



Welcome to the University of Michigan Hillel Family!

With the beginning of school just around the corner, I wanted to take a moment to personally introduce Michigan Hillel and myself to you. The staff and I have put together this “Welcome Packet”, which shares information about the many programs, student-led groups, kosher Café dinners, leadership opportunities and unique features our Hillel has to offer.

One of the most important things is to fill out the enclosed Student Info Form. (Note: To reserve for High Holiday services and meals at the same time however, we encourage you to complete it directly online at michiganhillel.org/form.)

Sharing your preferred contact information and interests will enable us to keep you and your family in the loop on Michigan Hillel happenings throughout the year.

To our new Wolverine... There are several pieces in your packet to begin to show you the diversity of all that we have to offer our students. As you may know, U-M is largely regarded as one of the top universities in the country for Jewish students – with an estimated 6,700 on campus. We do our very best to foster an open environment that encourages vibrant Jewish life on campus, embodies Jewish values, cultivates community, and nurtures empowered leadership. We achieve this through our many leadership opportunities, diverse programming, welcoming communal Shabbat dinners and supportive staff. With nearly 60 student-led groups, plus a wide array of Jewish cultural, social and political programming, we know you will find a home in our Hillel. And if you don't find what you're looking for, we would love to grab a coffee together to talk about creating it with you. **We encourage you to attend our Welcome Week events such as our Open House, BBQ, Bonfire and HUGE First Shabbat dinner with 600+ students to learn more.**

To our Wolverine Parents... For a first-hand look at our Hillel in action, please stop by whenever you are on campus; **join our closed Michigan Hillel Parents Facebook group**; and ensure your student fills out our Student Info Form. This will enable us to always keep you updated through our Parent E-Newsletters. While visiting our website, visit Club Mem under our Parents header, as this membership provides students with great benefits like dinner at the Hillel Café, a High Holidays apples and honey gift bag, plus access to our Parents Weekend Reserved Football Block for you! And should your student ever feel under the weather, our Jewish Penicillin Hotline will deliver homemade kosher matzah ball soup right to their door.

You can always reach out to me on my cell phone at (734) 478-3195. The bottom line is – we are here for all of you and your experience on campus is our priority. Looking forward to meeting you – and Go Blue!



Tilly Shames
Executive Director

P.S. Join us at an August Meet & Greet! These are great opportunities for new students to meet one another and talk to current U-M students, as well as for parents to share questions and experiences too. View the enclosed postcard for a full listing of national locations.



Hello again and Happy Summer!

It's that time of year again when the staff and I share our "Welcome Back" packet to all returning students, chock full of information about events, Holiday and Shabbat programs, student-led groups, leadership opportunities, and unique features Hillel has to offer you.

Important! We encourage you to update your information with us online through the Student Info Form at michiganhillel.org/form. This will ensure you continue receiving our e-Mich-Mash newsletter, info on programs and major events, and registration access to High Holiday services and meals.

On to the FUN stuff! Enclosed in your packet are several pieces about our groups and upcoming events, especially Welcome Week events and our annual ShabUM. As you know, U-M is largely regarded as one of the top universities in the country for Jewish students – with an estimated 6,700 on campus. We do our very best to foster an open environment that encourages vibrant Jewish life on campus, embodies Jewish values, cultivates community, and nurtures empowered leadership. We achieve this through our many leadership opportunities, diverse programming, welcoming communal Shabbat dinners, and supportive staff. With nearly 60 student-driven groups, plus a wide array of Jewish cultural, social and political programming, we know you will find a home in our Hillel. And if you don't find what you're looking for, we would love to grab a coffee together to talk about creating it with you! In your first week back, **we certainly hope to see you during Welcome Week at such events as our BBQ, Dogs on the Diag, Rod's Ice Cream Social, and HUGE First Shabbat dinner with 600+ students.**

To our Wolverine Parents... Whenever you are on campus, please do stop by. We also encourage you to stay up to date on all things Hillel by visiting our website, joining our closed Michigan Hillel Parents Facebook group, and signing up for our Parent E-Newsletters. Please know the Hillel staff is prepared to assist your student with just about any problem or question he or she might have at the University and are at your disposal as well. And don't forget, should your student ever feel under the weather, our Jewish Penicillin Hotline will deliver homemade kosher matzah ball soup right to their door!

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Looking forward to having you back on campus soon,



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P.S. Register online for the High Holidays! When you complete the online Student Info Form at michiganhillel.org/form, you will be redirected to reserve for all High Holiday services and meals. The holidays will begin shortly after you return to campus this year.