

"Hillel Happenings"

January 2023 - Tevet 5783



Happy 2023!



As we conclude 2022 and welcome in 2023, Hillel is thrilled to share some highlights from another record breaking year. Thanks to our students, staff - and to our community and parent supporters who made it possible for us to offer new and exciting initiatives that engaged more students than ever this past year.

Our 2022 highlights..

A record breaking year

WOW - [in 2022](#) we engaged more students than ever. Thanks to our professional staff and student leaders Hillel changed the lives of hundreds whose childhood Jewish journeys prepared them for college, and hundreds more who had never engaged with Jewish life before. We are thrilled to share that we are on track to break our engagement records, again this coming year.



Responding to antisemitism

Antisemitism and anti-Zionism are on the rise nation-wide, nowhere more than on college campuses. Hillel is here to support our students by educating, mentoring and helping them create strong partnerships with community allies and students groups on campus. We equip our students with the tools necessary tools to stand strong and proud to celebrate their Judaism, despite the existing challenges. [Read more here..](#)



Israel

In 2022 we formally kicked off our Hillel Israel Center and engaged our students with Israel like never before. We hosted world-class speakers at our campuses, facilitated in-depth classes, and led our students on a [life changing trip in Israel this past June](#) - one of many to come. Stay tuned as we extend our Israel programming in 2023 and empower our students to explore their unique, forever-relationships with Israel.



Mental health

Mental health challenges on campus are real, and our fine Hillel staff is acutely aware of the mental health crisis with our demographic. We need to support our students with their many wellness struggles.

This year, with the help of a small seed grant from JEWISHcolorado, we have launched a Hillel Wellness Committee to broaden our approach. Consisting of staff, students, mental health professionals and community wellness leaders we will explore both immediate and long-term ways to support our students.



In addition, Hillel is excited to begin a partnership with Jewish Family Service of Colorado. Our new campus-wellness clinical partner will help provide professional mental health training and support as we build important wellness programs and initiatives for our students.



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