Hillel Israel Guidelines, from Hillel International

Hillel Guidelines for Campus Israel Activities

Israel Policy
Hillel is steadfastly committed to the support of Israel as a Jewish and democratic state with secure and recognized borders as a member of the family of nations.

Vision for Israel
Hillel seeks to provide every Jewish student with the opportunity to explore and build an enduring relationship with Israel. Hillel desires that students are able to articulate why Israel plays an important role in their personal Jewish identities and how Israel continues to influence Jewish conversations, global Jewish peoplehood and the world.

Global Approach to Israel
Hillel views Israel as a core element of Jewish life and a gateway to Jewish identification for students. Hillel promotes a continuum of experiences to engage students with Israel, educate their campus communities about Israel, and advocate for Israel’s right to exist as a Jewish and democratic state in peace and security.

For students outside Israel, Hillel facilitates immersive travel experiences such as Taglit-Birthright Israel, Masa Journey, and Oxford Israel programs to advance students' personal relationships with Israel.

Toward Israel for Israeli students, Hillel’s presence at universities throughout Israel provides them with the opportunity to explore and celebrate their Jewish identities. Hillel’s Center for Israel Engagement will bring together and augment Hillel’s engagement, education, and advocacy programs and resources to create meaningful Israel experiences and conversations.

Political Pluralism
Hillel welcomes a diversity of student perspectives on Israel and strives to create an inclusive, pluralistic community where students can discuss matters of interest and concern about Israel and the Jewish people in a civil manner. We encourage students’ inquiry as they explore their relationship with Israel. We object to labeling, excluding or harassing any students for their beliefs and expressions thereof. As an indispensable partner to the university, Hillel seeks to facilitate civil discourse about Israel in a safe and supportive college environment.

Standards of Partnership
Hillel welcomes, partners with, and aids the efforts of organizations, groups, and speakers from diverse perspectives in support of Israel as a Jewish and democratic state.

Hillel will not partner with, house, or host organizations, groups, or speakers that as a matter of policy or practice:
• Deny the right of Israel to exist as a Jewish and democratic state with secure and recognized borders;
• Delegitimize, demonize, or apply a double standard to Israel;
• Support boycott of, divestment from, or sanctions against the State of Israel;
• Exhibit a pattern of defamatory behavior towards campus events or guest speakers or foster an atmosphere of incivility.

Adoption of Hillel’s Israel Guidelines
Local Hillels are encouraged to convene their stakeholders to review these standards and create their own Israel guidelines that are consistent with this document and reflect the local environment. These guidelines should be shared with students, partners, speakers, and other stakeholders to ensure they are aware of and adhere to Hillel’s Israel guidelines.

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Israel: Our Approach
We’re living at a unique time in Jewish history. For 2,000 years, Jews have prayed to be able to return to a Jewish homeland. Now we’re living at a time when that’s a reality.

Tufts Hillel is deeply committed to supporting Israel as a Jewish democratic state, a nation in the family of nations.

We think it’s vital for Jewish students to have the opportunity to learn about Israel in a real way — to visit, discuss, and engage with Israel. We want students to be able to have informed and thoughtful discussions and speak knowledgeably about the complex issues facing Israel in the 21st century.

There are three ways that we approach our work in connection with Israel.

First, we want as many students as possible to go to Israel so that they can understand the country from within. We want students to learn Israel’s languages and experience its cultures. We encourage them to experience the country first hand through study abroad, travel, work, and Birthright trips with a commitment to excellent pre- and post-trip education.

Second, we offer broad-based educational programs on campus that allow students to explore Israel’s society with its cultural and religious diversity and to gain a historical and political understanding of conflicts in the Middle East.

Third, we are deeply committed to engaging with all students on campus in dialog about most productive ways to bring peace to the conflict in the Middle East and move the agenda of peace forward. Through our coalition of groups that comprise Tufts Students for Two States, we actively work for a time when Israel and Palestine will live side by side in peace and security.

We believe that Israel draws strength from its vibrant democracy. We’re open to engaging with a wide spectrum of views about Israel.

this doesn’t prevent us from sitting down with our peers and having important conversations!
Why do you have to be Jewish to go on Birthright?

- Birthright is a Jewish heritage trip. Participants are encouraged to explore their Jewish identity and their connection to Jewish history and culture.

why do so many US institutions support a Two State Solution?

Kenneth Bob, President of Ameinu: "It is a moral and practical imperative for all supporters of Israel, regardless of their political stripes, to reject calls for unilateral annexation of any part of the West Bank. The only way to ensure Israel's continued existence as a democracy and Jewish state is through a negotiated two-state solution to the conflict with the Palestinians.

While Trump's 'peace plan' has yet to be unveiled, it is extremely unlikely that it will help advance the cause of peace. Regardless of what's in the plan, the American Jewish community remains committed to the two-state solution and rejects any unilateral action that will make it more difficult for the parties to achieve a durable peace that will satisfy the political aspirations of both Israelis and Palestinians. We call on Israeli political leaders to do the same."

Aviva Meyer, Americans for Peace Now Acting President & CEO: "Together with our sisters and brothers at Israel's Peace Now movement and our US partners, we call on Israel's leaders to form a government that strives for peace and rejects settlement construction and annexation, policies that threaten Israel's future."

Jeremy Ben-Ami, President of J Street: "Carrying out unilateral annexations in the West Bank would ultimately destroy Israeli democracy and lead the country down a disastrous path to permanent conflict. It's vital for Israeli leaders to recognize that whatever the dangerous andincluded policies of the Trump Administration, the vast majority of Americans and American Jews are strongly opposed to annexation and remain deeply committed to the achievement of a peaceful two-state solution."