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Program Description

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• Educate students, faculty, and the DFW community about the religion, culture, and historical experiences of the Jewish people.
• Promote Jewish and Israel studies in the North Texas region.
• Foster ties between UNT and Jewish institutions in the DFW area, throughout the United States, and in Israel.
• Increase original scholarship by students and faculty on Jewish and Israel subjects.

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