

— HGSE — Weekly

Office of
Student Affairs



Monday, October 23, 2023

Evolving War in Israel/Palestine Teach-In

TODAY: Evolving War in Israel/Palestine Teach-In

Monday, October 23, 2023

4:00 to 5:30PM

Askwith Hall

Join us for a teach-in, the second in a series by Harvard's Center for Middle Eastern Studies, on the ongoing war in Israel/Palestine and the wider historical context that led to this moment. We will hear from scholars about the historical, political, and legal dimensions of the evolving conflict.

****Open to Harvard ID holders only****

Sponsored by the Center for Middle Eastern Studies, the Harvard Graduate School of Education, and the Religion, Conflict, and Peace Initiative at Harvard Divinity School

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

- [Academic Coaching](#)
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- [HUIT/Information Security and Data Privacy - Report an Incident Page](#)

HIGHLIGHTED ANNOUNCEMENTS



Residential Ed.M. students: Share your feedback on the summer transition to HGSE in ~5 minutes and enter to win a \$75 gift!

Please pause to provide some quick thoughts by completing the survey emailed to you from Shayna Kessel (subject line "Invitation to share your feedback: Start-of-Year Survey"). Your thoughts and guidance are deeply valued and will shape how HGSE works to support you and your future peers. Thank you!



Ready for Winter?

This [list of shops](#) in the Cambridge area offers ideas of where to find essential winter items so you can prepare for the cold weather on any budget. While the timing of the first snowfall can vary, we recommend having winter clothes ready by mid-November.

Suggested items include a waterproof, insulated winter coat with a hood; gloves; a warm scarf; a hat; thermal base layers; warm socks; and waterproof winter boots with rubber soles (or some other material that has good traction for icy conditions).

If you'd like to recommend a shop to this list of resources or have questions, please email annie_lewis@gse.harvard.edu.



We'd Like Your Input on Wellness and Anti-Stress Event Ideas!

Please respond to [this 2-question survey](#) by **October 27th** to let the Office of Student Affairs know what kinds of monthly wellness and anti-stress events would be helpful to you this year.

THIS WEEK

Monday, October 23, 2PM-3:30PM EDT



EdEthics Normative Case Study Discussion

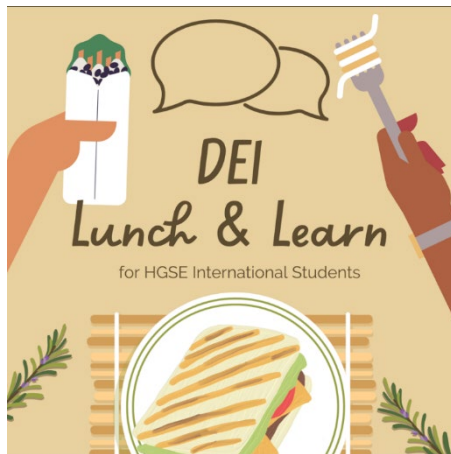
Longfellow 228

EdEthics helps educators and policy makers explore ethical dilemmas in schools through short, accessible normative case studies.

Join us for an upcoming case discussion. Snacks provided!

We will be discussing a case about equitable homework policies in a worlds of resource disparities. Email jhauver@g.harvard.edu for a copy of the case.

Tuesday, October 24, 11:45AM-1PM EDT



DEI Lunch and Learn for International Students

Gutman Conference Center, Area 1

Please RSVP

The DEI Lunch & Learn series is a space for HGSE international students to convene, connect, and explore topics of diversity, equity, and inclusion in a supportive space. Conversations will be facilitated by **Dr. Junlei Li** (HGSE faculty member and co-chair of the HDE Program) and **Andrea Le** (Associate Director of Community Building and International Student Support). Our next lunch will offer an informal space for students to engage in small group discussions with their peers about their experiences with DEI topics, both in the U.S. and abroad.

Please RSVP if you plan to attend. Lunch will be served.

If you require accessibility accommodations, please contact Andrea Le at andrea_le@gse.harvard.edu at least 48 hours in advance.

Tuesday, October 24, 4PM-6PM EDT



Berkman Klein Center for Internet & Society's Fall Open House

Milstein West AB on the Harvard Law School Campus

Drop by to explore the latest insights and research projects led by our diverse community of scholars, addressing pressing issues in technology, law, and society. The Open House will also serve as an opportunity to network and connect with fellow attendees, and foster valuable relationships that transcend disciplinary boundaries. We'll be serving up delicious refreshments and engaging conversations!

[Please RSVP](#) for this exciting event. This event is open to all Harvard ID holders.

Keep up with networking events, lunch talks, and exciting opportunities in tech law, internet, society, tech policy and beyond by [signing up to the BKC newsletter](#).

Tuesday, October 24, 5:15PM-6:30PM EDT



An Evening in the Shark Tank with Kevin O'Leary

Do you know what it takes to be a successful entrepreneur and pitch to investors? Shark Tank star Kevin O'Leary will share the lessons he's learned as a serial entrepreneur, investor, and shark, in conversation with Reza Satchu, senior lecturer in entrepreneurship management at Harvard Business School.

Co-sponsored by Harvard Business School and Harvard Innovation Labs, with support from the HBS Entrepreneurship Club, this high-energy entrepreneurship event is open to the entire Harvard University community.

[Join us](#) in person at Klarman Hall or catch the livestream online.

Tuesday, October 24, 6:30PM-8PM EDT

Community Space to Support Muslim, Arab, and Palestinian

Students

Tuesday, October 24
6:30pm - 8:00pm

Lamont Library, Forum Room
1 Harvard Yard
Cambridge, MA 02138



HARVARD UNIVERSITY
Health Services

Community Space in Support Muslim, Arab, and Palestinian Students

Lamont Library, Forum Room
1 Harvard Yard

The Office for Equity, Diversity, Inclusion, and Belonging is collaborating with Muslim Chaplains and practitioners from Counseling and Mental Health Services to moderate Community Spaces. These spaces are part of a larger effort to support Arab, Muslim, and Palestinian community members who are experiencing heightened anxiety in response to the War in Israel and Palestine.

Community Spaces aim to foster a sense of belonging through dialogue with peers who have a shared identity. We invite participants to share their stories and connect with their community. Spaces will be supported by staff from the Muslim Chaplaincy, a representative from OEDIB, and counselors from CAMHS.

A second Community Space will be held at the **Harvard Medical School Campus** (Vanderbilt Hall, Joseph B. Martin Lounge) on **Wednesday, October 25th**, at **12PM**.

Wednesday, October 25, 4PM-7PM EDT

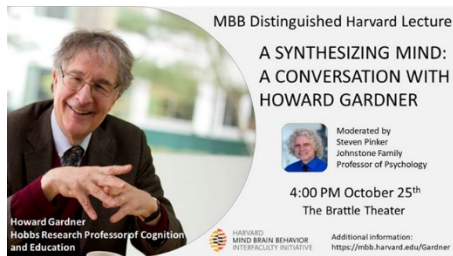


Halloween Maker Event

Gutman 320

Come to the Education Innovation Studio to make some fun Halloween items. Earrings, buttons, pumpkins and more will be available to make and decorate!

Wednesday, October 25, 4PM EDT



A Synthesizing Mind: A Conversation

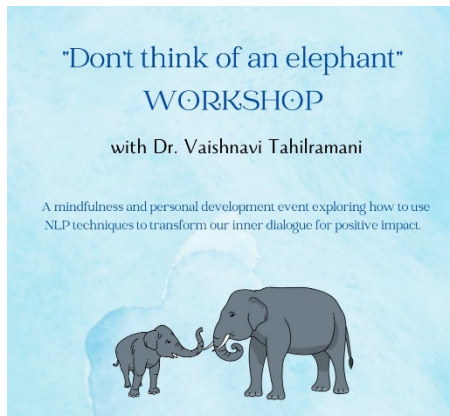
Brattle Theater

With Howard Gardner's memoir "A Synthesizing Mind" as a point of departure, Steven Pinker will ask Gardner to review his varied scholarly interests and contributions over the course of Gardner's 62 years at Harvard. In addition to reflections on Gardner's well known theory of multiple intelligences, the speakers will cover several other strands of Gardner's research program including, most recently, what it means to have a 'synthesizing mind.'

Questions from the audience will be welcome.

[Register to attend.](#)

Wednesday, October 25, 5:30PM-6:30PM EDT



Don't Think of an Elephant - A Mindful Self-talk workshop by Dr. Tahilramani

Gutman 404

How we talk to ourselves determines has a profound impact on us and on how we act in the world. Join Dr. Tahilramani, MD, for this mindfulness and personal development event where she introduces us to NLP: the 'language of the mind.'

Space is limited. [Register here.](#)

Sponsored by the HGSE Office of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion and the Office of Student Affairs

Wednesday, October 25, 6PM-7:30PM EDT

Community Spaces to Support Jewish Graduate Students

Wednesday, October 25
6:00pm - 7:30pm

Harvard Hillel Center
52 Mt Auburn St
Cambridge, MA 02138



Community Space in Support of Jewish Graduate Students

Harvard Hillel
52 Mt. Auburn Street

The Office for Equity, Diversity, Inclusion, and Belonging (OEDIB) is collaborating with the Hillel Center and practitioners from Counseling and Mental Health Services (CAMHS) to moderate Community Spaces. These spaces are part of a larger effort to support Jewish community members who are experiencing heightened anxiety in response to the war in Israel and Palestine.

Community Spaces aim to foster a sense of belonging through dialogue with peers who have shared identity. We invite participants to share their stories and connect with their community. Spaces will be supported by staff from the Hillel Center, a representative from OEDIB, and counselors from CAMHS.

Wednesday, October 25, 7PM EDT



Founding Leaders Wanted for HGSE KnowledgeSwap Hub (KSH)!

Students Angie Wong and Evelyn Li are glad to announce the launch of HGSE KnowledgeSwap Hub (KSH), a student organization that acknowledges the common fear of missing out on valuable courses due to limited credits and time. Its mission is to create a platform that empowers students to bridge this gap by exchanging knowledge acquired from diverse courses. Beyond academics, they promote skill diversification through small group sessions where students can exchange their skills and talents, such as video editing and graphic design, with one another.

If this resonates with your values and interests and you would love to join as a founding leader, please fill out [this Google form](#) by Wednesday, Oct. 25th at 11:59 pm (EST).

Feel free to also follow them on Instagram [@ksh_hgse](#).

Thursday, October 26, 5PM-9PM EDT



Day of the Dead Celebration

Peabody Museum of Archaeology & Ethnology

Enjoy craft activities for the young and young at heart. Personalize a sugar skull (extra fee), learn about the natural history of Mexico, watch live folk dance and mariachi performances, purchase traditional *pan de muerto*, hot chocolate or specialty cocktails. Contribute your message of love to honor and celebrate the lives of the departed at the museum's altars.

[See website for full details and schedule.](#)

Free admission. Activities are free except where noted. Free event parking at the [52 Oxford Street Garage](#). Space is limited; [please RSVP by October 25 at 12pm](#) and check in on arrival.

Thursday, October 26, 7PM-8PM EDT

PROMISE CITIES
The fight to eliminate intergenerational poverty from cradle to career
A conversation with EdRedesign's By All Means Senior Fellows

OCTOBER 26
07:00 PM

WINTHROP HOUSE
SENIOR COMMON ROOM

STANDISH HALL
32 Mill Street, Cambridge, MA

RSVP HERE
Dinner and refreshments will be served.

MAYOR LIBBY SCHAAF
50th Mayor of Oakland
California

RICHARD RAYA
Chief Strategy Officer Mission
Economic Development Agency

Moderated by:
SHILPA BHONGIR (M.Ed Candidate, HSPH '24)
TRAVIS ALLEN JOHNSON (Harvard College Class of 2024)

PROMISE CITIES: The Fight to Eliminate Intergenerational Poverty from Cradle to Career

**Winthrop House Senior Common Room, Standish Hall
(32 Mill Street Cambridge, MA 02138)**

Join us for a dynamic and thought-provoking discussion on tackling intergenerational poverty in US cities with two nationally celebrated social impact leaders and Harvard [EdRedesign Lab](#) By All Means Senior Fellows: [Libby Schaaf](#), 50th Mayor of the City of Oakland and [Richard Raya](#), Chief Strategy Officer for the [Mission Economic Development Agency](#) in San Francisco. The event will highlight some of Libby and Richard's groundbreaking efforts including: the [Oakland Promise](#), [Mayors for a Guaranteed Income](#), [Mission Promise Neighborhood](#) and [Promise City](#).

[RSVP here.](#)

Friday, October 27, 1PM-2PM EDT

Book Talk on Dream Town: Shaker Heights and the Quest for Racial Equity

Larsen 203

Join author and Washington Post national education reporter Laura Meckler for a discussion of her new book exploring the complicated story of the quest for racial equity through education in Shaker Heights, Ohio. What lessons can we learn from the complex, challenging history of one community's decades-long struggles?

Friday, October 27, 1PM-3:15PM EDT

Language & Learning Design Workshop 2

Language & Learning Design Club (HGSE official student organization) presents:

Workshop #2: Maker Space Mixer · Pitch Session

Craving a maker space-time for hands-on skills and fun?
Curious about upgrading your language learning design?
Stuck while designing and prototyping?

Konbini Konfessions

Longfellow 320

The Japanese Education Association (JEAS) invites you to explore the intriguing world of Japanese convenience stores with their event, ""Konbini Konfessions""

(In Mandarin) Saturday, October 28, 4PM-6PM EDT

HGSE Improv Game On (Mandarin Language Session)



HGSE Improv (an officially recognized student organization) invites you to 2 hours of game play. We will play improv games, and experience everything from fun and laughter to teamwork, trust building and self reflection. It is NOT about performing or acting - no scripts, no theater experience required, no directors.

Seats limited. To sign up, contact Lillian Zhang (liningzhang@gse.harvard.edu).

A session in English will be held on Friday, November 3rd.

FUTURE EVENTS AND OPPORTUNITIES

SIGN UP BY Monday, October 30, 5PM EDT



Grad Intramurals Basketball and Volleyball Leagues

Grad Intramurals is excited to announce that Indoor Basketball and Indoor Volleyball Leagues will be starting the week of November 5th.

League sign-up will open October 23rd and will run through October 30th at 5:00 pm.

Please refer to the links below for specific league information:

[Basketball League](#)
[Volleyball League](#)

Monday, October 30, 12PM-1PM EDT



CSO BROWN BAG LUNCH SERIES:

Promoting Your Professional Brand
on LinkedIn

WHEN: Monday, October 30, from 12-1pm

WHERE: Gutman 305

RSVP on The Hub

Questions? Email csa@gse.harvard.edu



Promoting Your Professional Brand on LinkedIn

Gutman 305

Join Montgomery Thomas II, Associate Director of Career Education, to learn how to best utilize LinkedIn to promote your professional brand. This will be a working session so feel free to bring your laptops to work on your LinkedIn profile during the session and have your questions answered. Please note, lunch will not be served but you are welcome to bring your own and eat during the session.

[RSVP via The Hub.](#)

For any questions, please email CSO@gse.harvard.edu.

Monday, October 30, 12PM-1PM EDT



Gutman Library Hybrid Book Talk - Everyone Wins!

GCC3 and on Zoom

Engaging families in education benefits everyone. Student achievement goes up, families get stronger, and teachers and administrators can do their job more effectively. In this highly readable roundup of the latest research, a Harvard-based team makes a compelling case for investing in evidence-based family-engagement practices and suggests powerful ways to put those practices into action at your school or district.

In-person registration: bit.ly/EveryoneWinsBT

Zoom registration: bit.ly/Virtual-EveryoneWins

Wednesday, November 1, 3PM-3:30PM EDT



Education Now: Talking Money With Kids and Teens

[Register here.](#)

While there is growing momentum for personal finance education, more than half of the country does not guarantee lessons at the public high school level let alone in the younger grades. Join Ron Lieber, "Your Money" columnist, The New York Times, and Michelle Singletary, "The Color of Money," The Washington Post, as we explore why, when, and how to talk with kids and teens about money.

Wednesday, November 1, 4PM-5PM EDT



Gutman Library Book Talk - The Career Arts: Making the Most of College, Credentials, and Connections

GCC E4 & E5

Young people coming out of high school today can expect to hold many jobs over the course of their lives, which is why they need a range of essential skills. Drawing on evidence-based research, illuminating case studies, and in-depth interviews, Ben Wildavsky shares the most vital lessons of what he calls the career arts, which include cultivating a mix of broad and targeted skills, taking advantage of employer-funded education benefits, and preparing for the world as it is, not as you wish it could be.

[RSVP here.](#)

For questions/requests regarding accessibility, please email myanne_krivoshey@gse.harvard.edu.

Wednesday, November 1, 6PM-8PM EDT



A Conversation on Money, Power, and Justice

Askwith Hall

Please join us for a lively conversation about transformation and our relationship to Money, Power, and Justice. We will be joined by brilliant thought leaders who have survived incarceration. There will be pizza, a live DJ, and spoken word poetry. [RSVP here.](#)

This event is sponsored by HGSE and Harvard Radcliffe Institute.

Thursday, November 2, 12PM-1PM EDT



A Conversation on Indigenous Education with Dezi Lynn

Zoom Registration

Please join the Office of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion in celebrating Native American Heritage Month for a conversation around Indigenous education! Equity and Inclusion Fellow and Education Policy Analysis student Evan Chavez will speak with Dezi Lynn, Education Initiative Manager for the National Indian Education Association (NIEA) about topics such as:

- Recruitment and Retention of Indigenous Educators
- The History of Boarding Schools, the Meriam Report, and its Impact on Current Students
- How to Empower Allies

Also, join us the following Thursday, November 9 from 2:30 – 4:00 p.m. for an Indigenous Walking Tour of Harvard with the Harvard Native American Program!

Monday, November 6, 12PM-1PM EST



Gutman Library Book Talk - Education Lead(her)ship

GCC 3

An incisive account on the underrepresentation of women, especially women of color, in positions of leadership in K–12 schools and how to correct this bias. Education Lead(her)ship exposes the systemic obstacles that impede the professional advancement of women in K–12 education and offers readers the tools to recognize and combat these inequities. In this rousing work, educational leadership scholars Jennie Weiner and Monica Higgins investigate patterns of gender bias in the profession, prompted by the observation that, although the great majority of classroom educators are women, disproportionately few women inhabit leadership positions such as principal, superintendent, or school administrator.

[RSVP here.](#)

For questions/requests regarding accessibility, please email myanne.krivoshey@gse.harvard.edu

Monday, November 6, 6PM EST



Mississippi Delta Celebration

Milstein East A, Wasserstein (WCC 2036), Harvard Law School

Please join the [Mississippi Delta Project](#) for our annual Delta Celebration.

The Celebration is an opportunity to meet and reconnect with Harvard community members, the Delta Directions Consortium, MDP student leaders, and guests who share a commitment to the Delta region and supporting rural communities.

Thursday, November 9, 12PM-2PM EST



Alumni in Residence: Kate Milani McGrath, Ed.M. '22

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

Meet with **Kate Milani McGrath, Ed.M. '22**, Director of Research Advisory Services @ EAB to discuss your career aspirations and ask burning questions. Students must register for a 20-minute timeslot in advance using [this form](#).

Please contact HGSE Alumni Engagement at alumserv@gse.harvard.edu with any questions.

Thursday, November 9, 7PM-9PM EST



"Goodnight, Hairiette": Harvard Movie Premiere & Panel Discussion

Gutman Conference Center

Join us to celebrate the Harvard premiere of "Goodnight, Hairiette," a puppet musical from creator, **Tanya Wright, Ed.M. '22**. This half-hour movie officially launches the Hairiette of Harlem universe, a story-driven children's educational system about the misadventures of an impatient 7-year-old named Hairiette and her magic friends, Charlie the Comb and Barbara the Barrette. "Goodnight, Hairiette" was incubated at Harvard University and supported across Harvard and HGSE communities.

Enjoy light refreshments, interactive learning stations, and picture taking with the real "Hairiette!" The "Goodnight, Hairiette" Harvard premiere promises to be a fun and informative evening for grown-ups - and the unveiling of a unique literacy initiative for young children.

[Register here.](#)

ONGOING OPPORTUNITIES & RESOURCES



Val's October Financial Wellness Tip

A financial life hack refers to a simple and effective way to manage your money better and achieve your goals faster without a lot of extra effort. While there are no true shortcuts when it comes to financial health and wellness, it can be helpful to take simple actions or habits that, when applied consistently, can lead to improvements in your financial well-being says Julie Rogier of GREENPATH.

Smart money management is within reach when you understand how to improve your financial life. The most powerful way to succeed is to keep it simple. Financial life hacks are all about reducing stress and effort. [Click Here to Learn How!](#)

Sponsored by the HGSE Office of Financial Aid



The JCRL is Now Open

The Jeanne Chall Reading Lab (JCRL) was founded in 1966 for the purposes of training teachers and reading specialists, conducting research in reading, and serving the local community. The collections hold over 5,300 items that students can come check out in **Larsen G10**.

October 1-7 is banned book week, but we'll be displaying books all month long to spotlight the freedom to read and the current and historical attempts to censor books in libraries and schools.

Hours are 10am-6pm Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, 4-6pm Wednesday, and 9-6pm Friday.



ALUMNI

Alumni Engagement Tip

Did you know? Students can utilize the [Harvard Alumni](#)

Association (HAA) directory to find and connect with alumni university-wide.

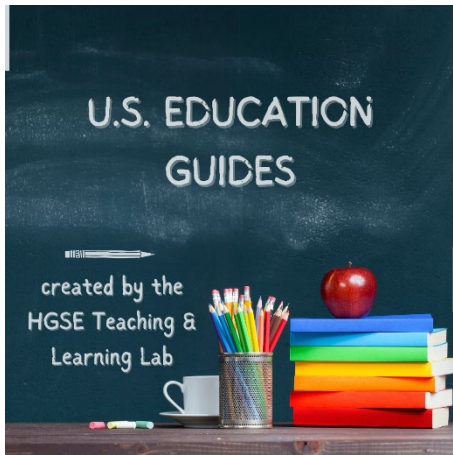
Access the directory using your Harvard Key. The directory may be especially helpful for students who have unique career interests that may benefit from perspectives of alumni affiliated with other Harvard schools.



30% discount on all Harvard Education Press titles for HGSE students

HGSE students are ALWAYS eligible for a 30% discount on all titles published by Harvard Education Press!

Browse our website at <https://hep.gse.harvard.edu/>, and then [complete this form](#) to purchase at the discount!



U.S. Education Guides

HGSE students bring a vast array of backgrounds and experiences to the classroom and community. In recognition that many of our students may be new to the education sector and/or the U.S. context, the Teaching and Learning Lab (TLL) has created a series of resource guides, which provide background information on the U.S. education system. They include:

- Guide to the Organization and Structure of U.S. Education (Pre-K – 12)
- Guide to U.S. K-12 Policy & Administration
- Guide to U.S. Higher Education

Please feel free to reach out to [Silvana Rueda](#) at the TLL if you have any questions. Happy referencing!



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!



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 hosts weekly Work Accountability Groups (WAGs) on Zoom. These accountability groups will hold space for students to gather and work in a supportive environment. Each WAG is 2 hours long and they are hosted multiple times throughout the week. WAGs will start up in the fall semester, so stay tuned for the official schedule. For more information and to join, and please [visit here](#).

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.



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