

SKI HEIL! THEY SAID, AND MEANT IT, TOO!

Needing relief after finals, 41 Hillel Foundation members eagerly loaded skis, poles, suitcases, sleeping bags, hot water bottles and other reminders of civilization upon a chartered bus and set off for Echo Chalet, overlooking beautiful Echo Lake in the High Sierras. It was Hillel's mid-semester sports activity.

Many of them had never seen snow, but they soon had their fill. The drive ended in a blizzard, and some had to ski for two miles to their destination. But that was good news. It meant plenty of snow.

Ruben Kethin and Charlie Bernstein cooperated in a venture that provided ideal instruction with skiing classes, lecture and lab.

When they weren't skiing or learning or loafing, there was plenty of activity in the lodge. Many were content to relax by the fire and soak up the heat after their exertions on the slopes and the ski tow.

On the second night there was an impromptu show for our crowd and the other guests at the chalet. Hillel can boast a company of entertainers that would do justice to a professional. There was more fun on the third night, and the next day we were all homeward bound.

Just to make sure that every variety of incident on a trip happened to us, there was a flat tire on the way back, but it served only to delay our return a half hour. The return trip was occupied with songs and more songs, and when the bus rolled up to the Hillel Foundation at 1 a. m. we were happy to be home, but sorry the excursion ended so quickly.

Credit for the success of the arrangements goes particularly to our dynamo of energy, Mike Flint. None of us can express in sufficient words our appreciation for his inspiration and his indefatigable energy. We must not overlook, however, the trojan service given to us by our Hillel of-

Hillel Welcomes New Students



—IRV. KRAUSS

AS SEEN BY A PALESTINIAN

At the end of last November, the Jewish people scored its most important victory in modern history. The nations of the world recognized its efforts in the ancient homeland and decreed the establishment of a Jewish state in Palestine.

No sooner than the echo of vote counting at Lake Success died out than the trouble began. We were expecting it and were prepared for it. One may ask a simple question: why should there be trouble when, for the first time in the UN's short history—the two greatest powers, U.S.A., and U.S.S.R., agreed on partitioning Palestine? The answer is simple too: the presence of the British and their policy in the Middle East creates trouble.

From the very outset, the British sabotaged the partition plan. They declared that "H. M. Government will

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fice secretary, Marguerite Gibson. A million thanks to both.

See you all on the next ski trip.

Ski Heil!

—EVELYN SEIFERT

Each semester about this time Hillel sees new faces, and new faces see Hillel. But new faces aren't new for long around Hillel because they soon become familiar, friendly ones. So, to all you new students we say welcome. Get to know your Hillel and let Hillel get to know you.

"What can Hillel do for me?" you say? Known all over campus as the place to meet and greet Jewish students, the foundation has been the home of many friendships, romances, cultural events, and all-around good times.

Friday evening services are conducted every week by Rabbi Joseph Gitin, who is often assisted by student participation. Dancing and refreshments follow. Equally well-liked and attended are the weekly Sunday night dances, which are sometimes preceded by a speaker or other cultural event.

Fast becoming a Hillel tradition are our weekly Monday Kaffee Klatsches. Rabbi Gitin or Mr. Chester M. Zeff, our assistant director, will lead an informal discussion on some subject of student interest. The next week will be set aside for recreation such as ping pong and dancing, and schmoosing. In all events, surprise "eats" will always be on hand.

On the cultural side, Mr. and Mrs. Werner Z. Hirsch conduct elementary, intermediate and advanced Hebrew classes on Wednesday nights. Rabbi Gitin conducts discussion groups on Essentials of Judaism and The Contemporary Jew. The Hillel library, which is open at all times as a study and reference room, contains books of interest to all Jewish students. These books may be checked out to foundation members.

Hillel is also sponsoring dancing classes every Sunday afternoon beginning March 7 for members. The lessons are under the direction of Charlie Bernstein.

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NEW CONSTITUTION ON ITS WAY

A constitution is a framework on which an organization stands. It is the basic foundation for the activities which the organization participates in. So that Hillel might have a more useful and stronger foundation on which to stand, a new constitution is being submitted to the Hillel Council for ratification.

The purpose of this new constitution is to clarify controversial issues in the Hillel structure. Such points as status of members, tenure of office, the function of activity groups, and power of the executive board as related to the power of the Hillel Council are mentioned in the new constitution and definite statements are made as to their function in the Hillel program.

The ratification of this new constitution is the first real business of the semester. The first two Council meetings will be devoted to discussion and the reading of the new constitution.

The intelligent reactions to this new constitution are important. If it is a constitution based on clear thinking and workable suggestions the Hillel in the future years will be a better and stronger organization. Make it a point to come and listen and give your suggestions. Your co-operation will be appreciated.

COUNCIL SABBATH

A quartet of Hillel officers will participate in a symposium on "Opportunities for Jewish Youth in America" at the Hillel Council Sabbath Friday evening, Feb. 27.

They are Jessie Berman, Nathan Buras, Barbara Solomon and Fred Katzburg. Martha Robinson will read the services, and Harold Stein will provide the liturgical music. The regular Oneg Shabat will follow.

PURIM CARNIVAL

Hillel will concentrate its United Jewish Appeal campaign in a gala Purim Carnival on Sunday evening, March 28. It will be an evening packed with fun for everyone, including the ceremony of the crowning of Queen Esther. You'll hear more about it in the next issue of the Hillel Call.

WATCH THE HILLEL
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The President's Column

The past two weeks have given us time to look over the accomplishments of the last semester. Justifiably we could point with pride to the fact that the membership exceeded all previous records, to the quality of our cultural program, and to the overwhelming successes of our dances and social program. These and many other equally important phases of the Hillel program were fused to give us a very successful semester. Yet it would not be fair to point out these successes without stating that they were due mainly to the efforts of a very few people.

In making an analysis of any organization that depends upon the volunteer, we will always find that the majority of the heavy work falls upon a few individuals. In most organizations this is of no great consequence, but in Hillel it defeats the major purpose of the program. The program is set up by the students for the students; matters of policy and principle should be decided by the membership at large. All of these things should be done through the student legislative council — the Hillel council.

It is a strange thing the way our Hillel Council works. Although one becomes a voting member after having attended only three meetings, the support has always been half-hearted. Generally, the first few meetings have been spirited, well attended. After that it seems that the Hillel executive is left to carry on. This is an unhealthy situation, and must be changed. As Jewish young men and women, members of the campus community, there is an obligation and responsibility on your part to take part in the direction of the campus Jewish community, just as you will be expected to participate in the direction and life of the Jewish community when you return to your community.

These next few months are vital to Hillel and to you. We are presenting to the council a new constitution. We will be taking part in the greatest fund-raising campaign that the American Jewish community has ever undertaken (the need has never been greater). There are a number of matters of policy and principle that only you — the council — can decide. This semester also brings with it the election year at Hillel. All of these

HILLEL LIBRARY IS FOR YOUR USE

Have you visited the Hillel Library? We in Berkeley have the largest collection of books of any Hillel foundation in the country. More than 4000 books are available for loan to anyone interested. The books of the library are purchased through the sponsorship of the B'nai B'rith Women's Auxiliary and through private donations.

The most frequently drawn books are those pertaining to the Palestine situation, and the latest novels are also much in demand.

The library contains two collections. In the main reading room are shelved books on Judaica and religion. This room also houses encyclopedias, year-books, and many other reference volumes. Many old works in German are also a part of this library. In the stack room there is a general collection including fiction and bound Jewish periodicals.

The main reading room is available for quiet study where a variety of reference books, especially sets of encyclopedia, are easily accessible.

Miss Anne Nyland, a graduate of the University of California Library School and a member of the Oakland Public Library Staff for eighteen years, has been the Hillel librarian since 1944. She may be contacted at Hillel on Saturday mornings, although books may be withdrawn at any time through the Hillel office during office hours.

—Janet Baskin.

DANCERS

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—Betty Turnoy

matters are of great importance to you as well as to the executive committee. Only through your active participation as a member of the council can you fulfill your duty to the Hillel Foundation adequately.

Be a regular!

—Fred Katzburg.

THE UNIVERSITY AND THE JEWISH STUDENT

It has often been said that a university is essentially a community of minds. That this has a good deal of truth in it can not be denied. But one might well add that in a very real sense it is also a social and spiritual communion. It is unfortunate that institutions of this type are so often dedicated to the abstraction of a single feature of the individual's personality, important as that feature may be, to the neglect of himself as a person and as a whole.

This indeed is the tragedy of the Jewish student. The institutions to which he comes cater and administer to his mental abilities to the neglect of himself as a person, while the continuity and consonance of his life to date is both upset and unbalanced.

With many modern Jews, Judaism is not a conviction; it is essentially a feeling, the basis of which lies in the individual's participation in a group with other individuals of the same social and institutional background. What one would expect then becomes the inevitable. Through want of social and cultural identification with his people, the habits and sentiments which were once an integral part of him, or at least familiar to him, tend to vanish, and his four years' university experience, while in many ways a benefit to him intellectually, become a profound detriment to himself as a person and a Jew.

The necessity, then, for a Jewish organization on campus to fulfill this need becomes clearly manifest. For the Jewish student away from his home and community, it becomes the one way by which he may adequately identify himself with his people and his culture, while for the Jewish student at, or near home, it enables him to satisfy amply these needs without leaving campus. In both cases it enables him to overcome this artificial but unfortunate barrier, that has been placed between himself as a student and himself as a Jew.

That a Jewish student must starve himself of his Judaism for four years, and then become part of a Jewish community, is a great loss indeed, not only to the Jewish student, but to the community itself.

The Jewish student must not suffer the neglect of a moral and spiritual

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experience, the lack of which is so often a characteristic of all university students. It is essential that he allow his Judaism to mature along with him, to learn the breadth and meaning of being a Jew at the same time as he gains the benefits which accrue to a modern scientific education, that he might not, years later, find himself inadequate and hungry for an experience with which he neglected to concern himself through many vital years.

This is the greatest function of the Hillel Foundation. It is that organization which aims to service the Jewish student, both as a Jew and as a student, to the neglect of neither. It seeks to fulfill all his needs arising in this new life, and to offer him a means by which he may continue to inherit the tradition and culture which is properly his. Above all it seeks to be to him as the Jewish home is to the Jewish child, to be at once his family and community.

If one were asked to sum up the function of an organization such as Hillel in a brief statement, it might best be put as follows: Hillel strives to sustain the life of the Jewish student on the social level, to deepen, on the spiritual level, his insight and sensitivity, and to bring him, on a mental level, to a greater maturity.

To all three purposes is it dedicated, that it might further propagate, develop, and diffuse the essence of that tradition of which we are all, whether consciously or not a part. In this way Judaism might give to the modern Jewish student the wisdom and experience of its ages, and the Jewish student might return to a needy and undernourished Judaism, the honesty and enthusiasms of its youth.

—Allan Ezra Gottlieb.

DELTA PHI EPSILON

Delta Phi sorority is now a national chapter. It became a pledge of Delta Phi Epsilon, founded in 1917, and now boasting 23 collegiate chapters in the United States and Canada. The Cal chapter meets at Hillel Foundation each Tuesday evening.

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HILLEL EXPANDS RELIGIOUS ACTIVITIES

A new plan for Friday evening religious services makes its appearance at Hillel this term.

Orthodox services will be held as usual at 7:30 p.m. each Friday, led by our able and faithful cantor, Barney Cohen, New York's gift to the Cal English department.

Services conducted by organized groups as in the past will be held from time to time.

The innovation introduced by Hillel religious chairman Gerald Turnoy consists of a series of Sabbath services based on the theme: "Sabbath Around the World."

Under the new plan, a different group of students from a particular world locale will be responsible for conducting a Friday evening liberal service. Students from such areas as Tel Aviv, Brooklyn, Central Europe, the Bronx, Shanghai, Chicago and South America will thus have an opportunity to meet and work together on preparing a service which will reflect their local Sabbath customs.

Informational discussions on Sabbath customs will take place from time to time during Rabbi Gitin's afternoon classes in Judaism. Students should sign up on the Bulletin Board for their particular services so that convenient times for a meeting can be arranged.—Gerald Turnoy.

BOUGHT A SHEKEL?

It was announced recently that the sale of shekolim, the universal ballot of the World Zionist Congress, will continue this year until March 15.

A shekel, which sells for one dollar and covers a period of two years, may be purchased from many Hillel members.

After long debate, the Central Election Board has ruled that the party for which the voter casts his shekel will be determined by the party of the salesman from whom that voter purchased his shekel. Consequently, the usual June election has been suspended.

Composition of the World Zionist Congress, which resumed its annual sessions in Switzerland last year, is determined by the world Zionist election.—Gerald Turnoy.

WELCOME TO NEW STUDENTS

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Hillel Council always accepts and, in fact, invites suggestions. So the Suggestion Box is the place for your ideas or how to better Hillel. If you would rather express your opinions in person, the Council will welcome your interest and participation. Its meetings are open to all members, and your attendance is encouraged. Get to know our leaders and the plans they are making for your benefit.

To further acquaint you new students with Hillel, its surroundings and members a reception has been planned for you this Sunday from 3:00 to 5:30 p.m. at the foundation. It promises to be a fine afternoon, so don't forget the date.

Noon hour is a busy time around here. Every week day all Hillelites are invited to bring their lunch, while Hillel will supply cokes and coffee. Many new friends have been made at these get-togethers, and they really are a lot of fun. Come on up and join us!

What's that you are saying now? "What can I do for Hillel?" That's the way we like to hear you talk. The best way you can help is by your participation in our activities. Then, as you help Hillel, you will be helping yourself.

The \$1.00 membership will enable you to enjoy Hillel activities to the fullest. It may be purchased in the office. Remember that Hillel is what you make it and that your interest and participation will determine what the foundation will become in the future.

The building is here for your use. Come in and make Hillel exactly what it should be for you — a home away from home.—Dorrett Burstein.

S. O. S. AND HILLEL

The Hillel Foundation acted as a depository for the January S. O. S. "Supplies for Overseas Survivors" campaign, and assisted in collecting more than 5,000 pounds of canned food and clothing which was destined for Displaced Persons camps in Europe.

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IZFA RESUMES MEETING SCHEDULE

An educational program on Palestinian affairs will be offered to all Jewish students by the Intercollegiate Zionist Federation chapter this term.

Conflicting and distorted reports resulting from last minute attempt to obstruct the world decision on partition demand an accurate source of information, and leading speakers, late Palestinian movies and educational discussions will provide the student with this opportunity to obtain a true picture.

Regardless of your point of view, you will find IZFA meetings at Hillel on the second and fourth Wednesday evenings a vital part of your rounded educational program.

SPEAKING OF SPORTS

Throughout generations the Jew was known to the non-Jew as a physical inferior and inhibited, so much that this supposed inferiority became a slogan in anti-semitic propaganda.

But in this as well as in many other fields the young Jew has shown his ability and his prowess to disprove the biased view. There are great performances by Jewish athletes in every field of endeavor.

Here at the university the Jewish student has maintained that heritage. We have seen the excellent performance of the IZFA football team which earned its way into the finals of the intramural league. The Hillel basketball team acquitted itself notably too.

Let us continue the fine initiative by pursuing a full complement of participation in intramural sports in the current term.

Hillel and IZFA teams have already been entered in the following intramural sports program: softball, table tennis, volley ball, basketball, tennis, swimming and bowling.

If you are interested in any of these teams register at once at the Hillel office. The events begin at once.—Reuben Kathein, Hillel Sports Chairman.

HILLEL'S "ONE WORLD"

David Robins and Ike Cutler represented the B'nai B'rith Hillel Foundation at a symposium sponsored by the East Bay Jewish Youth Council in Oakland on Feb. 11.



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BROTHERHOOD WEEK

Hillel observed Brotherhood Week with a unique program in connection with religious services, Friday, Feb. 20. The speaker was Archbishop William Henry Francis, of Poland, who escaped from Dachau in Germany after he had been seized by the Nazis for helping Jews to escape in the Polish underground. Services at this event were conducted by Fred Katzburg.

HEBREW CLASSES

Hillel Foundation offers Hebrew classes for beginners and advanced students each Wednesday evening, with Mr. and Mrs. Werner Hirsch as the instructors. Classes begin at 7 and will run through the semester each Wednesday evening. There is no charge for enrollment. If you are interested come to the next class Wednesday night.

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A FRIEND INDEED IS YOUR HILLEL

A financial emergency confronting Jewish foreign students at the University of California was being dissipated by the B'nai B'rith Hillel Foundation as a result of quick cooperative action, according to Rabbi Joseph Gitin.

The students, particularly those from Palestine, reported that delays in securing transfer of funds from Palestine to the states have reduced their capital to the vanishing point. They had insufficient money with which to pay the out-of-state tuition fee of \$150 plus the student incidental fee of \$35. Without these fees they could not register for the spring term at the University.

The Hillel Foundation secured the cooperation of Allen C. Blaisdell, advisor to foreign students, in arranging a deferment of the payment of the \$150 fee for four weeks. In the meantime, Rabbi Gitin took steps to secure the cooperation of the California Alliance of Women and the Jewish Welfare Fund for the East Bay area and San Francisco, and these groups have agreed to advance funds to the students to insure payment of their tuition fees pending arrival of funds from overseas.

CUPID'S COLUMN

Since our last report:
Rice was thrown at—

Marilyn Chudnow and Morris Singer, who were married at Los Angeles.
Rachel Goldberg and Ephraim Landes.

Sydney Bloom and Celia Soisher, who were wed at Hillel.

Mark Tukaczynski and Luba Schiffrin, married at San Francisco.

Denise Kaplan and Cecil Abramowitz, who were married at Hillel.

Engagements were announced for—

Rita Goldberg and Paul Kaplan.
Elaine Cohodes and Phil Anapolsky.
Helen Rubinstein and Jerry Stern.
Irene Castle and Leonard Osias.

David Robins, former Hillel president, and Naomi Markus.

Harry Kronrod and Maxine Blumenthal.

Robert Ralston and Natalie Miller.
Gene Bergman and Robert Brown.

Carol Allen and Larry Mann.
Ardyce Rotholtz and Stanley Felix.

Joseph Katzburg and Nedda Pekow.
Miriam Rackson and Sherman Andelson.

Marian Israel and Laurence Eigenbaum.

Lillian Levin and Phil Michaels.

As Seen by a Palestinian

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not take a major part in implementing the UN decision." This attitude of the British government is not new. Immediately after the Balfour Declaration in 1917 they embarked upon a policy aimed to deny the full development of the Jews in Palestine: Churchill's White Paper in 1922 separated Transjordan from the terms of the Mandate, the various Royal commissions culminating with the infamous White Paper of 1939, and finally now, their efforts to choke—politically and economically—the Jewish nation in Palestine.

The average individual in this part of the world does not get a complete and clear picture of what is happening in Palestine. The information published by the press or broadcast over the radio originates mostly from the British communiques which are far from being objective. Take for instance the bombing of "The Palestine Post." The Arabs denied the first British accusations. Then the British accused the Jews; however, the intelligence branch of the Hagana has enough evidence to show that the ones who did it were the British themselves. This is a well-known fact in Palestine. It was not released to the press because the evidence supporting it is still "restricted," especially that Hagana does not yet have official status.

During the first two months after the partition was voted by UN, the U. S. attitude was one of "sitting on the fence." But lately we can see a change in this attitude, and a very unfortunate one too: it looks like the United States is descending from its initial "neutral" position and is beginning to work *against* partition, the very thing that it supported not very long ago. During the last three weeks we can see a campaign in the press in this direction. The papers carry editorials showing that partition is "impracticable," that oil in the Middle East is a more important factor than anything else, that we cannot antagonize the Arabs (remember the appeasement policy in 1939?) and that the Jews in Palestine are communist! This last point is identical with the British accusations that we have a secret deal with Russia. To say the least, this accusation is stupid. After 2000 years of suffering we treasure individual liberty too much to submit

MARILYN CHUDNOW GIVEN HILLEL KEY

Hillel has said farewell to one of its outstanding members.

With the end of the semester Marilyn Chudnow, vice president of the student council, has graduated the university and embarked upon the sea of matrimony.

At the last Sunday evening forum Rabbi Gitin presented the coveted Hillel Key to Marilyn in recognition of her outstanding work. In addition to the vice presidency she has held the offices of secretary, social chairman, advertising manager of the Hillel Call, Interfaith council representative and other jobs which have helped in the success of Hillel Activities.

Hillel extends sincere hopes that their two faithful supporters, Marilyn and Morris Singer, will enjoy all success and happiness.

JEWISH LITERATURE SABBATH SUBJECT

Temple Sinai's choir, under the direction of Dr. Sadie Berkove, will be heard at liberal services on Friday evening, March 5, at 8:15 p.m. Accompanying the choral group will be Mrs. M. Morris Ridker, Sinai's organist.

Leading the services will be Dave Robins, Sinai religious school director and former Hillel president, with the choir singing responses.

Bunny Shapiro will give a series of readings entitled "Jewish Literature Throughout the Ages," illustrating some of the poetry and drama found in the Old Testament with passages from the Talmud. The humor of Sholom Aleichem, the poetry of Chaim Nachman Bialik, the ironic narrative of Heine, and the comedy of Israel Zangwill will be pointed out.

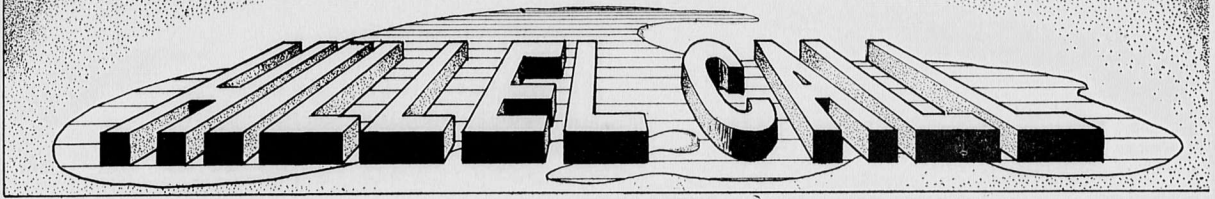
willingly to Russian influence.

There is one bright spot, however, in the dark picture in Palestine: the spirit of the people. Never in modern history have we achieved such unity as we have now in Palestine. Never have people worked harder and fought better than now, for we know that we are doing it for ourselves and for generations to come. Now or never.

The odds against us are very great, but our determination is still greater. Chazak ve'ematz. —Nathan Buras.

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PURIM CARNIVAL SEEKS A QUEEN

Hillel's gala Purim Carnival complete with coronation ceremonies for Queen Esther and a festive atmosphere that will permeate the entire building will mark the biggest event of its kind ever staged at the B'nai B'rith Hillel Foundation on Sunday, March 28.

Originally designed as an evening affair, the program has now been extended so that it will begin Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock.

Hershel Goldberg, Hillel's Purim Carnival chairman, expressed himself as proud of the manner in which volunteers are offering their services.

THEY'LL SELL KISSES

Replete with a sorority-sponsored kissing booth in a secluded corner, special entertainment, the coronation, refreshments and dancing, the Carnival offers an ideal program, Goldberg declares.

The activities were planned two weeks ago at a meeting of representatives of all of the Jewish fraternities and sororities and the dormitories.

The contest for the selection of Queen Esther has been under way for two weeks, with four candidates seeking the honor. They are Doris Livingston, sponsored by Delta Phi Epsilon; Joyce Goldberg, sponsored by Alpha Epsilon Phi, and Evelyn Seifert and Rita Selk, who have a host of independent sponsors. The contest ends Saturday, the day before the Purim Carnival.

The object of the entire affair is to raise funds to meet Hillel's quota of \$3,000 for the United Jewish Appeal campaign sponsored by the United Jewish Federation.

Goldberg emphasized that the physical facilities of the Hillel Foundation are not such as to provide for tremendous crowds at one time, hence it is designed to make the entire program flexible enough to continue from 3 p. m. to midnight on Sunday.

Betrayal of Palestine

The United States, the great power that supported the idea of the Jewish national home in Palestine for the last quarter of a century, has sold the decision of the highest international forum for a barrel of oil.

After a carefully planned press campaign, Senator Warren Austin declared on March 19 to the United Nations that now the government he represents favors a "U. N. trusteeship in Palestine." The grotesqueness of this situation can be easily seen. The very decision that the United States put through on November 29, 1947, is now scrapped on the junk heap by that country itself.

And why? The stereotyped answer is: United States interests. How different are the U. S. interests now as compared with those of November last! Or did the Arabs, through murder and destruction, prove in the last few months to be more trustworthy guardians of oil pipe lines?

WHAT NEXT?

What does this mean to us as Jews? It means that we are alone, without even moral supporters. It means that we have to take our fate in our own hands. It means that if we are not going to make a concentrated effort now, the Jewish problem will remain unsolved for the next thousand years. In short, it is now or never!

Bearing the brunt of the physical struggle is the Palestinian spearhead of the Jewish people. It is prepared to fight to the last drop of blood to keep Palestine open for all Jews who wish to live there. The battle will be tough and long, one that we don't want but which is being imposed upon us. It will be a struggle for survival.

In this grave hour, the need for unity and for action is greater than ever before. It is the duty of every Jew in the world to contribute to the common effort. The Damocles' sword is above our heads.

—Nathan Buras.

Hillel UJA Quota \$3000; Campaign Starts March 28

This is the Year of Destiny for the Jewish people of the world as well as for the Jewish student on the campus of the University of California.

The B'nai B'rith Hillel Foundation has accepted a quota of \$3,000 to raise for the United Jewish Appeal in cooperation with the United

Jewish Welfare Federation. Last year Hillel students raised approximately \$2,117 for the same fund. The year before it was approximately \$800.

Those were the salient points in the appeal voiced today by Mike Flint, chairman of the campus UJA campaign committee. The actual drive, Flint emphasized, begins Sunday, March 28, with the Hillel Purim Festival. The entire drive will be completed by the end of April.

Adds Chairman Flint:

Here are our goals:

1. Provide for the defense and economic development of the proposed Jewish State in Palestine, so that refugees may enter and start life anew.

2. Maintain and rehabilitate the 1,250,000 Jews of Europe until governmental aid, economic improvement or emigration relieves their situation.

3. Receive, assist and integrate into American life the displaced persons and other refugees admitted to the United States.

4. Support domestic and local agencies in the fields of health, welfare, recreation, care of the aged, youth work, education and community relations.

SET INDIVIDUAL QUOTA

To reach our goal, we must ask every Jewish student to contribute \$5.00 or more. Many students have been hard hit with high prices, but there is no comparison with the plight of the displaced Jews of Europe. Let's give them the chance we ask for, the right to live a peaceful life in security. This money we subscribe will help rehabili-

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For Members Only

Effective with the next issue of the Hillel Call, the mailing list will be reduced to include members of the Hillel Foundation only.

If you are not a member of Hillel, you can become one upon payment of \$1 for the entire semester. Membership cards may be secured at the office.

Beginning with the Passover Seder and continuing through the semester all Hillel activities except Friday night religious services will be for members only.

HILLEL COUNCIL NEWS

A new Hillel constitution is in the making! The need for this document became apparent when a search for the actual text of the present constitution proved fruitless. There has already been discussion of the new constitution's provisions, and ratification will probably take place at the next Student Council meeting.

Plans for recreational and cultural activities have also been discussed. Some of the special events planned were a Spring Formal to take place the first Saturday in May at Tilden Park's Brazilian Room and a picnic for later in the month. Suggestions are still welcome.

All Hillelites are urged to attend Student Council meetings every other Wednesday at 4 p. m. There are always opportunities to work with various committees, and attendance at three consecutive council meetings entitles you to the privilege of voting on issues as they arise.

The End of Misery Is In Sight

For Europe's 1,500,000 Jews, the worst is already over. Hitler and Nazism are gone. Gone also are the days of hopeless waiting for nations to act. The nations have acted. Today, the best things in life . . . peace, dignity, freedom, security . . . lie ahead. They beckon toward Palestine, the United States, toward all lands where men are free. But we must still give pause. . . .

This year, 75,000 homeless European Jews will enter Palestine. What of those who will remain behind? Those who will remain in Europe will require continued large-scale assistance from American Jewry. They will require bread, shoes, medicines, tools, everything . . . everything but hope, which is theirs in large measure as a result of the United Nations decision creating a free and independent Jewish State in Palestine.

The 1,425,000 Jews who will remain in Europe by the end of 1948 are more hopeful than ever before . . . but their needs continue to be desperate.

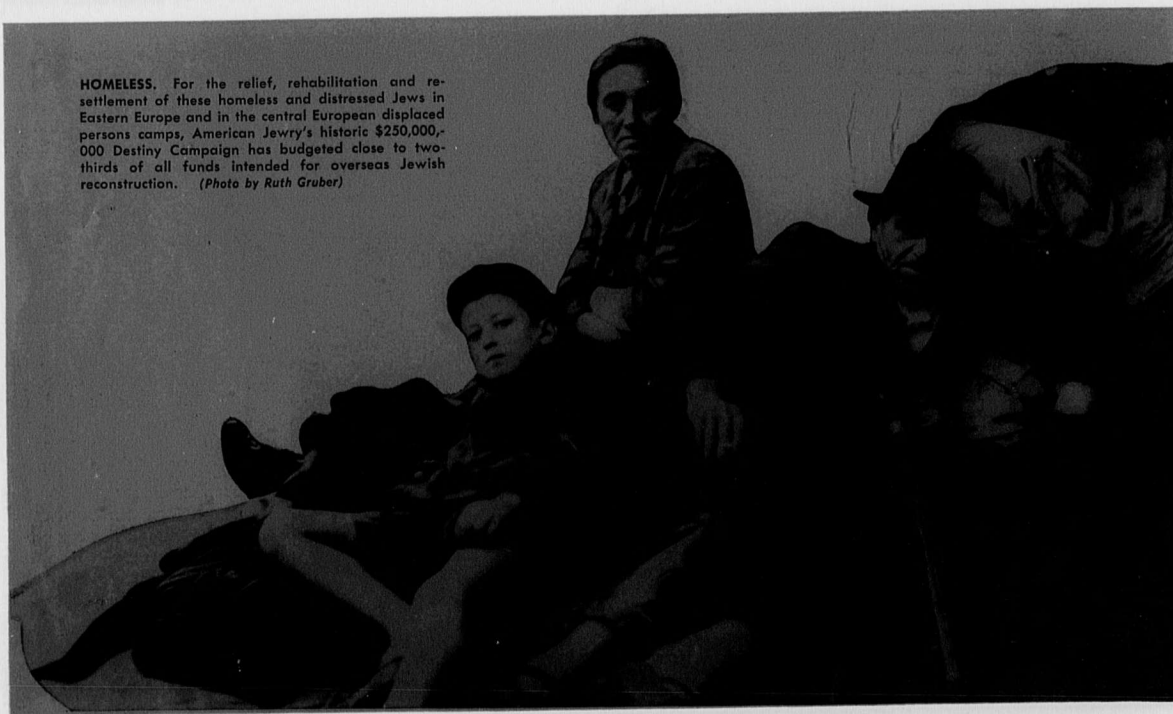
The major international plans for European relief and reconstruction are either too inadequate or do not

cover the areas in which the majority of Europe's Jews are to be found. Thus, the IRO is operating on a skeleton budget, while the European Recovery Program (Marshall Plan) does not include the countries where 80 percent of Europe's Jews live close to hunger and destitution.

American Jewry's historic \$250,000,000 Destiny Campaign of the United Jewish Appeal has a manifold purpose. In addition to speeding the creation of the new State in Palestine, it must provide for those who hope eventually to go there, but who cannot until the time is ripe.

The year 1948 is a year of destiny, a year of hope, a year of homecoming. The beginning of the end of misery is in sight. Three historic tasks face the Jews of America through the Joint Distribution Committee, United Palestine Appeal and the United Service for New Americans—(1) mass immigration and settlement in Palestine; (2) large-scale relief and rehabilitation in Europe and (3) adjustment of refugees in the United States.

HOMELESS. For the relief, rehabilitation and re-settlement of these homeless and distressed Jews in Eastern Europe and in the central European displaced persons camps, American Jewry's historic \$250,000,000 Destiny Campaign has budgeted close to two-thirds of all funds intended for overseas Jewish reconstruction. (Photo by Ruth Gruber)



American Jewry Helps DPs Overcome Starvation Diet

Europe's 250,000 Jewish displaced persons receive IRO rations which vary between 1,550 calories in the British Occupation Zone of Germany and 2,017 in Italy. This near-starvation food allowance contrasts sharply with the minimum 2,800 calories prescribed by the U. S. National Research Council on Nutrition. Without supplementary aid from American Jewry extended through the historic \$250,000,000 Destiny Campaign of the United Jewish Appeal, Europe's 250,000 Jewish displaced persons would literally die of malnutrition.



REHABILITATION. Young Jewish refugee girl, one of more than 30,000 homeless Jews on Cyprus, operates a hand weaving loom as part of her rehabilitative training made possible by American Jewry's \$250,000,000 UJA Campaign.

UJA Sustains Them Against Hunger, Inflation, Poverty

The 830,000 Jews in eastern Europe, accounting for 57 percent of the continent's surviving Jewish people, are impoverished far below the average level of the native population. Never having had the opportunity of recovering from Nazi persecution, they now find it very difficult to integrate themselves in the changing economy of their countries. In 1948, fully 35 percent of all funds provided through the historic \$250,000,000 Destiny Campaign of the United Jewish Appeal will be expended in these countries. American Jewish assistance continues to be the major factor in sustaining these distressed Jews against the ravages of winter, crop failure, spiralling inflation, and a persistent anti-Semitism.



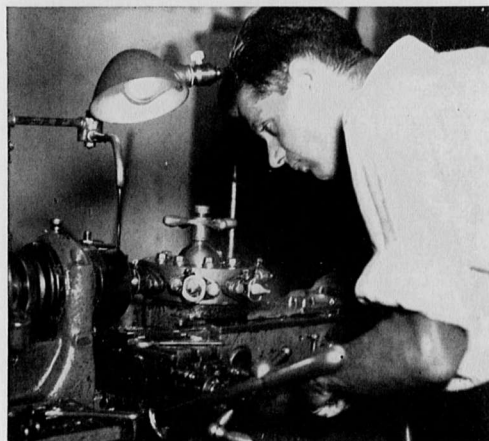
HOMECOMING. Hospitable scenes like this in Haifa and Tel Aviv await the 75,000 homeless European Jews who will enter Palestine in 1948. UJA will help them begin a new life in the Jewish State.

An American Visitor Views Life in a German DP Camp

This eye-witness report of life in a German DP camp was written by a member of the United Jewish Appeal's 'Star of Hope' mission which recently visited Europe and Palestine.

There was an interesting aspect of the DPs' reception of the United Jewish Appeal delegation. We were half expecting to find them eager to show us the miserable conditions under which they exist in an effort to dramatize the need for help from the current UJA Campaign. Instead, we found them seeking to afford us the traditional welcome of guests enjoying their hospitality.

But even their hospitality supper for us left us hungry and touched. It consisted of black bread, oatmeal and potato soup. Breakfast the next morning was bread and tea. This was all they had to fortify themselves against the harsh German winter.



AMERICAN WAY. Recent newcomer to the United States, one of 25,000 who arrived here last year, works at a lathe to learn U.S. industrial know-how. UJA provides major funds for refugee adjustment.

IZFA BOASTS NEW MEMBERSHIP HIGH

Intercollegiate Zionist Federation of America got into full swing this semester with its opening meeting, Thursday, March 11. A recent film of Palestine was shown and Isaac Kutler, active member of the I.Z.F.A. board, spoke on the history and significance of Jewish defense formations in the present struggle.

California Chapter has many activities planned for this semester. An expressional dance class is being sponsored by the group which will be under the able direction of Zamira Gon, well-known Palestinian dancer, who recently opened an international dancing school in San Francisco. The theme for these dancing classes, for both men and women, is, "Our Biblical and Modern Jewish Expressional Dancing." A few vacancies are still available for anyone desirous of entering the class.

I.Z.F.A. is now proud of its membership of over 50 students, and sets its aim in the National Membership Campaign to become the strongest chapter among all United States colleges.

PURIM, 1948

Purim, the festival which commemorates the rescue of the Jewish people of Persia from destruction at the hands of the bigoted Haman, fell on March 25, in this year, 5708. The reading of the Megillah, the scroll on which is recorded the role of the fair Queen Esther in interceding for her people, took place on the preceding Wednesday evening.

COMING EVENTS

Sunday, April 4, 8 p. m.—Speaker, Gerald E. Marsh, University of California speech department.

Sunday, April 11, 8 p. m.—Hillel musicale, with our own talent.

Wednesday, April 21, 8 p. m.—Berkeley lodge of B'nai B'rith hosts to Hillel students, symposium entitled "This Is B'nai B'rith."

Friday, April 23, 6:30 p. m.—Hillel Seder at YWCA Cottage, for Hillel members only. Tickets must be secured in advance at the office.

And there are the Monday afternoon Kaffee Klatsches, the Thursday afternoon seminars, the Friday night religious services, the Wednesday night Hebrew classes, the Sunday night socials.

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PASSOVER SEDER

The annual Hillel Passover Seder will be held at the Y.W.C.A. cottage, Allston and Union streets, on Friday evening, April 23, at 6:30 p. m. Because there are now more than 500 Hillel members on the campus of the University of California, it is necessary to limit attendance at the Seder to Hillel members only.

There will be accommodations for only 200 students. The tickets are \$2 each. This represents only a portion of the cost of the Seder. Tickets are available at the Hillel Foundation office. They will be sold to the first 200 persons who apply for the tickets, payment being made with the application.

More details of the Seder will be presented in the next issue of the Hillel Call.

UNITED JEWISH APPEAL

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tate these people and let them return to a normal, useful life. We, the Jews of America, have always helped in the past, and our financial support is more urgently needed now than ever before.

It is needless to go into detail about the years of tragedy that our fellow Jews have endured; the whole world is well-aware of those crimes. If we have one spark of human feeling and kindness in our hearts, we will not hesitate to help our less fortunate brethren. The resources that we dedicate to this drive will in no small way determine the destiny of our people overseas.

Every Jewish student will be contacted by one of the many students who have volunteered their time and energy for the successful attainment of this decisive United Jewish Appeal. When you are contacted, please cooperate. Pledge or contribute as much as you possibly can because their need is so great. If you are not contacted, please bring or mail your contribution to Hillel. Remember that UJA needs YOU.

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RELIGIOUS ACTIVITIES

As Friday evening services continue to grow in scope and attendance, a new program for the orthodox congregation has been instituted by the religious committee.

In addition to the Friday evening orthodox services at 7:30 p. m., Saturday morning services are being held weekly from 9:15 to 11 a. m. at Hillel. At this time the Torah, the Scroll of the Law which contains the Five Books of Moses, is read, with students participating in the reading of the particular weekly portion of the Torah.

A daily minyan (a quorum of ten men) has also been scheduled Monday through Thursday, beginning promptly at 5:30 p. m. Those who have not davened in years will find a real satisfaction in taking up again this duty of every Jewish man over 13 years of age.

FREE DANCING CLASSES

Sunday afternoon is dance time at Hillel!

From 1 to 3, there is social dancing with instruction by Charlie Bernstein. The classes are free to Hillel members only.

At 3 o'clock Victor Boutlisky takes over for instruction in Palestine folk dancing.

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