

A small number of European immigrants from other South American countries and Mexico began to arrive in Honduras around 1920. In 1928 another five families came from Poland and refugees from Germany. In 1935 the government accepted Jewish scientists and educators from Germany, but was not fully known in Europe. In 1939 restrictions were imposed on the entry of Jews, Negroes, and gypsies. Nevertheless, a considerable number of Jews were saved by Honduran consuls, who issued them passports and visas. [History](#) . [History](#) . In 1998, Hurricane Mitch damaged the only synagogue in Tegucigalpa. Afterward, Jewish communities contributed money to restore the temple. Volunteers from Westchester County, NY assisted with the [clean](#)

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and restored the two torahs damaged in the hurricane. 40-50 Jewish families live there. Comunidad hebrea de Tegucigalpa, P.O. Box U 8914, Tegucigalpa, Honduras, Tel.: 504 238 5114, Fax: 504 236 7776.

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[Cementerio General de Tegucigalpa](#) : A private Jewish cemetery as well as a Burial Society (Chevra Kadisha) exists. [July 2009]