



## Meet Ori Cantwell '22

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### Why I chose Wesleyan:

I chose Wes because of the dynamic and passionate campus community. I knew that I would have professors who love to teach, and that my peers would be fully engaged in their work. The Wes community is also incredibly nurturing, and I wanted to be in an environment where students support each other instead of competing against each other.

### Academic Interests:

Religion and Psychology

### Favorite class at Wes:

I loved Religions Resisting Modernity, which was my First Year Seminar. We looked at case studies of Western modernity interacting with religion and spent a good chunk of the semester conducting individual research to build our own case studies, which were presented as final papers. The professor, Peter Gottschalk (known to his students as "PG"), is also my academic advisor, so I felt especially lucky to get to be in that class.

### Current Classes:

- Christianity and Sexuality
- Developmental Psychology
- Research Methods in Psychopathology
- How to Talk to Machines

### Why I want to be a tour guide:

I chose to apply to Wes after spending a looong time talking to students working in the Office of Admission. They were so clearly passionate about Wes and the campus community here, and I immediately knew that I wanted to be a part of that. Now, I love talking to all of the prospective students who visit — maybe I'll be in class with one of them next year!

## Outside the Classroom:

### Extracurriculars:

- Wesleyan Jewish Community
- Interfaith Council
- Overnight Hosting Coordinator for the Office of Admission

### Favorite Activity at Wes:

Shabbat dinner at the Bayit! I end up cooking almost every week — it's a great way to catch up with friends and collaborate on a non-academic project.

### Favorite moment at Wes:

My friend and I painted a mural in the Bayit (a program house) last fall. It was so fun!

### Favorite movie(s):

- Lady Bird
- The Martian
- The Florida Project

### Favorite song:

I shamelessly love anything by Taylor Swift!

### Fun Fact:

I graduated from high school a year early, only spending about 2.5 years taking classes!