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HILLEL IS GRATEFUL TO DR. ABRAM SACHER

By Rabbi Joseph Gitlin

Dr. Abram L. Sachar has resigned as national director of the B'nai B'rith Hillel Foundations. It is with deep regret that I record this fact. For 20 years Hillel has been his consuming passion, and his enthusiasm was so contagious that wherever he went he left a profound impress—a new Hillel unit! Like Abraham of old, he had accepted the challenging commission to go forth throughout the land to bring light to the lives of Jewish youth on the campi of America. The fulfillment of that mission is now history. Today more than 175 Hillel units serve a potential of 200,000 Jewish students.

Dr. Sachar realized, as we do today, that our Jewish youth must acquire knowledge of its heritage in order to possess a sense of self-respect and dignity. Ignorance does not breed bliss; it encourages self-contempt and unhappiness. Too many of our youth are refugees from their inner selves; they are escapist in diverse forms. To rid ourselves of this psychological malaise we must acquire an appreciation of our heritage—history, philosophy, ideology. We must then seek to apply this yerusha to life, transmuting it into a morasha.

Dr. Sachar, with vision and courage, proceeded to develop this spiritual program. It was no easy task, but he was equal to the challenge that confronted him. With the moral and material aid of the B'nai B'rith which sponsors Hillel, Dr. Sachar's guidance and leadership bore fruit. Hitler's era of terror and inhumanity affected Jewish life everywhere. Where it did not decimate their number it left its deadly impress of fear and confusion. Pogrom Judaism gave the Jew a sense of false value. Jewish loyalty was essentially negative. Anti-semitism had to be combated; drives for relief of refugees had to be launched. The synagogues

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Hillel Students Join World Rejoicing for New Judea

By GERALD TURNOY

Fifty years ago, in 1897 at Basle, Switzerland, Theodore Herzl, a Viennese journalist attending the first World Zionist Congress which had grown out of his inspired book *THE JEWISH STATE*, told a friend that "Certainly, in 50 years everyone will see that at Basle I founded the Jewish State."

It was on November 29, 1947, that everyone saw it.

HILLEL ACCOLADES

Hillel is grateful to Mr. SAMUEL TESSLER, of Oakland, for his generous beneficence in presenting the Foundation with a juke box and a collection of dance records.

NATHAN BURAS and DON SIMKIN for presentation of a Jewish flag which was unfurled at Hillel for the first time in commemoration of the United Nations approval of the partition of Palestine.

Mr. and Mrs. ISRAEL FINGERUT, Oakland, for their gift of a Chanukah menorah in memory of Sergeant Alvin B. Cass, who gave his life in the service of his country.

MAX LOEWENTHAL, famous inventor and collaborator with Edison, Bell, Marconi, and many others, for his inspirational as well as enjoyable talk at our Thanksgiving supper.

ARNOLD LAPIN, Hillel treasurer and membership chairman, for his conscientious devotion to duty.

HILLEL and IZFA FOOTBALL TEAMS for their performance on the playing field, resulting in so many victory stories in the Daily Cal.

GIL PAVLOVSKY, talented young pianist, new Junior class vice-president, and appointee to Men's Pudicial Committee of ASUC.

GERALD ADAMS, for his election to Sigma Delta Chi honorary journalism fraternity.

The contributors to the Friendship Train repository at Hillel last month.

The many Hillel members, officers and staff, who have made every activity in the new Hillel House so successful.

STANLEY EPSTEIN, MILTON MAGID, BOB WEIL, AUDREY MILLMAN, JEROME ROSEN, ABE SHERMAN, GERALD TURNOY, and other members of PROF. WILLIAM DENNY'S University Symphony, for their excellent performance of several rarely heard works in a public concert Nov. 25.

JESSIE BERMAN, for her splendid speeches before Interfaith and student audiences on Judaism and Zionism.

In the halls of the United Nations at Lake Success, a vote by the members of the General Assembly on the partition plan which was to bring final solution to the plea of world Jewry for restoration of its National Home gave the required two thirds approval, 33 to 13, to the partition scheme.

Under terms of the plan, a five state commission composed of Denmark, Panama, the Philippines, Bolivia and Czechoslovakia was charged with administration of Palestine pending establishment of the Jewish and Arab states on October 1 next. Withdrawal of British troops was set for August 1.

CELEBRATE AT HILLEL

News of the action at Lake Success struck an immediate responsive chord on the Berkeley campus. There was wild rejoicing among the Palestinians, particularly, and the Hillel facilities were used to help give vent to their enthusiasm.

In the UN lounge, the delegates from the Arab states of Egypt and Iran approached representatives of the Jewish Agency, saying, "We are now neighbors; let's be good neighbors."

The hora was danced that night, on Allenby Boulevard in Tel Aviv, in New York, and in Los Angeles. It was understandable, this release of pent-up emotions of jubilation and uncertainty for the future.

Sporadic outbreaks of sniping and guerilla warfare have occurred since then. The "Arab Higher Committee" has met and blustered its threats. Recruiting of Jews and Arabs has

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The President's Column

We have just seen the United Nations give approval to the partitioning of Palestine, and we are rejoicing that again, after 2,000 years, there is to be a Jewish state.

We rejoice with our brethren in Palestine, and throughout the world, and thank God that He has heard the plea of His people.

The new state faces many problems, and the vigil must never be relaxed.

There is one way in which we can make our moral support felt. The World Zionist election is in preparation, and the sale of "Shekolim" is now under way. The purchase of a shekel is the physical manifestation of our moral support of the new Jewish state. It is an indication of the oneness in spirit with our fellow Jews about the world.

Now we turn to something that presses us at Hillel. Someone has been heard to say that Hillel has become an oligarchy. Unfortunately, from outward appearances this seems to be true. The Hillel student council, the body which governs Hillel, has almost ceased to exist—a condition deplored by all. One of the cardinal principles of democratic government is the right (I prefer the word duty) to vote. All too many of the Hillel members have failed to exercise this duty. The council meetings, held on alternate Tuesdays at 7:30 p. m. have been neglected. As a result the responsibility for action has fallen upon fewer people. We, of the executive committee, would like to see a more representative council. Plans are under way for the revision of the Hillel constitution. This and other projects demand your attention. Attend the council meetings, and voice your opinions. If the time of the meetings is inconvenient, let me hear about it as we try to arrange the meetings so that the greatest number of people can come. Help us to make Hillel more democratic.

Fred Katzburg, president
Hillel Foundation.

HILLEL DANCE

More than 200 enjoyed the first of the year's semi-formal dances at the International House on Saturday evening, December 6. Hillel girls were never more lovely!

HILLEL CALENDAR

Monday, Dec. 15, 4 p. m. — Kaffee Klatsch. Refreshments. For Hillel members only. No guest privileges for this event. Next Kaffee Klatsch Jan. 12. Delta Phi sorority at 5 p. m. Kappa Nu fraternity at 7:30.

Tuesday, Dec. 16, 7:30 p. m.—Hillel Executive Board.

Wednesday, Dec. 17—Hebrew classes at 7 p. m. Last classes until Jan. 14.

Thursday, Dec. 18—Rabbi Gitin's classes will not meet today.

Friday, Dec. 19—Last day of school before vacation. Hooray! Religious services: Orthodox at 7:30; reform at 8:15 p.m.

Sunday, Dec. 21, 8 p. m.—Open House for those not lucky enough to go home for the holidays.

Monday, Dec. 22—Beginning of the loneliest week of the year at Hillel. No school. No special events.

Friday, Dec. 26—Religious services as usual. Religion takes no holiday.

Sunday, Dec. 28—Open house at Hillel.

Monday, Dec. 29—Beginning of another lonely week at Hillel. No special events.

Wednesday, Dec. 31—Happy New Year to all. Hillel will be closed tonight.

Thursday, Jan. 1—Open house at Hillel. No special events.

Friday, Jan. 2—Religious services.

Sunday, Jan. 4—Open House at Hillel. Dancing.

Monday, Jan. 5—Production work begins on January issue of Hillel Call. Pick up your calendar of Hillel events from here on in the January issue.



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INVITATION TO DINNER

A closer liaison between the Hillel student on the campus and the B'nai B'rith home in the community is being perfected this semester with a series of "invitations to dinner" being extended by members of the Berkeley Jewish community to Hillel members, particularly during the holiday vacation periods.

The invitations are being limited, for the present, at least, to students here from foreign lands. Campus registrations include students from practically every country on the globe, and the B'nai B'rith families offer their homes and their hospitality as a gesture of cooperation and interest in the welfare of the student so far away from his own home.

Among the first to offer these invitations were Mr. and Mrs. Edward Brosler. Mr. Brosler is president of the B'nai B'rith lodge, and Mrs. Brosler is president of the women's chapter. Mrs. Elinor Lewis, who is president of the Temple Beth-El Sisterhood, demonstrated her enthusiasm for the plan by opening her home to Hillel students for dinner invitations. The idea is rapidly spreading and the "invitations to dinner" are expected to become regular features for a host of students throughout the school year.

Here is the plan:

The Hillel Foundation offers cards at meetings of women's organizations (the men's groups hear about it, too), and an accompanying announcement is made. Volunteers fill in the required information on the cards, giving their names, addresses, and the date of the invitation. Each card is an invitation for two students. The cards are then returned to the Hillel Foundation office, from where the invitations are extended to those students interested. The students telephone their hosts to confirm the arrangements, and in many cases the hosts arrange to pick up the student at his home as a further demonstration of such ideal cooperation.

JAZZ CONCERT

Miss Iva Dee Hiatt, Jazz music instructor in the University extension, will speak at Hillel Sunday evening, January 11. Her lecture, which will be on the development of Jazz, promises to be extremely interesting and will be supplemented by records from her own collection. The program is open to members only and no guest privileges will be extended that night.

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THE RABBI IN THE
COMMUNITY

Aside from his duties as director of the B'nai B'rith Hillel Foundation, Rabbi Gitin has been active in the community at large. He addressed the congregation of Beth Jacob synagog, Berkeley, on "The Jew Looks at Tomorrow;" delivered the invocation at the Union Thanksgiving service under the auspices of the East Bay Fellowship, in Oakland.

He spoke to the Berkeley Rotary Club on "Counting Our Blessings." At a banquet of the Pacific Coast B'nai B'rith Youth Organization, Rabbi Gitin discussed "Jewish Youth Faces the Future." At a dedication of a monument in San Francisco for the Show Folk of America, Rabbi Gitin delivered an appropriate talk. He is scheduled to participate in a conference of the Pacific Coast Reform Rabbis at Los Angeles, the latter part of December.

CHANUKAH AT HILLEL

Chanukah, the feast of dedication, was ushered in Sunday evening, Dec. 7 with a special Hillel Foundation party and program for students.

Rabbi Gitin outlined the meaning of Chanukah, a commemoration of the rededication of the Temple which symbolizes the rededication of the individual Jew to the precepts of the Torah.

Latkes and a grab bag for Chanukah gifts closed the evening. The eight days of Chanukah were observed appropriately at Friday evening services Dec. 12, with the lighting of the Menorah.

The Palestinian Students Association conducted their celebration with a festive program Saturday evening, Dec. 13 at Hillel.

SKI TRIP

One of the well known ski lodges in Northern California will be the destination of those Hillel members who sign up on the Hillel bulletin board for a between-semesters ski trip.

Other outside activities such as hikes, week-end outings, bowling and ice-skating parties are being considered by Hillel Council in its effort to supply an activity which attracts the interest of a number of members. Hillel's vox populi is the suggestion box on the basement stairs, and suggestions may also be voiced at any council meeting.

HILLEL FOOTBALL

For the second successive year, the Hillel Foundation is represented in the intra-mural football league by a team composed in the main of the same men who lost the last semester division race in the semi-finals.

The veteran Hillel warriors are Gerson Baker, Elliott Kapchan, Dave Dolgin, Len Leibowitz, Phil Michaels, Dave Robins, and Morris Sockolov.

Michaels is the captain, and he pledges his team to "do our best to get into the upper bracket and stay there."

HILLEL MUSICALE

Classical and light classical recorded music provided the basis of a type of program new to Hillel at a recent Sunday evening.

Seated on the floor around the fireplace, and filling the main social rooms, the audience heard selections from the record collection of Charles Bernstein, with Nathan Buras acting as disc jockey.

Future programs along the same line will be presented as a result of the expressions of enjoyment which were heard.

Hillel memberships are still available—\$1.50 for the entire year.

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been going on. Arrests have been made in Germany to prevent "disorder." A delegation of Arab residents of Nathanya visited the Jewish Mayor Oved Ben Ami, expressing hope for Arab-Jewish cooperation. Observers were concerned with growing "tension" in Egypt as camels were being groomed.

We cannot minimize the loss of a single drop of blood, whether Arab or Jewish. We recognize that it is being spilled. But our Jewish leaders throughout the world are asking us to withhold judgment as to the gravity of the situation. We will be able to take care of ourselves, they say.

WORK YET TO BE DONE

The steps on the trail to Nov. 29, both forward and backward, included the Balfour Declaration, the White Paper and the San Francisco conference. We must now consider what our role as American Jews will be in this new state. Our short-term goal has been achieved but we must not relax in our labors.

There will be much speculation and discussion in the months to come as to the form the Jewish state will take. We may say now, however, that continuation of such back breaking labors as were required to wash the soils of the Negev, the southern desert, and bring them to fertility in a few spots, is a certainty. Berkeley's Dr. Loudermilk has provided an inspired plan for a Jordan Valley Authority, which must be implemented through avodah, work. Order must be maintained if our nation is to prosper. Investment will be asked. The boats to carry the DP's to Eretz must be manned.

Nathan Buras, the president of the Palestinian Students association on the Berkeley campus, has resolved our task into a single expression:

"Today we are closer to the solution of the Jewish problem than we have ever been. The foundations for a healthy and normal nation have been laid. It is up to us to work together toward the erection of an adequate, undying structure."

Watch for the Hillel reception for new students early in the spring semester.

Show preference to Hillel Call advertisers.

ALPHA TO ZETA

Tau chapter of Kappa Nu, one of the leading Jewish fraternities in the United States, is back on the University of California campus.

The Tau chapter, which formerly claimed one of the largest houses on campus, has been reactivated through the efforts of a few actives, a growing pledge class, and an enthusiastic "grad" club.

One of the first official acts of Kappa Nu since its reactivation, was to vote 100% house membership in Hillel.

Delta Phi sorority has adopted a project in which each member brings a can of food at each meeting for distribution to Displaced Persons Camps in Europe.

Efforts to organize a chapter of Phi Sigma Delta, a national social fraternity, on the Berkeley campus are being made by a nucleus of interested students.

Anyone interested is invited to contact Millard Perstein, 233 Stanyon street, San Francisco, Telephone Sky-1-2767, or Sanford Diller, 1850 43rd avenue, San Francisco, LO 6-9443. A sign-up sheet has also been placed on the Hillel Foundation Bulletin Board, and the initial meetings are being scheduled at Hillel at a time convenient to those interested.

The largest attendance of any Friday evening Sabbath services in the new Hillel building was recorded on Dec. 5 when Sigma Alpha Mu conducted the complete service. The speaker was Seymour Rose, and the service was heightened by the work of Manny Haas and his choir.

Pi Lambda Phi has already begun work on remodeling its new fraternity house, the former Hillel Foundation building.

Stuccoing of the exterior and finishing of the interior should be completed within six weeks according to contractors' reports.

Pi Lambs, under the presidency of John Goldeen, have attained a long-time dream with the purchase of their new home.

DR. SACHAR . . .

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and Jewish secular organizations afforded the Jewish people a sense of security. But still, Judaism was not appreciated for its positive meaning and pensive beauty.

Dr. Sachar's task was clearly outlined. He must labor to change the emphasis of the Jew of circumstance to that of tradition and heritage. Through the establishment of the Hillel Foundations, the program of disseminating positive Judaism was effected. Hillel proclaims with prophetic fervor that Judaism is a moral way of life that is inspired and strengthened by our great heritage of law and lore. Jewish customs and ceremonies lend beauty and meaning to this way of life. Hillel through its classes, lecture forums, religious services, personal discussions, library, afford the Jewish youth the means for cultural appreciation and religious inspiration. And as a Base Hakeneseth, a social center, it provides a "home away from home," and happy experiences amidst congenial surroundings.

In expressing our appreciation to Dr. Sachar for his monumental achievement, we express our gratefulness for the presence of Hillel on our campus. To Dr. Sachar, we offer our sincere thanks for his leadership and guidance throughout this turbulent period which encompassed his 20 years of service. We are grateful that he will continue as chairman of the National Hillel Commission. And we liken him to that Midrashic statement: "Let there be light — and there was Abraham."

B. B. Y. O.

Bay Area B'nai B'rith Youth Organization will sponsor an open forum entitled "I Believe" in the auditorium of Temple Sherith Israel, San Francisco, on Friday evening, Dec. 19. Speakers include Dave Robins, Norman Goldstein, Bunny Shapiro, and Irving Babow. Jerry Dollinger will be moderator. All Hillel members are invited to attend and participate in the discussion.

HAIL HO MIKE FLINT!

Sigma Alpha Mu's Mike Flint is leading man in the Hillel Foundation membership campaign, heading for a record that may reach an all-time mark.