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JAZZ CONCERT BY IVA DEE HIATT

A jazz music program will be presented Sunday night, Jan. 11, by Miss Iva Dee Hiatt, music instructor at the University Extension.

Miss Dee Hiatt will discuss and explain various jazz forms, tracing their development from their early beginnings in New Orleans. Recordings of early and contemporary jazz masters from her own collection will supplement her talk.

This is the second in a series of music programs planned for Hillel this year. The first, a classical program, was given by Charlie Bernstein earlier this semester.

Miss Dee Hiatt was born in 1919 in Indiana and moved to California in 1921. Both parents are amateur musicians and her uncle is Otto Miessner, dean of music at Kansas University. Miss Dee Hiatt began her musical studies at an early age and won a piano contest in Junior high school. Entering the University of California in 1936 she was shortly appointed first chorister in the university chorus. She graduated cum lauda in June, 1941, but continued as a graduate becoming a teaching assistant in the music department and also directing many campus musical activities. Since 1942 she has been conducting numerous East Bay choral groups professionally.

From 1943 to the present time she has been an instructor in the Admissions Program under the U. C. extension in a course on the historical development of music. For the past three semesters she has been giving a survey of popular music and also teaching a jazz course in the University Extension at Berkeley. At the present time she is writing a thesis on New Orleans jazz which should grow into a book length analysis.

Since Hillel facilities are limited, this program will have to be restricted to Hillel members. No guest privileges will be extended for this program.

Sophie Tucker 'Woman of the Year'

Known as one of America's top-notch entertainers for more than a generation, Sophie Tucker's warm heart reached out to greet the B'nai B'rith Hillel Foundation at Berkeley, and Hillel reached right back with gratitude and appreciation.

For Sophie Tucker's many years of interest in B'nai B'rith in particular, and in all Jewish communal life and organization activity in general, the Hillel Call has named her as "Woman of the Year," a tradition destined to honor outstanding men and women in American Jewish life for their service to Judaism and humanity.



Sophie Tucker

As an additional honor Hillel students have named their recreation hall in the new Hillel house as the "Sophie Tucker Rumpus Room."

Newest additions to the Rumpus Room equipment and decorations were installed during the holiday vacation as another gesture of Sophie Tucker's generous interest in Hillel.

Pressure of professional engagements in San Francisco when she was there in December prevented Sophie Tucker from coming to Hillel for the formal presentation of the "Woman of the Year" award, and this is being sent to her at New Orleans for her current engagement.

FREE DANCING LESSONS

Hillel is sponsoring a series of Sunday afternoon dancing classes for both boys and girls beginning with the second semester. Sign-up sheets are on the bulletin board. The classes will be taught by Charlie Bernstein and are free to Hillel members only. Watch the bulletin board for dates.

Rumpus Room Renovated

During the holiday vacation a number of students turned up in old clothes to help renovate and redecorate the recreation room in order that it may be a place of beauty as well as a place of entertainment.

The entire room was redecorated, and new equipment, including a new ping pong table, set up in readiness for the return of the students following the vacation period.

United Jewish Appeal

Hillel's contribution to the United Jewish Appeal has increased more than 100% over last year. Compared to \$820 donated last year, Hillel students have given over \$1,800 to date, with additional outstanding pledges bringing the balance up to \$2,000.

Mike Flint Wins Membership Prize

Setting an all-time record for securing memberships, Mitchell (Mike) Flint, advertising manager of the Hillel Call and all-round Hillel eager beaver, is first prize winner of the Hillel Foundation 1947-48 membership contest. Mike signed up 77 new members to help Hillel set a new membership record this year.

In second place was Isabelle Elkins, with 39 memberships, and following close behind was Lea Lorber, with 38 memberships.

Elaborate prizes will be given out to the winners on Sunday evening, Jan. 11, at Hillel.

Other Hillel members who secured 10 or more memberships in the campaign are: Libby Swartz, Frankie Rubin, Naomi Levens, Melvin Mann, Nissan Pearl, David Zeff, Janet Baskin, and Miriam Landes.

Habonim Oneg Shabat

Welcoming students back to the Friday evening services at Hillel will be a departure from tradition on Jan. 9, when Habonim, Labor Zionist youth group, will present an Oneg Shabat with "The Jewish State, History and Tradition" as its theme.

The speaker will be Moshe Hirsh, Pacific Coast director of Habonim.

The program will also include excerpts from the Prophets, Psalms and from the works of Judah Halevi and Bialik, in addition to songs and original presentations by the members of Habonim. Services will begin at 8:15. Roslyn Leff is chairman.

Saturday afternoon, Jan. 10, Habonim will conduct the concluding discussion of a seminar series led by Moshe Hirsh on the topic of "Necessity of Group Identification." Students will present a dramatic sketch followed by Palestinian singing and dancing.

Congratulations!

To Denise Kaplan and Cecil Abramowitz, who were married at the Hillel Foundation Saturday evening, Dec. 20.

To Pearl Lein and Dov Abramis, who were married at Los Angeles by Rabbi Gitin on Sunday, Dec. 27. Dov is a Hillel key winner.

HILLEL CALENDAR

Jan. 9, 7:30 p. m., Orthodox religious services; 8:15 p. m., Liberal services and program sponsored by Habonim Labor Zionist youth group. Social, refreshments, dancing. Speaker, Moshe Hirsh.

Jan. 10, 2 p. m., Habonim fireside discussion by Moshe Hirsh on "Necessity of Group Identification." Palestinian singing and dancing.

Jan. 11, 8 p. m., Jazz concert, Miss Iva Dee Hiatt. For Hillel members only. No guest privileges for this program. Non-members, \$1.50 each (cost of a Hillel annual membership). Deadline for reservations for ski trip.

Jan. 12, 4 p. m., Renewal of Kaffee Klatsch programs. Discussion led by Rabbi Joseph Gitin. Refreshments.

Jan. 13, 12:15 p. m., Interfaith Luncheon. Admission by reservation only. Limited to 50 students. Speaker, Dr. Harold W. Ruopp, nationally known Interfaith and brotherhood worker. Luncheon tickets, 50 cents.

Jan. 13, 7:30 p. m., Hillel Student Council. Jan. 14, 7 p. m., Resumption of Hebrew classes, elementary and advanced.

Jan. 15, 4 p. m., Rabbi Gitin's discussion groups on Modern Judaism.

Jan. 16, Religious services: Orthodox, 7:30; liberal services in charge of Alpha Epsilon Phi sorority.

Jan. 18, Sunday Night Forum, speaker, Rabbi Gitin on, "Courtship and Marriage."

Jan. 19, 4 p. m., Kaffee Klatsch, informal "schmoosin."

Jan. 20, 7:30 p. m., Hillel Student Council Executive Board.

Jan. 21, 7 p. m., Hebrew classes. Hillel student panel performs before Unity Women's chapter of B'nai B'rith, San Francisco.

Jan. 22, 4 p. m., Rabbi Gitin's student discussion.

Jan. 23, Religious services as usual.

Jan. 24, Hillel activities slow down because final examinations begin Jan. 26, and nothing must interfere with your cramming.

Jan. 30, Religious services as usual.

JANUARY SOS MONTH

During the month of January Hillel Foundation is one of the active participants in the nation-wide campaign to collect 6,000,000 pounds of food and clothing for SOS (Supplies for Overseas Survivors).

Delta Phi sorority has already pledged that every member will bring canned food to every meeting each week from now on. Other groups are encouraged to do likewise. A box has been placed in the Hillel entrance as a depository for your SOS offering.



BOOK REVIEW

BLESSED IS THE MATCH

by Marie Syrkin

Reviewed by David Garfinkel

This is a story of Jews in the war. It deals not with those who perished, but with those who managed to survive. It is not a book intended to arouse pity for the Jews. After all the horrors of the war, pity has already reached the saturation point. It is rather a book intended to make Jews conscious of the fact that the spirit of the Maccabees has not died out, that there are still heroes among us.

The title of this book comes from a poem by Hanna Senesh, one of the martyrs of the resistance. It was written shortly before she was executed by the Nazis for attempting to save the lives of Hungarian Jews. She was one of 32 paratroopers engaged in this heroic mission. A fairly complete and valuable account of the work of these and other heroes, not only during the war but also after it, is given by the book, forming part of a story that is still going on. It is our duty as Jews to know what happens, what is happening now, and what we can do about it.

(Ed. Note—A dozen copies of this book are available at the Hillel office at the special price of \$1.50, which is \$2 below retail price.)



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Hillel Welcomes Rabbi Lelyveld

Succeeding Dr. Abram Leon Sachar as national Hillel Foundations director, Rabbi Arthur J. Lelyveld is the new director of our parent organization. Dr. Sachar is now chairman of the National B'nai B'rith Hillel Commission.

A graduate of Columbia College and the Hebrew Union College, Rabbi Lelyveld has occupied pulpits at Hamilton, Ohio, and Omaha, Neb., and for two years was director of the Committee on Unity for Palestine, of which he is now national vice-chairman.

Active in civic affairs, his youthful enthusiasm and his indefatigable energy on behalf of Jewish youth, have made him a national figure.

Hillel welcomes its new leader with the hope that it may soon meet him personally.

HILLEL HOUSE RULES

A home is only as beautiful as it is kept by those who live in it and visit it. This is as true of Hillel as of any other abode.

The executive committee has approved a list of house rules which are now in force, with the House Committee, headed by Ben Prager as the enforcement agent. The rules are very simple, and easy to apply — and just as easy to follow by anyone with respect for the Hillel privileges.

Special emphasis is given in the house rules to the general care of the building. Adequate ash trays are now provided, waste containers are available for empty paper cups on social nights, and during the noon lunch hours.

The serious part of the problem involves disappearance of phonograph records from the rumpus room — and the machinations of an electric light bulb-snatcher.

The Hillel House Rules are not designed to teach courtesy. Their purpose is to encourage members to use Hillel's facilities, and to maintain those facilities in proper manner.

The complete House Rules are posted on the bulletin board. You will note that there is positive emphasis on Hillel for Hillel members.

Please read the House Rules. Study them. Think them over. We're all nice people, and there's no harm in letting it show!

What Is Happening In Palestine Today

TEL AVIV. — The situation throughout Palestine is comparatively calm, in spite of scare headlines in the United States. Only Jerusalem, Haifa and Tel Aviv are really affected by Arab disturbances but these are felt only in border districts. Life in this large all-Jewish city is absolutely normal. In Jerusalem, there is a slight shortage of food supplies, owing to hampered communications which block Arab villagers from reaching the city with their produce.

In Tel Aviv, some squatters have invaded the synagogues, schools, public buildings and clubs. The municipality has arranged to establish a tented refugee camp in the northern part of the city but this measure is inadequate in itself. It should be stressed, however, that many of the refugees, who are mostly Oriental Jews, are evacuating their areas unnecessarily. Aware of that, Tel Aviv city officials are now organizing billeting and repatriation to the homes these people have abandoned.

The port of Tel Aviv is being rapidly improved and expanded so that it may be able to unload large numbers of supplies and immigrants on a large scale.

Recruiting of Jewish young men and women between 17 and 25 has begun throughout Palestine. Offices have been opened in the main towns and settlements. Tel Aviv has ten offices; Haifa, six. There is daily registration, according to age groups. On the first day, 1,000 signed up in Tel Aviv alone.

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HILLEL SKI TRIP

Reservations are being made for 40 boys and girls (they're about equally divided) for the Hillel ski trip to Echo Chalet, on Echo Lake, for three days during the mid-semester vacation. More than 30 have already signed up, and deadline for reservations is Sunday night, Jan. 11. Sign-up sheet is on Hillel bulletin board. Cost approximately \$25 per person for everything, including transportation both ways, lodging, meals, ski rental. Mike Flint is chairman of the arrangements committee.

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HILLEL INTERFAITH HOST

A luncheon for 50 students active in interfaith work on the campus will present as its speaker, Dr. Harold W. Ruopp, dynamic former leader of the Central Church in downtown Chicago, at Hillel Foundation Tuesday noon, Jan. 13.

Hillel's Interfaith representatives will join with delegations from other campus religious groups to greet Dr. Ruopp. The luncheon will be served at 12:15, and the meeting will end at 1:30. Because attendance is limited to 50, only those who have made reservations in person in advance with the office can be accepted for the luncheon. The price is 50 cents, payable in advance.

Dr. Ruopp is a veteran brotherhood worker and has been long active in the Chicago Round Table of Christians and Jews.

The subject of his talk at the luncheon at Hillel is "Postlude to Prejudice," a searching, challenging attack on the real forces behind discrimination and bigotry.

INTERFAITH DINNER

Hillel was well represented at an Interfaith dinner given at Westminster House recently. Of the fifty University students who attended, 10 were Hillel members, including Fred Katzburg, president, and Nisson Pearl, one of Hillel's interfaith representatives.

Victor Ferkiss, chairman of the Interfaith Council, spoke about the general aims of the council and outlined its functions along three main lines:

To create understanding among the campus religious groups.

To coordinate the activities of these organizations in order to facilitate opinion polling and to provide for joint forums and speakers panels.

To further understanding between the various faiths represented on campus.

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Letter From Eretz

Haifa, Nov. 30, 1947.

Dear Friend:

Here people are delirious and going wild with joy. Bands are playing in the streets, people cheering and dancing to celebrate their brand new independence.

The great Zionist vision—Palestine as the homeland for the vast masses of homeless persecuted Jews to solve once and for all the Jewish question—appears to approach reality.

The very existence of a Jewish independent state entails large hitherto undreamed of possibilities. This certainly explains the spontaneous response of the people who have been deprived of an independent state for the last 2000 years.

I was always brought up to love Palestine as a whole. Today more than ever I clearly realize the unity of the country from an economic as well as a political point of view. This dissection—partition—resembles a severe amputation from a living body.

Only a few months ago we freely hiked thru the hills of Western Galilee. We saw the hidden wealth of the soil and its agricultural possibilities. It is next to impossible to imagine that all these areas will be closed forever to the Jewish settlers who come there to restore fertility to the desolate and eroded lands.

And what about those Jewish settlements already established there? Be that as it may, we enter a difficult and decisive period in our history.

Tel Aviv, later . . .

The grim reality faces us already. Dozens of dead and wounded are the result of the last 24 hours. The slums of Tel Aviv and Jerusalem are subject to strong attacks. Battles rage at various points between Arab aggressors and the Haganah.

Today passed quietly, not even a finger was lifted against our car. But I hardly reached Tel Aviv, and the rioting started again. But that is in the slums only. The city continues its normal life, shops and restaurants are open as usual, only rarely do you hear gunfire from the outskirts of the town or meet the refugees whose quarters have been rendered a battlefield by the Arabs.

It appears that we are heading towards a prolonged period of strife and unrest. It is best to face facts as they

NOON LUNCHES

More and more Hillelites have been taking advantage of the noon lunch hour at Hillel. The house is open every noon Monday through Friday, and many new friendships have been made at these lunches.

You supply your own lunch, and Hillel serves coffee and cokes.

are without any attempt to hide anything or to belittle the difficulties we are confronted with.

You know as well as we do the spirit of our people—how we react when confronted with obstacles and setbacks.

The die has been cast. We are set to continue under all conditions and by all means our regular life. These words are to be taken literally, and not as empty declarations—and you know it.

There have been attempts to force us to discontinue traffic on the main highways to prevent any agricultural produce from reaching Jerusalem, as well as rushing reinforcements at need. There was not a single day which didn't claim its casualties. Every truck was violently attacked, but nonetheless transportation and services are continued as usual.

Despite the grim reality, the Feast of the Macabees was celebrated with all the regular trimmings—parades, speeches, etc. No serious attacks have been made upon any settlements so far, except for the Negeb where the situation continues to deteriorate.

The whole business served as a vital lesson to us. We had again to learn what the role of the government in "preserving the law and order" is, in fanning the flames of hatred. That is, these actions are now being undertaken without the slightest attempt to camouflage them.

A sizeable number of casualties must be attributed to bullets fired by the British, not to mention passive support lent to the rioters which goes all the way from distribution of arms to permission to print inciting newspaper articles by the Arab press.

A visit of two days in the settlement strengthened my self-confidence considerably. After all, we are young and love to celebrate and far be it from us to fall into a glum and depressed spirit.

Yours,

DAVID.