



# Celebrate Hillel's 85th Birthday!

**FOR 85 YEARS  
HILLEL  
HAS CELEBRATED  
JEWISH STUDENTS.  
NOW IT'S TIME  
TO CELEBRATE  
HILLEL!**

## University of Minnesota Students to throw Party for Hillel



*It's been nice to come here and find people who I can share a culture and a heritage with, because I've never had that before.*  
-Sarah Boden, 1st year, Spring 2007

*Hillel has really felt like a "home away from home" for me, which is a great feeling.*  
- Emily Arenson, Senior, May 2008

*I've met most of my Jewish friends here at Hillel, so Hillel's doing its job.*  
- Matt Blumberg, Freshman, Fall, 2008

On June 14, 2009 Hillel supporters from all over the world will come together to wish Hillel a "Happy 85th Birthday!" This is an opportunity for University of Minnesota students and friends of Hillel to join an international celebration of the mission and accomplishments of Hillel globally, while supporting their local Hillel at the same time.

Simultaneous grassroots birthday celebrations will replace the New York Gala that has traditionally been one of Hillel's main fundraisers. There is an increasing need for support as funding for Hillel organizations has dwindled in recent months.

For University of Minne-

sota Hillel students, the 85<sup>th</sup> Birthday Party is a chance to raise awareness of Hillel's vast program offerings and to raise money needed by the local Hillel. Students plan to host parties over the summer wherever they are. So far, their ideas range from holding a summer barbeque to a cake and ice cream social. Students also see the parties as a way to give back to the community.

Some students will collect items for gift bags that will be donated to local food shelves so that those who cannot afford birthday presents for their children, can have a gift to give. Faculty, staff, parents, alumni and community members are invited to host their own parties. The hope is

that each party will help raise money for Hillel. The chance to gather, talk about the benefits of Hillel and share special memories, will be significant.

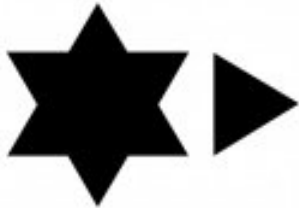
On June 14th participants can be involved in the 'Birthday Conference Call' which will take place at 12:00 PM EDT and 7:00 PM EDT. ([www.hillel.org/85](http://www.hillel.org/85) for more information). Come together, celebrate and support Hillel on this special day. We are very optimistic about what great things can unfold from honoring 85 years of success on behalf of Hillel. Together, supporters can ensure that Hillel continues to enrich Jewish lives here in the Twin Cities and around the world.

## Host Your Own Party in your Own Home!

Throwing your own party for Hillel is easy. It can be an extravaganza or a small, intimate gathering of friends. Be creative ~ make it yours! Party participants can be anyone because all are welcome: students, parents, alumni, faculty and community leaders. The most important thing is to have fun and celebrate the fact of Hillel, today, in the past, and in the future.

The following is a list to help you get started:

- 1. Decide what time you want your party.** Be aware of the 12pm and 7pm conference calls—and decide if you would like to participate.
- 2. Make a guest list.** Use this as an opportunity to educate people about Hillel and bring people together.
- 3. Design and send out invitations.** Find a template on our website.
- 4. Decide what food you want to serve.** It's your party-have your favorites!
- 5. Have equipment available.** You'll need a TV with a DVD player and a telephone with a speaker if you decide to chime in on the call.



*"Hillel is giving students the possibility to not only live Jewishly, but to live Jewishly with joy."*  
-Elie Wiesel

