

2024 ReJoint Ukraine: Frequently Asked Questions

- Q: What if it is deemed unsafe for us to travel to Ukraine?
 - A: If we cannot travel to Ukraine, the trip will instead take place in Poland and Moldova, and participants will engage with the Jewish community in those countries and how they have aided refugees since the start of the war.
- Q: Where in Ukraine will we be and what is the community like there?
 - A: We will be in Western Ukraine in the cities of Lviv and Ternopil. The Jewish communities in these areas have continued to gather, celebrate holidays, run youth camps, and care for elderly and home-bound community members. Their lives are set against a backdrop of a country at war, yet the community is celebrating the continuation of life in difficult times, going to work, eating at restaurants & coffee shops.
- Q: What is Entwine doing to ensure the safety & security of participants?
 - A: The security and health of our participants is our #1 priority at JDC Entwine. Entwine is working very closely with JDC's global security team to closely monitor the circumstances in the areas we'll be visiting and will keep participants informed of any security-related updates.
- Q: Can I get my money back if I cancel due to my own safety concerns?
 - A: Once payments have been made, they are non-refundable for participants who choose to withdraw. As with all Entwine trips, participants of ReJoint: Ukraine will be required to purchase travel insurance. It is advised to purchase a "cancel for any reason" policy which would ensure reimbursement should you choose to cancel.
 - A: Should Entwine deem it necessary to fully cancel the trip due to safety concerns, participants will be refunded in full for their program participation fees.
- Q: Why is Entwine running a trip to a country at war?
 - A: Overall, the programming in Jewish communities in Ukraine is active. Depending on the region it is either online or in person. Such activities provide much-needed emotional support and an opportunity to have moments of normalcy amidst a hard reality. Entwine is working closely with the JDC staff in Ukraine to ensure that our visit is not a burden to the local community. The group will meet with local young professionals and community leaders. Such encounters will provide them with a feeling of support and solidarity from the global Jewish community.
- Q: Has JDC run trips to Ukraine since the start of the war?
 - A: Yes, JDC has run multiple trips to bring board members from the US into western Ukraine to visit the local community. [Click here to read a reflection](#) from Entwine Alumni Erin Zaikis who visited Ukraine in March 2024 with JDC.
 - A: JDC staff have also regularly visited Ukraine.