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LAWRENCE SUMMERS, PRESIDENT, HARVARD UNIVERSITY

In 2003, on 500 campuses and in communities around the globe, Hillel contributed to the lives of Jewish college students, the campus, the Jewish community, and the world at large.

The year was a turning point for the organization as President and International Director Richard M. Joel left to become president of Yeshiva University after 15 years of service.

Hillel has continued to thrive, expanding to Argentina and Brazil, opening new buildings, and offering students more and more opportunities to explore and celebrate their Jewish identity.

The students and events highlighted in this annual report present a glimpse of Hillel. We encourage you to visit a Hillel near you for a full picture. Above all, we invite you to join us in this important work.

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Anna Polishchuk, a senior at the School of the Art Institute of Chicago, has raised pro-Israel activism to an art form.
“IT IS VERY HARD FOR COMMUTER STUDENTS LIKE ME TO MAKE FRIENDS AT SCHOOL. HILLELS AROUND CHICAGO GAVE ME A COMMUNITY THAT I COULD IMMEDIATELY CALL HOME. WHEN THE ANTI-ISRAEL MOVEMENT ON MY CAMPUS BECAME OVERWHELMING AND I SET OUT – SCARED TO DEATH – TO FIND OTHER PRO-ISRAEL JEWS, HILLEL WAS THERE WITH ME EVERY STEP OF THE WAY.”

ANNA POLISHCHUK

Anna created Students for Peace in the Middle East to unite the pro-Israel community and to educate fellow students about Israel. In its first year, the group sponsored an Israeli coffee house, an Israeli Independence Day program and a dialogue on the Middle East called “Answer Your Questions, Question Your Answers.”

Anna has also put her artistic skills to work for Israel: She sold caricatures of students attending Hillel events to raise money for the Jewish Federation’s Israel Emergency Campaign.

Anna is one of thousands of students touched by Hillel’s pro-active, pro-Israel activities. Students visit Israel for the first time through Hillel’s birthright israel program. Hillel’s Center for Israel Affairs provides students with resources to create innovative peer-to-peer programs to express their support for Israel. Last year, Hillel and the Charles and Lynn Schusterman Family Foundation launched the Israel on Campus Coalition to coordinate 30 pro-Israel organizations on campus. Hillel is the central address for Israel’s friends on campus.
“HILLEL IS THE FOUNDATION FOR ALL JEWISH LIFE AT YALE. IT SUPPLIES AN IMPORTANT SENSE OF IDENTITY FOR JEWS ON CAMPUS. HILLEL HAS ADDED VALUE TO MY LIFE BY PROVIDING A COMFORTABLE ENVIRONMENT WHERE I CAN DEVELOP AS A JEW AND WHERE I CAN CONTRIBUTE TO THE BROADER COMMUNITY.”

HARRY FLASTER

Harry doesn’t hold back, not as an athlete or as a Hillel activist. A member of the football team who was sidelined by an injury during the Harvard-Yale game, Harry continues to compete in fencing. Passionately committed to engaging fellow students in Hillel’s work, Harry is also involved in Hillel’s social justice program. He helped organize a spring break trip to El Salvador to work in needy communities and raised money for the program by selling dozens of donuts to fellow athletes. Once in El Salvador, he immersed himself in building homes, in reaching out to the host community, and in Jewish learning.

Hillel’s Harry and Jeanette Weinberg Tzedek Hillel program encourages students to engage in community service, advocacy, service and education in the areas of hunger, homelessness, the environment, and illiteracy. Hillels around the world are involved in their local communities, performing acts of tikkun olam, repairing the world.
Harry Flaster, a Yale University senior, is contributing to Jewish life on his campus and building a better world.
University of Maryland senior Karen Perolman is making the riches of Jewishness accessible to Jewish students across her campus.
“HILLEL IS MORE THAN JUST AN EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITY TO ME. I’VE MET SOME OF MY BEST FRIENDS. I’VE LEARNED ABOUT MYSELF. I’VE HAD OPPORTUNITIES TO TRAVEL TO SOUTH AMERICA. WITHOUT HILLEL, THE JEWISH COMMUNITY AT THE UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND WOULD NOT HAVE 26 DIFFERENT JEWISH GROUPS. IT’S DEFINITELY THE MOST WORTHWHILE THING I’VE DONE IN COLLEGE.”

KAREN PEROLMAN

Karen breaks down barriers. As the Jewish Renaissance Fellow on her campus, she helped Jewish students of all backgrounds overcome their personal obstacles to studying Jewish texts by setting up weekly “Study with a Buddy” sessions and monthly group learning programs. When she noticed that first-year students were not participating in Hillel activities, she created a new Shabbat program in the area where most underclassmen live. At the same time, Karen coordinated the Reform community on campus, organizing all of its programs and arranging Friday night services. She even learned to play the guitar so she could serve as a song leader.

Hillel makes Jewish content accessible to Jewish students in traditional and innovative ways. Tens of thousands of Jewish students turn to Hillel for Shabbat and holiday celebrations. Hillel’s Joseph Meyerhoff Center for Jewish Learning uses state-of-the-art techniques, such as interactive Internet seminars, to bring ancient Jewish texts to life. Hillel helps students integrate the texts and contexts of Jewish civilization into their lives.
“WITH ALL THE STRESS OF LIFE IN ISRAEL – AND COLLEGE LIFE IN PARTICULAR – HILLEL REMINDED ME THAT IT IS POSSIBLE NOT TO BE CYNICAL. HILLEL ENABLED ME TO PRACTICE JUDAISM AS I SEE IT AND REINTRODUCED ME TO MY PEOPLE, HELPING ME FEEL A PART OF SOMETHING MUCH BIGGER.”

JONATHAN DANIEL HOFFMAN

As a Hillel activist at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Daniel devotes his prodigious energy to helping Israeli students understand the role that Jewishness can play in their lives. Daniel was selected to participate in Hillel’s Pesach Project, a special program that brings students from Israel and North America to the former Soviet Union to lead Passover Seders for 25,000 Jews. The students join with their counterparts from the former Soviet Union to travel to large cities and small villages, meeting with elderly shut-ins, and bringing joy to thousands of lives.

Hillel is increasingly international. In 2003, Hillel grew to 27 groups in the former Soviet Union and opened a new center in São Paulo, Brazil. The dedication of a Hillel building in Buenos Aires became a source of optimism for the economically devastated Jewish community of Argentina. Hillel students in different countries now regularly exchange visits, experiencing the shared bonds of the Jewish people.
Hebrew University of Jerusalem law student Jonathan Daniel Hoffman is building Jewish communities in Israel and the Former Soviet Union.
Eastman School of Music opera student Laura Puzio came to campus unable to read Hebrew. This year, as a junior, she led High Holy Day services.
“HILLEL HAS ENABLED ME TO DISCOVER MY JEWISH IDENTITY AND REALLY EXPLORE ALL THE DIFFERENT FACETS OF JEWISH LIFE. AT EASTMAN, WE HAVE A SMALL JEWISH POPULATION. BY BRINGING US TOGETHER, HILLEL HAS GIVEN US COMFORT THAT THERE IS A COMMUNITY THAT WELCOMES AND SUPPORTS US.”

LAURA PUZIO

Laura was aware of her mother’s Jewish roots but Judaism was rarely practiced at home. She created a Basic Judaism course through Hillel to help herself and others deepen their Jewish identity. In the process of immersing herself in Jewish education, she organized a Jewish community at the Eastman School of Music in Rochester, N.Y., and became a Jewish student leader.

Hillel engages thousands of Jewish students every year, giving them opportunities to explore and celebrate their Jewishness, whether it’s through art or Jewish learning, social activities or pro-Israel activism. Hillel’s Steinhardt Jewish Campus Service Corps fellows lead the way. In 2003, these recent college graduates worked on 140 campuses around the world to engage uninvolved students in Jewish life on campus. Hillel’s Soref Initiative for Emerging Campuses provides support for Jewish student organizations on campuses with fewer than 500 Jews.

Hillel engages Jews involved in all aspects of campus life, from the fraternities and sororities, to student government, to theater. Hillel goes where the students are.
Hillel is an ever-changing, ever-growing community of students, lay leaders and professionals that stretches from Hawaii to the outer reaches of the former Soviet Union, from Canada to Argentina. This retrospective is just a small cross-section of the Hillel events that have added value to the lives of Jewish students, the campus, the community and the world in the last year.

AUGUST 2002

Hillel and the Charles and Lynn Schusterman Family Foundation create the Israel on Campus Coalition, a partnership of 30 pro-Israel organizations.

Hillel professionals help victims of the bombing at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem.

More than 500 students from around the world participate in The Charles Schusterman International Student Leaders Assembly.

Hillel trains 80 Steinhardt Jewish Campus Service Corps fellows to serve on 140 campuses around the world.

Moslem and Jewish students organize a banquet at The George Washington University to mark the end of the Ramadan.

Over 80 staff members attend Hillel’s New Professionals Orientation.

SEPTEMBER 2002

Tens of thousands of college students attend High Holy Day services at Hillels around the world.

Hillel “para-rabbis” run services for Jews throughout the former Soviet Union.

Hillels and synagogues use the Joseph Meyerhoff Center for Jewish Learning program to commemorate first anniversary of September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks.

University of Michigan Hillel sponsors Invest in Israel, a week of activities prior to an anti-Israel conference on campus.

Atlanta YAD affiliates with Hillel.

SEPTEMBER

Hillel inaugurates the Grinspoon Israel Advocacy Interns Program on 40 campuses. Hillel receives a grant from the AVI CHAI Foundation to provide campuses with funding for innovative student programs to promote Israel.

OCTOBER

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Hillel organizes student program at the United Jewish Communities General Assembly.

DECEMBER 2002

Hillel International Board of Governors Chairman Edgar M. Bronfman visits Hillel at Northwestern University. Bronfman later visits George Washington University and University of Texas, Austin.

Hillel International Professional Staff Conference in Princeton, N.J.

Hillel birthright israel groups depart.

The Student Union at Concordia University votes to ban Hillel from campus. Hillel sponsors rally in response and initiates legal action.

University of Connecticut Hillel sponsors Month of Kindness.

Hillel at Pierce and Valley Colleges receives the Elie Wiesel Award for Jewish Arts and Culture. Hillel at Northwestern University, St. Louis Hillel at Washington University, University of California at Berkeley Hillel, Hillel at University of Illinois Urbana Champaign and University of Connecticut Hillel received the William Haber Award for quality programs.

JANUARY 2003

Students at Foothill College in California sponsored the first Foothill College Jewish Culture Week.

Hillel’s Center for Israel Affairs launches Israel 101 Campaign to sponsor...
101 activities on 101 campuses in the 101 days leading up to Israel’s Independence Day.

Hillel sponsors leadership training conference in Moscow for Jewish student activists in the former Soviet Union.

**FEBRUARY 2003**

In days leading to U.S. war with Iraq, Hillel’s Joseph Meyerhoff Center for Jewish Learning sponsors Web-based Jewish learning session to discuss Jewish sources on war and peace.

Hillel at The Ohio State University and around North America respond to the explosion of U.S. Space Shuttle Columbia.

Students flock to the new Yitzhak Rabin Center for Jewish Life at UCLA for Genesis: A New Beginning, a regional dance.

Hillel at Arizona State University hosts Julius Ciss, a former “Jew for Jesus,” and the executive director of Jews for Judaism, to address missionary activities.

University of Southern California Hillel hosts a Jewish film festival.

Hillel of Pittsburgh sponsors a social justice-oriented Shabbaton.

University of Rochester Hillel sponsors a Greek Shabbaton for members of fraternities and sororities.

Hillel names Tzedek Exemplar of Excellence winners: Jennifer Ackerman, University of Texas, Austin ’02 and Hillel at Columbia University and Barnard College.

**MARCH 2003**

Hillel opens building in Buenos Aires, Argentina.

University of North Texas Hillel sponsors Jewish Awareness Week.

Purdue Hillel sponsors a Jewish Wedding program.

Tel Aviv University Hillel sponsors a program teaching medical students how to entertain patients through clowning. The young doctors visit Tel Aviv hospitals on Purim.

Students from Duke University and the University of South Carolina join students in Uruguay in a leadership seminar in a Uruguayan village built by Marranos.

New York University Hillel sponsors a model commitment ceremony.

Brown University Hillel brings different campus communities together for a concert featuring multicultural Israeli music.

**APRIL 2003**

Tulane University Hillel holds a women’s Seder.

Over 32 Hillel groups sponsor alternative spring breaks to perform social justice work in Cuba, El Salvador, former Soviet Union, Uruguay, Argentina and the United States.

Following his election as president of Yeshiva University, Hillel bids farewell to Richard M. Joel at a gala tribute dinner in New York City.

Students from Israel, North America and the former Soviet Union run Passover Seders for 25,000 across the FSU as part of the Pesach Project.

Hillel of Broward County sponsors week-long “Israel: Now, More than Ever” program.

Hillel’s Board of Directors approves the affiliation of Hillel Uruguay; Hillels Around Chicago; Hillel of the University of Western Ontario; Hillels of Georgia. Hillel Chile granted provisional status.

**MAY 2003**

Hillel opens in São Paulo, Brazil.

Hillel names Avraham Infeld interim president.

Jewish students at Hillels around the world sponsor Yom Ha’Atzmaut programs.

**JUNE 2003**

Hillel professionals study Jewish texts, rituals and their application to campus in Jerusalem at the Hillel–Pardes Summer Institute.

MAY
Following a successful winter program, Hillel sends its second wave of birthright israel groups to Israel.
THOSE WHO GIVE MEANINGFUL AND ESSENTIAL SUPPORT TO HILLEL RECOGNIZE THE IMPORTANCE OF TRANSMITTING THE VALUES OF THE JEWISH PEOPLE TO NEW GENERATIONS. A YEAR FILLED WITH CHALLENGES AND CHANGES RESULTED IN NEW OPPORTUNITIES AND AREAS OF GROWTH.

Last fall, Hillel dedicated its new home, the Arthur and Rochelle Belfer Building. The foresight of the Schusterman Family Foundation, the Belfer, Ruben and Saltz families, and other donors, has resulted in an inspiring facility. On campus, new Hillel buildings opened at Dickinson College, the University of Pennsylvania, Michigan State, Syracuse, and Vanderbilt Universities, the University of California, Los Angeles and in Buenos Aires, Argentina.

Development Chair Edith B. Everett provided leadership and strategic guidance for Hillel’s fundraising efforts. Hillel’s Renaissance Society continued to grow, and an unprecedented number of leaders participated in briefings and meetings with students throughout the year. Development efforts were further bolstered by the opening of new fundraising offices in Palm Beach, Florida and in New York.

Renaissance came to Broadway in the spring as more than 700 well-wishers joined together to celebrate Hillel’s accomplishments and to honor departing President and International Director Richard M. Joel. The gala event, the first in Hillel’s history, raised more than $1 million to support Jewish life on campus. In recent months, six new members have joined the International Board of Governors bringing their passion and expertise to Hillel. Membership in the Heritage Society doubled as more and more people recognized the importance that gift planning can play in strengthening the Jewish future. Israel on campus was the focus of a special Summit at the 2003 Renaissance Institute, held in conjunction with Hillel’s Charles Schusterman International Student Leaders Assembly. Students shared first-hand perspectives of Israel-related activity and worked with lay leaders to formulate strategies for the coming year. More than 60 philanthropic and professional leaders from Brazil, Israel, Spain, the United States, and Uruguay attended the three-day Renaissance Institute.

Hillel is most appreciative of the support of the United Jewish Communities, the 43 Jewish Federations who are members of the National Funding Councils and other Jewish Federations throughout the United States. In addition to providing support for local and regional Hillels, more than 100 Federations provide national and international support. Hillel is proud to be a beneficiary of the UJA Federation Campaign and encourages all of its stakeholders to support the global humanitarian efforts of the Jewish people.
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Income
Contributions and Grants $31,551,826
Jewish Federations 15,798,634
Program Fees 3,402,465
Investment Income 943,991
Other Income 866,132

TOTAL INCOME 52,563,048

TOTAL EXPENDITURES 52,345,142

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