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DISTINGUISHED LEADERS SEND HILLEL GREETINGS

The B'nai B'rith Hillel Foundation is now comfortably established in its new home at 2736 Bancroft Way, and more than a thousand students already have visited the student center in the brief three weeks of its operation.

Greetings have come to Hillel from a host of distinguished leaders, and the Hillel Call is proud to present some of these. Lack of space prevents reprinting all of the felicitations.

From EARL WARREN, governor of California — "I congratulate the B'nai B'rith Hillel Foundation and the Jewish students at the University of California upon the establishment of their new quarters. My best wishes go to you in continued success of your program."

DR. ROBERT G. SPROUL, president of the University of California — "Because the University of California is so fortunate in its friends and co-workers, it gives me pleasure to send congratulations to members and alumni of the B'nai B'rith Hillel Foundation. An opportunity is now presented to continue on a larger scale your rich facilities for spiritual, intellectual and social inspiration."

DR. H. M. GINSBURG, grand president, District Grand Lodge No. 4, B'nai B'rith — "I wish it were possible for everyone to see the manner in which Hillel performs its work. It is an asset to any organization. It was my privilege to inspect your new home prior to the consummation of the deal in which we became the owners of this new unit. It is my hope that before my term of office expires that we will see the completion of the entire unit on the spot in order that it may better serve the students at the University of California."

RABBI ARTHUR J. LELYVELD, national director, B'nai B'rith Hillel Foundations — "... I know that you

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Thanksgiving Supper and Semi-Formal Next

Two big dividends on your membership are next on the B'nai B'rith Hillel Foundation calendar for your entertainment and enrichment.

On Sunday evening, November 30, the "lucky 100"—the first hundred to send in their reservations, will enjoy a Thanksgiving supper at Hillel beginning at 6 p. m. The speaker will be Max Lewenthal, who worked with Edison

on the invention of the electric light, with Alexander Graham Bell in the invention of the telephone, and in his own right has created a host of important inventions, including the electric iron. He will bring personal reminiscences of Edison, Bell, Marconi, Henry Ford, Harvey S. Firestone, and many others.

Tickets for the dinner are \$1.00 for members, and \$1.50 for non-members. Only 100 reservations can be accepted. Your reservation card will be in the mail shortly. Return it at once. They will be numbered in the order received for the lucky tickets.

On Saturday evening, Dec. 6, Hillel sponsors a semi-formal dance at the International House ballroom, from 8 to 12 p.m. Music will be by Buddy Eckstrom's orchestra, and the grand march will begin promptly at 8 p.m. Tickets for Hillel members are free, but they must be secured at the Hillel office in advance. Non-members are \$2.00 per couple.

Here's how to get your dance bids: Bring your membership card to the office at any time from Friday, Nov. 21 to Wednesday, Nov. 26, inclusive. Admission by couple bids only. Only 250 bids will be issued. All those who come in late for their tickets will have to be turned away.

KAFFEE KLATSCH

An addition to Hillel's social program will be the Monday afternoon Kaffee Klatsch each week from 4 to 5:30, open to members only. Refreshments, student participation, real camaraderie. Come over Monday afternoon and try it!

HILLEL ACCOLADES

To JESSIE BERMAN and JUNE LEVITAS for being elected to Panile, sophomore women's honorary and activity society.

To RON SOCKOLOV for his playing on the varsity football team, and to EDDIE HART for his work on the freshman team.

To the Berkeley chapter of the Intercollegiate Zionist Federation of America for its stimulating Balfour Day program, Sunday, Nov. 2.

To LEA LORBER, GERALD TURNOY, and NATHAN BURAS, who are social, religious and cultural chairmen respectively for Hillel—for the fine work they are doing in developing Hillel programs.

To the International House, for opening its auditorium to Hillel for the Dec. 6 semi-formal.

To MR. and MRS. MURRAY, CHARLIE and RUBY, our caretakers for their supervision and attention to every detail to make us more comfortable in our new Hillel home.

To MICHAEL GORDON, Hillel Commission treasurer, who controls the purse strings, for his fatherly interest in Hillel and Hillel students.

To RENA ADILMAN, hobbling around the campus to her classes with her leg in a cast, radiating her distinctive personality despite the handicap of a mending broken leg.

To DR. LAURANCE SEARS, Mills College, for his enlightening talk on Soviet-American relations, Nov. 9.

The Rabbi's Column

For almost twenty years, the B'nai B'rith Hillel Foundation has flourished on the campus of the University of California. Each year has witnessed definite signs of progress. Today we have acquired a larger home to meet the needs of an augmented Jewish student group. In the near future, more facilities will be added when the I. M. Golden Memorial Building will be constructed.

During these two decades, thousands of Jewish students have gained many benefits from Hillel. Upon many it has left a profound impress. I am glad to state that in the ranks of the B'nai B'rith, our parent organization, there are thousands of Hillel alumni who have devoted their efforts to help maintain Hillel throughout the country because they appreciated its worthy endeavors.

I have always thought that although Hillel welcomes large throngs at its varied functions, it nevertheless proves its worth by what it seeks to do for the individual student. I think of those who have sought guidance and a sense of direction in a life beset with problems of doubt, uncertainty, frustration. How many have come to the study of the Director, searching for comfort and counsel; it may be a student from a maladjusted home who cannot adjust himself to the life of the campus, who finds himself lonely even in the midst of the teeming social activities that abound at a university; it may be the student whose feeling of insecurity is projected into the religious realm and who feels depressed with his atheism or "suspended in air" with his agnosticism. I need not mention the problems of class failures, intermarriages, romance, broken friendships, economic status, vocational guidance, etc.

HILLEL'S INFLUENCE

I think of Hillel as an intelligent approach to Jewish life and thought. Here the student can find satisfactory reasons for believing and thinking in terms of Jewish culture and religion. We have many atavistic Jews who cling to their Jewish way of life because of sentimental reasons. Then they undergo an experience which jars them from their sentimental moorings and which leaves them without roots or a sense of belonging. They become

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HILLEL CALENDAR

Sunday, Nov. 16, 8 P. M.—Musical, classical concert with commentaries on composers and works. Dance.

Monday, Nov. 17, 4 to 5:30 P. M.—Kaffee Klatsch.

Tuesday, Nov. 18, 7 P. M.—Hillel Executive Board.

Wednesday, Nov. 19, 8 P. M.—Hillel program before Berkeley lodge B'nai B'rith, and Berkeley Women's Chapter. Hebrew classes, 7 P. M.

Thursday, Nov. 20, 4 P. M.—Rabbi Gitin's classes on Modern Judaism. 7:30 P. M.—First meeting of Drama committee.

Friday, Nov. 21,—Unity Lodge, San Francisco, caravan for religious services. Orthodox service, 7:30; liberal service 8:15. Rabbi Gitin, speaker.

Saturday, Nov. 22, 2 to 4 P. M.—First of series, Oneg Shabat, discussion groups, programs, refreshments. Come in for your Dance bids.

Sunday, Nov. 23, 8 P. M.—Informal program and dance.

Monday, Nov. 24, 4 to 5:30 P. M.—Kaffee Klatsch.

Tuesday, Nov. 25, 7:30 P. M.—Hillel executive council.

Wednesday, Nov. 26, 7 P. M.—Hebrew classes. IZFA meeting, 7:30 P. M.

Thursday, Nov. 27, 4 P. M.—Rabbi Gitin's classes. Dramatic activities committee, 7:30. Academic Holiday begins.

Friday, Nov. 28,—Religious services. Social.

Saturday, Nov. 29, 2 to 4 P. M.—Oneg Shabat.

Sunday, Nov. 30, 6 P. M.—Thanksgiving supper, speaker, Max Loewenthal.

Monday, Dec. 1,—Back to the old grind. Vacation all too short.

Tuesday, Dec. 2, 7 P. M.—Hillel Executive Board.

Wednesday, Dec. 3, 7 P. M.—Hebrew Classes. Count days before Dance at I-House Saturday night.

Wednesday, Nov. 19, Hillel Foundation students will be host to the Berkeley lodge of B'nai B'rith at a house-warming party in its honor. President Ed Brosler greeted the Hillel offer with enthusiasm, and the program will include student participation to augment the regular lodge program.

The President's Column

Hillel activities are at a high tempo. Virtually every Jewish student on the campus has seen our beautiful new home. Great enthusiasm has been shown for the vistas of activities which the building facilities have opened to us.

Participation in these activities has been encouraging. However, many students are overlooking the opportunity of taking a direct part in Hillel's administration by purchasing a membership card.

In addition, there are many concrete advantages for Hillel members. The payment of \$1.50 for the year's membership will entitle you to reduced admissions to such affairs as the Thanksgiving dinner and the December 6th Semi-Formal at International House. The council, in addition, is planning certain worthwhile events which will be open only to members.

More important than these considerations is the opportunity to identify yourself with a group which you can help to shape through your direct and continued participation.

Whether you play ping-pong, use the library, listen to the records, dance, make new friends or not, your support through active membership shows your desire for others to enjoy these things.

Let's not be hitch-hikers! Let's meet our responsibility.

Fred Katzburg, President

You enjoy reading your Hillel Call, so will your parents back home. After you're through with it why not mail it to mom and dad and let them see what Hillel Foundation offers to you as a "home away from home." If you want additional copies ask for them—but quick!—at the office.

HILLEL ALUMNI

Marilyn Chudnow has agreed to crystallize interest for the organization of a Hillel Alumni chapter. Many active Hillel students who have graduated retain their interest in the Foundation and desire to maintain a live liaison with the organization that meant so much to them during their school careers.

If you are interested contact Marilyn or express yourself through the Hillel office.

JEWISH BOOK MONTH

The period from Nov. 7 to Dec. 7 is observed nationally as Jewish Book Month, and the Hillel library, celebrated throughout the organization for its excellence, is proud to be in the forefront with some excellent suggestions for your reading interest.

Miss Anne Nylund, librarian, has prepared this list of books available to those who make their application while they are still available. Because of the difficulties of adjustment in connection with moving operations, the full facilities of the library are just gradually being placed in action. Here are this month's suggestions:

BIOGRAPHY

Banner of Jerusalem; the life, times, thought of Abraham Isaac Kuk, the late chief rabbi of Palestine, by Jacob B. Agus.

Master of Troyes; a study of RASHI, the educator, by Samuel M. Blumenfeld. Solomon Maimon; an autobiography.

Star Over Jordan; the life of Theodore Herzl, by Jozsef Patai.

ZIONISM AND PALESTINE

Behind the silken curtain; a personal account of the Anglo-American diplomacy in Palestine and the Middle East, by Bartley Crum.

Dances of Palestine; prepared by Katya Delakova.

Palestine Mission; a personal record, by Richard Crossman.

Palestine; problem and promise; an economic survey, by Robert Nathan and others.

Promised Land; Palestine of today and of the ages, in words and pictures, by Ellen Thorbecke.

Significance of Palestine, by Silas S. Perry.

To Whom Palestine? by Frank H. Gervasi.

Zionist Movement; by Israel Cohen.

PHILOSOPHY AND RELIGION

Biting On Granite; selected sermons and addresses, by Louis I. Newman.

Encyclopedia of Bible Life; by Madeleine S. Miller.

Language of Faith; selected Jewish Prayers, ed. by Nahum N. Glatzer.

Light From the Ancient Past; the archaeological background of the Hebrew-Christian religion, by Jack Finegan.

Major Trends in Jewish Mysticism; by Gershom G. Scholem (Rev. ed.)

One Destiny; an epistle to the Christians, by Shalom Asch.

Talmudic Anthology; tales and teachings of the rabbis, ed. by Louis I. Newman and Samuel Spitz.



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Everyday Hebrew, by Hayim Rabin.

History of Jewish Art; by Franz Landsberger.

In Time and Eternity; a Jewish reader, ed. by Nahum N. Glatzer.

The Ten Commandments; a portfolio of 10 colored plates by Alexander R. Katz.

From the Land of Sheba; tales of the Jews of Yemen, ed. by S. D. Goitein.

Rabbi of Bacherach, a Fragment; by Heinrich Heine.

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Blessed Is the Match; the story of Jewish resistance, by Marie Syrkin.

Jew in American Life; by James W. Wise.

Jew in Our Day, (essays); by Waldo Frank.

Jews Fight Too! by Mac Davis.

Justice For My People; by Ernest Frankenstein.

Peace of Mind; by Joshua L. Liebman.

Life Line to a Promised Land; by Ira Hirschmann.

Racial State; by Gerhard Jacoby.

Reaction of Jews to Anti-Semitism; a social psychological study based upon the attitudes of a group of South African Jewish students, by S. N. Herman.

Way to Freedom; a contribution to the struggle of the Jews to their right to live as free men and a free people, by Meyer Edelbaum.

FRIENDSHIP TRAIN

Hillel Foundation did a tremendous good turn this month when it was designated as a repository for money and merchandise loaded on the Friendship Train Nov. 8 — destined for succor to Europe.

Approximately 2,000 pounds of vital food was left at Hillel by students and townspeople, and the sum of \$300 was contributed in cash through the active participation of the B'nai B'rith lodge and the women's chapter.

DEMOCRACY IN ACTION

Hillel exhibited one of the foundations upon which its success is built on the evening of Nov. 6 when the Intercollegiate Zionist Federation chapter was host to one of the first of its fireside discussions. Brought together for the first time in a Jewish house were Jews and Arabs who debated their common problems in Palestine in true democratic fashion.

HILLEL SPORTS ACTIVITIES—

A program of intramural athletic activity is being sponsored by Hillel Foundation with Reuben Kathein as chairman. With moving operations sufficiently advanced to provide for reopening of the ping pong table in the rumpus room, a tournament is being planned. Other sports on a competitive basis being organized are basketball, soccer, baseball, tennis and swimming. If you are interested in participating in any athletic activities please contact the Hillel office with your name, address, time available, and sport preferred.

Dramatic Activities

The first meeting of the Hillel Drama Committee will take place on Thursday Evening, November 20, at 7:30 P. M. If you are interested, please attend.

Bunny Shapiro, who will act as director, has worked on many plays in the past, and she has chosen a comedy as her first production, subject to the approval of the committee.

Congratulations!

Another Hillel romance culminated in marriage at Portland, Oregon, on Sunday, October 26, with the wedding of Babette Mittleman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Mittleman, and Dr. Leonard E. Schnitzer. Mazeltov!

THIS IS HILLEL

Since the beginning of the current school year, it is estimated that more than 1,000 Jewish students have frequented the B'nai B'rith Foundation at one time or another. At each succeeding function there are newcomers who share in the activities, and who help make them successful by their participation. They know Hillel and appreciate the role it plays as "a home away from home."

In Berkeley Hillel is one of the most important facets of extra-curricular activities open to students, providing a stimulus for social, cultural and religious experiences that are an important part of college life. You will learn constantly and continuously of the many advantages of participation in Hillel activities through this publication and through the many sources of Hillel publicity.

Hillel Foundation, supported by B'nai B'rith, is the largest network of coordinated cultural units on the university scene in the United States. These Foundations have an operating budget of \$1,000,000 annually, and employ more Rabbis than any other agency in the world.

Today there are 176 Hillel Foundations and Counselorships on college campuses counseling and guiding 250,000 Jewish students who take an active role in stimulating interest in their glorious heritage.

Building funds totaling \$3,000,000 have now been raised for new Hillel buildings by B'nai B'rith. Here in Berkeley Hillel students are being invited to participate in the fund-raising program, details of which are to be announced soon.

MEMORIAL FUND

The I. M. Golden Memorial Fund, established as a tribute to a famous judge, humanitarian and communal leader, now has accumulated approximately \$90,000, and there remains \$30,000 to be raised to complete the financing of the new Hillel project. The balance is now being recruited among the B'nai B'rith lodges and in B'nai B'rith communities throughout this area.

When this sum has been subscribed construction work will begin in the operation of moving the present house on the property to the rear of the lot, and erection of a new building facing Bancroft Way. The new structure will

PALESTINIAN CORNER

With approximately 70 Palestinian students organized into their own circle, their influence in the community as well as on the campus is expanding.

Nathan Buras, formerly of Tel Aviv, is president, and the other officers are Rena Adilman, vice president; Moshe Wardinon, secretary-treasurer; Dorian Ginsburg, Abraham Kon, Paltiel Stashover, and Israel Rokach, members of the board.

Affiliation with the Palestinian Students Association of America is contemplated, and the group is maintaining steady contact with Palestine to provide a source of up-to-the-minute information on their homeland.

The aims are:

To promote better relationship and understanding among Jewish brethren on the campus.

To work actively with the Zionist groups in the Bay Area.

To provide an information and aid center for Palestinian students.

In order to achieve these aims the Palestinians are pledged to take part in the activities of Hillel as well as in those of IZFA, Habonim, Hashomer Hatzair, and similar groups.

A Palestinian Corner is being outfitted in Hillel where newspapers, magazines and books will be available to all interested.

house an auditorium, chapel, library, a kitchen, and a rabbi's study.

Hillel students receive many benefits in addition to their social, cultural and religious activities. The Hillel Library Service is producing at least one book of Jewish value each year. There are Hillel Student Welfare Funds at 56 campuses through which the students themselves raised \$135,700 toward the support of major Jewish welfare agencies this year.

The Hillel Student Refugee Program is bringing gifted young people to American universities from the Displaced Person camps in Europe. College credit is given for Hillel study at 13 universities. Chairs in Jewish studies are being established, and there are a score of Hillel interfaith scholarships.

There is a place in Hillel for every student on the campus who desires to avail himself or herself of this opportunity of sharing "a home away from home."

THE RABBI

IN THE COMMUNITY

Rabbi Joseph Gitin recently returned from a lecture trip to Oregon State College where he was featured as a speaker during Religious Emphasis Week. He had the occasion to participate in many functions including an Open Forum, Inter-Faith Symposium, Skeptics Hour, Radio Broadcast, living group discussions and classes. Topics presented were "The Religious Foundations of American Democracy," "Roots of Prejudice," "Problem of Good and Evil," "Criteria for Values," "Judaism and Marriage," "Essentials of Judaism."

Talks scheduled this month include the Le Conte PTA on "Honor Thy Son and Thy Daughter," Berkeley Rotary on "Gratitude," Pacific Coast BBOY Conference, Installation of Rabbi Lipis at Temple Beth Abraham, Oakland.

1948-49 SCHOLARSHIPS

B'nai B'rith and Hillel have a number of valuable scholarships available each year to students of the University of California, and one of the important considerations for eligibility is an enthusiastic participation in Hillel activities. If you are interested, see Rabbi Gitin.

IZFA Welcomes You

The Intercollegiate Zionist Federation of America chapter in Berkeley is embarking on another year of activities. Its aim is to bring the crucial issues of Zionism close to the Jewish students, and to maintain contacts with important trends involving Palestine in the political world.

Regular meetings are held on the second and fourth Wednesday evenings at Hillel. Of course, you're invited!

Hanukkah at Hillel

Hillel will observe Chanuka with a special holiday party Sunday evening Dec. 7, beginning at 8 P. M. In conformity with Hillel policy after the completion of the membership drive, the event will be for members only. The price of admission is a gift not to exceed 25 cents in value. A gift exchange will precede the party . . . and the refreshments will include Chanukah lotkes.

HILLEL'S LEADERS —

Presenting in brief a word or two or three about members of the executive board of the Hillel Foundation.

FRED KATZBURG, president—Born in Alameda in 1923; Oakland high school, president of his AZA chapter; entered U. C. fall of 1941, member Hillel debating team, represented Hillel in national Hillel Forum and Debating tournament. Entered military service early in 1943. Served in Philippines. Returned to U. C. fall of 1946. Graduates in June, 1948.

MARILYN CHUDNOW, vice president—Born Long Beach, Calif., high school there. At U. C. belongs to Phraters, Dorm Council, president of Channing Hall, last year's Hillel secretary. Teaches religious school, Temple Sinai, Oakland.

JESSIE BERMAN, secretary — Sacramento high school, student body secretary; A E Phi, IZFA, Habonim, manager junior varsity debate team; sophomore majoring in history and English.

ARNOLD J. LAPIN, treasurer—Born Evanston, Ill., high school there and in Los Angeles, AZA, B'nai B'rith Young Men, University of Chicago Department of Religious Studies, Los Angeles City College, vice president Federation of American Jews, teaches Religious School, Beth El Temple, Berkeley.

DIRECTORS

MIRIAM LANDES—Native New Yorker, high school in Los Angeles, University Students Cooperative, IZFA and Habonim.

GERALD TURNOY—Religious chairman, born in Chicago, high school there, came to Cal in 1945; worked on several newspaper staffs, Chicago College of Jewish studies, former Petaluma Sunday School program director, ex-Call editor, IZFA, Habonim, violinist in University Symphony, active in organizing student legislative groups, hopes to be political correspondent, majoring in political science, junior.

LEA LORBER—Social chairman, born in Germany, high school at Portland Oregon, one year University of Oregon; war board chairman, member speakers' symposium, speakers bureau, vice president and social chairman of Freeborne Hall.

MOSHE BESUBOV—Born in Palestine, 1925; high school at Tel Aviv, agricultural school 2 years, communal settlements 3 years, one year in the states, majoring soil science.

NISSON S. PEARL—Born in Texas, high school at Sweetwater, Texas, attended University of Texas, Texas Tech., San Diego State; member IZFA, Associated

HOUSE COMMITTEE

Hillel's new home at 2736 Bancroft Way is a thing of beauty, and in an attempt to keep it so, a House Committee has been organized under the chairmanship of Ben Prager.

The committee's function will be to remind slightly forgetful students that Hillel is really their home away from home, and should be treated as such. In cases of non-cooperation, the committee will be forced to take disciplinary measures. Another function of the group will be to act as a clearing-house for the use of all rooms in the building. No meeting room will be assigned to any Hillel committee or outside group without first clearing with the House Committee through Miss Marguerite Gibson, Hillel secretary.

A list of Hillel House Rules will be formulated soon, and copies will be displayed on the bulletin board and other prominent places throughout the building.

INTERFAITH ACTIVITIES

Putting into practice its policy of promoting understanding among all peoples, Hillel continues this semester to play an active role in the Interfaith Council at the University of California, an organization composed of representatives of all campus religious groups which coordinates activities in the interfaith field.

Representing Hillel on the IFC are Nisson Pearl and Gerald Turnoy. They bring to Hillel news of IFC plans and express Hillel Council's views at IFC meetings. Turnoy also produces the Interfaith Bulletin, a weekly news sheet of activities at member groups which are open to students of all faiths, and editorial expressions of the aims of IFC. This is distributed to the 10 Protestant groups which compose the Inter-Church Council, the Catholic students' Newman Hall, the Unitarian church and a variety of men's and women's living groups.

tudents of the School of Social Welfare, interfaith representative.

NATHAN BURAS—Born in Rumania, agricultural school in Palestine, president of his class; with British Army in middle east, North Africa and Italy. Came to Berkeley, Feb., 1947, to study soil science. Member Tower and Flame; IZFA, president Palestinian Students Association.

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**Berkeley Chapter
B'NAI B'RITH WOMEN**

GREETINGS...

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will fill your new home with the positive Jewish content designed to produce a united community of Jewish students in Berkeley. Hillel has a special role to play in these crucial times. Farsighted educators have come to recognize that we must do more than train our hands for skills and fill our minds with facts and techniques. We need, if our civilization is to survive, an awareness of sustaining and spiritual values. We need the ability to choose wisely the purposes for which our skills and techniques will be used. The university campus today is the scene of a quest for a new synthesis of values which will reflect the best that has come down to us in the religious heritage of the western world. Hillel is dedicated to the task of fitting the Jewish student community for the role of being a live and contributing partner to that quest along with their fellow-students of all races and creeds.

VICTOR FERKISS, president, Interfaith Council at the University of California—"Congratulations to Hillel Foundation on moving into its new house. The representatives of the various religious groups forming the council join me in wishing you and your organization every success."

DR. LAURANCE L. CROSS, mayor of Berkeley—"Congratulations to the Hillel Foundation. I have become familiar with your work through your director, Rabbi Gitin, and through many of my Jewish friends. I feel that the Hillel Foundation and the work it is doing is a great asset to the University of California and to the city of Berkeley. May the new house be a center of life and learning, of helpfulness and happiness for many years to come."

EDGAR C. LEVEY, Hillel Foundation commission, district grand lodge of B'nai B'rith—"... Next year will mark the 25th anniversary of the establishment of Hillel by B'nai B'rith on our university campuses. We hope to be able to give as our contribution in commemoration of this great cause a new Hillel Foundation building in Berkeley. We all look forward to seeing a continuance of the great interest and of the marvelous progress which have graced our Foundation in the past. May our new home grant us inspiration."

ALPHA TO ZETA

Newest addition to the Jewish community on campus is Delta Phi, for the present a local sorority. Suzanne Lerer is president, and the other officers are Pauline Carlin, vice president; Ruth Springer, secretary; Barbara Rothman, treasurer, and Rhoda Grendorfer, pledge mother. The sorority hopes to petition national Delta Phi Epsilon for affiliation in the near future. On Nov. 14 the sorority held open house at which time its pledges were presented formally.

Sigma Alpha Mu fraternity was host to Delta Phi and Alpha Epsilon Phi sororities Nov. 8. Dancing, fun and food made up the program in the Sammy's newly decorated living room. A E Phi presented the melodrama, "Samlet"; Delta Phi gave the history of the fraternity in song, and the Sammy's gave humorous sketches of campus life.

Pi Lamda Phi fraternity is now the proud owner of the former Hillel quarters at 2727 Channing Way, awaiting letting of contracts for remodeling and redecorating. It will be a welcome addition to fraternity row.

Zeta Beta Tau fraternity merits congratulations from all of us for having the highest fraternity scholastic average on the campus.

NEW BULLETIN BOARD

Keep abreast with Hillel events by watching the bulletin board just inside the building entrance. There are always special events that cannot be publicized too far in advance, and these are noted for your benefit on the bulletin board. If you have any information that should be shared by other students, please send it in for posting.

LUNCH HOUR

Hillel is open every noon during the week for those who want to eat their lunches in a homey atmosphere. Coffee, tea, and cokes are available, with some dessert occasionally furnished by Hillel. This is your chance to meet friends and munch lunch. It's ideal for committee meetings, or just plain relaxing in the reading room or the periodical room.

The Rabbi's Column

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skeptical of anything worthwhile in Judaism. One student told me he had discarded ALL Jewish customs because they all originated in the belief in evil spirits. He did not know that in the evolution of many of our customs, there was evolved an ethical motivation which lent beauty and meaning. This student seemed to have forgotten there was such a phenomenon as evolution and that Judaism itself is an example of religious and ethical evolution. It is an Etz Chayim, a tree of life which grows, nourished by the elements of reason.

Hillel leaves its imprint on the individual student. It seeks to accentuate the positive in Jewish life and to help develop leadership potentialities. I know of many of the Hillel alumni who are today leaders in their respective communities whose lives are marked by service beyond self. In my files are letters from former students who are preparing for the Rabbinate and one of them hopes to be a Hillel Director.

What does this all add up to? It means that each student can gain immeasurably from his or her association with Hillel. Transmuting a person into a personality is indeed an achievement in social relations. Acquiring a knowledge of Jewish thought and practice is essential to the well-being of every Jewish student. It gives one a proper perspective and a becoming dignity.

These are some of the benefits that we can gain from membership in Hillel. Every Jewish student on the campus should feel that it is a moral obligation to become a member of Hillel. There are many Jewish students who realize the benefits without this sense of responsibility. It is not fair. Hillel is strong and effective by virtue of its members. Even though one may not attend many of the functions or even have any occasion to seek the counsel of the Director, nonetheless, the knowledge that others do should impel him to help support it. Become a member now!

FREE PARKING

With the conclusion of the football season, the large parking lot adjoining the Hillel Foundation is available to all Hillel members for parking at any time, without charge. The invitation is restricted to Hillel members