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

Kosher Food

When classes are in session, hot all-you-can-eat kosher dinners are served Monday through Thursday at the Freeman Center for Jewish Life under the supervision of the Campus Rabbi. Friday night Shabbat dinners are served throughout the academic year and are free to students. Meals during the week are included on the Duke University meal plan and do not require advanced registration. Grab-n-go kosher lunch and dinner is also available on both East and West Campus.

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.

Housing Options

After living on East Campus during their first year, students have the opportunity to live in apartment-style houses on Central Campus. These apartments feature kitchens, which give students the freedom to prepare their own kosher meals.

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. Students that are interested in hosting their own Seders can also receive training along with a Seder kit consisting of Haggadot, Seder plates, grape juice, and kosher for Passover meals for their guests.

In addition to hot kosher dinner served at the Freeman Center five nights a week, grab-n-go meals are available on campus for breakfast, lunch, and dinner throughout Passover. All of these meals are included on the Duke University meal plan.
Local Synagogues
Durham/Chapel Hill
The area is home to five different congregations, all of which 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, walking distance [meets at Beth El Synagogue] (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 (kehillahsynagogue.org)

Community Groups
- Hadassah – 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 more information, please visit www.trinity.duke.edu/undergraduate/academic-policies/religious-holidays.