

— HGSE — Weekly

Office of
Student Affairs



Monday, September 30, 2024

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FEATURED ANNOUNCEMENTS

Monday, September 30 through Friday, October 4, 10AM-6PM EDT [In Person]



HARVARD UNIVERSITY
Health Services

HUHS Flu Vaccine Clinics THIS WEEK - Schedule Your Appt!

Harvard University Health Services (HUHS) will host a week-long flu vaccine clinic from 10am to 6pm in the Harvard Commons within the Smith Campus Center. On Thursday, October 3 there will be extended hours; vaccination will be available from 10 am to 8 pm.

All HUHS patients and those with an active Harvard ID can receive vaccination by scheduling through the HUHS Patient Portal. **Same day appointments will be available but advanced booking is highly recommended.**

High-dose flu vaccine will be available. We are unable to offer flu vaccination to children. Please schedule vaccination through your pediatrician.

HAPPENING THIS WEEK

Monday, September 30, 5:30PM-7PM EDT [In Person]



Dancing Into Fall

Gutman Conference Center

Let's unwind and recharge as we step into the fall semester with some groovy moves!

Snacks and drinks provided.

This event is sponsored by the HGSE Dance Club, an officially recognized student organization.

APPLY BY Monday, September 30



Community Prevention Advisory Committee for Students

The Office for Gender Equity's Prevention team annually convenes two advisory committees, for students and for staff, to improve OGE's prevention efforts and facilitate deeper connection within the Harvard community. Advisory Committees include representatives from Schools and units across the University, who provide essential input on prevention initiatives, curricula, resource materials, and strategies for improving community engagement. You can learn more about the purpose, goals, and commitments associated with the Committee [here](#).

Prior experience is not necessary. [Click here to apply](#).

For additional questions, please email oge_prevention@harvard.edu.

Tuesday, October 1, 10:30AM-11:30AM EDT



HGSE Rosh Hashanah Celebration

Longfellow 207

The Office of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion, with the help of Senior Associate Dean Shayna Kessel, is hosting a Rosh Hashanah event.

Consider stopping by for apples, honey and challah, and to connect with other members of the HGSE Jewish Community!

EVERY TUESDAY THROUGH MAY - Tuesday, October 1, 3:30PM-4:30PM EDT



Grieving & Coping Together: An In-Person Support Group

Offered by [CAMHS](#), Grieving & Coping Together offers a supportive space to discuss coping and grieving with regard to significant loss. Students who have experienced the death of a parent, sibling, partner or friend, whether recently or in the past, have found this group to be helpful.

[Click here](#) for more information about group meetings and how to join.

Apply By Tuesday, October 1



Now Accepting Applications for Alumni of Color Conference (AOCC) Student Co-Chair

For over two decades, HGSE students and alumni have come together to talk about the education needs of marginalized communities through the Alumni of Color Conference (AOCC). The Office of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion along with the AOCC Faculty Advisor are [seeking applications for the Student Co-Chair position](#).

[Please apply](#) if you are interested in using your event planning skills to help create a program that addresses the intersection of race, class and education for our community members.

Questions? Contact [Taylor Goyette-Frechette](#) or [Dr. Pamela Mason](#).

REGISTER BY Thursday, October 3, 5PM EDT [In Person]



Share your thoughts about GenAI use!

The Student Experience Team (SET) is eager to hear your thoughts about GenAI use at HGSE!

The project team is looking to speak with current EdM students about engagement with AI and the available resources published by HGSE, to help improve supports and clarify policies.

[Please register to participate](#) by 17.00 ET on Oct 3. A member of the GenAI project team will reach out to confirm details of the interview. All participants will receive a \$10 voucher for their time.

Thursday, October 3, 5PM-6:30PM EDT [In Person]



HGSE Hangouts

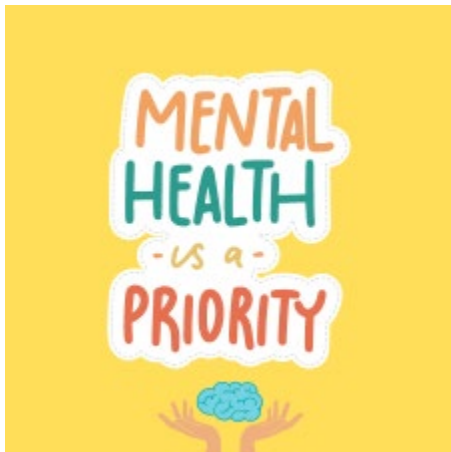
First Floor of the Gutman Library

Join your fellow HGSE students every Thursday to unwind over snacks, conversations, and games. Whether you're looking to relax after a long week or meet new friends, this is the place to be all fall semester. Food will be served on a first come, first served basis.

We recognize that this week's HGSE Hangout is taking place on Rosh Hashanah, and we wish a happy new year to all those who are celebrating!

FUTURE EVENTS AND OPPORTUNITIES

Monday, October 7 through Thursday, October 10



Celebrate World Mental Health Week Across Campus!

Thursday, October 10, is World Mental Health Day! Student Wellbeing at Harvard has a whole week of programming to support you and introduce you to campus resources. Every student registered for an event will be added to a raffle for a free massage through the Center for Wellness and Health Promotion!

For the full list of events, please visit [Student Wellbeing at Harvard's website](#).

Note that some events require registration, due to limited space.

Monday, October 7 through Wednesday, October 16



Call for Participants: Join our Focus Group - Share Your Graduate Admission Journey

As an HGSE student, you experienced the Admissions process firsthand and were successful! As we think ahead to future Admissions cycles, we are eager to learn from your experience as an HGSE applicant, specifically to residential Ed.M. programs. Although we will explore a wide variety of perspectives in the future, for these particular focus groups the admissions team is focused on hearing from domestic Ed.M. students with prior professional experience to understand how our Admissions, Marketing, & Communications teams can ensure that future students are able to learn about, apply, and attend HGSE. We invite you to reflect on what is working well and what can be improved for future applicants in a focus group hosted by the Learning, Teaching, and Assessment team.

Focus group sessions will be held on Zoom at the following times (EDT):

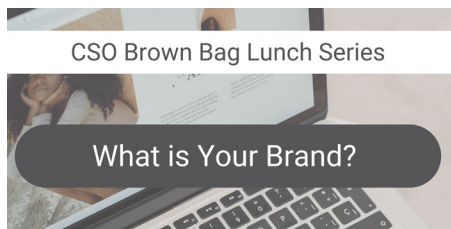
- **Monday, Oct. 7, 12pm-1:15pm**
- **Tuesday, Oct. 15, 12pm-1:15pm**
- **Wednesday, Oct. 16, 12pm-1:15pm**
- **Wednesday, Oct. 16, 7:30pm-8:45pm**

Student input is enormously valued at HGSE and is integral to our work, as educators, to understand and improve learning experiences. In appreciation for your time and contributions, those who participate in a focus group will receive an HGSE sweatshirt.

If you are interested in sharing your perspective, please share your availability by completing this [brief interest and consent form](#) as soon as possible. Space may be limited, so if we are unable to host you in this round of focus groups, we will save your information for future feedback opportunities.

We look forward to hearing from you and thank you in advance for feedback that can support current students and future Ed.M. cohorts. Please contact Katherine Farrar at kfarrar@gse.harvard.edu with any questions.

Monday, October 7, 12PM-1PM EDT [In Person]

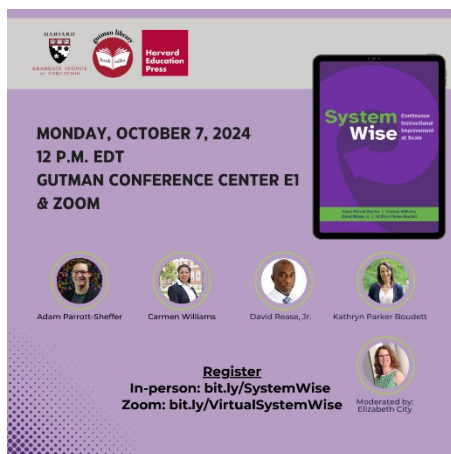


CSO Brown Bag Lunch Series: What is Your Brand?

[Register here.](#)

Make the most of your lunch break with an engaging session hosted by the CSO! Uncover the secrets to leveraging LinkedIn's potential to elevate your professional brand and broaden your network connections. Join us to learn powerful strategies that will help you stand out!

Monday, October 7, 12PM-1PM EDT [Hybrid]



Gutman Library Hybrid Book Talk - System Wise: Continuous Instructional Improvement at Scale

[RSVP here.](#)

Adam Parrott-Sheffer, Carmen Williams, David Rease, Jr., and Kathryn Parker Boudett provide a blueprint to scale up the 'Data Wise' process for continuous improvement, extending it from classrooms and schools to broader educational contexts.

Monday, October 7, 3PM-4PM EDT [In Person]

Career Lab happens every other Wednesday.

Friday, October 11, 12:15PM-1:15PM EDT [Virtual] (Note NEW DATE & TIME as of 10/2)

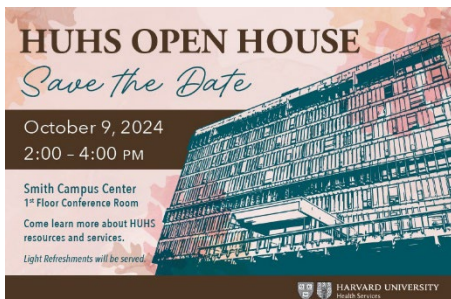


Navigating Election Season: Respectful Discourse and Staying Focused

Throughout election season, balancing academic and professional goals with the intensity of political discussions can be challenging. This virtual panel, featuring experts from diverse backgrounds—including running international education campaigns, strategizing for bipartisan youth leadership, supporting neurodivergent individuals, and leading civil rights advocacy—will offer practical strategies for grounding yourself during times of stress. You'll learn how to engage with the election in a balanced way, navigate conversations across political differences with respect, and manage challenges while maintaining your well-being. Though nonpartisan, the discussion will provide insights into staying true to your priorities, thriving in tense moments, and fostering meaningful connections even in politically charged environments.

[Sign up here.](#)

Wednesday, October 9, 2PM-4PM EDT [In Person]



Stop by the HUHS Open House

Smith Campus Center in the HUHS First Floor Conference Room

HUHS is hosting its Fall Open House and we would love to see you there. This event is a tabling event and is open to the entire Harvard community. The Open

House is an opportunity for attendees to learn more about the services and resources offered at HUHS, and include information from some of our campus partners who work closely with us throughout the year to enhance our care and reach.

Wednesday, October 9 - Monday, October 28, 12PM EDT [Virtual]



Webinar Series: Redesigning Education and Work for the Future

Join the [Project on Workforce](#) at Harvard for a lunchtime dialogue series to learn how leaders in education, industry, policy, and workforce development are innovating across the education-to-work ecosystem.

[Sign up here.](#)

Thursday, October 10, 3PM EDT [Virtual]



Education Now | Innovative Approaches to Family and Community Engagement in Schools

[Register here for the link.](#)

Research shows significant benefits for students and educators when schools actively partner with families to support young people's learning and development, including lower rates of chronic absenteeism. We dig into innovative strategies for engaging with families and growing effective home, school, and community partnerships.

Thursday, October 10, 6PM EDT [In Person]



World Mental Health Day: Healing Through the Arts

Join in for a screening of the film, Sing Sing, with a post-film discussion, classical music, dance and more!

For more information and to register, [click here](#).

Friday, October 11 - Sunday, October 13 [In Person]



Africa Alive! 2024

The Center for the Study of African Societies and Economies (CSASE) will be hosting [Africa Alive! 2024](#), an unprecedented gathering of Harvard's African alumni and alumni passionate about Africa's future. The three-day program will feature insightful debate, high-level lectures from trailblazers in government and industry, and opportunities to engage a dynamic network of thought leaders with transformational ideas to accomplish the continent's priorities.

Space is limited, and registration is required. [Register here](#).

APPLY BY Sunday, October 13



Student Conference Fund - Applications Open for Fall Conference Funding

HGSE is committed to supporting students' academic and professional development both within and outside of the classroom. The Student Conference Fund helps defray the cost of travel and registration fees for students who are presenting at or attending

conferences. **The application deadline for funding for fall conferences is Sunday, October 13.** [Click here](#) for more information.

Tuesday, October 15, 12PM EDT [Virtual]

Care.[™]

From Surviving to Thriving

If you're caring for your children, aging parents, or even both, you don't need us to tell you how tough it can be. You're living it. What you need is real support, validation, and coping techniques you can use NOW.

Alexandra Drane is the co-founder and CEO of Archangels, the groundbreaking organization that's laser-focused on creating a culture of understanding and support for caregivers.

[Join her for a free webinar](#) with customized tips that you can put into practice no matter how overwhelmed you are. Yes, even you.

These Care Conversations webinars are free to attend, and a recording will be shared afterwards.

20-MIN SESSIONS: Wednesday, October 16, 11AM - 1PM EDT [In Person]

HGSE ALUMNI ENGAGEMENT

ALUMNI IN RESIDENCE

Fall 2024

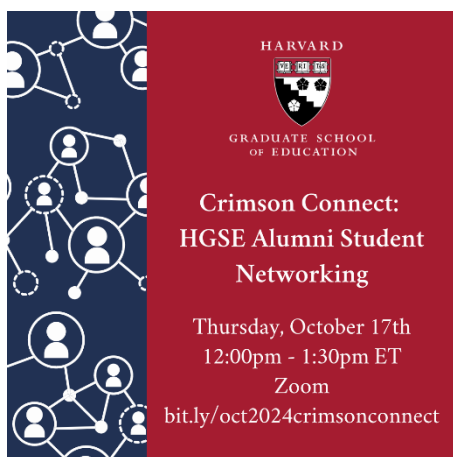
Alumni in Residence: Yael Duthilleul, Ed.M. '87, Ed.D. '96

Gutman 260 (located inside Student Services office suite on the second floor)

[Register for a 20-minute in-person session](#) to meet with HGSE alum Yael Duthilleul, Principal Education Technical Advisor at the Council of Europe Development Bank. Dr. Duthilleul has decades of experience working in global development roles at

organizations including UNESCO and The World Bank. Read more about her background and [register here](#).

Thursday, October 17, 12PM - 1:30PM EDT [Virtual]



Crimson Connect: Alumni Student Networking

Join in for a virtual event that will connect HGSE alums and current students. Crimson Connect is designed to give students the opportunity to practice their professional networking skills and meet with alumni to hear about career paths and life after HGSE. Alumni from a variety of HGSE programs, graduation years, and geographies around the globe will attend and will share their post-HGSE career experiences.

[Register here.](#)

Thursday, October 17, 3PM EDT [Virtual]



Education Now | High School Exit Exams: A Roadblock to Graduation or a Necessary Standard?

[Register here.](#)

In a ballot question this fall, voters in Massachusetts will be asked if they wish to end the requirement that high school students pass exit exams in math, English, and science to earn a diploma. With only a handful of states still using high school exit exams, we consider their effectiveness and discuss ways to help all youth succeed, including the most vulnerable.

Friday, October 18, 12PM - 1:30PM EDT [Virtual]

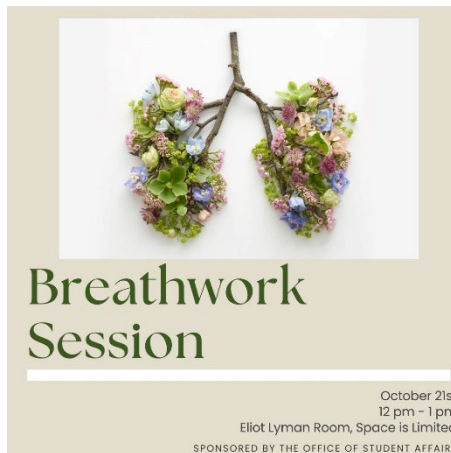


Owning Your Space: Strategies for Empowerment

Register: <https://bit.ly/oct2024allianceevent>

Students are invited to attend this online session about navigating academic and other spaces, maximizing time at HGSE, and exploring different career pathways and opportunities. During a panel discussion and breakout sessions, attendees will have the opportunity to engage with alumni of color and learn about The Appian Way Alliance for Alumni of Color, a Shared Interest Group and vibrant community created to celebrate and support alumni and students of color at HGSE.

Monday, October 21, 12PM-1PM EDT [In Person]



Breathwork Session

Eliot Lyman (Longfellow 2nd Floor)

Please join us for an introductory Breathwork Class featuring Jason Felitto. This class is designed to provide a supportive space for our community to explore the power of breath and how it can enhance their physical, emotional, and mental well-being. Throughout this class, you will be introduced to a variety of breathwork techniques that have been proven to promote relaxation, reduce stress, and increase energy levels.

Sponsored by the Office of Student Affairs.

Monday, October 21, 12PM-1PM EDT [In Person]



**Gutman Library Virtual Book Talk - The Privateers:
How Billionaires Created a Culture War and Sold
School Vouchers**

[Register for the link here.](#)

Author Josh Cowen lays bare the surprising history of tax-funded school choice programs in the United States and warns of the dangers of education privatization. A former evaluator of state and local school voucher programs, Cowen demonstrates how, as such programs have expanded in the United States, so too has the evidence-informed case against them.

Thursday, October 31, 3PM EDT [In Person]

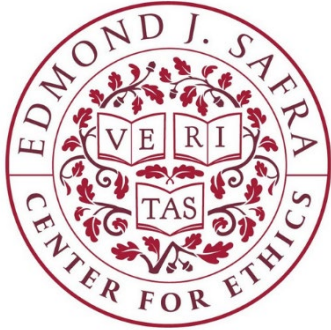


**Education Now | Maintaining a Culture of Free
Expression on College Campuses**

[Register for the link here.](#)

Following widespread student protests in the spring, many American colleges and universities are reexamining how to balance free expression and open dialogue with preserving a safe, productive, and respectful learning environment. We look at lessons to be learned from evolving views about free speech policies on college campuses.

APPLY BY Friday, November 1, 11:59PM EST [In Person]



Graduate Fellowship in Ethics

The Edmond & Lily Safra Center for Ethics Graduate Fellowship Program invites applications from graduate students who are writing dissertations or are engaged in major research on topics in practical ethics, especially ethical issues in architecture, business, education, government, law, medicine, public health, public policy, and religion. [Click here](#) for more details.

If you have any questions, please contact ejsafrafellowships@fas.harvard.edu or [visit the website](#) for more information.

Thursday, November 14, 3PM EST [In Person]

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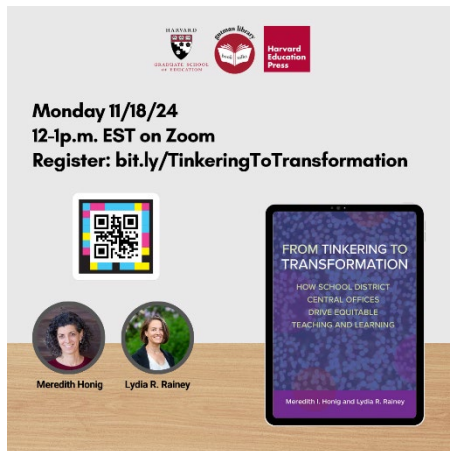


Education Now | Teaching Students to Listen and Talk Across Differences

[Register for the Zoom link.](#)

In our polarized times, how can educators help young people cultivate the mindsets and skills needed to engage respectfully and constructively with people who have different points of view? Our panelists will discuss ways to guide students to listen to different perspectives, navigate conflict, and seek common ground.

Monday, November 18, 12PM-1PM EST [In Person]

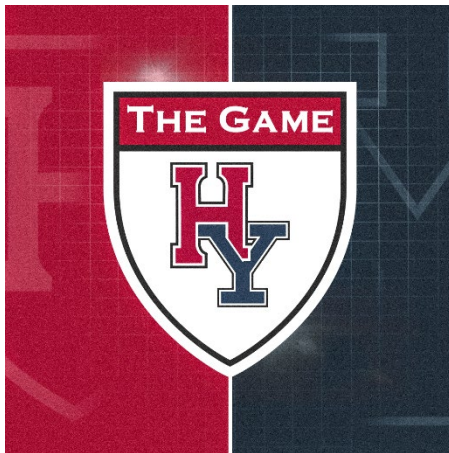


Gutman Library Virtual Book Talk - From Tinkering to Transformation: How School District Central Offices Drive Equitable Teaching and Learning

[Register for the Zoom link.](#)

Authors Meredith Honig and Lydia Rainey call on superintendents and other district leaders to rethink the very premises that underlie the long-standing ways of working in their central offices. Using lively case studies, detailed examples, and performance data from ten US school districts, Honig and Rainey deftly highlight how central offices must transform in order to support equitable teaching and learning in schools.

Saturday, November 23, 12PM EST [In Person]



Harvard Vs. Yale Football Tickets

Don't miss out on your chance to get priority ticket access to the 140th playing of The Game featuring Harvard and Yale on Saturday, November 23!

Harvard Graduate School of Education students can purchase a limited number of Harvard-Yale football tickets through this exclusive link, available only to Harvard graduate students. Once purchased, tickets will be sent electronically and downloaded to your mobile wallet for entrance on gameday. If you have any questions or need help purchasing tickets, please call the Harvard Athletics Ticket Office at 617-495-2211. Go Harvard! Beat Yale!

Harvard Graduate School of Education tickets [available here.](#)

ONGOING OPPORTUNITIES & RESOURCES



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Digital Lifestyle Planning is a new service offered by APPstinent, an official student organization of HGSE focused on helping people live with technology in a healthy way.

The service combines 1:1 coaching to design a personalized digital lifestyle for you. Whether you are struggling to use your phone less, control your social media use, be more productive, or just try a new lifestyle, this service is for you! :)

Email Gabriela to get started:

gnguyen@gse.harvard.edu.



WAGs

Join Student Support Services Academic Coaches in our weekly **WORKING ACCOUNTABILITY GROUPS!**



More information and Zoom links on the Hub.

Work Accountability Groups

Student Support Services in the Office of Student Affairs will be offering Work Accountability Groups (WAGs) twice a week on Zoom (Thursdays 8-10 PM and Sundays 2-4 PM) throughout the year. These accountability groups are two hours long and provide a space for students to work together with fellow students, in the comfort of their own workspace, and in a supportive environment. An Academic Coach will run the accountability group and will be there to provide structure and any immediate support needed by students. Stay tuned in the OSA Weekly newsletter for the start date for this year's WAGs.

For more information, please visit the [WAG website](#).



Masculini-Teas

MasculiniTeas is an intergenerational space for men and masc. students, staff, faculty, and post-doctoral fellows to come together in person and share the tea about their experiences and challenges navigating gender.

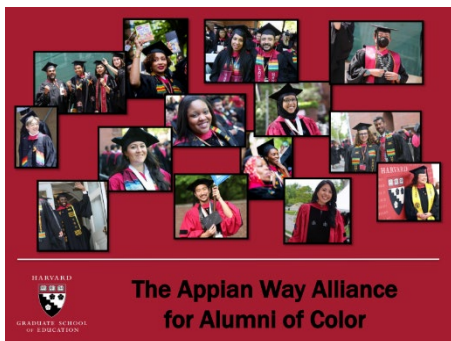
For more information and to sign up, email: OGE_shareRP@harvard.edu

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Crimson Cupboard



The Office of Student Affairs has a limited number of shelf-stable food items available to students who may be facing food insecurity. To access the cupboard, please fill out this [brief survey](#) with your contact information. Rilda Kissel (Associate Director of Student Support Services) will follow up to arrange a time for students to access the pantry.



The Appian Way Alliance for Alumni of Color

The mission of [The Appian Way Alliance for Alumni of Color](#) (The Alliance) is to create a vibrant, inclusive, active, and supportive community of HGSE alumni and students of color. The Alliance creates opportunities through community-wide and regional events for alumni of color to connect with one another; enhances relationships between alumni and students of color; provides academic, career, and other types of support to students; and proactively addresses issues of equity, inclusion, access, and diversity at the Harvard Graduate School of Education and in our communities. Please contact The Alliance at HGSEalliance@gmail.com if

you have any questions or want additional information, and please join their [LinkedIn group!](#)

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Mindfulness for Students at the Center for Wellness and Health Promotion

As we start the new semester here at [CWHP](#), we are excited to offer a variety of mindfulness programs to support your wellbeing. Subscribe to the monthly newsletter [here](#) for more information on wellness offerings, classes, and workshops!

RELIGIOUS RESOURCES



Harvard Chaplains

The Harvard Chaplains, a professional community of more than thirty chaplains, represent many of the world's religious, spiritual, and ethical traditions, and share a collective commitment to serving the spiritual needs of the students, faculty, and staff of Harvard University. Learn more on the [Chaplains website](#).



Prayer Space on the HGSE Campus

Longfellow 214 is a dedicated prayer space here on the HGSE campus. Recognizing that not all buildings are open during the weekends, Gutman 440 has been reserved as prayer space on Saturday and Sundays, during regular Library hours.



The Memorial Church of Harvard University

The Memorial Church of Harvard University, part of a [vibrant interfaith network of Harvard](#), is an interdenominational Protestant church in the midst of Harvard Yard that serves as a place of spiritual refuge to the entire community. “MemChurch” stands opposite Widener Library as a visible reminder of the historical and spiritual heritage that has sustained Harvard for nearly four centuries. In addition to our [regularly scheduled services](#), we also offer a variety of [programming](#) for students, adults, and children.



Harvard Hillel

[Harvard Hillel](#) is a Jewish home on campus that seeks to:

- Welcome students to experience the variety of Jewish identity, tradition, practice, values, culture, and community.
- Inspire and enable Jewish connection, celebration, and action.
- Prepare students to join, create, shape, and lead Jewish communities; strengthen the Jewish people, and live proud Jewish lives.
- Share Jewish sources, traditions, ideas, and innovations, and their relevance in our world.

- Forge connection and engagement with the State of Israel.
- Foster friendship in a nurturing and refreshing sanctuary amid the stresses of student life.
- Engage the unique opportunities of Harvard and make Jewish thought and culture integral in the life of the University.

Whether you're looking to unwind with friends, dive deeper into Hebrew language and culture, or celebrate the High Holidays, Harvard Hillel has got something for everyone. [Sign up for the Grad Events newsletter](#) today.



Please Note: In addition to student events and resources, the HGSE Weekly Newsletter is the official communication channel for important information regarding Commencement.