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Welcome back for what we know will be an interesting year ahead!

As we continue to navigate the new normal of living during this pandemic, Hillel Milwaukee is committed to offering a fantastic program this year. Things will look a little different, as we will offer a combination of in-person and virtual programs and gatherings. But one thing is constant and that is our commitment to you. We want to see you, we want to hear from you, and our intention is to navigate this uncertainty together. As we look forward to the return to campus life, here are the answers to some FAQs.

How can I get involved with Hillel?

Let's connect. We will meet by Zoom, phone, WhatsApp, social distancing, you name it! Schedule a date with [Dalilah](mailto:dalilah@hillelmke.org) (dalilah@hillelmke.org) and [Shaked](mailto:shaked@hillelmke.org) (shaked@hillelmke.org) today.

Will the Hillel Milwaukee building be open?

Yes! Hillel Milwaukee will be open by reservation only, adhering to CDC and state of Wisconsin social distancing, mask-wearing, and sanitizing policies. Information about how to reserve your space at Hillel Milwaukee is available on our website – **CLICK HERE TO RESERVE YOUR SPOT AT HILLEL.**

What do I do when I enter Hillel Milwaukee?

When entering Hillel, you will be greeted by a friendly Hillel face, have your temperature taken, apply hand sanitizer, answer a short questionnaire, and waiver form. You will then be shown to your reserved zone in the building for your two-hour time-block or seat for Shabbat. Facial masks are required both indoors and outdoors unless you are actively eating or drinking.

Can I hang out or study at Hillel?

Yes! We encourage you to continue to consider Hillel Milwaukee as your home away from home. Since many other campus spaces will be restricted,

we hope you will reserve your space and visit us often. If we reach our allowed capacity, a waiting list will be created.

What if I don't have a mask?

We will provide you with a medical grade disposable mask.

Are you offering one-on-one meetings this semester?

Yes! Let's go for a walk, or sit socially distanced outside on our patio while the weather permits. We even have heaters for when the Wisconsin winter hits. For those who are not comfortable with in-person gatherings, we are happy to hop on a Zoom or FaceTime call with you.

What's up with Shabbat?

Hillel Milwaukee will continue to host our weekly Shabbats with a required RSVP and limited in-building capacity. Our Shabbat services will also be streamed virtually, and a Shabbat meal package is available for those students who cannot attend in person. Time slots for pick-up of meals will be communicated between staff and students to avoid lengthy waiting in line. Social distancing markings will ensure that students are following proper safety protocols. Hillel will rotate in-person student admittance to allow for more students to celebrate Shabbat together. [**CLICK HERE TO RSVP FOR IN-PERSON SHABBAT, SIGN UP FOR YOUR SHABBAT MEAL, AND ACCESS OUR WEEKLY SHABBAT ZOOM LINK.**](#)

What will High Holidays look like this year?

We will be providing a meaningful High Holiday experience while keeping the safety and well-being of our students in mind. Information about virtual options and meals will be on our website and social media when our safe plans are finalized.

Will there be Birthright and Maccabee Task Force trips to Israel this

winter?

We are as eager as our students are to resume travel to Israel! At this time, we are unsure when these trips will be scheduled, but we will keep you updated as soon as we feel these programs are to resume. In the meantime, Hillel will continue to provide innovative and exciting Israel programming.

I am interested in learning opportunities. Do you have something for me?

Yes! We are excited to offer our 5th cohort of the Jewish Learning Fellowship, more commonly known as JLF this fall. Spend a semester with us taking a deep dive into all of life's big questions, earning while learning! We are currently taking applications – **[CLICK HERE TO APPLY TODAY.](#)**

If you haven't yet seen our social media, please join us this Monday, August 31 from 4-7 pm for our [Welcome Back Walk About](#). It is your chance to meet other students and hear more about what we have in store this semester.

See you soon!

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