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New School Drops Hillel: Letter of Support

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In a first of its kind resolution for a U.S. based university, the New School University Student Senate (USS) [voted](#) on May 1st, 2026 to suspend funding and collaboration with “Hillel at the New School” for violating international law, effectively dropping Hillel. The USS has declared their campus’ Hillel chapter “Not In Good Standing.” **This resolution bars “Hillel at the New School” from receiving any University Student Senate funds, co-sponsorship, event support, or logistical support** until “Hillel at The New School” disaffiliates from Hillel International and ends its participation in programs that violate international law.

The [resolution](#), based on an extensive [report](#) produced by the Registered Student Organization (RSO) Compliance Committee, passed through a majority vote. The Compliance Committee was formed to ensure that all student organizations—which are eligible to receive funding from the Senate—comply with [city, state, federal, and international law](#). Senate fees are compulsory and every New School student must pay them, this means if funded, New School students would be funding Hillel’s illegal activities.

The report details Hillel’s **material ties to the Israel Occupation Forces**, a foreign military formally found by [Amnesty International](#), [Human Rights Watch](#), the [Lemkin Institute](#), the [European Center for Constitutional and Human Rights](#), the [International Federation for Human Rights](#), [Genocide Watch](#), and [Oxfam](#), amongst [numerous others](#) - have concluded that Israel has committed war crimes, crimes against humanity, and acts constituting genocide.

The Compliance Committee details violations by both Hillel at the New School and the larger Hillel International with which they are affiliated. The violations include Hillel’s participation in three different programs that send students to volunteer in Israel on military bases to provide logistical support for the Israeli Occupation Forces as it wages a

genocide in Gaza: “Hillel on Base,” “Birthright/Onward Israel,” and “The Volunteers for Israel (VFI)/Sar-El Program.”

The report further documented that students in [Hillel at the New School volunteered at Tze'elim army base](#), and supported four IOF named units as recently as July 2024, nine months into the Israeli military’s genocide in Gaza.

Each unit has been formally found in violation of international law by the world's highest authorities:

- **Oketz Unit:** Mohammad Bhar, 24, a man with Down’s Syndrome, was mauled to death by an Oketz military dog in his family home and left to die.
- **Kfir Brigade:** Omar Assad, 78, a Palestinian-American grandfather, was zip-tied, blindfolded, and left to die of a heart attack in the cold.
- **Golani Brigade:** 15 Red Crescent paramedics were shot at close range on a permitted route in Rafah. Bodies were buried in a mass grave.
- **Handasa Corps:** Systematically destroyed Gaza's universities, hospitals, and homes. One commander described his unit as “addicted to explosions.” Another boasted they “blew up the most houses in Gaza.”

The report also details several multi-million dollar [direct partnerships](#) between Israel’s Ministry of Diaspora Affairs and Hillel International—which Hillel at the New School is affiliated with—to promote pro-genocide propaganda on U.S. campuses. Moreover, through its partnership with Israel’s Ministry of Foreign Affairs—as well as AIPAC and Canary Mission—Hillel International advocates for policies that censor pro-Palestine speech and organizing, and promotes campaigns of doxxing and harassing student critics of Israel on campus.

The extensive documentation of Hillel’s material ties to the IOF and its violation of international law are clear. **Nevertheless, on Saturday May 2nd, 2026, President Joel Towers, Provost Richard Kessler, and Vice Provost Robert Mack sent a [university-wide email](#) informing the community that it would undemocratically veto the USS’s decision.**

Rather than addressing the [38-page report](#) detailing Hillel’s complicity in the violation of international law, the New School administration has asserted, without basis, that the USS is “distorting a qualified student organization” and “is using its platform to target fellow students in a misguided attempt to hold those students responsible for the acts of governments.” In fact, the USS’s resolution is based on information made public by Hillel at the New School’s own social media accounts, as well as other open-source information.

The passage of this proposal is a clear victory: Students at The New School do not want their tuition dollars funding war crimes, human rights violations, apartheid, and genocide. While the New School administration claims that their institutional values “include a rejection of violence, hate or discrimination,” they have threatened to unilaterally overturn students’ democratic decision to uphold such values.

We, the undersigned, support the resolution passed by the University Student Senate. We call on the New School administration and the President Joel Towers to enforce their commitment to [city, state, federal, and international law](#) and uphold the USS’s decision.

Organization Sign-Ons:

1. Institute for the Critical Study of Zionism
2. Drop Hillel
3. Jews Against White Supremacy
4. Palestine Legal
5. Labor for Palestine National Network
6. Coalition for Action in Higher Education
7. Rabbis for Ceasefire
8. Jewish Psychologists for Justice
9. Jewish Voice for Peace - Academic Council
10. Justice4Palestine - Actions Enablement Network (J4P)
11. Jewish Voice for Peace - NY
12. New York City Jewish Labor Bund
13. NYU Jews Against Zionism
14. NYC Young Democratic Socialists of America
15. Rally Middletown (NY)
16. New York Irish for Palestine
17. Jewish Culture Club at The New School

18. Academic Student Workers at The New School–SENS-UAW Local 7902
19. Student Workers Union at The New School–NewSWU Organizing Committee
20. The New School Students for Justice in Palestine
21. MENA Creative Collective at The New School
22. Union of Political Science Students at The New School
23. Anthropology Student Association at The New School
24. CUNY for Palestine
25. CUNY Graduate Center for Palestine
26. City College of New York Students for Justice in Palestine
27. CUNY Faculty and Staff for Justice in Palestine
28. Brooklyn College SJP
29. SUNY BDS
30. Faculty and Staff for Justice in Palestine at San Diego State University
31. Faculty and Staff for Justice in Palestine at University of California San Francisco
32. Faculty and Staff for Justice in Palestine at Rutgers
33. UC Berkeley Students for Justice in Palestine
34. Chapman Judaism On Our Own Terms (JOOOT)
35. Jewish Voice for Peace at the University of Michigan
36. Labor-Community Alliance of South Florida
37. Rutgers YDSA
38. Ethnic Studies Council at the University of California
39. Palestine Solidarity Coalition at Dartmouth
40. Palestine, Arab, Muslim (PAM) Caucus of the California Faculty Association (CFA)
(SEIU Local 1983)
41. Teaching Palestine: Pedagogical Praxis and the Indivisibility of Justice
42. The Revolution Continues

43. Release Aging People in Prison (RAPP)

44. Art Against Displacement

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