

# GeorgiaTechHillel

Georgia Tech Hillel thrives on academically minded and dedicated students and excellent student leadership training. Through empowering student leaders I have strengthened the Jewish community on campus by providing opportunities based on the individual want and need of each student. To recognize our efforts, Georgia Tech has named Hillel a Five Star Student Organization, the highest honor a student organization can receive. I am dedicated to pushing students outside of the box to develop creative programming and create a culture of community building that will develop strong Jewish leaders and a Jewish home-away-from-home on Georgia Tech's campus.

**Veronica Beskin**  
Director



## Student Testimonials

Through out my college career, Hillel has continued to be an amazing community for the growing Jewish population on campus, and I have been honored to watch our community come together to create lifelong friendships and create a positive impact on the greater Tech community.

Samuel Leach, Class of 2015

When I started my first year at Georgia Tech, my goals were to succeed academically, to network with people who could be resources in the future, to be a student leader, and to continue my Jewish education. At Hillel, I found all this and more; the Jewish students that I've met through Hillel are eager to share their academic advice, but have also made me feel like I am a part of a strong, proud community on campus. Through Hillel, I have not just continued my Jewish education - I have brought it to a higher, more intimate level.

Scott Shapiro, Class of 2017

## The Numbers

**309** GT Hillel participants

**100** events

**70%** of members attend events

**25** Israel programs

**270** Passover Meals





# Get Involved

## Jewish Living & Learning

### Shabbat Experiences

All Shabbat experiences are student led including services and themed Shabbat dinners. Every month we offer a variety of student led services in the Student Center and a kosher dinner, free of cost to students.

- Shabbat Across Tech: Students open their dorms and apartments for a home cooked Shabbat meal.
- Metro Shabbat: A Shabbat celebration for all of the campuses in Metro Atlanta hosted by Georgia Tech and Emory. Students can choose from two different Shabbat service options and join together for a dinner.

### Jewish Holidays

All Jewish holiday programming is free of cost to students. All food is kosher.

- Hillel provides transportation for students to enjoy High Holiday services at Emory Hillel.
- Every year we build a Sukkah on campus and enjoy learning and meals in the Sukkah.
- annual Chanukah party in the center of campus with Chabad, with an eight foot menorah and homemade latkets and sufganiot
- annual Purim party with Chabad and Georgia State Hillel at Rocky Mountain Pizza, includes delicious food, hamentashen, and costume contest with great prizes
- Kosher for Passover Meal Plan every day of Passover catered by Hillels of Georgia

### JED Talks (Jewish Education Development)

Hillel partners with The Atlanta Scholars Kollel Maimonides Program for JED Talks, a play-on-words on TED Talks. Different Rabbi's and Jewish professionals offer an hour-long class to provide a pluralistic perspective on Jewish topics. Students enjoy a free kosher lunch during this class.

## Tzedek/Social Action

Hillel participates in many community services projects to improve the Atlanta community at large.

- visit to the Midtown Assistance Center to organize food pantry
- bake Challah to sell on campus, all funds are donated to the Atlanta Hunger Walk
- Atlanta Hunger 5k Walk/Run with other Jewish young adult groups in Atlanta
- plant trees with Trees Atlanta to help beautify the neighborhoods surrounding GT's campus
- once a month interfaith sandwich making with the Catholic Center at GT to make sandwiches to donate to Morning Sandwich Ministry in downtown Atlanta

## Social events

- meet and greet with Matisyahu with concert to follow
- white water rafting with Metro Atlanta Hillels
- Braves & Hawks games with Metro Atlanta Hillels
- weekly Bagel Break brunch
- welcome freshman events such as free freshman fro-yo and burritos at Moe's



## Israel Education

### Go to Israel for Free!

Twice a year we take students who have never been to Israel before on a free trip to the Holy Land!

### Israel Fest

Hillel hosts its annual Israel Fest in the heart of GT's campus. Over 800 students enjoy the festival which includes a live camel, a henna tattoo artist, free t-shirts and prizes and a kosher food truck right on campus serving fresh and authentic falafel sandwiches. Israel Fest is a great time for new students to get involved!

### Israel Lunch N Learn Series

Hillel hosts Lunch N' Learns through out the year to discuss Israeli Culture, history, and politics with advocacy organizations such as Stand With Us, AIPAC, FIDF, and the Israeli Consulate.

