



## Sandy

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### Hillel: The Foundation for Jewish Campus Life

Uri,

In the aftermath of Hurricane Sandy, we have all heard many incredible stories of heroism and acts of loving kindness. Hillel students and professionals in the affected region have exemplified the values at the heart of what Hillel is – community, connection and leadership.

At a time when college students are away from home, especially tragic times like these, Hillel connects students with each other, providing volunteer and leadership opportunities and a community to support one another.

We've compiled some photos and accounts from the response – I hope you'll take a moment and have a look. [Click here to check them out.](#)

Here are a few inspiring stories that I just had to share.

- Rutgers Hillel last-minute dinner**  
 During Sandy, most of the university was blacked out – classes were cancelled and many students left town. Rutgers Hillel opened its doors to more than 150 students the day after the storm, providing food, heat and working water.
- Hillel at Baruch College organizes response**  
 Students fanned out in spontaneously organized groups to check on families, friends, even strangers, throughout New York City. Three days after the storm, they were volunteering at the Warbasse and Trump Buildings and at Mazer Day School.
- Hillel at Hunter College helps with cleanup**  
 Students are collaborating with the Hebrew Free Burial Society to help with downed trees and other cleanup on Staten Island.
- Pace University Hillel students volunteer**  
 Students volunteered at the Bowery Mission on November 5, sorting donations to be dispersed. Pace students will also be teaming up with Hillel of New York University to hold a large volunteer event knitting blankets to donate.
- Hillel at Queens College & OU Jewish Learning Initiative on Campus (JLIC):**  
 Queens College Hillel extended its hours so students could have a well-lit, warm, and dry place to hang out with friends, study, or just connect with each other for a while. Students also mobilized by



welcoming other students into their homes for Shabbat meals. Many students are dedicating hours of their time to the shelter that has become home to 500 families housed in Queens College's campus gym.

These are just some of the ways, despite being away from their homes, our students are helping shape their communities and repair the world.

We continue to pray for recovery and restoration for those affected by this storm.

Thank you for your enduring support,

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