



Welcome to **Tel Aviv**

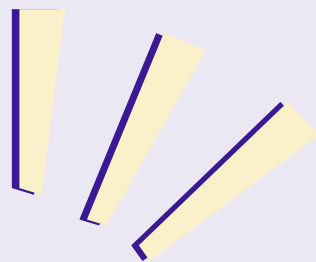
Everything you need to know!

M.D. Katz JLIC at TAU
2024-2025

WELCOME!

We are thrilled to have you in our vibrant community. This welcome packet is designed to help you with all the essential information you need to settle in and make the most of your new home.

We wish you good luck and hope this packet will help you feel right at home!



WHAT IS JLIC?

JLIC's mission is to create a movement of vibrant Jewish life among emerging adults aged 18 to 30 through transformative leadership development, innovative educational programming, and meaningful engagement opportunities. We empower the next generation of leaders who will inspire and strengthen the Jewish community worldwide. JLIC operates on many campuses in the US and is now present on most university campuses in Israel.

The M.D. Katz JLIC at TAU serves all international students at the University, no matter what your background or current affiliation, you are welcome in our community. Our openness and inclusivity is one of our key strengths as we aim to create a truly international community. Crucially, the Phillips family aims to provide a home away from home for international students.

M.D. Katz JLIC at TAU is named in memory of **Dr. Mordecai (Morty) Katz, z"l**, who passed away at 88 in March 2021. Dr. Katz, the husband of Dr. Monique Katz, was a pillar of the Jewish community. Dr. Monique Katz, an Englewood radiologist, was herself a medical student at Albert Einstein College of Medicine in the 1960s, before the advent of JLIC programs and a time when there was no campus synagogue or rabbi. Appreciating the importance of JLIC and its programming, Dr. Monique and her family helped create the program at TAU.

WHAT WE OFFER

Community

Above all, what JLIC provides is a vibrant and active community; friends and peers with whom to share celebrations and challenges, milestones, holidays and Jewish life, especially for those far away from home.



Under the leadership of our rabbinic couple, Elana and Eitan Phillips, and a dynamic board of student leaders, JLIC runs daily programming, including Torah learning opportunities, a spirited Shabbat atmosphere, social events and volunteering opportunities. This year we are also kick starting our new Israel Discussion Forum, a place to discuss Zionism, Israel, history, policy and advocacy.

Shabbat

One of our major functions is Shabbat. All Jewish students must have a place to go for Shabbat at Tel Aviv University! Most Friday night meals are hosted at the Phillips home, whilst some will be at the Greenhouse (24 George Wise). Importantly, we offer an “adopted family” model where students can sign up to be placed at families across Ramat Aviv for meals throughout the year, and never have to be left without a meal. There are also meals organized by students at the dorms, which JLIC team members are happy to help with. Please contact Eitan or Elana, or a member of our shabbat team for more details.



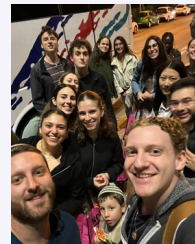
Torah Learning

One of the most important parts of Jewish community is Torah learning, which is why on Monday to Thursday there is Torah everyday!

- Monday kicks off with Mindfulness Mondays. Rav Eitan gives 20 minutes of Jewish meditation and mindfulness drawing on chassidic ideas.
- Tanach Tuesdays: Rav Eitan delves into the geo-politics of Judges and Samuel. If you love Israel, political thought, and learning a classical text, this is for you!
- Wednesday is Lunch and Learn led by students. Come in between class and come away with a thought to take you through the week and most importantly... pizza!
- Thursday is Elana's breakfast chabura (Torah group) for women only. Enjoy coffee before class and start the day with some spirituality!
- Want to learn with Elana or Eitan one on one or in a group? Get in touch with them, they are always interested in deepening connections with students! Or.... learn together with another student!

Chesed/Volunteer Opportunities

Our flagship program allows a group of students to volunteer weekly at Achuzat Sara Children's home for at risk children. In volunteering, consistency is the key in order to create connections! This is a great way to really give and do something meaningful.



Israel Discussion Forum

In a post October 7th reality it is vital we discuss, educate ourselves and advocate for Israel! The goal of the forum is to create student-led discussion on Zionist ideas and intellectual history, Israeli history, current policy and Israel advocacy. Every Monday night, come along for dinner and lively discussions! Feel free to voice your opinion, disagree and debate the most important issues facing the Jewish people and the Middle East.



Also, a part of the Israel Discussion Forum, we have an active and engaging debating club that hosts numerous debates a semester, don't miss them!

Trips and Tiyulim

Come with us to India in February! Travel to Mumbai and see the sights, colors and rich cultures of India. We will experience life in rural India while teaching children in underserved villages with Gabriel project Mumbai. Spend a meaningful shabbat exploring the rich Jewish history of Mumbai. The trip will be in the middle of Feb at a subsidized price for the first 15 sign ups. Contact Eitan for more details.



Did You Know?

This year, you can travel to Mumbai with JLIC!



MEET THE LEADERSHIP!

Rabbi Eitan & Elana Phillips

Directors, M.D. Katz JLIC at TAU

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Eitan grew up in London and has been in Israel for most of the last decade including serving in the IDF. After learning at Yeshivat Hakotel, he studied Jewish history and Politics at Hebrew University. He then completed his Masters at Haifa University, whilst receiving Smicha from Mizrahi Musmachim (Rabbinical Ordination). Eitan then worked in high-tech and was the youth director at Shivtei Yisrael in Raanana for two years, prior to establishing the program at Tel Aviv University. Most recently Eitan served in the IDF reserves during the Israel-Hamas war post Oct 7th. Eitan can often be found in the library, Cafe Neto (his fav spot for coffee) or Coffee Star (in his opinion the best salads on campus). Eitan loves political theory, talking about Israel and current affairs, as well as playing and watching football (soccer).

Elana made aliyah at age 7 from New York to Efrat. She did Sherut Leumi in a home for children at risk and then was a Madricha at Midreshet Moriah, while studying for her BA in Psychology and Education at Hebrew University. Elana was also a youth director in Raanana for two years. Elana worked in high tech for a year and completed her MA in Educational Psychology and now works in schools in Tel Aviv as an educational psychologist. She loves spending time with her family, swimming and dancing.

Together Elana and Eitan have 3 children, Yakir (5), Oriyah (3) and Naveh (4 months).

Both Eitan and Elana are available and would love to get coffee to chat or learn something together! Do not hesitate to reach out



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Did You Know?

We have had over 20 languages spoken at Eitan and Elana's Shabbat table!



JEWISH RESOURCES

➔ Kosher food on campus

All food on campus is kosher certified. This is a law of the State of Israel and there are no exceptions on the campus itself. There is a wide choice from meat, milk and vegetarian options. There is a kosher Mcdonalds and coffee available all around campus. However, please note that the Japanika outside the main gate of the university is not Kosher. Not all the restaurants at the bottom of Broshim are required to be kosher and therefore it is important to check. Currently, Burgerim and Aroma at Broshim are kosher certified.

➔ Dorms on Shabbat

There is a shabbat key to gain entrance to the dorms on shabbat without using an electronic chip or card. Please request from the building administration and they will provide this for you! There are lights that turn on automatically in the hallway, this is permissible and one does not need to worry about these lights on Shabbat. Please speak to Rav Eitan for information

➔ Mezuzah and Judaica

All students may request a mezuzah from maintenance. If one wants to buy there own or buy any Judaica there is a Judaica store in Ramat Aviv Gimmel, at Shuster Center.



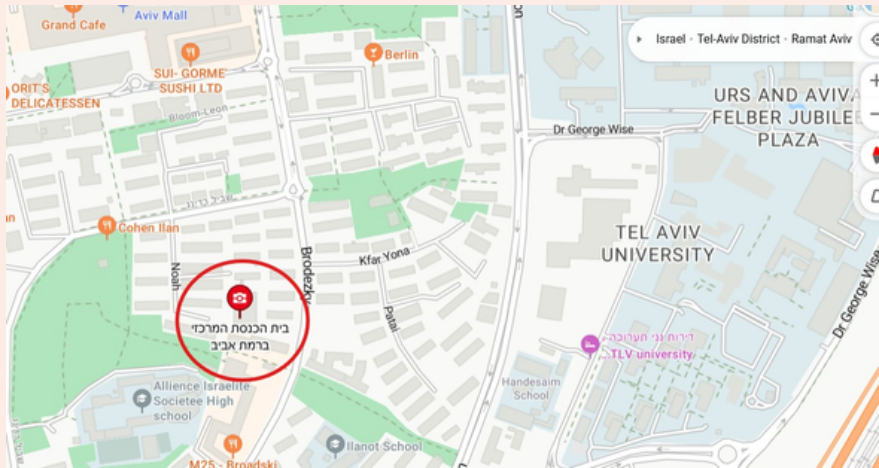
➔ Minyanim

During the week there are many minyanim (prayer services) each day. At the Cymbalista synagogue on campus, Shacharit is at 7:10. There are two options for Mincha, a longer minyan at 13:30 and a shorter one at 13:55. Maariv is at 18:10 (even in the summer).

The campus does not have a minyan on Shabbat. Depending on demand, there will be a Friday night minyan at Shai 20 as often as is possible. However there are multiple synagogues in the area. The closest to both dorms is Noach 20 (see **circled in red** on the map on the next page). Their Friday night minyan starts at the same time that Shabbat starts and on Shabbat morning is at 9:00.



Directions to Noah 20 (Beit Knesset Hamercazi)



Campus Map



Scan here for full interactive campus map



WE HOPE WE HELPED!

Wishing you much success and happiness settling into this most special and vibrant city, studying at Tel Aviv University and being part of this community!

We can't wait to meet you!

The M.D. Katz JLIC Professional Team
and Communal Leadership



Stay in touch with M.D. Katz JLIC! Whatsapp Groups to Join:

- **Name** - Chat group for all B.A. students on campus, including dual degree: bit.ly/JLICTAU-BA
- **Name** - Chat group for all M.A. students on campus: bit.ly/JLICTAU-MA



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