
DAHLIA SOUSSAN FOR JLC



My Vision for Jewish Life:

Like our Jewish ancestors who created intentional practices that remind us of who we are, Kehillah is privileged to have a culture of fostering schoolwide traditions. In turn, I believe that authentic Jewish experience is key to enhancing some of the best parts of school life. The traditions I envision incorporate conversation, fun, hands-on learning, and creating a spiritual atmosphere everyone is invited to buy into. Here is a snapshot of the enriched and inclusive Jewish programming I hope to create:

Community Shabbat Dinner @lunch + bringing back Fancy Kab-Shab: making Kab-Shab a high-quality time that effectively balances refreshing fun with meaningful reflection.

Paint-the-Torah mural initiative: Learn Torah through a new medium while embracing our community's artistic ability. With our many talents, we have the potential to contribute something beautiful to our school.

Get-back-to-Yiddish spirit day, World Judaism Week, Sephardic-style Shabbat: What does Judaism look like around the world? What has it looked like historically? Here's a snapshot of how different communities allow their backgrounds to inform their relationship to Jewish obligation.

Optional 8:15am "Blessings and Brews" Havdalah and Coffee Mondays: Because we benefit so much from framing a busy week with intention, let's take the time to come together, separate ourselves from the chaos of the day-to-day, and enjoy something warm (or potentially iced) in a social and observant space.

Bringing in the Community → Hosting Holocaust Survivors, Organizers, and Local Rabbis for Kab-Shab: Let's bring in community members who have an important story to share, and give them a taste of our Kehillah while learning from their wisdom.

I am ready to serve Kehillah in this role. Together, with an empowered Jewish Life Committee and Ilan Eisenberg '21 as my contributing partner, I bring the knowledge, passion, energy, and excitement to renew Judaism at Kehillah! I would be grateful to earn your vote for JLC!

As a Conservative Jew (feel free to ask me about why I identify with this movement!), I am informed by my commitment to egalitarianism and a love of Jewish ritual. This year, I am participating in a yearlong Jewish feminist writing fellowship with the Jewish Women's Archive. At Kehillah, I facilitate the Siddur Minyan reflective practice, Israel Club, and our Moot Beit Din team; I serve on Jewish Life Committee. In the past, I have served as a board member and leadership councilmember on the South Peninsula Jewish Teen Foundation, a teen-led philanthropy group. I have attended Jewish school for the past 12+ years and I attended Camp Ramah in Ojai, CA for 7. This winter, I was selected as a finalist for the Bronfman Fellowship, a program for rising Jewish leaders. Through these roles and opportunities, I've honed personal commitments to Jewish living, wisdom, and practice. Feel free to reach out and ask me any questions! I'll do my very best to reach out to you as well over the coming days :)