

Information for the Jewish Tourist in Warsaw
Jewish Community of Warsaw



Information for Jewish tourists in Warsaw

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Internet site of the Jewish community of Warsaw: <http://warszawa.jewish.org/pl/en>

General Information.

Communication:

The country code for Poland is 48, when calling from outside Poland the phone number needs to start with 48 for all calls, both landlines and mobile phones.

It is easy and relatively inexpensive to purchase a local SIM card (about 5 zloty) and load it with fifty or so zloty. This may be done in most stores or stands in the center of town, enabling you to make phone calls in Poland, surf the internet (depending on the package you choose), and receive phone calls from other countries. We recommend that you ask the salesman to do the installation on the spot, to avoid delay. Each new SIM card needs

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to be registered using your passport

Currency of Poland: the zloty, or PLN.

Taxi: Grosik Taxi 22 646 4646, 1.8 zloty per kilometer. Eko Taxi 22 644 2222, 1.6 zloty per kilometer. Uber and Bolt also work in Warsaw

Approximate cost of a taxi from the Chopin airport to Warsaw city center: 30-40 zloty, and takes 20-35 minutes. The price per kilometer is written on the right back window, it is usually between 1.80 and 3.00.

Public transportation: Warsaw features the ZTM Public Transport Authority system that includes buses, trams, the metro and local trains. The following tickets are available: 24-hour passes (15 zloty), 20 minute ticket (3.40 zloty), 70 minute ticket (4.40 zloty) or 50% discount for schoolchildren and students with valid international student I.D. These tickets are called ulgowy. People over 70 ride for free.

<http://www.ztm.waw.pl/?c=110&l=2>

It is recommended to purchase tickets in advance, though now you can purchase them on nearly all busses/trams with a credit/debit card. If you are caught without a ticket by an inspector, you will be heavily fined and also cause a Chilul Hashem.

Note that most of the tourist sites are in the center of Warsaw called 'Strefa 1' (Zone 1), with the prices listed above. Warsaw suburbs are in Zone 2 where transportation prices are higher.

Tickets may be purchased: at the airport, most kiosks, and in machines on the street and at the Metro. Note that on Saturday and Sunday, most of the kiosks are closed.

There is no Eiruv in Warsaw.

Contact information for the Jewish Community in Warsaw:

Internet site, English: <http://warszawa.jewish.org.pl/en>

Email: warszawa@jewish.org.pl

Reminder: When calling from outside Poland, add 48 to all phone numbers in this file.

Office of the Kehilla: 22 652 2805 (10:00-16:00)

Guard at the entrance to the synagogue: 22 620 4324 ext 3 (6:00-22:00)

Office of the Chief Rabbi: naczelnrabinpl@jewish.org.pl

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Orthodox Rabbis in Nozyk Synagogue

Rabbi Michael Schudrich - Chief Rabbi of Poland / Jewish community of Warsaw

Rabbi Yitzchak Rapoport - Rosh Kollel "Nozyk", Rabbi in the Jewish Community

Rabbi Yehoshua Ellis - Project Manager in the office of the Chief Rabbi of Poland,
Rabbi in the Jewish Community, and *Shaliach* (emissary) of Shavei Israel

Center for Progressive Judaism - Ec Chaim

Ec Chaim, a Reform congregation in the Jewish Community of Warsaw is headed by
Rabbi Stas Wojciechowicz.

The synagogue is located at Aleje Jerozolimskie 53.

Friday night services are held at 19:00, followed by the Kiddush and Shabbat dinner.

Shabbat morning services are held at 10:00, Parashat HaShavua class at 12:00, Kiddush
and Shabbat lunch at 13:00.

Reservations for Shabbat meals must be made in advance.

For further details and reservations, please contact Jozefina ecchaim@jewish.waw.pl

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Prayer Schedule - The Nożyk Synagogue

The Nożyk Synagogue and offices of the Jewish Kehilla are located on 6 Twarda (pronounced: tvarda) Street.

Individuals may attend all *Tefillot* without prior coordination, though it is suggested; we pray *Nusach Ashkenaz*. During the weeks groups are strongly recommended to contact the Community in advance if planning on attending prayer services. Groups will not be allowed in on Shabbat without prior coordination, no exceptions. Groups wishing to access to the synagogue at any other time must coordinate with Bolek Zajaic at przewodnik@jewish.waw.pl.

The simplest way to access the Community site, the Nożyk Synagogue, and the white building with Jewish-affairs offices and a kosher kitchen, is from Grzybowska Street (pronounced: gzhi-bov-ska). Enter between number 5 and 5a Grzybowska, then walk through the grove of trees. The entrance to the Synagogue is at the top of the stairs that are connected to the most recent addition to the Synagogue. Note: the entrance from Twarda Street is even more complicated.

Prayer Schedule–Weekdays

Shacharit on Sunday and on Polish holidays: 8:30

Shacharit Monday through Friday: 7:15

Mincha Sunday through Thursday: 13:30

Maariv Sunday through Thursday: Currently we are not holding Maariv

Prayer Schedule – Shabbat and Jewish holidays

Mincha and Kabbalat Shabbat on Friday: usually candle-lighting time (about 20 minutes before sunset) **From Shavuot until Rosh Chodesh Elul Mincha and Kabbalat Shabbat on Friday are held at 20:00**

For candle-lighting and Havdalah times please check myzmanim.com

Shacharit on Shabbat: 9:00

Mincha on Shabbat is ten minutes before candle lighting time for that Shabbat. Mincha is followed by Seuda Shlishit, Maariv and Havdalah.

For information about reserving meals on Shabbat see page 12.

For a list of Polish holidays click here <https://www.timeanddate.com/holidays/poland/>

For a list of Jewish holidays click here <https://www.hebcal.com/holidays/>

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Jewish sites

The Nożyk synagogue:

Address: 6 Twarda Street

Entrance fee: 10 zloty, people coming to pray with the community are not obliged to pay for entrance

Open to tourists: 11:00-13:00 and 14:00-17:00. Closed to tourists on: Friday nights and Saturdays, Jewish holidays, during prayers, and during special events.

Bathrooms (WCs): are in the basement of the Nożyk synagogue.

To make reservations for group tours or group prayer in the Nożyk Synagogue, please call: 502 400 849 no later than 16:00. Alternatively, write to: guide@jewish.org.pl.

For more information, see: <http://warszawa.jewish.org.pl/en/nozyk-synagogue>

Jewish cemetery on Okopowa Street

Address: 49/51 Okopowa (a 45-minute walk from the Nożyk synagogue)

Hours: Sunday – 9:00-16:00, Monday-Thursday – 10:00-17:00 (in the winter it closes at sunset), Friday – 9:00-13:00.

Closed on Jewish and Polish holidays: See the list at the end of this file.

Entrance fee: 10 zloty

Telephone number: 228382622

Email: w.wrzosinski@jewish.waw.pl

Website: <https://www.facebook.com/jewishcemeterywarsaw/>

Searching graves in dozens of cemeteries in Poland: <http://cemetery.jewish.org.pl>

Museum of the History of Polish Jews - POLIN

Address: 6 Anielewicza (pronounced a-ni-levicha) Street (a thirty-minute walk from the Nożyk synagogue)

Opening Hours: Monday, Thursday, Friday – 10:00-18:00 (Entrance to the core exhibition is until 16:00)

Wednesday, Shabbat, Sunday – 10:00-20:00 (Entrance to the core exhibition is until 18:00)

Tuesday – closed

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Phone number: 224710300/1

Entrance fees:

On Thursdays, entrance to the core exhibition is free

Core exhibition: Regular ticket – 25 zloty; reduced ticket – 15 zloty; family ticket – 55 zloty (2 parents and all children below 18).

Groups of more than 9 people: Regular group ticket is 15 zloty per person, 10 zloty for reduced ticket.

Temporary exhibit: Individuals – 12, 8 zloty, family ticket - 30 zloty ; group members – 8,5 zloty respectively.

Combined tickets for the core exhibition **and** temporary exhibits: (individuals – 30, 20, 65 zloty respectively; group members – 20, 15 zloty respectively).

The Museum is closed on some of the Polish holidays, and also on Yom Kippur.

E-mail: polin@polin.pl

Website: <http://www.polin.pl/en>

The Museum has an information center in the entrance hall, open every day (besides Tuesday) 10:00-18:00. No obligation to schedule a meeting in advance. They help finding information about family roots, and other things.

<http://www.polin.pl/en/resource-center> resourcecenter@polin.pl

Memorial Route: Umschlagplatz, the bunker on Mila 18, the Rapaport monument
From the Umschlagplatz to the memorial of the Warsaw Ghetto uprising in front of of the Museum of the History of Polish Jews.

Umschlagplatz Address: 10 Stawki Street. (The Umschlagplatz is a 40-minute walk from the Nożyk synagogue.)

The bunker: is on Mila Street (opposite 1 Mila, corner of Dubois Street; entrance from Dubois Street). Before the war, it had been Mila 18.

The Rapaport monument: 6 Anielewicza Street (in front of POLIN museum).

The **Path of Remembrance** is open to tourists, and includes 15 granite monuments that memorialize the key personages of the Warsaw Ghetto. Note: You may take the Path of Remembrance in the reverse direction as well.

A small section of the ghetto wall

62 Złota Street and 55 Sienna Street – access to both sections possible from 62 Złota

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Street entrance.

(The ghetto wall is a 15-minute walk from the Nożyk synagogue.)

Note: the site is on private property, so please do not make noise and do not come late at night.

The Emanuel Ringelblum Jewish Historical Institute

3/5 Tlomackie Street (a 20-minute walk from the Nożyk synagogue)

(Also known by its acronym ZIH, pronounced 'zhich'). This is close to where the large synagogue stood on Tlomackie Street (pronounced tlo-matzka).

Opening Hours: Sunday –10:00-18:00, Monday-Friday – 11:00-18:00 (entrance only until 17:00).

Entrance fee: Regular ticket is 10 zloty, reduced ticket is 5 zloty.

The museum has permanent as well as changing exhibits.

Phone number: 228279221

Website: <http://www.jhi.pl/en>

Genealogical institute in the Jewish Historical Institute

The Historical Institute contains a genealogical institute which assists people searching for archival information on family members and others; this service is free of charge. It is recommended to make an appointment first at:

familyheritage@jhi.pl.

Phone number: 228285962

The Villa of Zoo Director Zabinski (Warsaw Zoological Garden)

Address: 1/3 Ratuszowa Street (take tram No. 4 from Marszałkowska (pronounced mar-shau-kov-ska) Street, or Metro line No. 2).

The villa was opened to the public in May 2015.

Dr. Jan Zabinski, zoo director, and his wife Antonina sheltered many Jews during World War II in this villa and on the zoo grounds.

Phone number: 226194041

Entrance: reservations must be made in advance for the Villa. You can see the Villa from

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the outside, and to see the ladder on Jews went to leave the Villa.

Cost: extra charge of 5 zloty above the regular entrance fee to the zoo (tickets to the villa may be bought at the entrance to the villa).

Entrance fee to the zoo:

March-October: Regular ticket is 20 zloty, reduced/children's ticket is 15 zloty.

November-February: Regular ticket is 10 zloty, reduced/children's ticket is 7 zloty.

Opening hours of the zoo: 9:00-18:00

Email: willa@zoo.waw.pl

Website: <http://www.zoo.waw.pl/pl/component/content/article/761.html>

Warsaw Uprising Museum

(Note: this is NOT connected to the uprising of the Warsaw Ghetto, but to the 1944 uprising of the Poles against the Germans).

Address: 79 Grzybowska Street (a 20-minute walk from the Nożyk synagogue)

Phone number: 225397905

Email: biuro@1944.pl

Website: <http://www.1944.pl/en/>

Entrance hours: Monday, Wednesday, Friday – 8:00-18:00; Thursday – 8:00-20:00; Saturday and Sunday – 10:00-18:00 (closed on Tuesdays)

Entrance fees: Adult ticket is 18 zloty.

Entrance is free on Sunday.

Jewish cemetery in Bródno

15 Świętego Wincentego street. It is located in the Praga district, on the other side of the Vistula river next to Rondo Żaba in the Bródno neighborhood. The cemetery houses a museum to Jewish funerary practices and the history of the cemetery. (Transportation: Bus no. 227, 169, 500 or tram no. 4, 1, 25. 227 and 4 pass on marszałkowska corner Królewska, next to Nozyk Synagogue)

Obligated to call before: 505796886

brodno@jewish.org.pl

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10 zł person, 60 zł for private guide in English.

Jewish Cemetery in Gur – Góra Kalwaria

Zakalwaria Street in Góra Kalwaria (where it crosses Budowlanych street)

Opening Hours: Sunday: 11:00-18:00, Monday-Thursday: 10:00-18:00 (in the winter it closes at sunset), Friday: 9:00-12:00.

Closed on Jewish and Polish holidays.

Calling in advance is obligatory.

Tourists who want to come before and after hours also must call.

Entrance fee: 10 PLN

Telephone number: 510233442

Email: rogemat@interia.pl

House of Janusz Korczak

Address: Jaktorowska 6 Street (a 20-minute walk from the Nożyk synagogue)

Phone number: 226323027

Email: korczakianum@muzeumwarszawy.pl

Website: korczakianum.muzeumwarszawy.pl

You can always see the building from the outside. Entrance only with prior appointment

Entrance hours: Tuesday- Friday 10:00-18:00.

Other Jewish sites

Map of Jewish Warsaw, past and present, made by POLIN Museum. First page are sites connected to past and holocaust, marked with letters. Second page are sites connected to present Jewish life and Jewish organizations, marked with numbers.

English Version: http://www.polin.pl/en/system/files/attachments/mapa_eng_ed3a.pdf

Polish Version: http://www.polin.pl/pl/system/files/attachments/mapa_pl_ed3a.pdf

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Additional Warsaw sites – not Jewish

The Old City, Palace of Culture and Science, Łazienki Park, Copernicus Science Centre,
The roof gardens above the Warsaw University Library, The Fryderyk Chopin Museum.

Keeping Kosher in Poland

The following site lists which local products are kosher: <http://www.koszernapolska.pl/>

Basic foodstuffs that may be purchased without official kashrut certification:

DAIRY: Milk: all UHT milk without additives, fresh OSM Garwolin milk 2% and 3.2%, fresh Mlekovita milk 2%. **Butter:** all plain butter 82% fat without additives. **Yogurt:** plain: Mlekovita jogurt naturalny, Mlekovita jogurt typu greckiego. **White Cheese:** Mlekovita ser twarogowy, OSM Garwolin serek wiejski, OSM Garwolin twaróg. **Sour cream:** Mlekovita śmietana polska 12%, 18%, OSM Garwolin śmietana. **Cream:** Mlekovita śmietanka UHT wypasiona 12%, 18%, 30%, OSM Garolin śmietanka. Mlekovita only from Wysokie Mazowieckie (check on the packaging).

DRINKS: Juices: 100% fruit and vegetable juices without additions (without vitamin C etc). **Soft drinks:** Coca Cola, Cherry Cola, Pepsi, Fanta, Sprite, Seven Up, Red Bull. **Water:** still and sparkling mineral water without flavour additives. **Tea:** plain black, green and herbal teas without additives and aromas. **Coffee:** plain coffee (whole beans, ground and instant) without aroma or flavour additives. **Cocoa:** 100% without additives.

FISH: Fresh fish (with fins and scales), cold-smoked salmon (coloured pink), fish in cans King Oskar.

CEREALS: Nestle: Chocapic, Cini Minis, Cookie Crisp, Gluten-Free Corn Flakes, Multi Cheerios, Nesquick Mini Cereal, Nesquick Regular, Yellow Crisp Cereal.

SWEETS/SNACKS: Rice cakes different flavours: Good Food, Kupiec, Sante, Sonko (OU on packaging), Hit cookies (Hazelnut, Coconut, Cocoa, Vanilla), Kinder Bueno (last letter on the code must be W), Kopernik cookies (OU on packaging), Mars, Milky way, Snickers, Twix (produced in Sochaczew), Schogetten chocolate (kosher symbol on packaging).

SPICES/CONDIMENTS: Jams (dżemy): Międzychód: strawberry (truskawkowy), cherry (wiśniowy), blackcurrant (czarna porzeczka). **Nuttela** (last letter in the cod must be W). **Honey:** all are ok with exception of honeydew-miód spadziowy, which is not kosher. **Ketchup:** Heinz (symbol TK 1,2,3,5), Międzychód. **Mayonaise:** Białuty 100 naturalny.

COOKING: Plain flour without additives, white sugar without additives, salt without additives, all baking powder, all baking soda, single component spices from Kamis brand, Kujawski rapeseed oil, all extra-virgin olive oils.

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OTHER: Fruits and vegetables (if from Israel – needs Hafrashat Tromut and Maasrot), eggs (needs to check for blood spots), all pasta made of water and semolina only, plain rice without additives, dried fruits without oil and polishing substances.

Kosher kitchen and dining hall in the Jewish Kehilla, in the white building (the building adjacent to the Nożyk Synagogue).

It offers Glatt Kosher fleishig (meaty) meals as well and parve meals.

Address: 6 Twarda Street

Entrance: Enter the courtyard via the watchman's hut, then enter the left-most entrance into the building; the dining hall is on Floor 1. There is an elevator.

Hashgacha: under the Chief Rabbi of Poland, Rabbi Michael Schudrich.

Weekdays:

Food service: Monday through Friday, lunch is served 12:00-14:30.

Shabbat:

Shabbat meals must be ordered, and paid for, in advance through the offices of the Chief Rabbi

Email: naczelnyrabinpl@jewish.org.pl

Friday night: the meal is after Ma'ariv; Donation is 35 zloty or 10 dollars.

Shabbat lunch: the meal is after Musaf; Donation is 20 zloty or 5 dollars.

Third meal: after Mincha on Shabbat in the synagogue. Individuals need **not** register and/or pay.

Kosher Delight

Glatt Kosher, under the *hashgacha* of Rabbi Dov Landau *shlita*. Meaty (fleishig), parve and milky (milchig).

Address: Grzybowska (pronounced: gzhee-bov-ska) 2, first floor (a 3-minute walk from the Nożyk synagogue)

Serves all kinds of meals, orders must be placed in advance, though drop ins will not be turned away.

Mobile phone: 501741703

Additional number: 501741715

US phone number: 1-718-514-6400

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Israeli phone number: 972-3-9150-725

Email: info@kosherdelightpoland.com

Website: www.kosherdelightpoland.com

Kosher store in the Nożyk Synagogue (under the synagogue, entrance from the parking lot)

Address: 6 Twarda Street

Opening hours: Monday-Thursday – 10:00-18:00; Sunday – 10:00-16:00; Friday 10:00 until approximately an hour before candle lighting (subject to change without notice)

Landline phone: 226523432

Mobile phone: 602466554, Adam Szyc.

The products are mainly from Israel and France.

Email: phuassa@gmail.com

Website: kosher.com.pl/

BeKeF Restaurant

Glatt Kosher, serves meaty (*fleishig*) and parve food.

Hashgacha: under the Chief Rabbi of Poland, Rabbi Michael Schudrich.

Serves: Falafel, chumous, chicken, schnitzel, Israeli food, etc.

Under the management of Maimon Ben Ezra and Betty Rybojad

Address: 53 Sienna (pronounced She-in-na) Street (a 10-minute walk from the Nożyk synagogue)

Opening hours: Monday -Thursday – 12:00-19:00. Open on Sundays in the winter and Fridays in summer. Closed on Shabbat and Jewish Holidays.

Phone: 226211856; 222478416; 693164964 (Betty).

Email: Bekef55@gmail.com

Website: <https://www.facebook.com/bekefwarsaw>

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Catering-Cejtel's Kosher Kitchen

Place your order in advance.

Pinchas Menachem (Pavel) Bramson, mobile phone: 506232110

Email: cejtel@gmail.com

Hashgacha: under the Chief Rabbi of Poland, Rabbi Michael Schudrich

The Warsaw Marriott Hotel

Kosher food can be obtained in the Warsaw Marriott Hotel.

Hashgacha: under the Chief Rabbi of Poland, Rabbi Michael Schudrich;
meaty (fleishig) and parve.

Kosher food must be ordered 72 hours in advance. Cost: the price of regular food in the hotel, plus the mashgiach's charge.

Address: 65/79 Aleje Jerozolimskie (a 15-minute walk from the Nożyk synagogue)

Telephone: 226306306 (You must state that you want kosher food).

Email: wawpl.events@marriotthotels.com

Website: www.warsawmarriott.com

The Jewish Community Center (JCC)

Sunday lunches (called "Boker Tov") – 10:00-15:00, and groups who order in advance.

Hashgacha: under the Chief Rabbi of Poland, Rabbi Michael Schudrich;
Serves milky (*milchig*) and parve only

Price: 35 zloty (eat as much as you want).

Address: 9a Chmielna Street (a 20-minute walk from the Nożyk synagogue)

Phone: 533072790

Email: biuro@jccwarszawa

Website: <http://www.jccwarszawa.pl/>

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Chabad House

Run by Rabbi Shalom Dov Ber Stambler.

Address: 19 Słomińskiego Street, suite 508A, on the ground floor vis a vis ARKADIA MALL (a 40-minute walk from the Nożyk synagogue)

Phone: 226375352 Email: office@chabad.org.pl Website: www.chabad.org.pl

Mikva

There is a mikva in the basement of the Nożyk Synagogue on 6 Twarda Street, for women, men, and for immersing of utensils. The mikva is under the supervision of Rabbi Michael Schudrich, Chief Rabbi of Poland.

Contact person: Marissa Kowalik 502 970 962. **Please contact her at least 2 days in advance.**

Fee: Men –10 dollars or 10 euro. Women – 20 dollars or 20 euro.

Internet site: <http://warszawa.jewish.org.pl/en/mykveh>

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Tour Guides

Below is a partial list of tour-guides, arranged in alphabetical order.

Note: The Kehilla makes no recommendations regarding the guides that appear below and takes no responsibility for the quality of the services they provide, their authorization nor their legal status.

Name	Phone number	Email
Bartosz, Michal	600469511	magdabartosz29@gmail.com
Krakowski, Yitzhak	-----	krak@jewish.org.pl
Mosinzon, Daphna	536713005	dafnailan1960@gmail.com
Niv, Aryeh	796268542	shabunabunga@gmail.com
Rashkovski, Lucy	794730787	lucy.rashkovski@gmail.com
Sadaka, Guy	602610009	vgi@wp.pl
Shefi, Matan	-----	mshefi@gmail.com
Szyc, Jankel & Etel	501499153	etel9@o2.pl
Taube Center	513109070	jlysiak@taubejewishheritagetours.com
Tour Poland	883968508 Israeli number: 03-3726666	info@tourpoland.pl
Yagel, Baruch		barouchyagil@gmail.com
Jankowski, Andrzej	505796886	pinchasbenzeev@gmail.com
Zajac, Bolek	502400849	guide@jewish.org.pl (Available occasionally)

Hotels near the Jewish Kehilla and the Nożyk Synagogue

Website for finding hotels: <https://www.airbnb.com>

The following hotels are walking distance from the Nożyk Synagogue:

Radisson Collection Hotel, Westin, Intercontinental, Marriott, Novotel Centrum, and Hilton. Mercure.

Short-term rental apartments

Some sites: <http://www.tripadvisor.com/>

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<http://okidoki.pl/wp/ceny/lang/en/> - very cheap prices, 10 minutes walking from Nożyk
HosApartments rents out apartments near the Nożyk Synagogue for reasonable fees (for
example, some apartments are available on 5 Bagno Street for about 200 zloty a night).

Phone: 734192222 Email: hosapartments@onet.pl

Website: <http://www.hosapartments.pl/> (The website is in Polish, suggest using Google Translate).
Better to ask Building on Bagno 3 or 5, the one on Bagno 2 is more problematic with Shabbat.

If you will be staying over Shabbat or chagim, remember to ask for an apartment on a
low floor level and check that you get a manual key, not an electronic one.

There is no "Eiruv" in Warsaw.

Assisting getting Polish citizenship, and looking for Polish roots

Olga Meszel 505061910 www.shorashim.pl meszel@hotmail.com

Call us for free consultation.

Genealogy:

Genealogical Institute in the Jewish Historical Institute – see above. Free.

Information center in Jewish Museum – see above. Free.

Some of the tour guides mentioned above. Payment.

Olga Meszel – see above. Payment.

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