



Hillel: The Jewish Student Center  
at the University of Minnesota

**Hillel LIFE** Allow us to introduce to you a program that is unmatched. Students who take part in this program truly feel they have learned something both about life and themselves. We strongly encourage you to nominate yourself or submit names for the Hillel LIFE program and know that it will be a wonderful opportunity for all who are able to participate.

**Q: What is Hillel LIFE?**

**A:** LIFE stands for Leadership Initiative for Excellence. LIFE offers six different sessions each semester to give students the opportunity to explore their Jewish identity with a select group of their peers. Topics range from Networking to our connection to Israel, providing students with a chance to continue their Jewish learning at college and continue to increase their communal leadership.

**Q: What can LIFE do for students at the University of Minnesota?**

**A:** This is an opportunity for students to get better acquainted with other Jewish students at the University and learn of each other's diverse backgrounds. The program allows them to learn from presenters that they may not get the opportunity to learn from in another setting. They will meet faculty that will help educate them on different aspects of being Jewish at the University, have the chance to expand not only their textbook knowledge, but their Judaic knowledge, and they will also look forward to exploring their Jewish identity with their peer group here at the University.

**Q: Now that Hillel LIFE has had a very successful year of students and sessions, can you tell me what some past topics have been?**

**A:** Past topics have included "Jewish Identity", led by Gil Mann, "Our Connection to Israel", led by Mark Rotenberg (General Counsel, U of M), "Networking" led by Mort Naiman and Chuck Selcer, "Understanding the Global Economy" led by Ron Feldman from the Federal Reserve), "Social Action" led by Rabbi Michael Latz (Shir Tikvah), "Immigration Reform", led by Jerry Ingber (Wexner Alum) and Vic Rosenthal (Director of Jewish Community Action), "Our Connection to G-d" Mara Benjamin (Wexner Fellow).

**Q: This program sounds amazing, how do I get involved?**

**A:** Thank you for asking. If you are a student, nominate yourself or a friend. Applications are available on our website: [ujews.com](http://ujews.com) (look for the Hillel LIFE icon on the right). If you are a parent, community member, educator, or clergy, we would be honored if you would nominate any Sophomores-Graduate students that you know of at the University that you think would benefit from the program. We would love to have students already active in Hillel or students that are just getting their feet wet. Either way we know every student's contribution is a beneficial one. Please e-mail any nominations to [andrea@ujews.com](mailto:andrea@ujews.com). With the information you provide we would be happy to follow up with each student that is nominated to get them registered for the program.

**Q: How do you review the presenters and the topics of the sessions?**

**A:** At the end of each semester we ask that each participant fill out an evaluation form. This helps us to determine how we can continually improve the program.

Today Rabah and feel free to contact me with any questions.

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