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Subject: Student Organization Registration Committee Decision

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for taking the time to meet with the Student Organization Registration Committee. The committee recognizes the hard work you have put into your proposal and creating a valuable community for students. Unfortunately, the committee did not approve Chabad Jewish Heritage Student Association as a new student organization at this time. It should be noted, we reviewed thirty-one applications for prospective organizations this year and only six were approved. The following are some of the reasons for the committee's decision regarding your proposal:

- Lack of information provided regarding the partnership between the community and the college
- SGA Representatives shared a concern that the funding request for food replicates programming already funded and offered by Hillel for Shabbat dinners. While we understand the nuance of what you are requested vs what is currently offered, we would like to see more collaboration with the Scott Center and existing opportunities to explore avenues to meet your needs
- The submitted roster was predominantly first-year students. We see a higher success rate in student organizations who have a wide range of student classifications who are actively involved as it can help with organization sustainability and succession planning
- The committee also looks for a demonstrated history of students' repeated engagement with your organizations' activities and events, especially with students on your organization's roster

Although you are not currently approved as a student organization, that doesn't mean we don't want to see your mission achieved.

We highly recommend you take advantage of the [Exploration Fund](#) and the Office of Student Engagement is still very much a resource for you and the other students. As you may know, the Exploration Fund is designed to help support ideas from students outside of registered student organizations. This can be gatherings around a certain hobby, programs or events for students, or other ideas that enrich the student experience at Middlebury College. This fund can help you achieve some of the programming and community building ideas you were hoping to achieve through your organization status and these would be available to you this spring while you work on enhancing your application for next year. If you would like to know more about the Exploration Fund and how that may help you achieve your goals while we help you work towards recognized organization status, please do not hesitate to reach out.

As you may recall from your initial meeting with Annie, 10/23/23, she shared details on the New Org Registration Process as well as what the committee looks for. She also shared, the committee evaluates the various avenues and options for each group to determine the best fit for their particular situation. The committee recommended you all utilize the resources of the Exploration Fund and the Office of Student Engagement as it will enable and support you in hosting events and working toward your mission while also addressing the areas for improvement outlined above. Annie Delehanty, Assistant Director for Student Organizations and Club Sports - from the Office of Student Engagement, will be your point person and go-to for support throughout the next semester.

We look forward to seeing how your plan and passion for Chabad Jewish Heritage Student Association will be implemented throughout the spring. We hope to see collected data as well as your review of how the goals described above have been worked toward and/or achieved. When the New Org Registration Process reopens on 10/1/24, we welcome you to reapply with this additional data/documentation included in your submitted materials. Please continue to work with Annie and the Office of Student Engagement throughout the spring and don't hesitate to reach out with any questions.

Thank you and have a nice day!

Student Organization Registration Committee
comprised of SGA representatives and staff liaisons