Hillel’s Mission

To enrich the lives of Jewish students so that they may enrich the Jewish people and the world.

URI Hillel creates a warm and caring community at URI where students are empowered to explore and celebrate Judaism in ways that are meaningful to them.

Hillel...

CONNECTS students to a community of Jewish friends • INCREASES students’ Jewish knowledge and literacy • GIVES students opportunities to make the world a better place • HELPS students create Jewish experiences for themselves and their peers • NURTURES the next generation of leaders • ENSURES that students feel known, valued, safe, and supported.

“Hillel has given me a community of people who share similar backgrounds and values. In those people I have found friends, mentors, and teachers.”

– Kayla S. ‘21
The Norman M. Fain Hillel Center

Hillel’s new home at URI opened in January 2010 and is a resource to the entire campus. The beautiful facility is an inviting space for programs, meetings, Shabbat and holiday celebrations, socializing, studying, eating, and relaxing.

Hillel’s vast array of social, cultural, religious, community service, Israel-related, and leadership programs and activities include:

► Shabbat and holiday celebrations and meals
► Birthright Israel trips and Israel educational/cultural programs
► Alternative breaks combining hands-on volunteer service with Jewish learning and reflection
► Jewish films, concerts, and speakers
► Bagel brunches, coffee conversations, cooking nights, and BBQs
► Holocaust education and awareness
► Internships and mentorship opportunities
► Interfaith/Intercultural dialogue
► Interactive programs with academic departments and campus organizations

By creating a RELEVANT and DYNAMIC JEWISH PRESENCE at URI, Hillel is changing the way hundreds of students each year UNDERSTAND and EXPERIENCE JEWISH LIFE.

Annual Fund gifts supporting activities such as Shabbat dinners, the Passover Seder, and student leadership initiatives, as well as Planned Giving options, make an impact on how Hillel is able to serve students. A gift to URI Hillel is also a gift to the University of Rhode Island and may be eligible for corporate matching gift programs.

To discuss options that best align your philanthropic goals with Hillel’s mission, please contact URI Executive Director Amy Olson at amyolson@uri.edu or 401-874-2740.