

Hendrix Hillel

Foundations for Jewish Campus Life

Constitution

Article I: Official name

The organization shall be named *Hendrix Hillel*.

Article II: Purpose

Hendrix Hillel aims to unite Jewish students and faculty and non-Jews to celebrate Jewish faith and culture. It will plan activities to inform the Hendrix Community about these traditions. It will assist in Hendrix's drive to broaden its pool of enrolled students because it encourages multiculturalism and will make Hendrix a more welcoming and accessible place for Jewish students in the future. In short, Hillel will encourage growth within the entire community and improve the campus life as a whole.

Article III: Membership

All Hendrix students are welcome to join Hendrix Hillel. Non-Jews who are interested in Jewish faith and culture are welcome to join; there is absolutely no pressure to become Jewish for non-Jews who are interested in the organization. The organization welcomes members of other campus religious groups, but respectfully asks they do not proselytize at Hendrix Hillel events.

To obtain membership in Hendrix Hillel, interested students must sign up at the Student Activities Fair at the beginning of the school year, or contact an officer or the advisor of the organization during the year.

Article IV: Officers

There will be three (3) officers of Hendrix Hillel. Any member is eligible to run for office. Nominations for office shall occur on the day of the election. Members of the group shall elect a president, vice president, secretary, treasurer, and Religious Life Committee representative at the second meeting of each school year, to be held no later than three (3) weeks after classes begin. These positions will remain in effect for one (1) full year unless an officer is removed from or vacates his or her office. Officers are expected to be present at all meetings. If a position becomes vacant, an election to fill that position shall be held within two (2) meetings of that occurrence. Any member who is concerned that an officer is not fulfilling his or her post may move for removal of that officer and re-election at a regular meeting. This must be approved by a two-thirds (2/3) majority of present members.

1. **President.** The president is responsible for implementing all organization policy. The president is responsible for recruiting and retaining new members. The president is responsible for promotion of the organization and communication with outside entities. Promotion will include publications explaining activities of the organization website.
2. **Vice President.** The vice president will substitute for the president if he or she cannot attend a meeting or other event. The vice president will assist the

president in his or her duties, and be responsible for maintenance of protocol at meetings, for running elections, and for scheduling events.

3. **Secretary.** The secretary will record all regular meetings of the organization and keep minutes for each meeting. These minutes will be kept in the organization's record, for which the secretary will also be responsible. The record will also include the organization's constitution and a roster of all club members, including each member's name, campus phone number, e-mail address, hall or apartment address, and office, if applicable. The group's records will also include an attendance list for each meeting.
4. **Treasurer.** The treasurer will keep a record of the budget. He or she will check the account weekly to ensure that all finances are correct. The treasurer will be in charge of reimbursing members when they spend their own money on Hillel events. The treasurer will be responsible for depositing and withdrawing money from the Hillel account. The treasurer will handle financial interactions when events involve exchange of money.
5. **Religious Life Council Representative.** The Religious Life Council (RLC) representative will be able to report news and events from Hendrix Hillel to RLC and vice versa. The RLC representative will attend all RLC meetings and help out with other RLC events.

Article V: Finances

Hendrix Hillel will seek funding from a variety of different sources:

1. The Hillel Foundation for Jewish Campus Life's *Soref Initiative for Emerging Campuses* has several grants available to colleges with small Jewish communities that are trying to organize into Hillel groups. We will utilize these grants.
2. Funds will be sought annually from the Hendrix Student Senate.
3. The Organization will seek financial assistance from applicable agencies at Hendrix, such as the Office of Multicultural Affairs and Religious Life Council.
4. The organization will seek private donations and will solicit them in publications.

Stipulation: Hendrix Hillel will never require membership fees of its members or officers.

Article VI: Amendments to this Constitution

Amendments to this Constitution may be proposed by any current member of the Hendrix Hillel at a regular meeting of the organization. To be ratified, an amendment to the Constitution must receive two-thirds (2/3) of the vote of all members present at said meeting.

Article VII: Regular Activities

Regular meeting of Hendrix Hillel which all members should attend will be held weekly. They will be held in the Chaplain's Office, Mills 306, unless otherwise noted. Meetings will proceed informally, but will generally begin with any announcements that pertain to club business, a distribution of the previous week's minutes, and then a discussion of upcoming group activities. A regular date and time will be decided upon each semester.

based on members' schedules. In addition to these meetings, several regular activities will be sponsored by the organization.

1. Sabbath candle-lighting ceremonies will be held monthly. These will be led by a member of the organization.
2. Once each month a ceremony will be held for Havdalah, the Jewish celebration that occurs each Saturday after sundown.
3. Informal Sunday discussions will be led by members of the group on issues dealing with Jewish theology, history, culture, etc. The frequency of their occurrence will be determined by their popularity among students.
4. The organization will schedule lectures on topics relevant to Jewish thought and culture and/or pertaining to Israel. Lectures might include religion professors at Hendrix and prominent Jews in the Conway and Little Rock communities.

Article VIII: Yearly Activities

In addition to these regular activities, the organization will attempt to hold the following activities.

1. The group will purchase a sukkah with funds from the Hillel Foundation and set it up each fall for the Jewish harvest festival of Sukkot.
2. The organization will sponsor a party to celebrate Chanukah, featuring traditions associated with the holiday.
3. The organization will hold a party for Purim, the feast of Esther.
4. The organization will hold its own Passover Seder.
5. Yom HaShoah commemorates the Jewish Holocaust of World War II. We will show a film to commemorate the day or invite a lecturer to speak on a relevant topic.
6. Hendrix Hillel will coordinate an annual celebration of the Israeli Independence day, Yom HaAtzmaut.

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