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HILLEL COMES OF AGE . . . WE'RE NOW 21 YEARS OLD

SOMETHING FOR EVERYBODY EVERY DAY AT HILLEL!

A full program of classes in which instruction in every variety of needs expressed by the Jewish student on the campus is being offered by the B'nai B'rith Hillel Foundation. All classes are free to those interested, and with more than 250 students signed up on activity cards indicating their preferences for these classes, there should be an enthusiastic as well as full enrollment.

All classes are held at Hillel House, and instructors and leaders are of the highest caliber in quality as well as ability.

The program will get under way beginning on Thursday, Oct. 21, and continue through the term.

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FLASH! PREPARE FOR NEW BUILDING NEWS

As this issue of the Hillel Call goes to press word comes from Edgar C. Levey, national Hillel commissioner and chairman of the Berkeley Hillel building committee, that a meeting is to be called soon at which plans will be made for the new Hillel Foundation building campaign at Berkeley.

With almost \$100,000 already reported as assets in the building fund, B'nai B'rith lodges in District No. 4, which comprises the western states and western Canada, will be activated to help bring the total to the figure needed.

The present quarters, damaged by fire on Sept. 19, will be moved to the rear of the lot and a new building will be erected facing Bancroft Way, and covering the entire property of the Hillel Foundation. Happy Day!

You will be informed of progress in the campaign. In the meantime, any suggestions?

WELCOME GIVEN TO ORG. HOUSES

A refreshing as well as significant development in the Jewish campus community is the wholehearted co-operation which fraternities, sororities, and the other living groups on the campus are giving to the Hillel Foundation, its officers and its program.

Not content with sharing their facilities after our disastrous fire, the organized houses pitched in with manpower and womanpower to perform the tasks that needed to be done in the emergency. That led to special meetings in which representatives of all of the fraternities and sororities joined in discussions with Hillel officers on how to develop the best all-round program for all Jewish students.

There have already been several meetings of discussions on future joint programs seeking to integrate organized houses' interests in the Hillel program, and vice versa.

DR. LOWDERMILK ADDRESSES IZFA

A scientist of vision and courage spoke to the Intercollegiate Zionist Federation of America chapter at its major meeting of the month on October 14.

He was Dr. Walter Clay Lowdermilk, author of "Palestine, Land of Promise," which sets forth his plans for the Jordan Valley Authority. A resident of Berkeley, Dr. Lowdermilk is Assistant Chief of the Soil Conservation Service of the U. S. Department of Agriculture and department research head since 1937. Holding his PhD. from U.C., he studied at the University of Arizona and at Oxford as a Rhodes scholar, and was research professor of forestry at the University of Nanking in China.

Under the Lowdermilk plan, the
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BIG ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION HERE THIS WEEK-END

Organized on the University of California campus in October, 1927, the B'nai B'rith Hillel Foundation today looks forward to its 21st birthday anniversary, with a celebration this week-end which will do justice to a momentous occasion.

On Friday evening, Oct. 22, Hillel will salute its anniversary with special services which will herald the Sabbath as well as the 21st year.

On Saturday evening, Oct. 23, beginning at 8:30 p.m., the "Hillel Comes of Age" semi-formal will be held at the International House ballroom, with dancing until 12 o'clock. Music will be provided by Jimmy Blass, and his orchestra, which recently completed a six-week engagement at the Fairmont Hotel, San Francisco.

On Sunday evening, Oct. 24, Hillel will hold an open house reception during the afternoon for our B'nai B'rith sponsors, and at 8 o'clock that evening, Dr. Clyde Johnson, senior counsellor for the University of California, will speak on "The Contributions of Religious Organizations in a University Setting."

The traditional Sunday night dance, augmented by many special features, will follow the program.

Tickets must be secured for the anniversary dance, and these are available at the Hillel office. The cost is \$1.50 per couple for members of the Hillel Foundation, and \$2.50 for non-members.

KAFFEE KLATSCH

Where else can you get free sandwiches and coffee? Come to Hillel and join our Koffee Klatches, every Monday at 4:15. Eat, drink, and enjoy a chance to bolw off some steam and join in some schmoosin!

PROGRAMS AHEAD OFFER VARIETY

Hillel's traditional Sunday evening cultural programs continue with speakers, forums, a debate, and a musicale making up the schedule for the month of November.

Sunday, Oct. 25, at 8 p.m., the last of the series of events scheduled to celebrate Hillel's 21st birthday at California will be held. Dr. Clyde Johnson, senior vocational counselor at the University of California will speak on "The contributions of religious organizations in a university setting."

With elections so close, Hillel's Oct. 31 program will probably be one of the best from the standpoint of argument and controversy. On that evening at 8 p.m., representatives from each of the Democratic, Republican and Independent Progressive parties will outline their respective programs. There will be an open forum after the meeting.

"World Government or World War," will be the title of a talk by Dyke Brown, San Francisco attorney and former Rhodes Scholar, on Sunday evening, Nov. 7. Brown is a Cal graduate, former assistant dean of Yale Law school. A sound motion picture, "One World or None," will complete the program.

On Nov. 28 will come another of Hillel's popular musicales, with commentaries and discussions.

Other major programs planned for the rest of the fall semester are a vaudeville show, more speakers, movies and programs tailored to fit your interest. Suggestions and ideas for future programs are welcome by the cultural program chairman, Maedelle Richlin.

"NEET BULC" PARTY

The Teen Club, of Temple Sinai, Oakland, is sponsoring a "Neet Bulc" dancing party at Covenant Hall, 29th and Webster streets, Oakland, on Saturday evening, Nov. 6, for boys and girls from 16 to 20. Admission is 35 cents and all are welcome.

SUCCOHS PARTY

More than 200 persons enjoyed the Hillel Succohs party on Sunday, Oct. 17, with Succoh and all. It was the occasion of our first cost supper of the year, and its success assures more in the future.

Something for Everybody

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classes below a course in Yiddish is being organized, and the Hillel Bulletin Board will give the time and place of meeting when arranged. Other classes will be organized wherever there is sufficient demand.

Clip this schedule and keep it where you can refer to it often. Then come on over!

Sunday, 2 p.m., Hillel Players, dramatics group.

3:30, Hillel executive board meetings on alternate Sundays with record music groups.

5:30, Hillel cost suppers.

8 p.m., program, followed by dance.

Monday, 4 p.m., Kaffee Klatsch, eats, discussions.

Tuesday, 7 p.m., dancing instruction classes.

8 p.m., Hillel choral singers.

Wednesday, 7 p.m., Rabbi's seminar, discussions.

8 p.m., Religious School Teachers Institute.

Thursday, 7 p.m., Hebrew classes, beginners and advanced.

8 p.m., Hebrew conversational groups, alternating with IZFA programs.

Friday, 7:30 p.m., Orthodox religious services.

8:15 p.m., Liberal services followed by Oneg Shabat.

Saturday, Hillel House is closed for the Sabbath.

MEMBERSHIP CONTEST

Awards are to be presented to the boys and girls who secure the largest number of members in the Hillel Foundation between now and the time of the 21st anniversary celebration Oct. 24. Memberships are \$2 per year, and a membership provides numerous dividends in reduced rates for many of the affairs that will be conducted during the coming year.

HILLEL PARKING LOT

Ever increasing in popularity is the Hillel Foundation parking lot. Because of the demand for space, it is necessary to restrict parking privileges to Hillel members only. No parking is permitted on Saturdays when there are home football games.

Rabbi's Column

We are building now! Even though our plans for the future Hillel Foundation are still pending, our plans for the future Hillel student body are rapidly taking form. As you will note our enlarged program covers every feasible night of the week, and our executive board meetings now include representatives of every Jewish fraternity and sorority on the campus. Our committees are beginning to function properly and our spirit of cooperation is surpassing all expectations.

All of this has been achieved under circumstances that can scarcely be termed "favorable." To reach this goal, many students, our new secretary, Mrs. Edna De Rose, and our program director, Chester Zeff, have been working far above and beyond the line of duty. To them and to all of you who have shared in this progress, sincere gratitude.

However, there are many of you who have not as yet begun to participate in our programs or activities and many who have not even dropped by to say "hello" or to see what we have to offer. We are building our program and our future for every Jewish student on the University of California and Mills College campus, and unless every student participates we have not reached our goal. If you have not yet filled out your Hillel activities card, please come to the office and do so as soon as possible. We would like your membership, too, but primarily we want to know your field of interests. ("Women" is not a valid answer.)

I'm proud to be associated with such a fine Hillel family and look forward to sharing its growth and development. Now that we have reached our maturity in years, let us surpass it in spirit.

—Rabbi William Sajowitz.

ZBT PRESENTS \$5,000 TO HILLEL PROJECT

Alumni and undergraduate members of Zeta Beta Tau, oldest Jewish college fraternity in the country, have contributed \$5,000 toward the B'nai B'rith Hillel student refugee project.

The project has already succeeded in bringing scores of brilliant Jewish students from Europe's DP camps to this country.

DR. LOWDERMILK

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sweet waters of the Jordan would be diverted into the Negev, the vast southern Palestine desert which occupies half the state of Israel. This would provide irrigation for the vast reclamation program which is to be undertaken. To compensate for the Jordan diversion, a canal would carry the salty Mediterranean water from the coast to the Dead Sea. As these waters passed through a chain of dams and reservoirs, they would produce hydroelectric power as they dropped 1,290 feet to the Dead Sea. The economic union of Jewish and Arab states proposed by the U. N. partition decision of last Nov. 29 would be essential in implementing this project.

As a result of the JVA, Dr. Lowdermilk reports, the present 100,000 acres irrigated by both Arabs and Jews could be increased to 750,000 acres producing two or three crops a year where only arid desolation existed.

Dr. and Mrs. Lowdermilk are active members of the American Christian Palestine Committee which has long supported the Zionist program.

LOOKS TO FUTURE

Dr. Lowdermilk's message dealt with "A Constructive Approach to Problems of the Middle East." While touching on political implications of current events, he dealt chiefly with a long range view of what Israel represents.

In an article in the *Nation*, Dr. Lowdermilk pointed out that such a project as the Jordan Valley Authority might well be a pilot project which would spearhead the reclamation of vast Middle Eastern deserts. Restoration of an agrarian economy would eliminate the feudal dependence on tribal heads and landowners which characterizes the Arab masses today. These effendi today dole out starvation wages from the vast sums they receive from western powers for oil rights. If the methods of scientific farming could be introduced on reclaimed land, the entire economic structure of this feudal wilderness could be revitalized, and the Middle East could contribute its share in the solution of the world food shortage which increasing populations are bringing on. He pointed out that the Jewish Chalutzim have already made



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incredible strides in the directions envisioned by his plan.

Also appearing at the meeting was Ahuva Ben Brith, national IZFA field worker, who reported on organizational progress.

Letters were written to President Truman urging that the proposals of the late Count Bernadotte should not be adopted, as they would undermine the very existence of the State of Israel. Bernadotte proposed that the Negev be given to the Arabs in exchange for the more fertile but smaller area of Galilee. This would seriously limit the absorptive capacity of the state, and might prevent even some of the remaining DP's still languishing in Europe from entering their homeland. It also would internationalize the city of Jerusalem, and make the Jewish port of Haifa a free port. Everyone is urged to write similar letters of protest.

Other IZFA activities included a trip to Alta Bates hospital to contribute "Blood for Israel" to replenish the depleted blood bank reserves. A wienie bake followed this excursion.

Coming events include a meeting October 28 on "Power Interests in the Near East," the IZFA Bazaar October 30, an Oneg Shabbat Nov. 5 and an analysis of Modern Jewish Culture on Nov. 10. Your participation is invited.

PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

Every cloud has a silver lining and the ominous clouds that hovered over the Hillel House on the early morning of Sept. 19 and left destruction and debris after the flames—that cloud came accompanied with blessings indeed.

Offers of help in the emergency came from many campus groups, even before the smoke had cleared away.

Outstanding among these was the Westminster Foundation, Presbyterian student center, who offered their facilities for our Friday night services and the opening student reception. Zeta Beta Tau offered their house for the Sunday night open house dance. Manpower and womanpower came from all other organized houses and living groups. Without this timely and enthusiastic cooperation the fall program would have been so severely handicapped to border almost on tragedy.

We are coming out of the debris, dust, plaster and charred embers—but gradually. Soon the building will be cleared for activities and programs such as those planned.

A month ago we said that our program was interrupted but not our planning. Soon we hope that our program will suffer no more interruptions because of handicapped facilities.

In the meantime you can do yourself a good turn by securing your Hillel membership, \$2 for the year. You can integrate yourself into Hillel programs, you can offer your help when there are tasks to be done. You can make Hillel what you want it to be!

—Hershel Goldberg, president.

RECEPTION FOR RABBI

B'nai Brith lodge Hillel chairman and similar chairmen of the B'nai Brith women's chapter in the Central California conference will join in the official welcome of Rabbi and Mrs. William Sajowitz to Hillel on Sunday afternoon, Oct. 24, when a reception is to be given in their honor.

FOR S.O.S. CAMPAIGN

Students are invited to contribute canned food for shipment to European DP camps. Hillel is a depository. There is also need for volunteer workers for two hours on the morning of Nov. 7 to help in the SOS collections in Berkeley.

PAID YOUR UJA PLEDGE?

There are still approximately 40 students who made United Jewish Appeal pledges last March, but who failed to make any payments or who have neglected to keep up their payments. Most of the pledges were for \$5 each, and the payments were to be made at the rate of \$1 per month. Have you paid up? You can find out in the Hillel office.

DIVIDENDS!

No other institution can make this claim! What? Your Hillel membership entitles you to a forty per cent reduction to Hillel's big Anniversary Dance, Saturday, October 23, 1948, 8:00 p.m., at T House. Save forty per cent; buy a membership and enjoy a smooth night of semi-formal dancing.

HADASSAH BENEFIT

The famed motion picture, "My Father's House," based on the book by Meyer Levin, will be presented at the Oaks Theatre, on Solano avenue, on October 27 and 28 as a benefit performance for Youth Aliyah. Tickets are 85 cents each and are available at the Hillel office.

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HILLEL SPORTS

Hillel once held the intramural ping-pong championship for four years in a row. Today Hillel aspires to higher things. Consequently Hillel teams are being organized to compete in the various intramural tournaments. The first team to be organized is the football team; others will be organized later (the basketball team probably this week.)

There will be those who insist that Jews as a whole are too deeply immersed in bookwork ever to be successful in athletic matters; it is only necessary to remind them that the IZFA football team won last year's football championship (IZFA and Hillel are nearly synonymous here).

Larry Frumes is in charge of Hillel sports activities, and he says that any sport in which Hillel members are interested would receive attention. He also states that there are presently 14 members of the Hillel football team, and that more will be welcomed.

JEWISH CALENDAR

Clip this out and put it where you may refer to it when desired:

Sh'mini AtzeresMonday, Oct. 25
Simchas TorahTuesday, Oct. 26
1st Day, Chanuka.....Monday, Dec. 27
PurimTuesday, March 15
1st Day Passover.....Thursday, April 14
Lag B'Omer.....Thursday, May 17
ShevuosFriday, June 3

HILLEL PANELS

Hillel is on the march again!

Each year the Hillel Foundation is asked to present programs on Hillel nights sponsored by the B'nai B'rith lodges and women's chapters in the area.

The first of the season was a program presented before the Oakland lodge of B'nai B'rith on Tuesday night Oct. 19. The next will be before the Peninsula lodge on Nov. 3 to be followed by a program presented for B'nai B'rith at Stockton on Nov. 10. A similar program will be presented before the Leonard Meltzer Lodge of B'nai B'rith at Oakland on Nov. 16.

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