

JEWISH LIFE *at Bucknell*

At Campus Jewish Life we affirm and celebrate Jewish life while we also contribute to the growth, enrichment and education of the larger Bucknell community. Our Jewish students, faculty and staff work together to create an inclusive, pluralistic Jewish community on campus, welcoming to all. Students are encouraged to share familiar customs and experiences, or learn about something new, and explore their own sense of Jewish identity while at Bucknell. bucknell.edu/JewishLife

JEWISH LIFE AT A GLANCE

- Weekly Kabbalat Shabbat Services (Friday nights)
- Weekly Shabbat dinner (Friday nights)
- Movie nights, lock-in and other social events
- Sukkah decorating and meals
- Annual harvest dinner sponsored with the Lewisburg Community Garden
- High Holiday services and meals
- Kosher food and cooking
- Bucknell Birthright trips to Israel
- Holocaust remembrance
- Tzedakah/social justice
- Field trips off campus
- Challah baking and cooking classes
- Passover Seders and eight days of Passover meals
- Chair massages during finals
- Israel programming
- Anything else your imagination can bring

THE BERELSON CENTER FOR JEWISH LIFE

The door is always open to you at the Berelson Center, no matter how often you come. Join us for Shabbat dinner or eat in our Sukkah, invite your friends to watch a game or a movie here, or get some quiet study time in our library. Our kitchen is inviting, open and stocked. We inaugurated a separate, certified-Kosher kitchen in 2017. This is your “home away from home” and we mean it! You can always stop in to find a friendly smile, great snacks and a listening ear.

BUCKNELL HILLEL

- Organized and run by a student executive board in conjunction with Campus Jewish Life and faculty advisor Or Rogovin.
- Hillel at Bucknell works to plan and execute meaningful social and holiday programs, while networking with Jewish students at Bucknell and at other Hillels.
- Engagement Intern Program launched in 2017 to strengthen and serve our Jewish community on campus.
- Students may attend conferences sponsored by Hillel International and have access to their programming.



GABRIELLE LABORWIT '20
COMPUTER SCIENCE
Clarksville, MD

Jewish life at Bucknell has offered me a variety of incredible opportunities from weekly home-cooked meals to meeting some of my now-closest friends. The Berelson Center is always bustling with some sort of activity, whether it be studying, making matzo ball soup, or relaxing on the sofa post-bagel brunch. As the newly-elected philanthropy chair I am looking forward to the adventures my next few semesters will bring, as well as our annual trip to Ard's Farm (because who wouldn't be)!

The field trips are a great way to meet new people, whether from Bucknell or beyond the scope of our campus. Having just been renovated, the Berelson Center is better than ever and I know I speak on behalf of all my peers at Hillel when I say we can't wait to meet you! I'm excited to see new faces and extend our little family/community.



BERELSON CENTER FOR JEWISH LIFE

The Center is located at:
632 St. George Street, Lewisburg



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CHAPLAIN FOR JEWISH COMMUNITY

Rabbi Chana Leslie Glazer comes to Bucknell from positions as rabbi at Beth Israel Synagogue of Roanoke, Virginia; Beth Sholom Synagogue of Memphis, Tennessee; and Congregation Am Haskalah of the Lehigh Valley, Pennsylvania.

She received rabbinic ordination from the Reconstructionist Rabbinical College (RRC), a course of study that included spending a year in Israel at the Conservative Yeshiva of Jerusalem. She also co-led two spiritually themed Taglit-Birthright trips for ALEPH: Alliance for Jewish Renewal.

Rabbi Glazer has also worked as an interfaith organizer. She founded Philadelphia Emerging Religious Leaders (PERL), a nationally acclaimed organization that brings together seminarians and religion students across Philadelphia for interfaith engagement. She has also volunteered as an interfaith spiritual coach since 2003.

Prior to becoming a rabbi, the New York State native received her Bachelor's degree in Government at Cornell University and then held a 15-year career as a journalist, editor and foreign correspondent, mostly working in Latin America & the Caribbean. She enjoys photography and art, yoga, current events, hiking and nature, singing and all kinds of music.

CAMPUS JEWISH LIFE STAFF

Our Jewish Life staff includes the Chaplain for Jewish Community, a program coordinator for Jewish Life, and two Jewish Life program interns. They work together each semester as a team to coordinate and run ritual events, Jewish culture, informal education, community service, and our meals and other social activities.

The Chaplain for Jewish Community also supervises a cohort of 2-4 engagement interns each year. Engagement interns learn important interpersonal and networking skills and they create special projects for the Hillel incubator-style, building Jewish community on campus while also exploring and strengthening their own Jewish identity.



Campus Jewish Life offices are upstairs at the Berelson Center where students, faculty and staff are welcome to come by and visit, and bring your ideas and your concerns. We offer card access to the building, 18 hours a day and seven days a week. If you would like card access to the Berelson Center, please contact us. Activities offered through Hillel or Jewish Life are always open to all members of the Bucknell community.

JEWISH FACULTY & STAFF BOARD

Bucknell's Jewish Faculty and Staff formed a campus-wide interest group in 2016. The group is supported by Campus Jewish Life and meets twice a semester for socializing and networking and is also building working groups to support Jewish Life on campus. Areas of interest the group is developing include: supporting campus life, student life and the Hillel, building a Jewish Arts & Culture calendar, bringing Jewish lectures to campus, supporting admissions work, and deepening Bucknell connections with local synagogues and Jewish institutions in the area.

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