

*"In the land, in the plants, there is something that is yours,  
and even when you are not there, it is waiting for you."*

Cesare Pavese, Italian Writer, Born in Piemonte 1908



INTERIOR OF  
CASALE MONFERRATO  
SYNAGOGUE



## Jewish Heritage Tour of PIEMONTE, ITALIA

A cultural discovery to benefit the  
Jewish Partisan Educational Foundation

MAY 18-25, 2006

Join JPEF board members Zepporah Glass and Ada Horwich and Elana Horwich of Farfalla Travels in an intimate and luxurious week-long cultural and gastronomical discovery of Jewish Piemonte.

*Meet local Jewish partisans*

*Learn about the resistance movement  
in Northern Italy*

*Visit many of the twelve "hidden" synagogues,  
as well as Jewish cemeteries*

*Savor the wines in the vineyards of Italy's  
most prestigious grapes*

*Indulge in the dolce vita lifestyle of a  
countryside Relais Chateau and its spa*

*Experience the culinary magnificence of  
Northern Italy and try local Jewish recipes*

*Be a participant in a cultural exchange  
between Italian and American Jews*

*Show support for JPEF and the Italian  
Jewish community*



## YESTERDAY'S AND TODAY'S HIDDEN SECRETS OF JEWISH PIEMONTE.

Piemonte (Piedmont) is venerated within Italy for its regal capital Turin (the original capital of Italy!), its breathtaking alpine scenery, magnificent culinary tradition and prestigious wines such as Barolo, Barbaresco, Dolcetto d'Alba and Nebbiolo.

However, few are aware that Piedmont used to be home of one of the most thriving and liberated Jewish communities in Italy. In fact, the awe-inspiring Mole Antonelliana (Turin's famous Eiffel-tower-esque cinema museum) was originally built to be the community's synagogue. Tucked away in its cobble-stoned towns are twelve synagogues which today are all but two unused, some grandiose to mark the Jews' liberation, while others clandestine gems built during the years of the Ghetto. Not all know that Piedmont's skyscraping Alps, soon to host the 2006 Winter Olympic Games, boasted one of Europe's most successful combat Resistance movements and that a large number of Piedmontese Jews, including Primo Levi, chose to fight the Nazis as partisans.

Even fewer know that Turinese Jews, who hold services in their breathtaking synagogue every Shabbat, are waiting to invite this JPEF group into their homes for a homemade Italian Shabbat dinner.

*What is unknown to many will be known to us.*

## Itinerary

Day 1: Meet at 3 p.m., Golden Palace Hotel in Turin, group briefing, private reception at the National Cinematic Archives of the Resistance, dinner at the Tre Galline

Day 2: Guided visit of the Turin synagogue, private meeting with head Rabbi Somekh, visit to the Mole Antonelliana, Shabbat services followed by dinner in the home of Piedmontese families

Day 3: Morning time to explore Turin, lunch at Roberta Anau's La Miniera (agricultural tourism farmhouse that specializes in Italian Jewish Cuisine) and time for a nature walk. Hotel Castello San Giuseppe

Day 4: Biella and Vercelli synagogues, ascent into Alps to the Santuario di Oropa, tasting of regional specialty "polenta cunscia". Hotel Relais San Maurizio

Day 5: Cherasco and Carmagnola synagogues and cemetery, visit to Barbero chocolate, lunch at the Culinary University of Pollenza, afternoon winetasting and/or spa time. Hotel Relais San Maurizio

Day 6: Asti synagogue and cemetery, Casale Monferrato synagogue and Jewish museum, optional afternoon truffle hunt guided by trained dogs. Hotel Relais San Maurizio

Day 7: Cuneo and Saluzzo synagogues and cemetery, lunch with Jewish Partisan Enzo Cavaglion. Hotel Relais San Maurizio

Day 8: Morning return to Turin center or airport

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## L'ARTE DI MANGIARE BENE

Our trip will be geared towards *l'arte di mangiare bene* or the art of eating well. There will be an emphasis on eating the best the region offers, in elegant and familial settings.

We will be staying in Piedmont's most luxurious hotels/villas. The majority of nights will be spent at the Relais Chateau San Maurizio which offers both a 2-star Michelin restaurant and a gorgeous spa equipped with indoor pool and winetherapy skin treatments. Please visit the websites of the hotels for more information.

[www.relaisanmaurizio.it](http://www.relaisanmaurizio.it)

[www.castelloosangiuseppe.it](http://www.castelloosangiuseppe.it)

[www.thi.it](http://www.thi.it) (for Golden Palace Hotel)

Prices include accommodation plus breakfast, six group meals, a winetasting, and entrance to and all guided tours of synagogues, cemeteries and museums. This trip price requires an additional tax-deductible donation of 750 dollars per person to JPEF. Prices for this luxurious tour have been adjusted accordingly.

### Per person plus JPEF donation:

In Double Occupancy      \$4675 + \$750

In Suite Double Occupancy      \$5675 + \$750

Single supplement      \$ 700

A \$1500 deposit must be received by March 3, 2006.

Please make checks payable to Farfalla Travels for the trip price and to JPEF for your much appreciated donation.

## Organizers

The Jewish Partisan Educational Foundation (JPEF) is a non-profit organization whose mission is to develop and distribute effective educational materials about the Jewish Partisans, bringing this celebration of heroic resistance against tyranny into educational and cultural organizations. Most people don't know that there were 20,000-30,000 Jews who fought back in WWII, responsible for thwarting the Nazi war machine in countless ways.

JPEF is dedicated to dispersing this information which has the power to transform people's perception of the Jewish Experience during the Holocaust. Please visit [www.jewishpartisans.org](http://www.jewishpartisans.org)

This trip will be hosted by Farfalla Travels, a unique company that organizes customized, cultural tours. You will be accompanied by founder Elana Horwich who has a BA from Brown University and an MA from Middlebury College in Florence, both in Italian Jewish Studies. Elana has lived in Italy for many years and has volunteered for JPEF, interviewing partisans and speaking on its behalf in the States, Israel and Italy.\*



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\* The guided tours of the synagogues and Jewish cemeteries will be conducted by Artefacta, an agency that specializes in Jewish Piemonte.