

## **MIT Diversity Story Milestones – Religion**

[Note: unless otherwise noted, information listed is based on key informant interviews]

Late 1910s – Menorah Society founded as a networking tool for the Jewish community  
(mentioned in The Tech as early as October 1919)

[http://tech.mit.edu/archives/VOL\\_039/TECH\\_V039\\_S0158\\_P002.pdf](http://tech.mit.edu/archives/VOL_039/TECH_V039_S0158_P002.pdf)

1945 – MIT Hillel replaces Menorah Society

1952 – Institute Committee (Undergraduate Association) resolution: “... The Institute Committee of MIT stands opposed to racial and religious discrimination and deems it advisable to abolish all discriminatory clauses in the charters and constitutions of activities, organizations, and living groups on the MIT campus...” (Source: Williams, Clarence. *Technology and the Dream*. Cambridge: MIT Press, 2003)

1955 – MIT Chapel (non-denominational) opened to much controversy

1983 – Prayer room for Muslim students created

1995 – Religious Activities Center (W11) opened

2007 – Position of Institute Chaplain created. Rev. Bob Randolph appointed first Institute Chaplain.