

SILVERSTEIN BASE HILLEL

Year One











In July 2016, Rabbi Megan GoldMarche and her wife, Paige, moved to the Lincoln Park neighborhood to launch Silverstein Base Hillel, an initiative of Metro Chicago Hillel. They immediately began meeting Jewish students and young adults, and engaging three core pillars: Shabbat and holiday hospitality, community service projects, and Jewish learning. Paige and Rabbi Megan are socially savvy connectors who comfortably function as Jewish educators and relationship builders. The theory has been that a rabbinic couple's home would lessen students' social isolation and increase mentorship opportunities.

In just a few months, the GoldMarches have created an exciting hub for young adults.

Silverstein Base Hillel hosted their first Shabbat dinner in August for 12 students from various Chicago campuses, followed by a Havdallah event for 30 participants. The program's growth has been rapid. The Base Hillel model attracts participants from campuses across Chicago and addresses the social, intellectual, and spiritual needs of historically underserved and unaffiliated Jewish students. If you come to the GoldMarche home on a weeknight you might find 25 students from 6 different campuses deeply engaged in conversations about Judaism and social justice or you might find 20 recent college grads socializing over dinner before a discussion about women and Judaism. 90% of the events in the past year have been high-impact Jewish programs separating SBH from other Hillel and young adult initiatives, which tend to focus mostly on social programming in order to create Jewish networks.

As the academic year comes to a close, we are thrilled to share with the community some of what we have accomplished in the past nine months.

BY THE NUMBERS

		Goals Set for Year 1	Current Metrics as of 6-30-2017
Individuals who have met Rabbi Megan & Paige through SBH		500	774
Participants in community service & justice programs		40	76
Young adults & students participating in Jewish learning		150	222
Students participating in scheduled weekly classes		80	106
One-on-one conversations with Rabbi Megan		200	371
Shabbat & holiday meal unique participants		300	530
Base Hillel repeat attendees		250	314
Base Hillel frequenters (4+)		100	158
Passover Seder attendees		60	95
Organizations that co-hosted or partnered on events		8	18

Total number of young Jews served by Silverstein Base Hillel's rabbinic couple: 774