Vanderbilt Hillel serves the religious, social, and educational needs of students. Take a look inside and see how you can become part of our community.

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OUR COMMUNITIES

Heal the World with Hillel

Through bi-weekly challah bakes, Challah for Hunger raises money for local and international organizations that fight hunger, including Maxson and the Nashville Food Project. More than just a bake sale, Challah for Hunger provides opportunities for leadership, social responsibility, and social justice awareness.

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Hillel’s Tikvun Olam Committee is committed to saving lives and doing good on campus and in the Nashville area. They spearhead the annual MLK Day Hillel Blood Drive on campus and, last year, added over 800 people to the Gift of Life Bone Marrow Donor Registry.

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Be a Leader

The Hillel Executive Board consists of the Hillel president and a variety of area-specific vice presidents. The Hillel Executive Board oversees aspects of Jewish life at Vanderbilt Hillel. Elections are held every spring.

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The Membership and Programming (MaP) Committee is responsible for creating large-scale social programming for students and also organizes peer-to-peer coffee dates to help students connect with each other. MaP facilitates deep and meaningful connections between students.

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Learn with Hillel

Vanderbilt Hillel’s speaker series, Schmoozeday, features a variety of professors leading discussions on a diverse range of disciplines connected to Jewish life. Students have the opportunity to network with some of the university’s top educators while exploring complicated Jewish identity questions.

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The Holocaust Lecture Series was founded in 1977 and is the longest-running series of its type at any American university. It is run by the University Chaplain and the Office of Religious Life in partnership with Vanderbilt Hillel. A diverse committee of students, faculty, staff, and the wider community works to promote continuing education and conversation on the Shoah and other genocides, their lasting effects, and how we can continue to honor the memory of their victims.

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Attend our Ethics with Emily sessions over delicious food and explore important Jewish concepts and ideas. Look to Jewish wisdom for answers about how to be a good friend and the importance of self-care, and to learn more about holidays.

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Travel with Hillel

Taglit: Birthright-Israel Campus Trip provides students the opportunity to have an amazing adventure with their friends. Birthright is a free ten-day trip to Israel organized by Hillel every summer.

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Experience the natural beauty of Nashville and its surrounding area with our new outing club, Hillel Out’Doors. Explore Jewish concepts while navigating the great outdoors on hikes everyone can enjoy.

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Social Opportunities for Every VU Class

The First-Year Students of Hillel (FYSH) Board is a student-run initiative that empowers first-year students to create Jewish community on The Ingram Commons through social, religious, and academic programming, while building relationships with upperclass students and honing important leadership skills. FYSH can be a student’s first step into the Hillel community.

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Vanderbilt Hillel’s Senior Leadership Initiative (SLI) Committee creates “bucket list” social, community service, networking, and educational programs and activities to enhance the senior experience. SLI creates meaningful and enduring relationships between senior participants and the greater Nashville Jewish community. This project is underwritten through a grant from the Jewish Federation of Nashville and Middle Tennessee.

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The Jewish Life Committee provides the Vanderbilt community with meaningful Jewish experiences by creating educational programs, Shabbat services and dinner experiences, and other holiday celebrations. The committee consists of student representatives from a variety of Jewish movements and traditions.

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Vanderbilt Hillel extends its outreach to the Jewish populations of Belmont University and Middle Tennessee State University (MTSU), among other local higher education institutions, to provide every student in the Middle Tennessee region with a meaningful Jewish experience. Throughout the year, students from all the campuses have the opportunity to meet each other through Hillels of Middle Tennessee mixers and programs.

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Be an Advocate for Israel

‘Dores for Israel is a pro-Israel advocacy club at Vanderbilt that consists of passionate students who discuss Israel in an intellectual and open setting, enjoy social events such as Falafel at Midnight, learn about current political events, lobby for bipartisan support of Israel-U.S relations with our AIPAC cohort, and provide Israeli cultural experiences.

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Vanderbilt Hillel is proud to support the Vanderbilt University chapter of Tikkun Olam Makers (TOM). Through TOM, engineering, physical therapy, and other Vanderbilt students from a variety of disciplines unite to create innovative solutions for individuals with disabilities. TOM grew from one community in Israel to dozens of locations around the world and have made an impact here in Nashville.

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Vanderbilt Hillel provides both individual and combined experiences for the Jewish Graduate Student Groups affiliated with many Vanderbilt University schools. These include Jewish clubs at Vanderbilt’s business, law, education, and medical schools. Graduate students can join a group for bar nights, unique Passover seders, and more.

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