

Dear Accepted Jewish WFU students,

Mazal Tov! We are so excited to welcome you into our community!

We have already received lots of emails and calls from you letting us know how delighted you are. We are delighted too!

Y'all are also asking many of the same questions, so we would like to streamline the process and answer all your questions by scheduling two ZOOM calls for next week.

- Sunday, March 29 at 4 pm Eastern Time. <https://wakeforest-university.zoom.us/j/751015278>
- Wednesday, April 1 at 7:30 pm Eastern Time. <https://wakeforest-university.zoom.us/j/751015278>

Jessie Birnbaum, the WFU Hillel Student President & WFU tour guide, and I will be hosting. We will make a few quick remarks and then answer any and all of your questions about Jewish and general WFU topics. Send us your questions in advance (bretangh@wfu.edu), or simply post in the chat box at ZOOM time.

You will also get to see who else is in the WFU Class of 2024 – this year 182 self-identified Jewish students were accepted, and many of you have already enrolled in WFU!!! Go DEACS!

In the meanwhile, here is some information you might find useful.

Jewish WFU. We have a very friendly and active Jewish community. The Hillel Board members love to organize fun social events. We have Shabbat dinner weekly, with between 30 and 60 students in attendance. We celebrate all Jewish holidays on campus. At last count, we have 289 Jewish undergraduates, dozens of graduate students, and 82 Jewish faculty and staff.

Weekly e-blast: We are adding you to our weekly WFU Jewish Life e-blast so you will know about WFU Jewish Life Office and Hillel events. You should receive future e-blasts on Mondays at 10 am, through the MailChimp app.

Jewish Pre-Orientation: We also want to let you know about our Jewish WFU pre-orientation, MazalWake, which is set for August 16 -19. We would love for you to join us, move into your residence hall (dorm) early, meet other Jewish students, learn your way around campus and explore your (Jewish and non-Jewish) WFU resources, and have fun. Check it out at <http://chaplain.wfu.edu/mazalwake/>.

Jewish Orientation Reception: Please mark your calendars (and tell your parents/family) to join us at our Jewish reception / lunch on Thursday, August 20 from noon – 1:15 pm in the Benson 3rd floor lobby during orientation days. For more info, check your *Forestry 101* booklet that is mailed to you, or go to <http://newstudents.wfu.edu/>.

Social Media:

Explore our WFU Jewish Life website: <http://jewishlife.wfu.edu/>

Like our WFU Hillel Facebook Page: <https://www.facebook.com/wfuhillel/>

View our WFU Hillel Instagram: @Hillel_WFU

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We are here for you!

Shalom y'all,

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