Columbia/Barnard Hillel Legacy Plan

Columbia/Barnard Hillel is the catalyst for students to explore and consciously define their Jewish identity.

Our quest is to help students, regardless of their origin or destination, find their own interpretation of Jewish values, culture, community, and religion. We empower students to explore, learn, and grow intellectually, spiritually, and socially. By cultivating a warm and accepting environment, we invite introspection and open dialogue so every student can discover how to integrate Judaism into his or her own life choices and expressions.

While our mission is constant, we define our methods only by the limits of our community's imagination. We create experiences and communities that focus on social, cultural, and educational programs, social action, Israel, and religious life. We draw upon the rigorous and intellectual stimulation that comprises Columbia University's environment, as well as the excitement of living in New York City.

In a world of abounding choices, we offer a captivating array of opportunities that engage students in all things Jewish, and open doors to transformational experiences. We are passionately committed to enabling our students to contribute meaningfully to the local and global Jewish community, Columbia University, and the world-at-large.

Columbia/Barnard Hillel is committed to a pluralistic vision of Judaism. We embody pluralism by promoting Jewish life at Columbia and Barnard and beyond through broad programming and a commitment to building a diverse Jewish community.

Our legacy donors are a group of individuals just like you who understand Columbia/Barnard Hillel's unique role in preparing Jewish students to be active and responsible members of the larger community, and dynamic and engaged members of the Jewish community after they graduate from Columbia and Barnard. Please join us and be partners in ensuring Hillel's future.