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3 couples share
how they made
a love connection
at UMass



Dan and Zippy Brown

Dan and Zippy Brown (both '13)

"Dan and I met our freshman year at the Kosher Dining area in Franklin Dining Commons. We quickly became friends and had many meals together. We spent almost every Shabbat at Hillel and served on the KHH (now Degel) board together too. Our friendship grew over the years and we started dating our senior year. We graduated together in 2013 and got married July 2016."



Cynthia Levin and Norman Gessman

Cynthia Levin ('59) and Norman Gessman ('57)

"We actually were at the same Seder on April 4, 1954. I was in the class of 1957; Cynthia was in the class of 1959. We were neighbors. My fraternity was at 418 N. Pleasant and her sorority was right across the street. We never met at UMass, but our lives paralleled. I met Cynthia about 10 years ago when our spouses were in assisted living."



Nathan and Elisheva Ziegler

Nathan ('15) and Elisheva ('14) Ziegler

"Nathan and I met at Hillel on Rosh Hashana our first year at UMass. We both became involved in Hillel and JLIC. We cooked shabbat meals together and helped coordinate holiday programming. We started dating during our third year and Nathan asked me to marry him during his graduation weekend. We have been married for 5 years, we have been blessed with three children, and are currently living in Israel."

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