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The Top 7 Hillels You Haven't Heard Of*



DUKE UNIVERSITY STUDENTS WISH VIEWERS A HAPPY NEW YEAR.



BAKING HAMENTASCHEN AT ELON UNIVERSITY.

1 COLLEGE OF CHARLESTON (CHARLESTON, SC): ▶ Hillel is one of the largest and most active student organizations at the college ▶ Is uniquely located in the Jewish Studies Center where students take academic courses, giving Hillel participants increased opportunities to interact with and learn from Jewish Studies professors

2 DUKE UNIVERSITY (DURHAM, NC): ▶ Offers the Jewish First-Year Advisory Mentor Program (JFAM), in which upper-class peers invite incoming students to chat about campus life and Jewish life during Welcome Week ▶ Partners with Duke Career Center to integrate students' interest in Judaism and/or Israel into potential career decisions ▶ All programming is open to both undergraduate and graduate students

3 ELON UNIVERSITY (ELON, NC): ▶ Engages more than 70% of first-year Jewish students in Jewish life on campus ▶ 350+ students regularly spend time at Hillel ▶ Indoor and outdoor kosher kitchens

4 UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO, BOULDER (BOULDER, CO): ▶ Offers multiple ongoing outdoor programs, including a rock climbing group ▶ Hosts an annual Hillel ski retreat weekend ▶ With an Israeli director and an Israeli chef in the kitchen, every Shabbat dinner features fresh Israeli cuisine

5 UNIVERSITY OF DELAWARE (NEWARK, DE): ▶ 70 students celebrate Shabbat weekly ▶ 6 campus Jewish student groups, including the a cappella group The ChaiNamics and the community service group Project Change

6 UNIVERSITY OF RHODE ISLAND (KINGSTON, RI): ▶ 5,000-square-foot Hillel facility in the heart of the university's residence hall area ▶ Offers diverse experiences, from partnering with various multicultural groups on campus to arranging fishing trips for URI's beach-and-ocean-focused student body ▶ Awards four annual scholarships to students who make an impact on Jewish life on campus

7 UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON (SEATTLE, WA): ▶ Conducts 30+ programs each month ▶ Reaches 2,500+ young people per year ▶ Offers leadership development, women's programming, service trips, a fitness center, a garden, and more

* Hillel International has selected the above campuses, listed in alphabetical order, based on these five criteria: innovative Jewish programming, a growing Jewish population, a dedicated professional leader, demonstrated university support, and a commitment to serve Jews of all backgrounds. To learn more about these and other dynamic campuses, visit hillel.org/guide.

DEEPEN YOUR COLLEGE SEARCH

Hillel's College Guide (hillel.org/guide) can help you select the right Jewish campus environment for you.

As you identify your top schools, check out their listings in the College Guide, where you'll learn about the Jewish opportunities each campus offers. To determine the depth of

Jewish experience, keep these criteria in mind:

- ▶ Hillel: Not all schools have one; see if the schools you're considering do.
- ▶ Rabbi or Jewish Educator: Is there a professional on campus to help students explore Jewish learning?
- ▶ Jewish Studies: Does the campus offer Jewish studies courses, or a

major or minor?

- ▶ Israel Fellow: Is there an Israel Fellow on campus to introduce students to Israel and help them develop personal relationships with Israelis?
- ▶ Awards: Has the Hillel been recognized for excellent work?
- ▶ Israel Travel: Does the school offer a Taglit-Birthright Israel opportunity?