



YEAR IN REVIEW 2020-2021

By the Numbers:

- 200 unique students participated
- 70 students participated 6+ times
- 14 student leaders and interns

Program Highlights:

- Book Club
- Israeli Cuisine Subscription Boxes
- MitzVote Voter Education
- Student-Led Passover Seders
- Jewish Learning Fellowship (JLF)
- Bagel Brunch To-Go
- Big Israel Questions seminar
- Career Networking
- Community Cookbook
- Garden Clean-Up at the JCC
- 'String-n-Things' Knitting Group
- Virtual Student Showcase
- Free Shabbat Meal Pick-Ups
- Wellness Initiatives
- Russian Jewish outreach
- Summer Internship program



What our Students Say:

"The way Hillel connected us virtually has been a truly amazing gift."

"I felt like I was part of a community and belonged perfectly with this group of people."

"I can talk to the Hillel staff about anything, and they are there to listen."



Together We Made a Difference

Hillel
of Buffalo

We changed how we connect with students, but never stopped offering our support. Here are **four ways** Hillel reached students in the **2020-2021** academic year:

1

Promoting Student Wellness



Student physical and psychological wellness were of critical concern this year. Through the **Herd Community** wellness challenge program **48 students** earned prizes for **healthy practices** such as exercise, nutrition, and virtual stress-relief activities with friends.

2

Keeping Students Connected



Weekly **to-go bagel brunches** and **Shabbat dinner** helped over **80 students** connect off the screen. With the Jewish Learning Fellowship, **45 students** met for **weekly Jewish study**. One remote student commented, "I often felt left out by not being on campus. Hillel is what kept me connected to my friends."

3

Bringing Unexpected Joy



With so many restrictions placed on social activities, Hillel got innovative and created a **Pop-Up Pumpkin Patch** on campus. **120 students** came to pick a free pumpkin and brought donations for the campus food pantry.

4

Giving Back to the Community



Joining the **Gift of Life** bone marrow registry is a way for students to save lives. During Passover, Hillel interns organized **Matzah Match**. Through this Federation sponsored program, **40 students** received a gourmet matzah pizza kit in exchange for entering the registry.

Thank you for helping Hillel to provide Jewish students with life-changing experiences, the opportunity to lead, and a place in the Jewish community. To learn more visit <https://hillelofbuffalo.org>, 'Like' us on Facebook and follow us on Instagram.