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JEWISH LIFE



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Gratitude for Good Problems

Dear Friends,

We are beginning to run out of room. Colby Hillel now hosts weekly Shabbat dinners in the Bobby Silberman Lounge because our meals have begun to attract over 50 students each week and we can't all fit in the Hillel room. At our recent Fall Shabbaton, Center staff scrambled at the last minute for a new campus location because we couldn't seat all our Friday-night registrants in the Alumni Center. Who could have imagined over 250 people coming together in Waterville, Maine, for a statewide Shabbat of Jewish music and intensive learning?

Beyond our wildest dreams, we have begun to outgrow our space, exceed our projected budgets, and regularly finish off all the food and hand out all the swag at our events. We have the best problem: forcing ourselves to imagine and plan for a bigger and more dynamic Jewish future at Colby, throughout Maine and northern New England, and now, in small towns nationally.

On this [#GivingTuesday](#), we are reaching out to you—Colby alums, parents, grandparents, and Maine community partners—to support us as we burst at the seams. Our staff and student leaders are putting in daily work to keep growing, improving, innovating, and facing the Jewish future with joy, creativity, and intellectual integrity.

We will never relinquish our core commitment to cultivating a deeply inclusive and accessible community, regardless of anyone's ability to pay for programs and events. In order to grow responsibly, we need your support to actualize our values and achieve our full potential.

Please donate today, on Giving Tuesday, to Jewish Life at Colby. It's easy to help.

- With a [\\$200 donation](#) you can sponsor a dairy Colby Hillel Shabbat dinner, and with [\\$350](#) you can treat the student community to a meat meal.
- With a [\\$350 donation](#) you can sponsor a lay leader enrolling in our Shaliach Tzibur program, training community members in northern New England to help lead in small synagogues.
- With a [\\$500 donation](#) you can sponsor an educational program for Colby Hillel, including a fully catered dinner from a local Waterville eatery.

- With a **\$5,000 donation** you can cover all Colby Hillel's Shabbat and holiday meals for a semester. Your **\$10,000 donation** will cover Hillel meals for an entire academic year.
- With a **\$15,000 donation** you can serve as the anchor donor for our annual Fall Shabbaton.
- Your **\$30,000 donation** will ensure another dynamic Maine Conference for Jewish Life.

To donate: Please click on the link below. You will automatically be directed to Colby's Dare Northward page.

- **To donate to the Center for Small Town Jewish Life :** scroll down on the Designation tab and select "Center for Small Town Jewish Life" from the drop-down menu.
- **To donate to Colby Hillel:** scroll down on the Designation tab and select "The Pugh Center" from the drop-down menu and type "for Colby Hillel" in the comments box.

Gifts of any size help us serve our community with warmth and integrity. We hope on this **#GivingTuesday**, you will partner with us in bringing the brilliance and value of Jewish life and learning to all who desire it.

With deep gratitude,

Rabbi Rachel M. Isaacs
Executive Director
Center for Small Town Jewish Life

P.S. As a reminder, all gifts to Colby Jewish Life support Colby's Dare Northward campaign.

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