

# HILLEL: OUR WORK AND OUR VALUES

Hillel envisions a world where every Jewish student is inspired to make an enduring commitment to Jewish life, learning and Israel. Our mission is to enrich the lives of Jewish students so that they may enrich the Jewish people and the world. To achieve our mission and vision, our work focuses on core facets of Jewish life including Jewish learning, holiday and Shabbat celebration, arts and culture and building a meaningful, ongoing relationship with Israel. Hillel supports students' spiritual growth and wellness, promotes leadership development and empowers students to make an impact on the broader community. Hillel builds relationships that promote understanding among diverse groups, advocates for Jewish students, and strives to ensure a safe and supportive atmosphere on campus.

## THE VALUES THAT INFORM OUR WORK

### בצלם אלוהים

**B'tzelem Elohim** (In the Divine Image): We welcome every student as their whole self, honoring their unique Jewish journeys as we empower their growth as individuals and Jews..

*Every human being is created in the image of the divine - Genesis 1:27*

### חברותא

**Chavruta** (Relationships): Authentic relationships grounded in respect and kindness are the foundation of Hillel's work and the basis for facilitating growth, learning and community. Our primary relationship is with students, whom the organization is here to serve. We also value key relationships that advance our mission – with our professional colleagues, our university and organizational partners, and our supporters.

*Holiness is found in the space between two people in authentic encounter - Martin Buber*

### קהילה

**Kehillah** (Community): Jewish life at its core is a collective experience, encompassing the multifaceted connections that bind us together as a Jewish people. We are committed to creating diverse, supportive, sustaining communities, in which students and professionals can celebrate, explore, learn, take risks and grow. Our commitment to pluralism is strengthened when these communities are given space for active expression in respectful encounter with one another.

*Our journeys are personal, distinctive, and unique, but they are not solitary. They do not begin and end with us. We are part of something larger, older, deeper and more enduring than ourselves. - Rabbi Sharon Cohen Anisfeld*

### אהבת עם ישראל / אהבת הבריות

**Ahavat Am Yisrael/Ahavat HaBeriyot** (Love of the Jewish People/Love of All Humanity): Our work is informed both by our love of the Jewish people and a commitment to be engaged global citizens dedicated to amplifying the good and repairing the broken in the Jewish community and the world.

*How wonderful it is that nobody need wait a single moment before starting to improve the world - Anne Frank*

### תורת חיים

**Torat Chayim** (A Living Torah): Hillel is a learning organization. We ground our work in tradition and cultivate a vibrant Judaism attuned to the ever-changing experiences of students in college. The evolving nature of our work requires us to be self-reflective and to work with a spirit of agility and innovation.

*The old shall be made new and the new shall be made holy - Rav Abraham Isaac Kook*