

**HY AND BELLA VILE LEGACY FUND**

**KU Hillel**  
**Jay Lewis, Executive Director**

**2010/11 Grant Request**

***Program: Jewish Education and Identity Programming***

***Amount: \$2000***

While we were doing a great job engaging a large number of students in Jewish campus life, we realized that our organization did not provide enough Jewish “depth” and we were not having the impact we wanted on strengthening students’ Jewish identities. Therefore, this past year KU Hillel hired Rabbi Neal Schuster to fill the new position of Senior Jewish Educator. The results have been amazing. He is succeeding in making Jewish life relevant and compelling for students. He is challenging students to think about “big questions” such as what it means to be Jewish, what it means to be an adult, and what is my role in the world in a Jewish context.

KU Hillel is seeking \$2000 in matching funding from the Hy and Bella Vile Legacy Fund to fund our Jewish Education and Identity programming implemented by the Senior Jewish Educator. His programs, including Shabbat Around KU, are impacting the lives and Jewish identities of hundreds of college students each year. We have a challenge grant from the Jim Joseph Foundation: if we raise \$5000 on our own for Jewish Education and Identity programming, they will match with an additional \$5000. This past month we secured a \$3000 grant from the Legacy Fund of the Jewish Community Foundation and are still seeking \$2000 to secure the matching gift.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.