

JEWISH CHAPLAINCY

2022-2023 newsletter



Jewish Chaplain
Rabbi Naftali Brawer, PhD

“If I am not for myself, who will be for me? But, if I am for myself alone, what am I?” –Hillel the Elder

As the Jewish chaplain and Executive Director at Tufts Hillel, I want to welcome you to Tufts and invite you to Hillel, the hub of Jewish life on campus and the home of the Jewish Chaplaincy. I participate in the work of the multifaith chaplaincy here, and would be so glad to welcome you to Hillel.

Be part of our warm, welcoming, energetic community where you will develop lifelong friendships, share in fun events, make a difference through social justice initiatives, pursue your passions with like-minded students—and perhaps have the most meaningful, exciting experiences of your college years.

You can stop by Hillel for a meal, a party, just to hang out, or you can participate more deeply. Whatever your background, religious affiliation, or worldview, we meet you where you are: our arms are open. We're here to help you have your best campus experience—and become the person you want to be.

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Jewish Chaplain and Neubauer Executive Director, Tufts Hillel

Regular Programming

- Shabbat Services & Dinner
- Jewish Holiday Celebrations
- Torah Study
- Challah for Hunger
- JQUEST (Jewish Queer Students at Tufts)
- Community Building Fellows
- Social Justice Initiatives like HCAP (Hillel Community Action Partners) Afterschool Program
- Visions of Peace (Spring Course)
- Birthright
- Friends of Israel
- TS4TS (Tufts Students for Two States)
- J Street
- JWC (Jewish Women's Collective)
- Maariv and Munchies

Julia Kupferman, A22, Aviva Michaeli, A22, and Allison Cohen, A22 celebrating Havdallah



The Hillel Foundation at Tufts University maximizes opportunities for students to engage Jewishly through programs that serve their religious, educational, cultural and social needs. Through these programs, Hillel seeks to define, model and nurture a lively, caring and compassionate community.

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Program Spotlight: Shabbat Services & Dinner

All are welcome to join Tufts Hillel for weekly Shabbat Services and/or dinner.

Step out of the rushing frenzy of the week into a little bit of calm and peace. We welcome everyone to join us as we unplug, sing, eat, and connect to traditions familiar and new, creating memories and building friendships. Students come with different identities, practices, and perspectives to unwind from the week, have a good time, and welcome Shabbat together. We offer student-led Conservative and Reform services followed by a nourishing community dinner.



David Wingers, A23, Mariel Priven, A23, and Sam Russo, A22 reunited outside Hillel



Students ready to bring in Shabbat together

"I remember coming to Tufts my freshman year and, after having attended a small school my whole life, being overwhelmed by the number of new faces I was seeing every day. But in just a few weeks, with all of the O-Week and first-year programming Hillel offers in the fall, I found a space where I felt comfortable and like myself. Hillel transformed the many new faces to friendly and familiar ones, provided programming when my free time felt daunting, offered routine and familiar practices on Shabbat, and showed me that the Jewish community was there for me even before I knew all of its members."

**Mariel Priven, A23
Hillel Student President**

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The generosity of alumni, parents, and friends makes it possible for Tufts Hillel to provide a thriving Jewish community for today's students. Although we are closely connected to the University and campus life, Tufts Hillel is an independent 501(c)(3) organization, and we rely on people like you for the overwhelming majority of our financial resources. Every gift of every amount is valued and appreciated.

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