Hillel for Utah

Preparing Tomorrow's Jewish Leaders

Hillel for Utah Annual Report 2022

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Dear Friends,

As we reflect on the year just past, we feel overwhelming gratitude for everyone in the Hillel for Utah community. The dedication and support of our students, staff, board, and donors allowed us to continue to strengthen Jewish community on campus as we emerged from the confines of the pandemic.

Hillel for Utah proved itself to be resilient and inspiring, like the students we serve, who are engaged through Jewish values and who seek an inclusive and supportive community.

We're proud of what we accomplished this year with your support:

- Welcomed more than 200 students on Utah's campuses who found friends and mentors through Hillel
- Propelled Hillel students to continued engagement in Jewish life and future employment in Jewish organizations around the country
- Confronted the threat of increasing antisemitism through campus collaboration and community dialogue

We hope you'll enjoy this report and learn more about our work, our community, and Hillel's impact on Jewish life on campus in Utah.

Thank you for being with us on this journey.

In gratitude,

Adam Bronfman
Founder and Chair

Dana Tumpowsky
Executive Director

CULTURE

Hillel for Utah is a catalyst for Jewish life, community, and personal exploration on Utah's campuses.

VISION

Hillel for Utah inspires Jewish life where all students are empowered to learn, engage in, and put Jewish values into action.

MISSION

Hillel for Utah develops the relationships, experiences and communities that encourage students to understand themselves, their connections to Judaism, and their Jewish community.

"I discovered new opportunities with Hillel, where I can make friends, gain leadership skills, and be authentically myself—all while having an amazing time."

Kayla Dworsky
Class of 2022
Los Angeles, CA

WE LIVE OUR MISSION BY OUR VALUES

- Facilitating student innovation
- Promoting respectful discourse
- Exploring and deepening Jewish learning
- Inspiring, empowering, and coaching students
- Encouraging physical, emotional and spiritual wellness
- Creating communities that are inclusive and open to all students
- Pursuing Tzedek (Justice) and Tikkun Olam (Repairing the World)
- Fostering engagement with Israel and other Jews all over the world
- Finding the balance of being distinctively Jewish and universally human
- Celebrating key moments of the year through Jewish holidays and ritual

"Hillel has given me a chance to explore my Judaism and what it means to me as a college student with an incredible group of friends."
Charlie Reiner, Class of 2022, North Salem, NY

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"Hillel has given me a community that was welcoming from day one and has helped me stay close to my roots with connections that will last a lifetime."

Bennie Okamoto
Class of 2023
Mount Prospect, IL

STAFF

Dana Tumpowsky
Executive Director

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IMPACT

SHABBATS

Biweekly Shabbat programs build community, where students can connected are empowered by traditions, **Jewish learning**, and ritual! Student-led Shabbat experiences included challah-baking, catered and home cooked meals, prayer, d'var Torah messages and song sessions as well as Havdalah programs.

HOLIDAY CELEBRATIONS

Thanks to local synagogues, Hillel students could attend **high holiday services.** Hillel students welcomed all for bagels and movies in the **campus sukkah** at the U of U. The annual **Hanukkah Latkefest** with, latkes, Hanukkah socks for all, and a dreidel tournament rounded out the fall semester. A **Tubishvat** Hang Out opened the spring semester. We celebrated **Purim** with online hamantaschen baking and an in-person costume party, mocktails, and a karaoke spiel. As our modern-day plague waned, for the first time in three years student leaders conducted a lively in-person **Passover Seder** for more than 45 participants.

ISRAEL PROGRAMMING

Dynamic Israel programs bring students back again and again. Student-directed Israel programs included: **Israeli dancing, Israeli cooking, Krav Maga lessons, Hebrew 101,** learning about Israel's political climate, and the re-emergence of **Birthright trips**. A masked, safe, and local Israel-themed **Winter Shabbaton** signaled student desire to return to this popular event.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Hillel students headed to the lake in Liberty Park for a **Reverse Tashlich** to collect trash and participate in a tashlich experience. Students raised **$2700 for the Feed U Pantry** during the **Sukkot Rock-a-Thon** while rocking in the campus sukkah for 24 hours. We launched a Campus to Community drive, working with other Utah campus clubs and organizations. Collectively we gathered **400 lbs. of hygiene products** and diapers to be distributed to the community through the Utah Food Bank while also raising **$7,000 in gifts and matching funds for the food bank.**

WELLNESS

Wellness is central to Hillel for Utah. Wildly fun Goat Yoga combined the healing power of Shabbat with yoga, baby goats, reflection, and vegan food. Zoom sessions on **managing stress** for college students by U of U counselors included finals care packages.

IMPACT
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JEWISH LEARNING FELLOWSHIP

Students discuss Jewish wisdom and its impact on our lives today through the Jewish Learning Fellowship (JLF). Each cohort of students commits to meeting weekly over a semester for this popular seminar. In Utah, we have engaged over 40 students since the program began only three years ago.

"Coming from a town with a very small Jewish community, Hillel for Utah and specifically JLF gave me a sense of belonging within the Jewish community that I've never had before. Connecting with other students and exploring each of our Jewish identities was so powerful. It reaffirmed that while everyone's Judaism is different, we all support one another's experiences and journeys."

Abby Molzer, Class of '23, Lenexa, KS

CAMPUS CLIMATE INITIATIVE

Hillel for Utah works collaboratively with the University of Utah's higher education administrators to ensure a positive campus experience where Jewish students feel comfortable expressing their identity and values, free of antisemitism, harassment, or marginalization. Surveys of Jewish students and data analysis have resulted in a campus plan for enhanced cultural awareness, antisemitism training, and transparent processes for bias reporting.

"Through the Campus Climate Initiative (CCI) at the University of Utah, we're working with administrators to empower students [in confronting antisemitism], educate faculty and staff, and enhance the climate for Jewish students and other minorities on campus."

Jacob Olson, Class of 2022, Seattle, WA
2021 President of Hillel for Utah and Member of CCI at the U of U

KVELLING

- Hillel engaged over **115** students through **65** programs and events in the 2021-2022 academic year.
- **Engagement doubled** as Hillel for Utah emerged from the pandemic.
- Abram Berry named to the 2022-2023 **Hillel International Student Cabinet**
- Zach Wahler and Asher Ireland selected for the **Israel Insight Fellowship** trip through Hillel International
- Asher Ireland spoke at the **Utah Governor's Roundtable on Antisemitism.**
- Abigail Traxler participated in Salt Lake Interfaith Roundtable panel on **"Faith in the Era of Tik Tok"** and led a Zoom Cooking Hour on Purim and making hamentashen.
- Abigail Traxler and Alexis Friedman co-chaired the first **Campus to Community collection drive.** 7 clubs participating garnering 400 lbs of hygiene products and diapers and raising $7,000 (matching gift) for Utah Food Bank.
- 10 students in 2022 **Jewish Learning Fellowship** cohort on "Life's Big Questions"
- **Sukkot Rockathon** raised $2600 for the FeedU Pantry.
- Jacob Olson spoke at the **Shine a Light on Antisemitism** community event.
- **648 bagels** consumed at Bagel Tuesday

"I love when students approach the Hillel table at the beginning of every year saying that they're 'not really Jewish' because I know exactly how that feels. Like these students, I used to be unsure of my Jewish identity and hesitant to tell people that I was Jewish. However, Hillel made me proud of being who I am."

Maggie Burke
Class of 2019
Heber City, UT

ABOUT US

We are committed to welcoming Jewish college students to our state, enhancing their Jewish identity, and investing in their skills as future leaders

Unique in Utah

Hillel is the only Jewish organization serving some 300 students from Utah's universities each year. Because Hillel for Utah serves a smaller student population, each student receives personal mentoring from staff. Hillel provides Jewish life and learning, Shabbat and other holiday celebrations, community service, and much, much more.

Connections

Students find lifelong friends and mentors through Hillel. These relationships are valuable for enhancing and experiencing Jewish life on campus and beyond graduation.

Preparing tomorrow's Jewish leaders

Hillel's leadership experience propels many Hillel students to continued engagement in Jewish life and to future employment in Jewish organizations around the country.

Combatting Antisemitism

Hillel collaborates with the University of Utah to confront antisemitism through a comprehensive national program of education and training.

FOUNDING STORY

Hillel for Utah began in the fall of 2010 with several students who expressed interest in a Jewish student organization at Westminster College during a Faith Fair. These seven students began a student club called 'Chai Life,' advised by Westminster staff member Dana Tumpowsky.

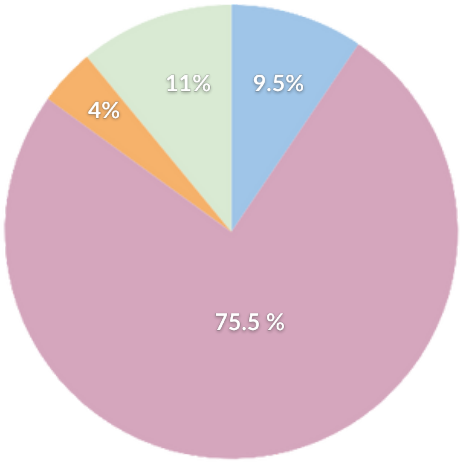
In February 2011, Hillel International recognized the club as a "small and mighty" organization as Hillel for Utah, located at the college, and welcoming students from any of Utah's colleges and universities.

Expansion of the organization was propelled with the appointment of Dana Tumpowsky as a full time executive director in July 2015 through the philanthropies of Adam R. Bronfman. Hillel for Utah moved to be headquartered at the IJ and Jeanné Wagner Jewish Community Center in July 2017 when it became an independent 501(c)3 organization.

FINANCIAL REPORT
2021-2022

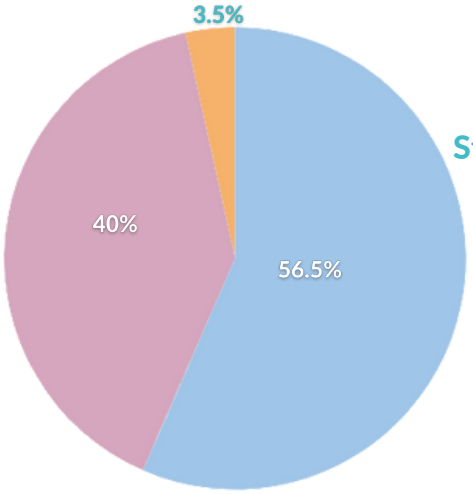
REVENUE $232,895

- Individual Contributions: $22,129
- Foundations & Federation: $175,750
- Misc Revenue: $9,416
- PPP Loan: $25,600



HIGHLIGHTS

- Increased revenues while emerging from the pandemic
- Tripled the number of donors
- Established a reserve fund to meet future needs and contingencies
- Enhanced student programming by converting Springboard Fellowship to staff position



EXPENSES: $197,006

- Student Programming & Grants: $111,366
- Administrative & Fundraising: $78,835
- Contract Services: $6,805

Krav Maga Lessons

Reverse Tashlich trash pick up

LatkeFest Chanukah Party

"I have always felt accepted and included. Hillel really honors that being Jewish is more than a religion, it's also a culture."

Alexis Friedman, Class of 2024, Woodinville, WA

Big Schmooze

Campus 2 Community Essential Items Drive

Goat Yoga

"I'm inspired by my Hillel community that makes being Jewish relevant for me on the ski slopes, in the classroom, on the frisbee field, and around the Shabbat table."

Jack Schlamkowitz, Class of 2023, New Rochelle, NY

Israel Politics Discussion

Sukkot Rock-a-Thon

Israeli Dancing

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