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HILLEL AWARDS SIX HONOR KEYS AT SEDER

INTERFAITH COUNCIL INVITED TO HILLEL FOR APRIL 24 DINNER

Reciprocating for the courtesy of Westminster foundation in inviting a Hillel group to a dinner last month, Hillel will play host to the Interfaith Council on April 24 at 6:00 p.m. with a dinner designed to further mutual understanding between all religious groups.

Some 125 persons will be present, including those Hillel members who contact the Rabbi at once for reservations. Interfaith chairman for Hillel is Morris Singer.

Dr. Buell Gallaher of the Pacific School of Religion of Berkeley will address the dinner on "One God and One World." A cordial welcome is extended to all who will be present at this meeting.

Final Fling May 31

Tossing worries of impending finals to the Bay breezes, Jewish Cal students can count on a night of diversion at the "Final Fling" of the B'nai B'rith Hillel Foundation in San Francisco on May 31.

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Y.W.C.A. COTTAGE SITE OF SEDER



AN EDITORIAL

The Call appears today on the eve of another great turning point in the history of world Jewry, that world Jewry which remains, ~~some~~ comfortable and supposedly secure in their western world, others building a great new life for a virtually new people in Eretz Israel, others cold and shivering, as they cower behind the barbed wire of Cyprus or the displaced persons camps of Fortress Europa, a bastioned island firmly surrounded by British guns.

SUN FUN - APRIL 27

There's fun in store for all those attending the Hillel picnic on Sunday April 27, at Codornices Park.

Students meet at Hillel at 11:30 A. M. and those having cars are asked to bring them to accommodate those who don't.

The afternoon will be filled with games of football, baseball, re-

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HAGGADAH NARRATION ATTRACTS 225

The deliverance of the Jewish people from the house of bondage at the hands of the Egyptians by the instrumentality of Moses' leadership was commemorated in the venerable and beautiful words of the Haggadah, read on the first evening of Passover at the Hillel Foundation seder pictured at the left.

Truly serving as a Jewish home away from home on the one night of the year which more than any other night urges one homeward, the Y Cottage held some 225 worshippers who joined in eating the paschal lamb and breaking matzah in remembrance of the day when their ancestral forbears joyously walked forth across the Red Sea, a free people. The words of Rabbi Gittin were echoed by the audience throughout the evening in praise and thanksgiving for the God-given gift of freedom, a hard won and highly prized possession which is part of the heritage of every American.

Several of the 70 Berkeley Palestinians were present to join in the poignantly hopeful words, "Next year in Jerusalem." (See p. 8)

DRIVE TO AID HOMELESS JEWS

The Jewish Welfare Fund Campaign is taking shape to be launched on May 1, and a minimum student quota of \$1,000 has been set up.

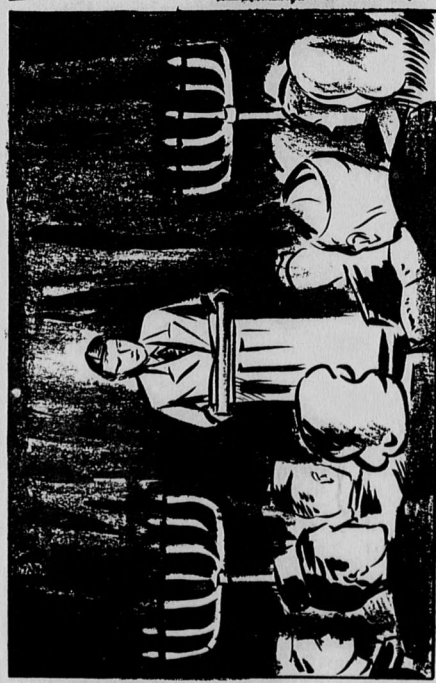
Canvasses and appeals will be made to every student and organized lying group.

A large portion of that fund will go toward the rehabilita-

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HILLEL ACTIVITIES....

FRIDAY SERVICES



HEBREW AND BIBLE CLASSES



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HILLEL CALENDAR

FRIDAY, APRIL 18, 7:30 P.M.-Orthodox Jewish Services conducted by Bernard Cohen
8:15 P.M.- Liberal Services, conducted by Alpha Epsilon Phi. Sermon by Jessie Berman.

SUNDAY, APRIL 20, 8:00 P.M.-Professor Rowell of University Public Speaking Department on "Dewey's Interpretation of Religion." Social and dancing follow.

TUESDAY, APRIL 22, 4:15 P.M.-Hillel Council Meeting.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 23, 7:00 P.M.-Advanced Hebrew Class, with Werner Hirsch.
8:00 P.M.-Elementary Hebrew Class.

THURSDAY, APRIL 24, 4:15 P.M.- Class in "Towards Understanding the Bible," conducted by Rabbi Joseph Gitlin.
6:00 P.M.-Interfaith Dinner (See p.1)
7:00 P.M.-Modern Hebrew Conversation.

FRIDAY, APRIL 25, 7:30 P.M.-Orthodox Services.
8:15 P.M.- Liberal Religious Services. Rabbi Gitlin speaks on "Shadows and Lights in Jewish Life."

SUNDAY, APRIL 27, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.-Hillel Picnic. (see p.1) Meet at Hillel.

TUESDAY, APRIL 29, 4:15 P.M.- Hillel Council Meeting.
8:00 P.M.-Intercollegiate Zionist Federation chapter open meeting.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 30, 7:00 P.M.-Advanced Hebrew Class.
8:00 P.M.- Elementary Hebrew Class.

THURSDAY, MAY 1- United Jewish Appeal student campaign for funds begins.
4:15 P.M.-"Understanding the Bible" class
7:00 P.M.-Modern Hebrew Conversation.

FRIDAY, MAY 2, 7:30 P.M.-Orthodox Jewish Services.
8:15 P.M.- Liberal Services, Phi Sigma Sigma Sabbath.

SUNDAY, MAY 4, 8:00 P.M.-Carnival Night Fun & Frolic for all, Proceeds Benefit United Jewish Appeal.

MONDAY, MAY 5, 5:15 P.M.-Hillel Executive meets.

TUESDAY, MAY 6, 4:15 P.M.- Hillel Council meeting.



Regular weekly and bi-weekly meetings of classes, Council and various fraternity and sorority groups will continue as per usual schedule. In addition, special programs include the following:

MAY 9, 8:00 P.M.-Combined Orthodox-Liberal Friday evening services conducted by Pi Lambda Phi under direction of Sam Goldeen, former Army Chaplain.

MAY 16, 8:00 P.M.- Rabbi Gitlin delivers sermon on "What Makes Me a Jew?"

MAY 18, 8:00 P.M.- Rabbi Stern of San Francisco speaks on "Ethics of the Fathers."

MAY 21, 8:00 P.M.- Hillel student program before Mens' and Womens' Lodges, B'nai B'rith, of Berkeley. B'nai B'rith award to Hillel man of the year. All are invited.

MAY 23, 8:00 P.M.- A Shevvoth message on "The Book of Ruth."

MAY 30, 8:00 P.M.- Sermon on "What Makes me a Jew?"

MAY 31, 9:00 P.M. to 1:00 A.M.- FINAL FLING at Sir Francis Drake Hotel, San Francisco. (See p.1)

ADDITIONAL EVENTS WILL BE ANNOUNCED FROM TIME TO TIME

The Rabbi's Column

The Festival of Passover was drawing to a climactic close. As I sat in my study reflecting upon the dramatic story of the Haggadah, I seemed to hear the muffled tune of a song that, kept constantly humming in my heart. I strained to listen to the melody which sounded like shattering of chairs and happy laughter and plaintive prayer—all blended into one. In my mind's eye I beheld the miracle of freedom wrought by God through Moses. Erstwhile slaves were marching out of Egypt—Israel, B'nai Cholim, a free people. And then my reverie suddenly retreated into reality. I found myself thinking of my brethren in Europe and on the Isle of Cyprus—homeless, confined, wanted nowhere, "enjoying" the fruits of a victorious war—slavery in Displaced Persons camps. There was no song of freedom in their hearts, only despair and desperation.

Passover may have fled into the limbo but its challenge remains. Ours is the task of writing a new song of freedom that they may sing as they march out of their modern Egypt. Our challenge takes form. First we must alleviate their misery. To us they lift their voices seeking succor and salvation. We must help raise the sum of one hundred seventy million dollars in the United Jewish Appeal. Hillel will launch its own campaign to raise funds and we hope that all the Jewish students on the campus will do their share in saving lives doomed to die. We cannot afford to stand by as innocuous spectators; we will not fail; we will give that they may live.

But our responsibility does not rest with alleviating their temporary misery. We must instill in the hearts of our people wallowing in D.P. camps a feeling of lasting security and at-homeness. They cannot return to their former lands to build homes upon cemeteries where their loved ones sleep a restless sleep. They cannot find forgetfulness in haunting memories of murdered kin. They want a home where they can begin a new life by which they can regain their self-respect and dignity which they had lost under the lash of the oppressor. They need a home they can love, a soil they can cherish, an atmosphere they can breathe without resentment. They want a chance to strike a root, to work for a living, to raise a family. With all their hearts they want to go to Palestine where they can find at long last security and peace.

We in America dare not be idle spectators of the grim drama being enacted by the survivors of our people. Their song of freedom is muted.

Europe's Jews . . .

NEED YOUR HELP... GIVE TO U.J.A.

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The Editor Speaks

The Jewish people are traditionally a patient people. The British career diplomat and his automatonlike robot, the professional Tommy, are aware of this and play it for all its worth. When that investigating commissions have cried over the plight of the Jews, the British have wept, for sure they are a righteous people. How long, how long, O Lord, must we wait? Perhaps less time than we think . . .

For the United Nations will turn its concentrated attention to our problem, the problem of world Jewry, when it takes up Palestine's internal problems on April 28. The cause brooks no division here. If 85 percent of the world's Jews are firmly pro-Zionist, they must rally 100 percent of the Jewish people to their cause, and millions of their sympathetic neighbors who realize that only through an amicable settlement of the Palestine question will the world be one step nearer to peace.

Perhaps we must admit the presence of that cynical element in our personality which whispers that this will once more be a farce, the buffoonery of power hungry and greedy men who must preserve their position at all costs, including reason. Perhaps trusteeship is not the answer, perhaps partition is not the answer. But most certainly, if five million Jews in America show that they are united, and are supported by thinking neighbors, then an answer will be found. For it must, no long winded debates will be tolerated when we realize that this wind is using up the death gasps of our brethren. We urge everyone, Jew and non-Jew alike, to participate in the current and coming demonstrations, and make your position known.



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Ours is the task of writing a new song whose melody will sing of love and joy and freedom. Ours is the humble task of saving the disinherited Jews of Europe. Their freedom can be attained in Palestine. It is the hope of their lacerated hearts. With united hands we must transmute that hope into a happy reality.

ARE WE HEADED FOR WASTELAND?

An intellectual challenge to the Jewish student to rediscover himself through rediscovery of his Jewish heritage and character was presented recently at Hillel by Schlomo Bardin, national youth director of the Z.O.A., in one of the most stimulating discussions in recent months.

Speaking on the topic, "Are We Candidates for Wasteland," Dr. Bardin reviewed the novel Wasteland (reviewed in this issue) briefly in relation to the psychological problems it presents.

Eighty per cent of Jewish college youth are candidates for such a fate of emptiness in their lives, Dr. Bardin estimated. The positive connotations which complimented the Jewish grandmother on telling her she possessed a "zisse Yiddische ponim" no longer exist for the shallow Jewish sorority girl of today. These associations of mind were further complemented in Grandmother's day by the Shabbasdik aroma of the Jewish kitchen which has today been completely assimilated in most homes. A "loss of luggage" was depicted by Bardin in the journey, first from Europe to America, then from the East to the West Coast. Eastern Jewish structures are mere shells in the west, he asserted.

The distinctive contribution of the Jewish people has always been in the field of human relations, Bardin said. Nowhere does one find except in the Bible a code of conduct set forth for the relations of man to man, man to woman, and so on. Even

today, in the midst of chaos in Palestine, human experimentation is going on. Some 40,000 persons live in cooperative kibbutzim, others in colonies or moshavot, others in collectives and still others in private farms and communities.

Jewish youth are characteristically liberal, Bardin observed. However, how many Jewish students associate this liberalism with their Jewishness? How many can even tell of the greatness of the Hebrew prophets of old who were the fountainheads from which came the springs of democracy and freedom. There is a spark of Amos in the work in Palestine, for Palestinians live for avodah, work and saving, saving those of their brethren who plaintively wail from the barbed wire detention camps of Cyprus after being shipped there like cattle from Haifa, turned back in view of the Promised Land, their bitterness and heart-sickness only increased by their glimpse of the life which lies beyond the British naval blockade. This life is glorified by the modern Hebrew poet, who writes for the first time in centuries, not of ghetto walls and persecution and misery, but of vital life, passionate love and exalted work.

The role of the Hillel student in relation to the perplexed Jewish student who blindly attempts to lose himself in assimilation was likened by Bardin to the task of a light bulb which overcomes darkness, not by struggle, but by illumination. We must all know ourselves, then go forth and add

AMERICA—HOME OR EXILE?

Ed's note: At the IZFA meeting held on Tuesday, March 18, at Hillel, a panel discussion was given on a question that vexes the minds of all Jews. "Is America a home or an exile?" Excerpts from the argument are reported by Ralph Kramer, former Hillel President, and Renee Teich. "America is actually a home for us."

It is a realistic fact and correct psychology for us to consider America a home, for it is a home for all those not going to Palestine.

America can become a great center of Jewish life; it's community's the most secure politically, the largest number, with a sense of responsibility.

Most Jews are in-between. They are not at home here in the United States or in Palestine.

Jews are avoiding the facts. There are those who say they are in exile, yet plan to stay and brood about it, or are defensive. Some are apologetic, and feel that they must prove that the Jews are contributing to the American way of life.

There is much uncertainty as to what America really is to the Jews. If they knew, they would be more of an asset both to America, and the "yishuv" in Palestine.

Jews in exile do not lead a happy life, but regarding America as a home is not incompatible with the vital movement towards Palestine.

—RALPH KRAMER

sympathy to illumination in helping our fellows to realize that to Thee alone every knee must bend and every tongue give homage."

"No matter in which direction American politics shift the position of the United States as a Jewish cultural center is doomed, and consequently, those Jews who are interested in remaining Jews are in exile here."

History has shown that Jews have been exterminated either physically or culturally in every nation in which they have established themselves. In this country development has been different, in that Jews have largely intermarried themselves and, therefore, have begun their own destruction. America cannot be a home for the Jews. If they do not keep in touch with Palestine, they will lose their leadership and disappear from the scene.

Palestine is the only definite cultural center besides the United States. Pressure to Palestine is necessary for those who want to remain Jews. This land is a home for the Jews because it can create culturally; the American center cannot.

If American political trends are liberal there will be no reason for Jewish cultural development. All Jewish values brought from Europe have died a slow death and the new trends which are developing lead to assimilation. If reaction sets in, however, it will drive Jews to segregate in one extensive community. Culture will develop but at the same time, they will be exterminated.

—Zev Brinner



IZFA URGES U.N. ACTION

Preparing the individual and the community for immediate comprehension of the situation which faces the United Nations in their treatment of the Palestine problem is the immediate and urgent function of the Intercollegiate Zionist Federation in their high geared program for the remainder of the semester.

Herman Quittman of the SF Zionist Emergency Council, the national organization charged with the immediate mobilization of Zionist strength in moments of crisis, spoke to the I. Z.F.A. on April 17 on what their role in this nationwide campaign would be. Every type of organized group will be approached, and informed of the urgency of the situation. In this way it is hoped that the lack of any Jewish representation in the United Nations in contrast to the position of Great Britain and England's puppet states, the members of the Arab League, will be compensated for.

Plans call for every type of political activity which the group has had experience in handling during the two years of its existence. The officers of the IZFA have streamlined their function through creation of an executive committee triumvirate, which works with representatives of other Zionist groups in the area and the high committee of the Berkeley Palestinian students.

Every individual is urged to make his services available to the IZFA during the period of this emergency. Volunteers will be accepted



WASTELAND

By Jo Sinclair, Harper and Bros. 1946 321 pp.

This Harper Prize Novel has neither plot nor climax, but is rather a continuous psychological case-study of a man who succeeds in overcoming a self-created waste land of doubt, shame and insecurity.

Through a series of conferences with an analyst, Jack Brown, born Jake Braunovitz, reveals the problems in his family and social relationships which have caused his neurosis. For eighteen years Jake has lived in fear that his fellow journalists would discover his Jewishness. His lack of family affection, his feeling of insecurity becomes more frustrating at Passover. "His unwillingness to face the significance of the Passover and Seder ritual, an ever recurring pattern.... is tied in his mind to the pattern of his family, each generation repeating itself (like the yearly Seder) in a new generation of wasteland." Involved in this wasteland are his stinky father, his weak, pitiable mother, and his two young nephews.

Emerging from the doctor's office with a new understanding of himself and his family, strengthened by his sister Debby who also has overcome a

handicap, Jake is now able to assume his true identity. It also becomes possible for him to prevent the waste of the lives of his nephews.

PICNIC...

lays, delicious food, and just plain basking in the California sun.

Whatever you do, don't wear good clothes, for they'll never be the same.

There'll be crazy prizes given for the best suntan received during the afternoon, the most dishevelled appearance, and any other thing.

All Jewish students are invited to attend. Hillel members are charmed 25¢ and non-Hillel members 35¢. So come one -- come all.

FINAL FLING...

Starting at 9 p.m. in the Sir Francis Drake, the music of Paul Laws' orchestra and vocalist, will accompany Hillelites and guests on their excursions around the ballroom for some four hours. About 600 students from around the Bay are expected for the affair, the climaxing social event of the spring semester. The atmosphere will be strictly informal.

Bids will be on sale near the first of May at \$2.40 each. Promptness is recommended to avoid the disappointment that comes only from missing an event which will be cherished in college memories.

The story is told from several points of view--in Jake's own inarticulate manner, through the doctor's notes and by straight narration. Though there is some unavoidable repetition in the psychoanalytical method, the story brings to us vivid and warmly human people.

YOUTH MARCH ON CAPITOL

Concerned with a rising wave of legislation which affects the interests of California youth threatening their educations, the California Youth Legislative Committee has announced a Youth Citizenship Pilgrimage to Sacramento on April 27 and 28. An East Bay, San Francisco, and Los Angeles chapter will participate and all individuals are invited to join in supporting this movement.

Arising from the regular Legislative Conference held between sessions at Sacramento, the California Youth Legislative Committee has recommended passage of increased student veteran and on the job apprentice training subsidies. Support has been given to creation of a statewide recreation commission to integration the functions of local and county officers. Investigation of discriminatory practices in education and employment is the object of another bill with committee support.

Information on the Pilgrimage may be obtained from Jane Hueston of the Unitarian Church, 2425 Bancroft Way, Berkeley.

ARE YOU LISTENING?

The outstanding contemporary example of Jewish culture as reflected in a radio broadcast is "The Eternal Light," aired by KFO NCB each Sunday at 9:30 a.m. Produced by the Jewish Theological Seminary of New York in cooperation with NBC, the program presents Jewish music, liturgical and folk, and an inspirational dramatization of new and old topics by eminent writers and actors.



IRV KRAUSS



LEGISLATIVE FUNCTIONS



SUNDAY DANCING.....

Life Among The Greeks

Alpha Epsilon Phi

Eleanor Peilen, president of Alpha Epsilon Phi, announced her engagement to Sydney Grunbaum of San Francisco by passing the traditional box of candy on March 8th.

Shining pins and smiling faces showed the campus that Mary Anker, Jessie Berman, Rosalie Brodsky, Shirley Fields, June Levitas, Mitzi Marcus, Marilyn Mirsky, Babette Mittleman, Lore Oppenheimer, and Joan Robinson are actives as of March 12th.

New pledges of AE Phi were honored by a pajama party March 28, and the traditional campus open house, Sunday, March 30. Laurel Hill and Gloria Herz were co-chairmen of the affair. Pledges include Cecilia Shinsky, Joan Roder, Shirley Berman, Marilyn Citron, and Joanne Craman.

Intramural sports are the newest house activity. The girls are participating in ping-pong, swimming, and tennis under the leadership of Lois Josephs, WAA chairman.

Pi Lambda Phi

Pi Lambda Phi will conduct Hillel Friday evening services on May 9 at 8 p.m. A blending of Orthodox and liberal traditions to form an interesting and enjoyable program is promised by Sam Goldeen, a pledge, formerly a chaplain's assistant in the Army.

Speaker of the evening will be Dr. Raymond Gope, minister of the Unitarian Church of Berkeley, who will give a sermon on "Interpretation of Hebrew Traditions."

Present president of the group which meets every Monday evening at



Hillel Students at Westminster Dinner March 28

U.J.A. DRIVE...

tion of the quarter of a million homeless Jews now housed in inadequate and crowded displaced persons camps in Europe.

The coming drive will be a joint campaign in behalf of 52 agencies, national and overseas, which in various ways carry on Jewish welfare, charitable, religious, and educational activities. In this way, a single contribution can be made for all of them at one time.

There is a need for immediate aid for those unfortunate of a war-ravaged Europe. It is greater today than it ever was, therefore, it is going to be necessary for every student to help out in this campaign.

Hillel is Jerry Stern, a premedical student from San Francisco. Vice President is Al Altman, an ex-marine from Oakland. Chapter scribe is Al Lapides. Pi Lam's have 32 active members and 12 pledges.

Members of the fraternity have been invited by pledge Tom Oswald to bring their dates to a gala affair at his peninsula home on May 18.

Annual Interfraternity Dance this year is scheduled for May 24.

paign, and make the drive a complete success "Canvasses and appeals will be made to every student and organized living group on campus, and we hope everyone will help out to their utmost," said Fred Katzburg.



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Passover Seder April Fourth at Y Cottage

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Highlight of the evening following completion of the seder service and dinner was the awarding of the coveted gold Hillel Keys, a handsome scroll-shaped emblem awarded in recognition of an individual's work in bettering the position of the Jewish student at the Hillel Foundation.

Six keys were awarded, to each of the following persons: Mrs. Helen Smook, Past President of Women's Grand Lodge, District 4, B'nai Brith, Hillel's parent organization; Zaida Carlson, Hal Berg, former proxy of Hillel; Bernadine Shapiro, cultural chairman, formerly social chairman of Hillel Council; David Robins, two terms and present President of the Hillel Council, and Gerald Turnoy, editor of the Hillel Call, religious chairman of the Hillel Council, all active in all phases of Hillel life.

Feminine members of the congregation were victorious in a contest of speed in reciting "Echad Ke Kodesh," (Who Knows One), a chronicle of God's gifts to our people, all of which would have been "Dayenu" even if not supplanted by the next.

Guests of honor of the evening were the Reverend and Mrs. Raymond Gope of the Unitarian Church, who gave the invocation; Dean of Students Hurford Stone and Mrs. Stone; Mr. Edgar C. Levey, member of National Hillel Commission and Mrs. Levey; Mr. and Mrs. Michael Gordon and Mr. and Mrs. Louis Smook.