

Yale Hillel
Young Israel House at Yale

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Dear Parents,

It is our pleasure to welcome you to Joseph Slifka Center for Jewish Life at Yale, home to Yale Hillel. We are the Center for Jewish life at Yale and are in the heart of the Yale campus on Wall Street, across from Silliman College. In addition to serving delicious kosher meals seven days a week, we seek to convene, connect, and equip Jewish students to contribute to the Jewish community and the world at large by offering Shabbat and holiday celebrations, trips to Israel, social justice travel experiences, leadership opportunities, and much more. There are so many ways for students to get involved, and our staff looks forward to helping all students connect to the Jewish community at Yale.

Please mark these events on your calendar, and join us at:

First-Year Welcome Shabbat Dinner at Slifka Center on Friday, August 23 at 6:45 p.m. - The class of 2023 and their families are invited to a complimentary, warm, family-style Shabbat dinner after move-in day. If you are interested, there will be religious services preceding dinner at 5:30 p.m. While students attend a mandatory meeting in their residential college after dinner, parents are invited to stay for “A Parent’s Guide to Jewish Life at Yale.” Contact us at 203-432-1134 to let us know if you can join us for dinner, or the talk following, and the number of people in your group.

High Holy Days at Yale beginning on the evening of September 29 - Slifka Center offers a wide variety of services for the High Holy Days. Students may participate at no cost, and family members are invited to join with a donation requested. More details to follow in the coming weeks.

Family Weekend Shabbat Dinner at Slifka Center on Friday, October 4 at 7:00 p.m. - Yale students and their families are invited to join us for Shabbat meals, and Sunday’s Bagel Brunch, if you plan to be in New Haven during Yale’s Family Weekend. More details to follow in the fall. Our staff includes *nine educators*, including three Rabbis (of Max ordinations), two highly-trained fellows focusing on Israel education and new student outreach respectively, as well as four other professionals with advanced degrees in Jewish and educational vision and content. Our objective is to connect each student with their own evolving Jewish identity on their own terms. We all look forward to welcoming your children when they arrive on campus. Meanwhile, please check our website at slifkacenter.org and do not hesitate to reach out to Jennifer Rogin Wallis, Director of Development, at jennifer.wallis@yale.edu or (203) 432-7376 if you have any questions.

Sending your child off to college is an exciting time for everyone. Our Slifka Center team will do everything we can to ensure that your student has a wonderful journey at Yale and at Slifka Center.

We hope to see you at one or all upcoming events.