This winter we started a new **Shabbat ‘Appy Hour** of hors d’oeuvres and appetizers in the Shapiro Campus Center each week before Shabbat dinner.

For hundreds of students it was a chance to welcome Shabbat, say hello to friends and meet new people before sitting down for a communal Shabbat dinner.

On Sunday February 9, Rav Arye Greenberg, co-director of JLIC on campus, hosted a **Tu BiShvat Seder** with singing and chasidic words of Torah. After the seder students enjoyed an inspiring and uplifting concert with **Zusha**, a Chasidic folk/soul band from New York.

On Monday February 10, students from all across campus came together to celebrate by planting succulents, eating dried fruits and learning about environmentalism in Israel.
Peoplehood

On January 22 we teamed up with the Hiatt Career Center to host the **Jewish Organization and Recruitment Fair**. Students were able to check out all of Hillel's affiliated groups on campus as well as 30 other internships, travel, leadership, and graduate opportunities.

We also welcomed new students to campus on January 21 with our annual **Midyear Meetup** hosted by **FYSH** (First Year Students of Hillel). Students enjoyed sushi, met new friends and learned about extracurricular Jewish opportunities at Brandeis.

Each month students go as a group to SoulCycle to start the new Jewish month in a way that is healthy and stress-relieving.

On January 28, in commemoration of International Holocaust Remembrance Day, we hosted **Inge Auerbacher**, a survivor.

Auerbacher shared her account as a child survivor of Theresienstadt at the United Nations for International Holocaust Remembrance Day memorial ceremony last year. This year, she spoke with students at Brandeis. Following her moving and important testimony she signed copies of her book *I Am A Star: Child of the Holocaust*. 
Israel

Volunteers for Israel: 13 students spent February Break volunteering in Israel supporting lone soldiers, celebrated Shabbat together in Jerusalem, and enjoyed the beaches in Tel Aviv.

On January 30 our Assistant Director Rabbi Stephanie Sanger-Miller and Lily Schmidt-Swartz ’20 spoke on a panel in partnership with the Hadassah-Brandeis Institute about Jewish women and religious change in the Israel and the US.

Learning

Brandeis students won first place in their division at the Collegiate Moot Beit Din Shabbaton and Conference at Princeton.

We’ve offered five thematic cohorts of the Jewish Learning Fellowship (JLF) to over 50 participants. JLF is a 10-week experiential seminar to deepen one’s understanding of Judaism.

Daf Yomi: A group of students began learning a page of Talmud together each day with the help of Rav Arye Greenberg, co-director of JLIC at Brandeis.