

2022/2023



Hillel
AT MIAMI UNIVERSITY

**ANNUAL
REPORT**



AHAVAH V'KAVOD LOVE & HONOR

To our incredible Hillel at Miami community,

I am delighted to present to you our annual report, highlighting the remarkable achievements and milestones that we accomplished together over the past year. **Thanks to your unwavering support, Hillel continues to thrive as a vibrant and inclusive community for Jewish students on Miami University's campus.**

In fact, more than 700 students engaged with Hillel in the 2022-2023 academic year, exploring their Jewish identity, embracing leadership roles, and building lifelong friendships.

One of the highlights of this year was the tremendous turnout we had for Passover. It was truly heartening to witness more students than ever come together for seder and themed-dinners, such as matzah pizza. Additionally, we embarked on two Birthright trips to Israel, providing our students with a unique opportunity to connect with their Jewish heritage, explore Israel, and forge lasting connections with their fellow travelers.

When our campus Sukkah was vandalized, our community showed up in a big way. More than 150 of you joined us for an incredible evening of prayer and forgiveness at our Shabbat of Love and Honor. **It was a powerful reminder of the strength that lies in embracing love, unity, and inclusivity.**

As for the staff at Hillel at Miami, we made it our mission to foster a safe, welcoming environment for Jewish students on campus. We met with President Crawford throughout the year to discuss ways in which the administration can support us, and we even welcomed his family for a Shabbat dinner with students. In addition, we held workshops on campus to train the entire Mental Health and Wellness staff at Miami University on the realities facing Jewish college students and the dangers of antisemitic rhetoric.

None of these achievements would have been possible without the unwavering dedication and support from all of our donors, partners, and volunteers. As we navigate a challenging fall semester for the entire Jewish community, we are immensely grateful for your commitment to our shared vision and look forward to another year of growth, engagement, and transformative experiences.

With deep appreciation,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Whitney Fisch".

Whitney Fisch, MSW
Executive Director





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Hillel has given me a strong and supportive community on campus that offers me and other students the space to be ourselves and explore our passions.

Eric Glassman '25

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710

students built a community
at Hillel at Miami



80

unique student
programs offered



220

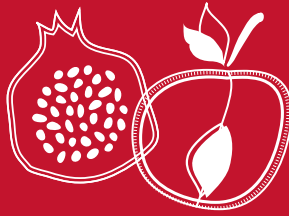
individual meetings held
between staff and students





650

**FREE kosher
Shabbat dinners
served**



310

**students celebrated
Jewish holidays**



150

**attendees came to
our Shabbat of Love
& Honor**





118

students enjoyed Israel Fest, a celebration of all things Israel at the center of Miami's campus



267

Jewish Miamians engaged in Israel education workshops and events

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My Birthright experience gave me a new perspective on Israel and how connected we all are through Judaism. After experiencing everything Israel has to offer, I feel a new sense of Jewish community.

Lee Hillman '25

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TZEDEK AND GIVING BACK

Through the tasty sweetness of challah, we made a difference:

- When a beloved AOII sorority sister passed, we wanted to show our support. Through a special challah bake sale, we raised \$250 for AOII's philanthropy, the Arthritis Foundation.
- For Valentine's Day, we raised \$325 for the Israeli organization, Save a Child's Heart, selling out in record time!
- We offered students volunteer hours to bake challah, providing 34 service hours for the initiatives listed above. This gave students the opportunity to give back while learning about Jewish cultural traditions!



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I could see how my roommate was struggling with the passing of her sorority sister, and I realized that AOII was not going to be able to fundraise as they had in the past. Through Hillel at Miami's challah sale, I was able to make a difference, not only in the community, but to a chapter that was going through unimaginable loss.

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Delaney Towers '24



Throughout my time at Miami University, I've seen how our tightly-knit community has been able to grow and connect with more students. I look forward to coming back as an alum to see all the incredible things Hillel has accomplished in the coming years.

Josh Akum '23





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