

## FAITH AND FRIENDSHIP IN THE WOODS: Hillel Bonding at the Class of '66 Lodge



(Left to right) David Ringel '19, Aidan Folbe '19, Michael Bodek '19, Rachel Martin '19, Julia Feinstein '19, Jonah Kelly '18, David Mannes '17, Ariel Klein '17, Max Kanefield '19, Jack Smul '19. (Photo: Jessica Fedin '17)

Dartmouth Hillel's student leaders put Psalm 24 ("The earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof,") into action when they organized an overnight retreat at the Class of '66 Lodge, located on the slopes of Moose Mountain.

The sophomores, juniors and seniors who comprise the Hillel executive board thought a cabin retreat would be a great way to introduce the class of 2019 to the openness of Hillel

in an unique location. The board hoped the outdoorsy retreat would get 19s excited to be involved with all Hillel has to offer.

VP of Programming Jonah Kelly '18 said that by October students are busy with mid-terms, greek life and other campus activities so "taking our Jewish community outside of the Roth Center was a powerful way to strengthen our Hillel bond and showcase the environment which we're fortunate

enough to be in." On October 19th, 17 students met at the Roth Center for Ramuntos pizza before carpooling to the lodge. President David Mannes '17 said he was pleased with the turnout of the '19 class and the energy they brought to the event and Hillel overall.

At the cabin, the students played get-to-know-you-games, ate snacks, built a fire and bonded over Jewish geography. The

students made connections from day-schools, summer camps and trips to Israel. An off-campus retreat that warmly welcomes students from different denominational backgrounds fulfills one of the main tenants of Hillel's mission, which is to be open and pluralistic. DCH strives to accomplish this whether students are praying at the Roth Center, catching up with a lemonade on the Hanover Green, or spending the night in a cabin in the woods.

# Fall 2015 President's Letter

*David Mannes '17*

Looking back at my time at Dartmouth, I couldn't imagine my Dartmouth experience without Hillel.

I became more involved after an amazing Birthright Israel trip during the winter of my freshman year. The people I met on the trip and my gratitude to Hillel for providing me such an incredible experience made me seek out Hillel when I returned to Hanover for my second term. Since then I've held a number of different positions, including this term as President.

This year has been a time of transition with the implementation of President Hanlon's Moving Dartmouth Forward initiative. This fall is even more of a watershed moment, as the initiative is fully implemented for the class of 2019. Just as the Dartmouth administration has tried to create an even tighter-knit Dartmouth community, so too has Hillel, in which we are focused on fostering an even stronger Jewish community.

This term Jewish students came together to celebrate the High Holidays, joining in song and prayer, feast and fast, ushering in 5776 with the class of 2019. Following the High Holidays, we hosted a Professor Shabbat, held a homecoming brunch for alumni and current students, and hosted an overnight retreat at the Class

or '66 lodge. We also joined with other religious and spiritual communities at Dartmouth in a candlelit vigil to stand against recent violence in Israel and Palestine.

The fall is always an interesting transition for



David Mannes '17 and Joshua Pearl '17 relax on the Green during their sophomore summer. (Photo: Jessica Fedin '17)

Hillel; past leaders have graduated, underclassmen return, and new students become involved. As President, my main goal has been building community, and I am thankful for the opportunity to construct lasting and meaningful relationships. By the end of this term, I hope that I will have left as great an impact on Hillel as it has left on me.

All that Hillel is able to accomplish is because of your annual generosity. I thank you for your support.

# Summer 2015 President's Letter

*Joshua Pearl '17*

In addition to blue skies and sweltering humidity, 15X brought both fresh and familiar faces to the Roth Center. Dartmouth students that had formerly found themselves on the fringes of Hillel jumped into leadership positions and attended more weekly events and special pro-

ticipants when Hillel took a trip to the Ben and Jerry's Factory to defeat the infamous Vermonster. One personal summer highlight was making every Thursday BBQ night. We had great attendance for these weekly dinners despite the time that Sam Libby '17 and I ruined the ribs.

Additionally, Hillel strengthened its connections with other campus groups. Together with SEAD, Hillel sponsored a Shabbat dinner for 75 high school students, many of whom had never attended a Shabbat. In August, Hillel organized a *What is Freedom?* Shabbat dinner with the Afro-American Society and Native Americans at Dartmouth. We also continued our popular Professor Shabbats, and, with the help of Steven Roth '62 and Nicholas Parillo '15, hosted two lecture seminars from the Twelfth Institute of French Cultural Studies at Dartmouth.

I am proud that this summer Hillel was able to attract new and old students to the Roth Center with diverse programming and form meaningful partnerships with other campus groups.

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gramming. As President, I was pleased that regular events, such as Shabbat dinner and Jews and Java (renamed Jews and Juice on the Green), drew the same numbers as they did in the spring, despite only having a quarter of the student body on campus.

We also had great turnouts for special events. More than 40 students joined us for our Jewish-Italian cooking night with Professors Minardi and Krieger. Likewise, there was no shortage of par-

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# Rabbi's Letter: Our Students' Sensitivity

Edward S. Boraz, Michael Steinberg '61 Rabbi of Dartmouth College Hillel



The Roth Center mission is "הפ דהא לכל מוקמ שי" - there is place here for everyone. Hillel strives to be that kind of place; keeping our doors wide-open for anyone to enter and find their spiritual, cultural, and social family. It can be a one-on-one endeavor (e.g. studying Jewish texts with me), celebrating Shabbat, going on Birthright (we met our 20 seat allotment by Hillel International), or simply studying with friends in the Koreman library.

But what happens when Jewish students who are not involved in Hillel need support? That is when Hillel's mission and leadership are tested. Many of you may have read about the kosher dining experience at Dartmouth and the deep concerns some of our Jewish students have about the quality of its *hechsher*. President Hanlon, in addressing this issue with great sensitivity, created a working group to research and make recommendations. He asked

DCH to select two student representatives to serve on the committee. DCH is student-centered so the decision was left to them. They met privately, without my presence.

The student board members, led by David Mannes '17, talked about our mission which is to enhance the quality of Jewish life for every Jewish student on campus. There are some, a very small minority, who are in need of a change in *hechsher* to occur. But their interests need to be considered against the majority who find the current conservative plus standard acceptable. After a serious discussion, the Hillel leadership chose not to have anyone on the committee.

The student's believed that Hillel's mission would be compromised regardless of the recommendations made by the committee and respectfully declined to participate. The dilemma was such that if the work-

ing group voted for the change, the ability of the broader Dartmouth community to handle the full cost of the initiative could be compromised. If the working group voted against the measure, Hillel would risk potentially alienating those who are more observant.

I feel that the students' decision shows an extraordinary sensitivity. The issue at DCH was not whether the standards of Kashrut at the Pavilion were acceptable enough. Rather, it is serving the Jewish people within the resources *that you provide*; resources that we hold in trust to improve the quality of Jewish life on campus; to build *khal Yisrael* (a community of Jewish people) so as to be worthy of being an *am segulah*, a treasured people before God and before humankind.

Hillel's unwavering mission is to serve Jewish life on campus by being open and inclusive. It is a leadership that works tirelessly to create the informal learning experiences that serve as a basis for transformation into a real commitment to Torah, the Jewish people, its religion, culture, and Israel.

Your generosity enables students do the kinds of programs that are in this Kol Koreh and to wrestle with issues of great importance for Jewish life at Dartmouth.

# HILLEL UPDATE FROM THE BOARD

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Brian Meyers '07, TU '12, *Financial Chair*



Jewish experience for all students. Through generous donations from individuals and families, DCH is in a more stable financial position and can engage in more detailed financial analysis. We are now focusing on the areas where investment can *grow* the DCH experience.

Post-recession Hillel is a community that is constantly evolving to become stronger and even more vibrant. We succeed because of the contributions of everyone, no matter how big or small. Please continue to support us. There is more to be done.

We welcome your support in whatever fashion that it comes. If you are looking for ideas of how to best support Dartmouth Hillel or would like to volunteer your time, please contact Rabbi,

Emma, Evan, or myself.

When you find yourself in Hanover please stop by and say hello! We would love to see you! Have a wonderful holiday season.

L'Shalom,  
Brian Meyers '07  
Tu'12

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Ariel Klein '17 and Ariel Wertheim '16 enjoy bagels at Break the Fast at the Roth Center.

Greetings, Friends of Hillel!

Board Chairperson Evan Konwiser '03 TU'08 is currently taking care of his newborn daughter, so I am lending a hand and writing this letter. Congratulations, Evan!

This is my third time appearing as an author in the Kol Koreh. First, in 2003, I co-authored a first-year update with Michelle Albert '07. Four years later, Evan Michals '07 and I co-wrote Hillel President's Letter and then bid our farewell to Hanover due to our graduations.

I returned to Dartmouth Hillel when I came back to campus to attend the Tuck School of Business in 2010. When Evan heard that I was back on campus he invited me to join the Board of Overseers. At that time Hillel's financial health was less than ideal. Like so many other organizations, Dartmouth Hillel was hit by the recession of 2008. Under Rabbi's leadership, DCH did its best to reduce costs while still providing a strong

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# Alumni Profile: Jevin Eagle '88 P'19

*Jevin Eagle, a member of the class of 1988, had a long, successful business career including a partnership at McKinsey, senior executive positions at Staples and CEO at David's Tea. Recently, Jevin has returned to school as a student at Hebrew Rabbinic School. Below is a condensed and edited interview.*

## **Where did you grow up and what was your connection to Judaism?**

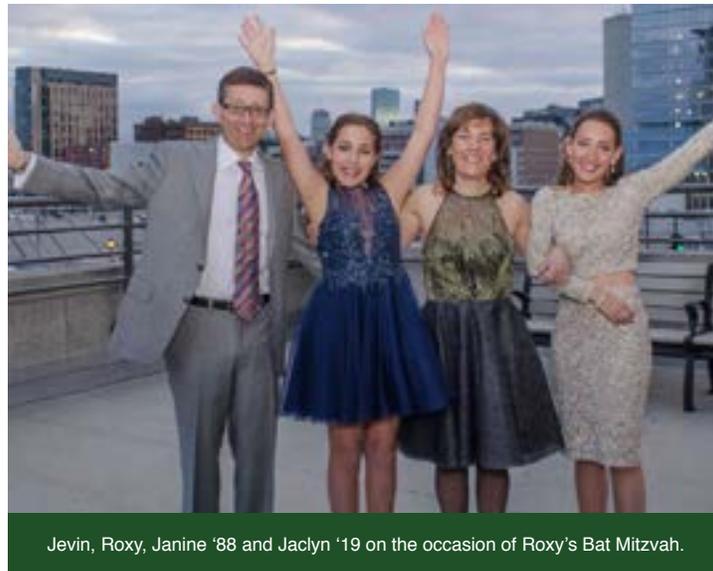
In some respects, being Jewish was a major part of growing up in Roslyn, New York. I only had Jewish friends, I was Bar Mitzvahed and confirmed at Temple Judea of Manhasset. I went to summer camp where there were only Jewish campers. My family celebrated Passover, Hanukkah and had Seders. While this may seem like a lot of Judaism, it was more about hanging out with Jews than it was a deep connection with Judaism as religion.

## **What was Jewish life at Dartmouth like in the mid-1980's?**

Being around Jews was a huge part of living on Long Island. And because so many of us were, my public high school never had classes on Passover or the High Holidays. I went from going to a school that was 90% Jewish in Roslyn New York to 10% Jewish at Dartmouth in Hanover, NH. It was a big adjustment.

## **What was Dartmouth Hillel like?**

Hillel was a tiny lounge in Collis conference room B. We would pray with Rabbi Michael Paley at Rollins chapel. A pair of us would cook Shabbat dinner in a tiny kitchen in our "lounge" and then we would eat next door in conference room B.



Jevin, Roxy, Janine '88 and Jaclyn '19 on the occasion of Roxy's Bat Mitzvah.

As Hillel President, I remember going to Sigma Nu to recruit brothers to make a minyan at Rollins. During my sophomore year, Rabbi Daniel Sigel came to Dartmouth. Under his leadership, just after I graduated, Hillel got its first "building," a tiny house on Summer Street.

## **What was your relationship with Rabbi Arthur Hertzberg?**

My stepfather had been part of Rabbi Hertzberg's congregation in Englewood, New Jersey. He thought it was incredible that such a prominent Jewish-American scholar and activist would

come to Dartmouth so I made it a point to meet Rabbi Hertzberg when he arrived my sophomore year. I took every class he taught and was one of the lucky few to be his research assistant. Rabbi Hertzberg was the smartest person I've ever worked with and an extraordinary human

being. He was a major influence on my life and I miss him deeply.

## **What did you do after Dartmouth?**

After Dartmouth, I worked briefly as a management consultant and then was the first employee of Jewish Lights Publishing, based in Woodstock, VT. I lived in Quechee with my then girlfriend (now wife) Janine who was at Dartmouth medical school. After Jewish Lights, I attended Harvard Business School and went on to have a long business career. Through all this, my Jewish faith and relationship with Rabbi Hertzberg

remained hugely important. Learning, prayer, and Israel have all been important to me. I've never worked on Shabbat and I've served as a lay leader in many Jewish organizations.

## **Share a little about your journey to Hebrew College.**

The journey started at Dartmouth, but most seriously about twelve years ago. I was asked two questions during an interview for President of National Hillel: *when was the last time you were in Israel and what do you do for your own personal Jewish learning?* I didn't like my answers so I made it a point to travel frequently to Israel and found a teacher to learn Hebrew and then engage deeply in texts. After I left David's Tea, I was at a crossroads. After talking to my rabbi and various leaders of Hebrew College I decided to try rabbinic school for a year. I began in Fall 2014. Nothing could have been more meaningful. I'm now committed to continuing.

## **Where do you see yourself in five years?**

For the first time in my life, I'm not focused on what comes after. Instead, I'm steeped in the learning itself. I can imagine so many different things that will come after. The one thing they all have in common is Torah. I've committed the rest of my life to bringing Torah to the world.

# The William Jewett Tucker Center

## Hillel's Role in Fostering Spiritual and Ethical Leadership at Dartmouth



The William Jewett Tucker Center Leadership team 2015-2016 (photo Robert Gill) Rev. Nancy Vogele '85, Emma Wunsch, Rachel Dokko '18, David Mannes '17, Leah Torrey, Hamza Abbasi '16, Claudia Palmer, Kassie Amann '16, Charlie Blatt '18, Kathy Boivin, Madeline Cooper '16, Terren Klein '17, Jessica Fedin '17, Rabbi Edward Boraz.

### *Jessica Fedin '17*

After months of focus groups and restructuring of the Tucker Foundation, two separate centers debuted this fall: the Dartmouth Center for Service and the William Jewett Tucker Center of which Hillel is a significant member. The new Tucker Center aims to foster spiritual and ethical leadership through its mission of inspiring and supporting members of the Dartmouth community to cultivate a deep sense of meaning and purpose through spiritual, ethical and moral exploration and engagement. This re-focused mission will serve to strengthen the Tucker Center's commitment to Hillel and other spiritual organizations on campus.

The direction of the Center towards inter-faith engagement closely aligns with Hillel's desire to champion inclusivity and

partner with various faith groups in order to garner a larger audience and outreach on campus. Fall term Hillel President David Mannes '17 believes that "a Tucker Center focused solely on spiritual life will help deepen the multi-faith aspect of the Dartmouth community and allow for closer, more familial interactions with other faith groups."

Tucker Center leadership includes Director of Religious and Spiritual Life Rev. Nancy Vogele '85, Director of Hillel and Associate Chaplain Rabbi Edward Boraz, Administrative Assistants Kathy Boivin and Claudia Palmer (Hillel), Director of Donor Relations Emma Wunsch (Hillel), and Interim-Multi Faith Advisor Leah Torrey. The search for a Dean and Chaplain has begun with a search for a Muslim and Multifaith Advisor to follow. Rabbi Boraz expects

that, "the opportunity to be an integral part of the new Tucker Center affords Dartmouth College Hillel the chance to play an important role in building a spiritual and caring community founded on the deepest principals upon which Judaism rests."

At the start of fall term, the newly launched Tucker center organized a student leadership orientation led by Tucker Center Student Director Hamza Abbasi '16 and Rev. Vogele. Tucker Center staff and student leaders joined together for training that revolved around mindfulness, event planning, finances and how to engage effectively with fellow students about our programs as well as the deeper issues of interfaith engagement.

2015-2016 Tucker Center student leaders also include: Terren Klein '17 (Student Director

for Communication and Strategic Initiatives), Madeline Cooper '16 (Director for major events and social justice), Charlotte Blatt '18 (foundation assistant for Multi-Faith Conversations), and Rachel Dokko '18 (foundation assistant for Office of Religious and Spiritual life).

The orientation helped the Tucker Center re-energize their connection and celebrated a future promising further collaboration and new approaches. Reverend Vogele is "looking forward to deepening the relationship so Jewish life and Hillel programming can reach more of the Dartmouth campus. The Tucker Center can benefit from such a robust student center like Hillel being a part of it."

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Hillel welcomes all Jewish students with a variety of weekly social, religious and cultural activities. **\$150/week** covers coffee, tea or fresh lemonade at Wednesday's Jews & Java.

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## Dartmouth College Hillel of The William Jewett Tucker Center

### The Hub of Jewish Activity at Dartmouth College

Dartmouth Hillel, a part of the William Jewett Tucker Center, seeks to promote a welcoming community to all those who identify with or are interested in Judaism. Hillel is dedicated to providing resources to help students express and explore Judaism on campus; it strives to engage students of all observance levels through religious, cultural, social, and educational programming. Along with weekly programming, Hillel hosts many special programs including: High Holiday Services, weekly Shabbat dinners, an Israeli film series, and Havdallah, just to name a few.



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