skype with JDC Entwine staff and last between 15-25 minutes.

### **When will I find out if I am accepted & how long do I have to confirm my participation?**

All participants will be notified of acceptance about two months before the trip departure date. If selected, you will have approximately one week to confirm your participation and pay the trip deposit.

### **What is included in the participation fee?**

Included in the participation fee is local transportation, meals, hotel accommodations (note: the participation fee covers accommodations in double rooms; participants may elect to stay in a single room for an additional fee), briefings, tours, leisure activities, and medical and emergency evacuation insurance. Not included in the participation fee is international flights and items of a personal nature such as souvenirs and extra snacks and drinks.

### **Can I fundraise from other sources to help cover the cost of my participation fee?**

We encourage participants to fundraise to cover the cost of the trip. Past participants have been extremely successful in raising additional funds to help cover the cost of participation. JDC Entwine Insider Trips are leadership experiences, and many local organizations, synagogues, alumni associations, and employers agree on their value.

### **Is my participation fee refundable if I have to withdraw after confirming my participation?**

A non-refundable payment of \$600 (or other), due within one week of notification of acceptance, is required to confirm your participation and reserve your spot on the trip.

### **Is my payment tax deductible?**

No. Participation fees are payments, not donations, and do not qualify as tax deductible.

### **Is kosher food available?**

In general, meals are kosher-style. Should participants require strictly kosher food, they should indicate this on their application and participation form and JDC staff will try to accommodate this request as best as possible. In many locations, certified kosher food is available, but in certain locations, such as Cuba or Ethiopia, certified kosher food is not available.

### **What accommodations are made for Shabbat?**

JDC Entwine Insider Trips are pluralistic and designed for all levels of Jewish observance; travel is not required on Shabbat. When possible, Shabbat is spent with the local Jewish community and local traditions/practices are observed. Options are given for Shabbat morning (for example, attending synagogue, free time, walking tour, etc.).

### **Can I extend my stay after the group trip?**

Participants may extend their trip after the group experience.

If you are interested in extending your trip to explore the Jewish community of Beijing, we are happy to connect participants to JDC's preferred travel agent. All costs and logistics for the Beijing extension would be organized through the travel agency.

If there is sufficient interest in extending the trip in Beijing, Entwine may offer a full, week-long Insider Trip to Shanghai and Beijing. If you are interested in this opportunity, please let us know upon confirming your participation.

**Can JDC staff assist with post-trip accommodations?**

Other than connecting participants to our travel agent, JDC Entwine staff is not available to assist with any post-trip travel plans, recommendations, or accommodations.

**What accommodations are made for the security and safety of participants?**

The safety and security of trip participants and staff is JDC's number one priority. JDC's Global Security team monitors security situations around the world in all locations in which JDC works, and all security measures deemed necessary are put in place in preparation for any JDC trip. Security guidelines will be shared with confirmed participants and participants will receive a security briefing by local staff upon arrival to the trip location.

In case of emergency, participants are required to share emergency contact information and will be given information for who their loved ones should contact in case of emergency.

**When will I find out who else is in the group? Will there be an opportunity to connect prior to the trip itself?**

Shortly after confirming your participation for the trip, you will receive a formal "Welcome E-mail" with participation forms, logistics, group briefing information, and dates to mark on your calendar. You will also be introduced to the rest of the group and will receive everyone's bios and contact information.

There will be group briefings via webinar and by phone within the two months before takeoff. Additionally, if there are a few participants in a given city, these participants may organize an informal get together, which JDC Entwine staff and trip co-chairs are happy to help facilitate.

**Does participation in one trip preclude my participation in future trips?**

Not at all! Many alumni participate in multiple trips. Alumni are encouraged to get involved in their local Entwine Learning Networks and pursue other leadership opportunities through Entwine. For more information about Entwine's Learning Networks, visit our website: <http://jdcentwine.org/events>.