

Jewish Campus & Community Resources

Jewish Life at Duke offers a wide variety of enriching religious, cultural, and social programming for our students. For more information, visit our website: www.studentaffairs.duke.edu/jewishlife.

Kosher Food

When classes are in session, Kosher dining is included in the Duke meal plan. The Freeman Center is home to Durham's only kosher kitchen, and is a resource for halal, vegetarian, and vegan diners throughout the community. Due to COVID-19, we are shifting our operations to a la carte dining with the ease of ordering in advance. For details, visit Duke Dine-Out Mobile Ordering to learn about placing an order for lunch or dinner.

Most local supermarkets have a kosher section and some do include kosher meat. A partial list of stores in the area carrying kosher products include:

- Harris Teeter, *walking distance*
- Kroger, *1.9 miles*
- Food Lion, *1.4 miles*
- Trader Joe's, *10.5 miles*
- Whole Foods, *walking distance*
- Costco, *2.1 miles*

Aside from these local shops, kosher meat can be ordered online from Griller's Pride, which is based out of Atlanta, or Gleiberman's Kosher Mart, which is based out of Charlotte.

Kosher for Passover Food

Jewish Life at Duke offers a range of programming during Passover, all free of charge for students. The Freeman Center hosts communal Seders on the first and second night of Passover and a Matzah Brie Brunch during the week (virtual or in person, depending on current social gathering restrictions). Students interested in hosting their own Seders can receive training, along with a Seder kit consisting of Haggadot, Seder plates, grape juice, and kosher for Passover meals for their guests.

Local Synagogues

Home to five different congregations, all are happy to welcome Duke students and often employ students to teach religious school.

- **Conservative:** Beth El Synagogue, *walking distance*; www.betheldurham.org
- **Reform:** Judea Reform Congregation, *3.8 miles*; www.judeareform.org
- **Orthodox:** Durham Orthodox Kehillah, (meets at Beth El Synagogue) *walking distance*; www.betheldurham.org/rituallife/orthodox.html

- **Chabad:** Chabad of Durham-Chapel Hill, *11.8 miles*; www.chabaddch.com; Chabad at Duke University Undergrads, walking distance; www.facebook.com/ChabadAtDukeUndergrads
- **Reconstructionist:** Chapel Hill Kehillah, *14 miles*; www.kehillahsynagogue.org

Community Groups

- Hadassah of Chapel Hill & Durham
- Moishe House
- The Israel Center
- The Jewish Federation of Durham-Chapel Hill
- The Levin JCC
- Triangle Jewish Chorale

The local community is also home to several other community groups, which open their doors to students. Groups such as Sicha, Moishe House, and Triangle GPS offer additional social, cultural, and educational programming year-round.

Religious Observance Policy

Students are permitted by university policy to be absent from class to observe a religious holiday. This policy reflects the university's commitment to being responsive to our increasing diversity and to enabling students' spiritual development. For details, visit: www.trinity.duke.edu/undergraduate/academic-policies/religious-holidays.

