



## Jewish Student Life

Jewish students of every background make up an active and vibrant University community. The Albert S. Frager Jewish Student Center (better known as Hillel) is the foundation of Jewish student life on campus. Hillel is in a lovely brownstone on St. Stephen Street, adjacent to the heart of campus. Hillel provides weekly Shabbat and holiday meals and kosher dinners during the week. (Northeastern's food services also offers kosher dinners Mondays through Thursdays in the Stetson East Dining Hall's Levine Marketplace). On Friday evening, dinner is served at Hillel after services. We welcome all students to join us for meals, services, and programs throughout the year.

### Services and holiday celebrations

The Hillel sanctuary is a comfortable place for services, discussions or quiet contemplation. Hillel offers weekly Friday night services. Students lead both Reform and Conservative services weekly and Orthodox services once a month. After services the students gather for a community kiddush and dinner. Hillel offers both Reform and Conservative High Holiday services as well as holiday meals. During Passover, Hillel hosts two community Seders, and kosher Passover meals throughout the week. On other holidays, like Simchat Torah and Purim we visit other synagogues or Hillel Houses in the area for larger celebrations. Guest speakers frequently lead lively discussion on Jewish history, culture, music and politics.

### Community service and advocacy

Jewish students at Northeastern have myriad opportunities to have fun together while serving the Boston community. During Thanksgiving week, we participate in the PBJam, joining Northeastern fraternities, sororities, and residence halls to make hundreds of peanut butter and jelly sandwiches for delivery to food pantries in Boston. Before Purim, we make hamentashen with the elderly residents at the nearby Symphony West Apartments and join them for a Passover program as well. A Hillel team raises money for Project Bread by walking twenty miles in the annual Walk for Hunger, and we are participating in the Jewish Coalition for Literacy by tutoring area children.

Northeastern Hillel sends dozens of students yearly on the free Taglit-birthright Israel trips both in December and May. Since its inception in 2000, Hillel has sent over 100,000 Jewish students to Israel. Northeastern has sent over one-hundred students to Israel on a variety of Israel opportunities. A newly created group on campus, Students for Israel at Northeastern (SFIN) organizes Israel programs with a variety of speakers and trainings on Israel advocacy on campus. In May 2007, Northeastern is offering a program called Dialogue of Civilization a summer course offered at Ben Gurion University.

### Social and Cultural Activities:

Hillel hosts a variety of weekly social events in and around Boston. From "Rolling our own Sushi" or having a Scavenger Hunt around Boston, we also gather with other Hillels in the region for several events during the year, including the citywide "Falafel Ball" (the pre-Ball party for Northeastern students is an event not to be missed.) Hillel has an annual Semi-Formal and Awards Banquet each spring for students to celebrate the year-end and award students for their hard work. The Hillel board goes on an annual leadership retreat, and we are always looking for more ideas, input, and better ways to serve the University's Jewish population.

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Northeastern's Hillel boasts two lounges with a pool table and wide-screen TV, two kosher kitchens and a dining hall, a sanctuary, student administrative space including computers with high-speed Internet access, and two double apartments on the third floor. You can always find someone to talk or study with in our extensive Judaic library. We welcome Jews of every background and denomination in an open and free exchange of thoughts and ideas, and we urge every Jewish student on campus to get involved to make Hillel a vibrant home away from home.

### Jewish Studies Joint Major

The Jewish Studies program just expanded to a joint major with Jewish Studies and Religious Studies centered out of the Philosophy and Religion Department. The Jewish Studies Program gives students the opportunity to explore the culture and religion of the Jewish people and investigate the impact of Jewish thought and belief on civilization. The interdisciplinary program offers courses in history, literature, music, political science, religion, and sociology. A cooperative arrangement with Hebrew College in Newton allows students to take specialized courses in Judaic subjects and apply the credits to the minor. Students may also take courses in Israel at Hebrew University, Tel Aviv University, or Ben Gurion University of the Negev.

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