

Student GA Schedule

Please note: The following sessions are highly recommended. They are designated on the schedule with an asterisk.

Sunday 3-4:30 pm	Opening Plenary Session
Sunday 6:30-8pm	Dinner in Exhibit Hall
Monday 8-9 am	Career Networking Breakfast
Monday 5:15-8 pm	Dinner with Wayne L. Firestone and Phillip H. and Suzy Rudd Cohen Exemplar of Excellence Awards
Tuesday 7:30-8:30 am	Hillel Student Breakfast
Tuesday 1:30-2:30 pm	Closing Plenary Session

The additional sessions are selections from the full GA schedule. They have been featured here due to their relevance to you as a Hillel participant, but are by no means the only options. Please feel free to refer to the full GA schedule for other opportunities.

Locations are TBD. Please refer to full GA schedule booklet upon arrival for updated information.

SUNDAY

REGISTRATION

1:30-2:30 PM **First-Timers Orientation**

3-4:30 PM Opening Plenary Session

Look for the Hillel Delegation seating area to make our presence felt (and heard)!

***6:30-8 PM Dinner in the General Assembly Exhibit Hall**

8:30PM- 2 AM GA After Dark: An Acoustic Evening with Matisyahu. Opening: Y-Love & Diwon

MONDAY

8-9:00 AM Career Networking Breakfast

Interact with prominent members of the Jewish community who work in both Jewish and secular fields. Jewish leaders representing a variety of career sectors will engage in mentoring conversations with students about post-college career paths. Also learn how these leaders have continued their Jewish journeys through volunteerism and philanthropy.

9:30-10:45 AM **Handle with Care: How to Harness Social Media**

11:15 -12:30 PM **Turning Israel Program Alumni into Advocates and Activists**

Through Taglit-Birthright Israel, Masa Israel Journey, and other programs, hundreds of thousands of young Jewish adults from North America are being exposed to a slice of the "reality of Israel." And then what happens? We'll explore initiatives that aim to harness the passion and interest of these program

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returnees, and participate in an interactive discussion about how to engage them as activists and advocates for Israel in their communities.

1:30 - 2:30 PM **Completing the Journey: The Remarkable Story of Ethiopia's Jews**

2:15-3:30 PM **Guess Who's Coming to Federation: Modeling Inclusive Communities**

2:30 - 3:30 PM **Bringing Culture to Your Community**

5:15 PM - 8:00 PM **Hillel Student Dinner with Wayne L. Firestone and Phillip H. and Suzy Rudd Cohen Exemplar of Excellence Awards***

Join International Hillel President Wayne L. Firestone for an open conversation about your GA experiences, Jewish life on campus and the future of the Jewish world – you shape the discussion. Come prepared with questions and ideas to share and explore.

Additionally, the student winners of the Phillip H. Cohen and Suzy Rudd Exemplar of Excellence Awards will be announced and presented with their plaques.

8:30-11 PM **Colorado GALA: Event of the Seasons**

TUESDAY

*7:30-8:30 AM **Hillel Student Breakfast ***

Join your peers to reflect upon and debrief your experience at the GA.

8:30-9:30 AM **NYC Student breakfast with UJA Federation**

If you are student from NYC please join Jerry Levin, President, Alisa Robbins Doctoroff, Chair of the Board, and John Ruskay, Executive Vice-President and CEO of the NY Federation for breakfast and conversation.

10-11:15 AM **A Different Angle: The Effect of Birthright Israel Trips on Israeli Soldiers**

We all know the powerful effect Taglit-Birthright Israel has had on the nearly 300,000 young adults from around the world who have participated in the last 11 years. What is less well-known, however, is the transformative effect these trips have had on the 50,000 Israeli soldiers who have taken part in the Mifgash program, in which members of elite IDF units travel with Diaspora participants during their Birthright trips. The young soldiers' lives are forever changed by these encounters. Hear from the soldiers themselves about their new perspectives on the Jewish world and the role that they play in it

11:45-1:00 PM **The Israel Action Network: Using New and Social Media to Counter Assaults on Israel's Legitimacy**

11:45-1:00 PM **Israel: Have We Lost That Loving Feeling?**

A major debate has erupted during the past year over why and to what extent young Jews are feeling ambivalent toward or alienated from Israel. How real is the issue? Who or what is to blame? What can and should be done about it?

*1:30-2:30 PM **Closing Plenary Session***

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