

MARION AND NORMAN TANZMAN CHARITABLE FOUNDATION

DEDICATES KOSHER DINING HALL IN THE

EVA AND ARIE HALPERN HILLEL HOUSE

NEW BRUNSWICK, NJ – The Marion & Norman Tanzman Charitable Foundation has contributed \$1 Million to name the dining hall of the new Eva and Arie Halpern Hillel House being built in the heart of the Rutgers University College Avenue campus. The contribution, one of many the philanthropic foundation has made to Rutgers Hillel over the years, brings Hillel’s Capital and Endowment Campaign within 25 percent of its \$18 Million goal.

The Marion & Norman Tanzman Dining Hall will be one of the busiest facilities in the new building, serving not only as a Kosher dining hall for Shabbat and holiday meals, but designed to convert easily for special programming, films and cultural presentations.

“Our family believes strongly in the mission of Rutgers Hillel and wanted to make a gift which would enable the students and professionals to greatly expand their services and activities,” said Foundation President Jeffries Shein. “For 18 years, Rutgers Hillel has been providing free Shabbat meals for hundreds of students every week out of an inadequate kitchen and small dining space,” he said. “The Marion & Norman Tanzman Dining Room will allow significant expansion of these services. We look forward to the day that the hall will also be used for weddings and other family celebrations.”

“In a way,” Shein said with a smile, “the Tanzman family will be having 300 young guests for Shabbat every week and that’s a happy thought.”

Rutgers Hillel Board President Roy Tanzman, an officer of the foundation, expressed great satisfaction that his family continues to be deeply involved in Rutgers Hillel. “We have long been a model to Hillel’s across the country for progressive and creative religious and cultural programming,” Tanzman said. “We are world class and the new Eva and Arie Halpern Hillel House will demonstrate that.”

“The campus work of Hillel,” explained Executive Director Andrew Getraer, “is entirely focused on the most critical age cohort in the Jewish world. The college years,” he said, “are the last in which the organized Jewish community can make a significant impact on Jewish young adults. Hillel is ideally positioned to make a positive difference in their lives.”

Designed by the architectural firm of Kann Partners of Baltimore and Guzzo & Guzzo Architects of Lyndhurst, the 35,000-square-foot new home of Rutgers Hillel will boast a warm and inviting design reminiscent of a mountain lodge with unique architectural features like an indoor/outdoor cafe serving kosher food; the Eric F. Ross Outdoor Pavilion, and a high-ceilinged lobby featuring a Legacy Wall dedicated to the memories of Rabbi Julius and Pearl Funk. Rabbi Funk was the first executive director of Rutgers Hillel.

In addition to the 350-seat Marion & Norman Tanzman Dining Room, other architectural features of the new Eva and Arie Halpern Hillel House will include individual prayer spaces for Orthodox, Conservative

and Reform services; the Center for Israel Engagement; an exhibit gallery; social lounges; meeting rooms; outdoor patio, and a roof-top Holocaust Memorial Garden.

Construction of the new building is underway at 70 College Avenue with completion expected in the Spring Semester of 2016. Anthony Guzzo is the architect-in-charge. Idan Levin of Construction Management Resources, LLC, provides owner representation and project management. The contractor is 70 College Avenue Construction, LLC.

Rutgers Hillel is a beneficiary agency of the Jewish Federations of Greater MetroWest, NJ; The Jewish Federation in the Heart of New Jersey; and the Jewish Federations of Princeton Mercer Buck; Northern New Jersey; Somerset, Hunterdon & Warren Counties; and Southern New Jersey.