



**All Kinds  
of Jewish**

# Hillel at the University of Rochester

## Community Annual Meeting

### June 16, 2026

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Executive Director

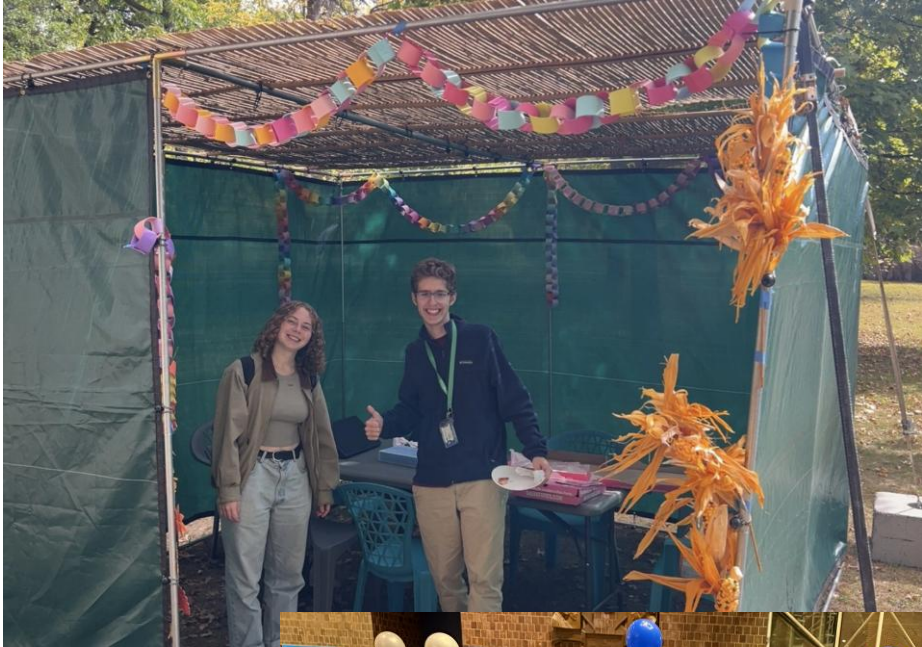
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VP of Finance, Corporate Counsel, Kearfott (NJ)



Our goal is to foster an environment in which every Jewish student feels empowered to meaningfully engage with Judaism and Jewish living while on campus, and in an enduring way long after.

# *Shabbat*





*Holidays*



# *Learning*





# *Social Impact*



# Micro Communities





## *National Engagement*



SOPHIA SABAG



SAM SHERAN



AALIYAH SMITH



JORDAN  
TEITELBAUM



# *National Engagement*



# Israel Travel





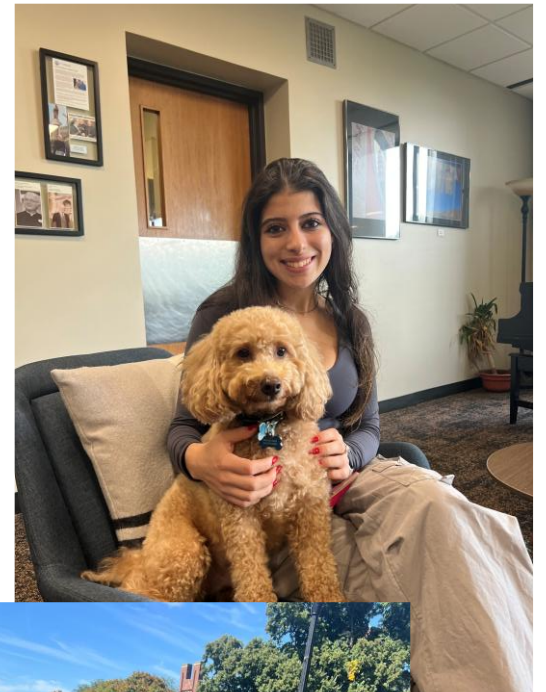
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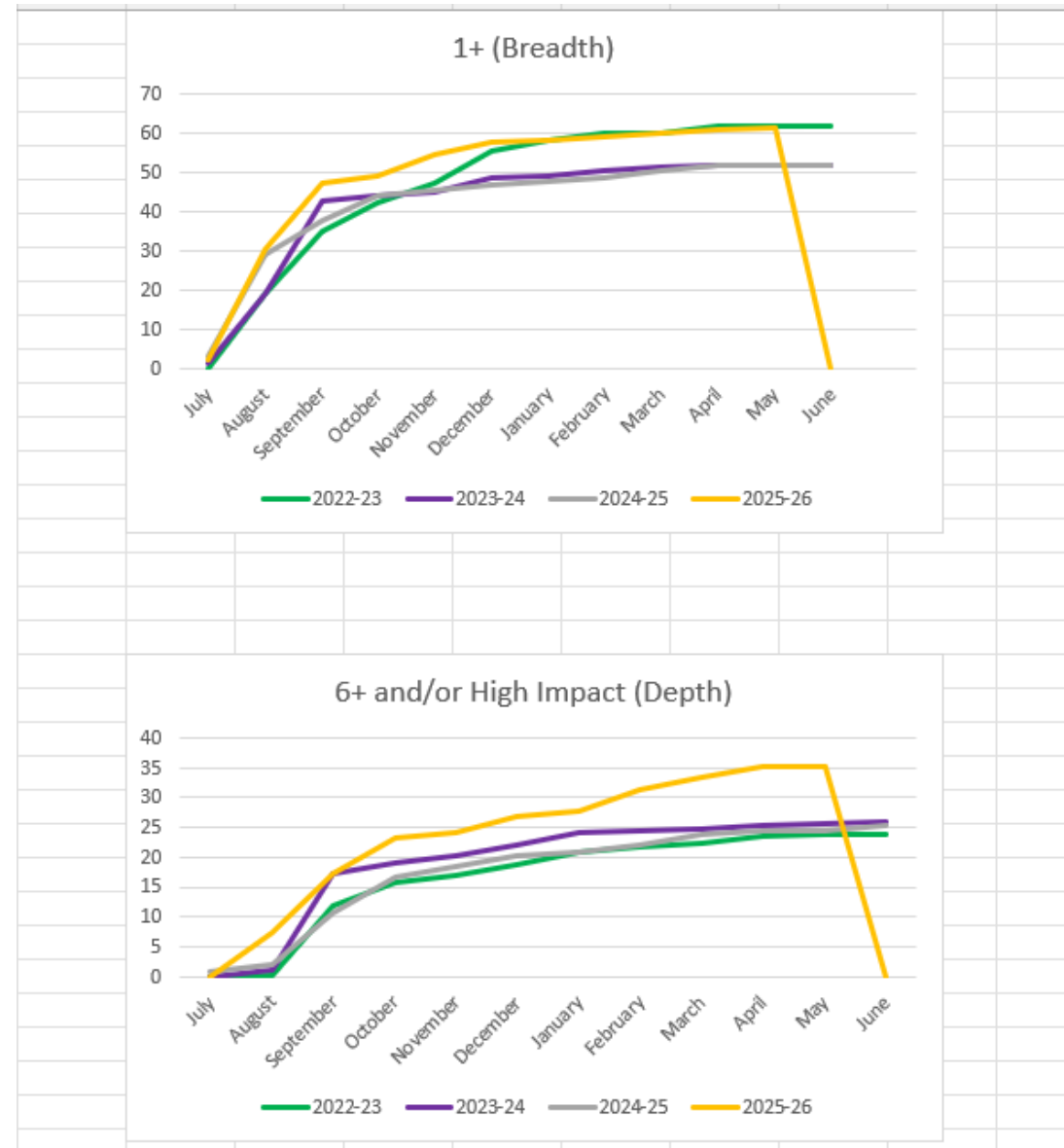
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# Our Impact

- **61%** of Jewish students engaged
- **35%!** “depth engaged” 6+ times, and many dozens and dozens, to 126!
- Engaged **86%** of known First-Years
- More events, more interests

**\*\* nationally high engagement rates\*\***



# *Campus Climate – The Premise*

- Is URochester...
  - A *safe* place to be Jewish? (physically, mentally, emotionally, “identity”)
  - A *good* place to be Jewish?
  - A place students *feel proud* to be Jewish?

## *The light at the end of the tunnel*

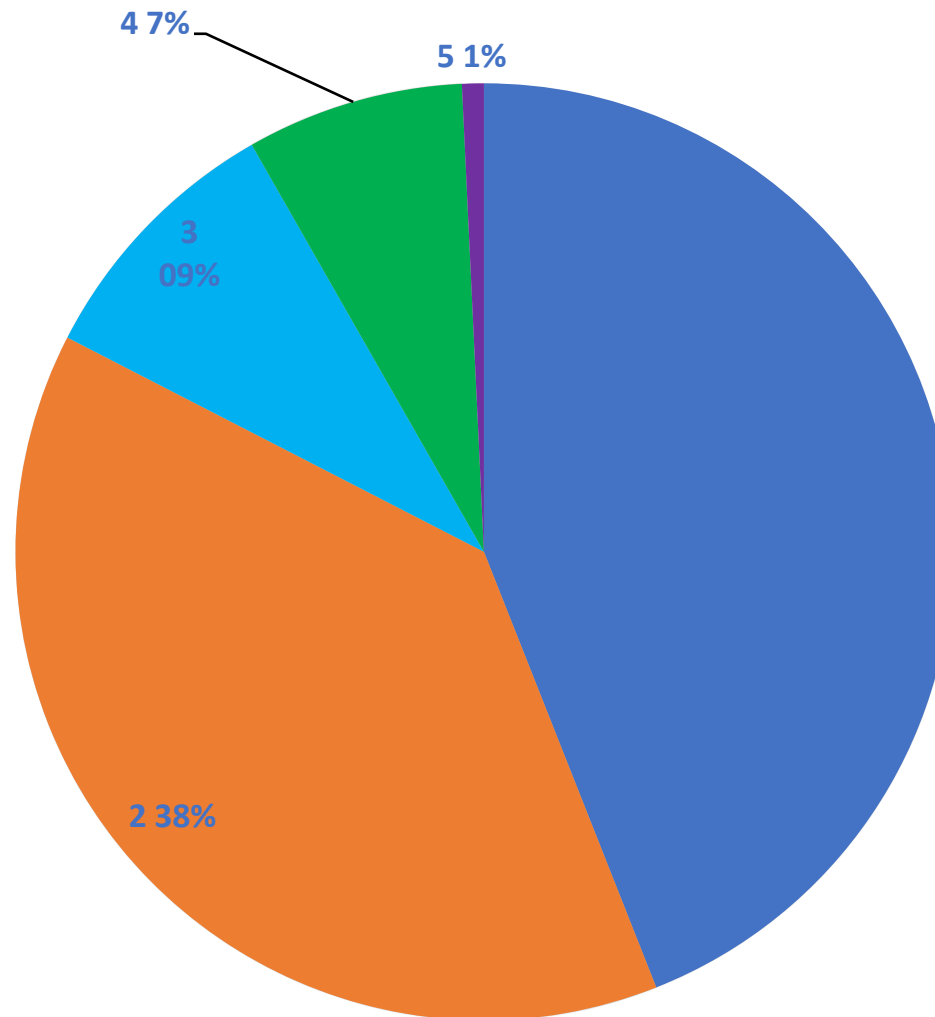
- Wanted Posters DA resolution
- A changing Interfaith Chapel
- Office of Engagement and Enrichment – Rachel Fish, Project Shema, Joy’s role
- Student encounters “on the street”

## *Where Do We Seek to Go and Grow?*

- Campus climate opportunities: education and changing the narratives (policy and real-time response = ✓)
- Building a strong, cohesive campus Jewish community – students, faculty, staff
- A great place to work: staff culture, development, and retention
- Connecting with Jewish life beyond our campus - local community, regional and national Hillels
- Long-term financial sustainability through endowments and quasi-endowments

**Daily Jewish joy – organically ingrained into the fabric of campus life**

501c3 with  
≈ **\$450k**  
*annual  
budget*



# *Greenbaum Center for Jewish Life*





**The future of the Jewish community really is on campus today – we have four years to impact and help shape a lifetime of Jewish engagement and positive authentic Jewish identity.**



# THANK YOU

