

## JEWISH LIFE AND HILLEL

“The Klehr Center is among the most nurturing spots on campus. The building serves as an excellent place for the thriving Jewish population at F&M to congregate, socialize and co-exist with all other members of the community.”

—Matt Putterman '11



Students prepare Challah bread for a Shabbat dinner at the Klehr Center for Jewish Life.

Since 1967, Hillel has served as the center of the Jewish experience at Franklin & Marshall College. Upward of 20 percent of our students are Jewish, and many of these students find Hillel to be a home base, a place where they can go to interact with other Jewish students and feel comfortable and understood.

Many Franklin & Marshall students are actively involved in Hillel. They gather to celebrate Shabbat and other Jewish holidays and enjoy weekly cafés and bagel brunches.

Hillel sponsors creative and educational programs, such as a “how to service” luncheon discussion and promotes an ongoing campus Holocaust education program. Franklin & Marshall’s Hillel is one

of the most active small-college chapters in the country.

In 2006 Hillel was one of five chapters selected to participate in the first Soref Advancement Initiative and received programming grants and special support from the National Hillel staff. The chapter was again selected in 2009 for another small-school initiative and received Hillel International’s “Vision and Values Award for Indispensable Campus Partnership.”

### Klehr Center for Jewish Life

The Klehr Center for Jewish Life provides the chapter with ample space to meet its current needs and greater flexibility for future programming. The 6,500-square-foot building

features large, airy rooms where students can relax, study, meet, dine, observe holidays and worship. It has wireless access throughout and a patio where students can relax outdoors and use the space for the Sukkot holidays. The Center also is eco-friendly—it has a geothermal heating system and uses very little energy.

The Center employs a full-time director, an administrative assistant and a part-time program director.

### Kosher, International, Vegan, and Organic Dining (KIVO)

The College features a kosher, international, vegan/vegetarian and organic menu (KIVO) that is available to the entire College community in the Benjamin Franklin Dining Hall.

All meal plan participants can choose to eat at the KIVO destination at no extra cost. In addition, KIVO is StarK certified (all products served meet kosher dietary law). The program is subject to supervision and employs full-time, on-site managers who are trained and certified by StarK to ensure kosher dietary practices are followed.

Kosher breakfast, lunch and dinner options are available weekdays and on Shabbat and other holidays.

## Judaic Studies Program

The Judaic Studies Program offers a wide range of courses. With two full-time and several part-time instructors, the department teaches Judaic classical, medieval and modern studies through history, literature, philosophy and film.

Courses attract a variety of students, Jewish and non-Jewish alike. Modern Hebrew language instruction is offered through Franklin & Marshall, and Biblical Hebrew is offered through the neighboring Lancaster Theological Seminary.

Students also engage in various projects outside the academic arena. Recent projects include learning Hebrew calligraphy with an exhibition of the work in one of Franklin & Marshall's art galleries, full-time study in Israel while playing



Michael Gleiberman and granddaughter Annie take part in a 24-hour Holocaust Remembrance Name Reading Vigil at Franklin & Marshall.



on the Israel National Women's Soccer Team and a biology internship with a prominent professor of Hadassah Hospital in Jerusalem.

Students also may choose to study abroad in Israel at a number of prestigious Hebrew universities. And each year the Judaic Studies Program offers a Summer Travel Award and an opportunity for students to participate in independent study.

## Scholarship

The **Paul and Rose Wiener Scholarship** is a competitive scholarship for the student who demonstrates financial need, academic merit and a commitment to the Jewish community. For an application and for more information, please contact the Office of Admission or the Klehr Center for Jewish Life.

The application for the scholarship also may be accessed through the Klehr Center for Jewish Life Web page, [www.fandm.edu/klehrcenter](http://www.fandm.edu/klehrcenter).

## Other Opportunities

The College's Hillel chapter has participated in the Birthright Israel Program since the program's launch in 2000. Additionally, students can participate in Hillel Alternative Spring Break Programs and leadership-training seminars.

## Online Resources

Office of Admission  
[www.fandm.edu/admission](http://www.fandm.edu/admission)

Klehr Center for Jewish Life  
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F&M Hillel Chapter  
[www.fandm.edu/hillel](http://www.fandm.edu/hillel)

Judaic Studies Program  
[www.fandm.edu/judaicstudies](http://www.fandm.edu/judaicstudies)

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