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BREAK GROUND FOR NEW HILLEL FOUNDATION BUILDING NEXT MONTH

RABBI LELYVELD COMING TO HILLEL

Rabbi Arthur Lelyveld, national director of B'nai B'rith Hillel Foundations, will be guest of the Hillel Foundation in Berkeley during a brief—all too brief—visit to the west coast in December.

On his way to Los Angeles where he will officiate at the dedication of the new University of Southern California Hillel House on Dec. 2, Rabbi Lelyveld will spend a busy two-day schedule in the Bay area on Dec. 9 and 10. He will address a luncheon of B'nai B'rith leaders on Dec. 10 after conferring with officials on plans for the new Berkeley Hillel Foundation. On Friday evening, Dec. 10, he will occupy the pulpit at Temple Sinai, Oakland, where he will also greet a caravan of Hillel students who will join with townspeople for the special Sabbath service.

The visit of the national director is timed with active preparations for construction of the new Berkeley Hillel House, of which there is more on the opposite column of this edition.

Hillel Aids S.O.S.

A corps of Hillel volunteers joined with men and women of the B'nai B'rith lodge and women's chapter in Berkeley on Nov. 7 to collect, load and deliver more than five tons of clothing and canned goods destined for S.O.S. distribution to European D.P. camps.

The achievement brought from the Jewish Welfare Federation of Alameda and Contra Costa counties, which sponsored the drive, a commendation for a great job well done.

In addition to the Hillel individuals, Sigma Alpha Mu and Zeta Beta Tau offered crews and car assistance.

Welcome Mills College

Hillel at Berkeley is reaching out to great the Jewish students attending Mills College, Oakland. Rabbi William Sajowitz, director, and Chester M. Zeff, program director, visited the Mills campus, met with the girls and outlined a program of activities which will be integrated with Hillel at the foundation and at Mills beginning next month. In the meantime, it was emphasized that all Hillel affairs are for Mills girls too, and from the preliminary surveys there are a lot of guys at Hillel that are for Mills girls too.

Yiddish Movie Sunday

"Motel the Operator", a Yiddish motion picture with English sub-titles, will be presented Sunday, Dec. 5, at the Hillel Foundation, beginning at 8 p.m. An admission charge of ten cents per person is being made for this attraction, in an effort to see whether or not the venture will prove popular with Jewish students on the campus. The admission charge will apply to all people who come to Hillel Sunday night from 8 to 10. Following the program there will be the traditional Sunday night Hillel Hop.

Next Council Meeting

Hillel Student Council, comprising all members of Hillel, will meet Sunday, Dec. 12 at 4 P.M. to act on a new constitution and to transact other business as may come before the council. If there are sufficient reservations by Dec. 8, there will be a cost supper at 6 p.m., 50 cents per person. Get your ticket at the office now.

The revision of the Hillel constitution has been completed by the executive council, and is now ready for a member referendum.

COMMISSION O.K.'s CONSTRUCTION AND MOVING PROJECT

Authorization for "the immediate construction" of a new Hillel Foundation building was announced by Edgar C. Levey, of San Francisco, B'nai B'rith National Hillel Commissioner and president of the Hillel Building Corporation for Berkeley. Thus the planning which has been going on for years now enters the action stage, and the dream of long standing approaches realization.

Rabbi William Sajowitz, director of the B'nai B'rith Hillel Foundation, revealed progress in the planning after numerous conferences with Hillel and B'nai B'rith leaders. These culminated with the following announcement from Levey:

"The Executive Board of District Grand Lodge No. 4, B'nai B'rith has given its approval to the immediate construction of the I. M. Golden Memorial Hillel Foundation Building at Berkeley. The present structure on Bancroft Way will be moved to the rear of the lot and completely renovated. It will be connected with the new building, which will be fire proofed throughout. It is contemplated that a combination auditorium and chapel will be built which will accommodate 500 people. A library with facilities for 10,000 volumes will occupy the second floor of the main structure. Kitchen facilities for large banquets and dinners will be made available.

"Michael Goodman, of the University's Department of Architecture, is the architect in charge. He is now preparing plans for the new Hillel home. It is hoped that the way will be cleared for ground-breaking im-

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HILLEL PLANNING ANOTHER SKI TRIP

Signups for a Hillel ski trip are now being taken on the bulletin board at the foundation.

The proposed jaunt will last from January 31 to February 3, and will be to Norden where the snow is anxiously waiting to bury unsuspecting novices.

It is to be emphasized that it is not necessary to know how to ski in order to come along. Very few of the voyagers have been on skis before, and these novices will be in the majority. Skiing instruction will be provided without charge.

All equipment will be rented at Norden, unless there are those who would prefer to carry their own along.

Anyone who would like more information about the trip is welcome to contact Ed Schwartz who will give him all available facts and figures.

The entire cost is estimated at about \$25, including everything.

A deposit of \$5 will be required from all those who sign up, and this will NOT be refundable. It will be assurance that those who sign up mean business!

All persons who have signed up will be notified during the coming week that their deposit is due. It is payable by Dec. 12. If not paid by Dec. 15 the reservation is cancelled and will be given to someone else.

Reservations are open only to Hillel members.

New Hillel Building

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diately after the first of the year. The cost of the foundation building will approximate \$120,000.00. This is exclusive of the furnishings. Arrangements are now being made for appropriate ceremonies attending the lifting of the first shovelful of earth. High state, local and University officials, along with student representatives, will be invited to participate.

"Present planning includes moving the Hillel building to the rear of the lot at once, probably during the Christmas holiday vacation period. In the meantime Hillel activities will go on as usual, with no interruption in the program unless physical handicaps make it absolutely necessary."

Rabbi's Column

Perhaps some of you have heard about the midnight oil sessions of our executive committee in its discussions of the new constitution and of various phases of our Hillel program. The rumors are true, the discussions have been controversial and heated, but out of them has come the feeling of growth, and progress. Ideas have been exchanged, inner thoughts have been revealed and now with clearer understanding of one another, the group can work as a team. Some of the friction which, of necessity, was originally generated has been transmitted to outside sources, and people have come to me with a warped idea of great group conflicts and struggles. Such notions are far removed from actual fact, as most of the problems have been or will soon be resolved, and they are being resolved with an attitude of cooperation that bodes well for the future. Instead of being a rumor-monger, why not attend some of the Student Meetings and get the facts.

Another common misconception is that Hillel is an instrument of the Zionist movement on the campus. While I am an active Zionist, and eager to see the progress of this movement, at no time have I injected my Zionist sympathies into the Hillel program. I.Z.F.A. is treated here as a group among groups. They are accorded the privilege of our facilities for meetings and the use of a bulletin board, and a column in the *Hillel Call*. Such privileges are open to all groups, and have been used by many others. Thus out of a total program offered through Hillel facilities theirs is only a small portion, from the standpoint of time and facilities. If it has achieved status numerically and otherwise, it is due to the hard work of its members and the popularity of the cause. Hillel *per se* cannot be accredited with this nor can one honestly justify his lack of participation in Hillel activities because of IZFA's success or non-existent "over-emphasis". Come to Hillel first, and then pass judgment.

If there is any other criticism or factor that has created in your mind a non-cooperative attitude toward Hillel, please be good enough to communicate it to me. We want to create a Hillel that serves all of the Jewish

IZFA WELCOMES ISRAEL DELEGATE

Yuval Elizur, Israeli who has just been appointed West Coast field worker of the Intercollegiate Zionist Federation of America, will meet campus audiences during his Bay Area visit from Dec. 12 to Dec. 17.

A former student at the Hebrew University, Yuval is particularly interested in the Hechalutz movement, which facilitates the immigration into Israel of agricultural and professional workers for pioneer communities. He will bring his message to an IZFA open chapter meeting on Wednesday, December 15 at 8 p.m. at Hillel. He will also speak at Friday evening services December 17, and at fraternity and sorority meetings throughout the week. He has been shaliach (messenger) to the American Jewish community for Tsomim, Palestine scouting movement, since his enrollment in the University of Missouri in 1947.

BLOOD DONORS

Over 40 students have answered the call to donate blood for Israel at the Irwin Memorial Blood Bank in San Francisco. The need continues to be urgent, as advances from the world blood bank must be made up to insure a continuous flow to meet transfusion needs. Numerous trips will be made prior to the university vacation, and transportation is provided. Those of you who want to make this very concrete and incomparable contribution should sign the Blood for Israel list at Hillel as soon as possible to arrange for your appointment. Students aged 18 to 21 require their parents' consent for the donation. Fred Bronner is project chairman.

Welcome to the Board

At the recent elections, Barbara Solomon, Libby Swartz and Marshall Friedman were elected by the Hillel members to represent them on the Hillel executive council.

students on the campus, and if some misunderstanding of misconception prevents this service, we want to correct it. On the other hand, it must be understood that we cannot be all things to all people, and that our program seeks to maintain a balance of activities that will facilitate this service.

Rabbi William Sajowitz,
Director

VALLEJO LODGE SETS PACE FOR HILLEL

The weekly "kitty" which members of the Vallejo B'nai B'rith lodge have been accumulating in their bowling league for a dinner at the end of the season will serve a different purpose, it was announced by Dr. S. C. Marcuse, Jr., secretary of the lodge.

The bowlers had \$53.00 in the kitty, and by their unanimous consent they decided to turn it over to the B'nai B'rith Hillel Foundation at Berkeley.

Not to be outdone, the rest of the members of the lodge voted to add sufficient to the bowling fund to make up a check for \$100 which was sent to the Berkeley Hillel house.

For which all of us are indeed grateful.

PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

The success of Hillel organizations all across the country has testified to their usefulness, their worth and their ability to satisfy the needs of Jewish college students. The purpose of this organization at the California campus as stated in our constitution is "to foster the cultural, social and religious activities among the students of the U. of C.". And yet for those people who are interested in taking an active part to bring about these aims there is even greater value to be had from Hillel.

United by the aim of service to the campus community, these people find that this or any other purpose cannot be achieved without cooperation and mutual confidence. It soon becomes apparent to those who participate in the organizational work that all Hillel programs and policies are the result of the pooling of many conflicting ideas and interests and the subordination of many individual desires to the common purpose.

Hillel's success in accomplishing its purpose depends upon their ability to work together in its itself the most valuable lesson one can learn from participating in Hillel activities.

We are certain that more students will take an active interest in these activities. A new slant or ideas concerning our program or policy is always welcome and we know that you have more to gain in experience and association by working on our committees and organizational groups than in any other aspect of the Hillel program.—Hershel Goldberg.



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THE HILLEL CALL is the official organ of the B'nai B'rith Hillel Foundation at the University of California at Berkeley. It aims to inform the Hillel students and friends of events and activities within Hillel, and to provide them with a knowledge of issues vital to them as members of a larger Jewish community. It is further dedicated to the ideals of Judaism and their diffusion, and to a knowledge of Jewish history and tradition. Lastly it serves to provide Jewish students with a means by which they may express their sentiments and thoughts, both as students and as Jews.

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FOR MARRIED FOLKS

Hillel desires to organize a program for married couples, providing a social and cultural afternoon or evening that will meet the convenience of those interested. A social is planned for sometime in January at the Hillel Foundation. Since there is no direct mailing list for identification or notification purposes, won't you please contact the office if you can come for the first meeting? If you have any ideas for future programs or planning please let us know at the office.

KAFFEE KLATCH

Every Monday afternoon at four a human wave submerges Hillel, and hundreds of sandwiches and gallons of coffee quickly become a memory. Afterwards these people sit around and get any and all gripes off of their shoulders, just listen, or ogle all of the gorgeous women sitting around. The discussions are stimulating, too.

HILLEL STRIVES FOR RECORD MEMBERSHIP

To date our Hillel membership is larger at this time than for any previous year in our history. We have a more completely integrated program with greater student participation than ever before.

Are you one of the participants?

Many of you have received letters from me asking you to become members of Hillel. I am sure that you are aware of the many benefits to which that membership entitles you. The membership fee is \$2 for the entire year. The dividends far outweigh the investment. Some of the coming events open to members only are the Purim party, Yiddish motion pictures, the Passover Seder, special suppers, the Ski trip, and many other programs that you may desire.

Come to our Hillel student meetings, participate in our programs, join our classes, and make Hillel truly your "home away from home".

—LOU SMOOKLER

Membership Chairman.

Congratulations:

To Louis Siegel and Bernice Light, who were married at Alameda Nov. 27 by Rabbi William Sajowitz.

To David and June Manevitz on the birth of a daughter, Karen Anne, Nov. 10, 1948.

CUPID'S COLUMN

Cupid has been shooting his arrow right and left these days at Hillel members. Some of the latest to join the ranks of those pinned or engaged are:

Polly Beauchamp to Jerry Berger, SAM.
Janice Broudy to Phil Beiser.
Jerry Epstein to Bob Fox, ZBT.
Edda Davis to Ivan Gennis, SAM.
Sandy Fleshler, DPhiE, to Clyde Fox.
Joyce Goldberg, AEPhi, to Gene Samson, SAM.
Irene Gottlieb, DPhiE, to Larry Oppenheimer, SAM.
Delores Kirkwood to Dave Iventosch, SAM.
Evelyn Knap to Marty Hertz, ZBT.
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Doris Livingston, DPhiE, to Hal Simon, ZBT.
Marilyn Mersky, AEPhi, to Dave Anchor, ZBT.
Joan Lesser, AEPhi, to Bob Rose, ZBT.
Carolyn Pinsler to Norm Licht, Pi Lamb.
Clare Polse to Norm Fox, ZBT.
Joanne Seline to Dick Knapp, ZBT.
Joan Solomon to Al Clar, ZBT.
Tina Triena to Bob Gorran, SAM.