



2018-19 IMPACT REPORT

**Three years ago we embarked** on an ambitious plan to radically change the Hillel Milwaukee student experience and expand the opportunities for engagement. We are proud to present our first Impact Report which illustrates some of our most ambitious programs and demonstrates the wide network of supporters, alumni, parents and friends who have helped us achieve our goals. This report is a testament to our partners in excellence, particularly Hillel International, whose collaborative approach, strategy and support has helped redefine Jewish life in Milwaukee.

Just two years ago, Hillel Milwaukee joined the Measuring Excellence program with Hillel International to help assess our student outcomes, financial reporting, and staff satisfaction. What we learned is that DATA MATTERS, and this information has helped shape and redefine our strategy for engaging students across the many campuses we serve.

While Hillel Milwaukee prides itself as being the 'home away from home' for our Jewish students, it so much more. In addition to hosting weekly Shabbat dinners, celebrating the High Holidays and hosting Passover Seder, it is also the place where students share in deeper study and exploration about Jewish history and values, confront social justice issues and join together in solidarity to stand up to hate and bigotry. Hillel is also expanding our Israel program through immersive experience programs like our *Side by Side Leaders Mission* to Israel, and we launched our Holocaust education commitment with a new partnership with Holocaust Education Resource Center, entitled our *We Bear Witness Holocaust Education Fellowship*.

None of these accomplishments would be possible without the tremendous support from you, our donors. You are our biggest cheerleaders and it is because of you that we have so much to celebrate within these pages. And as we conclude what is by all measures a very successful year at Hillel Milwaukee, we are already looking ahead to how we can continue to grow our impact for the coming year.

L'Shalom,

Michael Schaalman
Michael Schaalman

**Board President** 

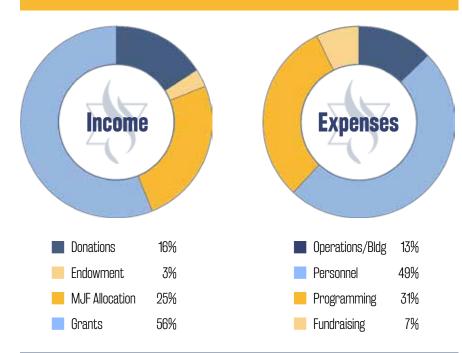
Julie Schack Executive Director





# This year we welcomed 98 FIRST TIME DONORS! 56% of all 2018-19 gifts were renewed gifts.

Hillel Milwaukee relies on our generous community, alumni, faculty, parents and friends. Our budget has more than doubled in the past three years due to generous new grant opportunities and contributions from our supporters!



# **Vision**

Hillel envisions a world in which every Jewish student makes an enduring commitment to Jewish life, learning and Israel.

# Mission

Hillel's mission is to enrich the lives of Jewish students so that they may enrich the Jewish people and the world









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## 1,008 Shabbat meals were served





"Over the past two years Hillel has become a place for me to escape my worries and stress as a busy college student. It has allowed for me to connect with my Judaism while being surrounded by the friends who are now like family. Most importantly, I know I can always be myself one hundred percent of the time."

Amanda Krahn, Marquette University - Exercise Physiology, Class of 2021, Mequon, WI

"Hillel means a great deal to me. Growing up in Neenah, I never was really able to find a sense of community through being Jewish aside from my local congregation. As I develop as a college student and well-rounded individual alike, Hillel MKE has been a vessel for me to meet and interact with other Jewish peers. Now as an official brother of AEPi (the Jewish fraternity on campus) I am proud to be an active part of the Milwaukee Hillel community."

Ben Stern, UW - Milwaukee - Journalism and Media Studies, Class of 2022, Neenah, WI

"One topic that is discussed heavily within Hillel Milwaukee is Israel. As one of the Israel Co-chairs, I have been given the opportunity to disseminate the knowledge I have learned over the years as a student who learned at a private Jewish school, attended Camp Ramah, was involved in USY, and also went on Nativ, the Conservative Movement's gap year in Israel. My goal is to teach the students of Hillel all of the great parts about Israel and have intellectual discussions about those parts that trouble us. In addition to what I can teach, I know I still have more to learn, so bringing in some great speakers has been an important part to learning more and establishing a stronger relationship with Israel for both myself and also the other students of Hillel."

Daniel Silver, Marquette University - Business, Class of 2021, Glenview, IL

"Hillel is the place I've found my own Jewish community. It is where I feel welcomed and I look forward to participating in more Hillel programs in the years to come."

Lena Slater, Milwaukee School of Engineering - Mechanical Engineering, Class of 2021, Antioch, IL









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