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President's Message

I would like to use this space to review what we have accomplished so far this semester and inform you



of our plans for the remainder of the semester.

Our Social program has been outstanding this semester. It began with two successful dances during registration week, and continued with the "Roll Out the Barrel" dance, planned by Nancy Kaplan and her splendid Social committee. This dance was one of the best dances at Hillel within recent memory.

The Cost Supper committee, headed by Art Naftaly and Ross Polansky, has presented two excellent Sunday night suppers with superb food made by the B'nai B'rith women of this area. Following the suppers we have had stimulating discussions on various topics. I would like to thank the B'nai B'rith women for their help and co-operation in making possible these fine events.

Something new has been added this semester at Hillel, we now have a historian, Marietta Rackonitz. Marietta now has a scrap book in which she can keep track of all the activities that are going on at Hillel.

The religious services this year are a welcome innovation. They are conducted entirely by the students and

express a great deal of congregational participation. Shel Rosenthal, Terry Bloom, Stan Pollack and Bernie Robinson have been playing a leading role in services this semester. I'm sure all of you will be pleased when you come to our services which are held every Friday night at 8:15 p.m. There is an informal Oneg Shabbat planned after each service.

The Hillel council meets every Tuesday at noon for lunch. It is composed of the officers, committee heads and house representatives. Any member is welcome to come to these meetings and offer suggestions.

The following is the tentative schedule of the major events for the remainder of this semester:

Sunday, Nov. 30 — Collegians (University Choral Group)

Sunday, Dec. 7 — Cost supper — music movie — beginning of services on "Our American and Jewish Heritage," with Rabbi Saul White.

Dec. 12-20 — Chanukah week — a Maccabean Art festival — a week of student art exhibition; a grand ball on Sunday, Dec. 14, and an evening of folk music.

We hope we have included what you are looking for in our program
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MEMBERSHIP DANCE DRAWS LARGE CROWD

Lifted into the spirit of the evening by bright hand-painted murals on the walls of the auditorium, about 325 guests and members of the Hillel foundation came to get acquainted at the year's first dance, "Roll Out the Barrel," on Sunday, Oct. 19.

The music of Charlie Stern and his combo helped put the crowd into that just-right old friendly spirit, and the vivid bar room murals that adorned the walls added a friendly touch. Multicolored crepe-paper streamers were draped from a wagon wheel centerpiece on the ceiling.

Even the refreshments got into the theme; they were served literally right "on the barrel-head" by refreshment dispenser, Irv Weiss. Wooden barrels were used as serving tables.

An extra-special feature of the night was the guest appearance of
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HILLEL MEETS NEW DIRECTOR

Many of us have met our new Hillel director, Dr. Lester G. Seligman, and are interested in knowing a few facts about him personally as well as what work he did before coming to Berkeley.

Dr. Seligman was a Hillel member during his undergraduate days at the University of Chicago. Besides engaging in Hillel activities, he was also prominent in Avukah (the Student Zionist federation which was the forerunner of IZFA). In fact, he served as regional president of this organization.

Dr. Seligman boasts of Chicago as being the home town of both himself and his wife, Judith. They met at the University of Chicago where both were pursuing the same course of study — history. But Dr. Seligman later switched to Political Science as his major. The rest of the Seligman family consists of two children, Susan, 4½ years old, and David, 21 months.

After receiving his B.A. in 1939, Dr. Seligman was permitted to pass up his M.A. and began to work for his Ph.D. The second World War intervened before this was completed, and our director claimed the army as his home for the next four years. He worked his way up to the rank of Captain, and at the end of the war found himself employed at General MacArthur's headquarters in the Pacific doing personnel classification and assignment work. Upon leaving the Army, he completed work on his Ph.D. thesis. During this time Dr. Seligman was also employed on the University of Chicago faculty, and in 1948 he was promoted to assistant professor in Political Science.

Dr. Seligman, is well known for his research and teaching in the field of political behavior. He has contributed articles on the subject of political leadership to various professional journals, and also wrote a study on "Marginality and Leadership," which appeared in the Sept. 1951 issue of

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By the Editor

On the Berkeley campus of the University of California are about 1000 Jewish students. They come from places as widely separated as Los Angeles and Tel Aviv. Their religious backgrounds vary all the way from orthodox to liberal.

A wide variety of academic and extracurricular activities can also be found among this group. Students interested in subjects ranging all the way from engineering to music can easily be discovered. Some Jewish students live in fraternities or sororities; others make the co-op their home. Yet with all these differences, all the members of this group of 1000 maintain one thing in common — they are Jewish college students.

Despite the fact that these college students differ in many ways, their Judaism serves to unite them in a common heritage. All share in the history and culture of the Jewish people — thus giving them a common interest, although they differ in many other ways.

One of the purposes of Hillel foundation is to give all the Jewish students at the University a place where they can meet as Jews. One need not have any particular interest in order to find his place at Hillel. Just the fact that he wishes to be Jewish is enough.

At Hillel the Jewish student on campus will have a chance to broaden his scope through contact with others who have different interests and come from a different social background. Yet he can do this without abandoning his own interests. Moreover, he can further these along a Jewish line through participation in the Hillel program.

Hillel thus serves a purpose for every Jewish student, whether he is interested in a particular activity or not. It is a place where he can express his Judaism.

The World Around Us

Brandeis alumni held their first meeting of the semester last month to elect officers and get this year's activities underway. Officers elected were Shel Rosenthal, president; Terry Bloom, vice president; Betty Muscovitz, recording secretary and treasurer, and Hertha Weinstein, corresponding secretary. It was decided to have a folk dance group which will meet every Tuesday night from 8 to 11 p.m. at Hillel. President Shel Rosenthal invites everybody who has been to Brandeis camp, or is interested in Brandeis camp, to attend the weekly folk-dance sessions.

ZIONIST CONVENTION

A one-day Zionist convention was held in Jerusalem on Sept. 4 to give representatives of the various Zionist organizations an opportunity to air their views on Zionist activities, and to discuss methods of improvement.

Everyone present had a chance to express his ideas. Some of the topics discussed were rescue immigration, the need for housing in Israel, absorption of immigrants, and economic and spiritual barriers to immigration from the West. It was decided that the

prosperity of Israel would be increased by the migration of British and American Jews to Israel. Ways of attracting these Jews to Israel were discussed.

It was also decided that the most suitable task for the Z.O.A. to undertake is the encouragement of investment of American dollars in Israel.

Chairman Yosef Sprinzak was highly satisfied with the outcome of the convention.

DRIVE TO INCREASE POPULATION IN ISRAEL

A drive to increase the agricultural population of Israel was launched last month with a tour of new agricultural settlements in Gallilee and the Jezreel and Beisan valleys. Two

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DR. SELIGMAN VIEWS HILLEL

In a real sense, I am the most curious newcomer to Hillel. That sentence is meant to suggest that I am still learning about Hillel foundation. Nonetheless, in the short time I have been here I do have some definite impressions and reactions:

1. People here are intelligent without being precocious; alert without being avid; warm without being falsely ingratiating. There is, in short, an excellent group of people here whose abilities have been somewhat pent-up in the past. Time Magazine called the U.S. student today a member of a "silent generation" — you aren't silent, but you have been sitting on your talents too long. I hope that in Hillel house you can find a place to let those abilities get elbow room; so that your contributions may be encouraged.

2. Hillel doesn't have as yet a sense of inner direction. The pieces are either there or in process, but the whole thing doesn't fit together in the framework of a conscious outlook. Your models and ideals, I suggest, might be what educated American Jews should be like. An educated American Jew is cut from whole cloth — he is hospitable to everything constructive in Jewish and American living. Being twice blessed (with two rich heritages), his contributions are doubly enriched. Thought and reflection, social life, art, music, study, good fellowship are not mere ingredients; they are components of the balanced man. May I suggest that no one put culture vs. social life in conflict here. No one does justice to himself at dances only, nor is he his own best friend if he lives in the realm of the intellect only. He finds a balance of needs, not a conflict, as his model.

I close this part of my brief disquisition with what to me is my own credo for Hillel. "Nothing Jewish, in its self-respecting and constructive best, is alien to me; Nothing Human in its self-respecting and constructive best is alien to me."

3. My own hope is that the day will come when all the activities and functions here will freely emanate from the wishes and fine standards of the members themselves. That is another way of saying that my own policies have little sympathy for window-dressing and cosmetic fronts. What Hillel is, is what its students are and wish to be. That leaves little room for displays that are not re-

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GROUPS PLAN BUSY SEMESTER

Six Hillel committees are in full swing this semester with two more being planned.

A newly organized series of Sabbath Eve services, student conducted, are on the agenda for Hillel foundations. Shel Rosenthal, chairman of religious committee, announces that his committee is striving toward the development of Sabbath Eve services, which will feature the best in orthodox, conservative and reformed rituals and will be keyed to the level of university students' religious outlook.

A choir is now being organized to make the services more beautiful and give students with vocal talent a religious medium through which they may express themselves. Sabbath songs as well as traditional Hebraic

melodies will be included in the repertoire of the new choir.

Discussions led by members of the University faculty, will follow the regular services and Oneg Shabbat every Friday night. Refreshments will be served, while singing and dancing will top off the evening.

The committee consists of Shel Rosenthal, Terry Bloom, Eileen Fink, Bernie Robinson, Al Sion and Stan Pollack. Any student wishing to participate in these services should contact the chairman, Shel Rosenthal.

Music and Culture committee, headed by Adrian Sunshine, has planned a program of musical films. Times for these films will be announced at a future date. Everyone is invited to attend.

Sunday night, Nov. 9, the social committee had a special treat in store for all students—a supper dance with a "cafe" theme.

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Hillel wants a choir and a dramatic club. Anyone who can sing or act, or anyone who thinks he can sing or act, or anyone who would like to sing or act should contact Hillel president, Irwin Levin.

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Irv Broido will continue to teach his Hillel folk-dancing group for beginners every Tuesday evening at 8 p.m. Any Hillel member who would care to participate in this successful and enjoyable activity is invited to attend.

JOIN OUR STAFF

The Hillel call is your paper. In order for it to be successful we need your help and suggestions.

If you are interested in writing or advertising, come to the House and let us know. No experience is needed, just tell us you'd like to be a member of the staff.

Any recommendations as to what you would like to see in the paper or any information for articles will be greatly appreciated by the staff.

MURALS WANTED

In the Hillel lobby are two blank walls. Suggestions for murals for either wall will be accepted in the office. This mural will be part of a plan to rearrange the lobby.

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ALL AROUND HILLEL

To start the new semester off with a bang, many active participants at Hillel on the UCLA campus have come to Berkeley. Carol Goldstone, Delores Martin, Mona Moster, Don Levy, Art Keith, Hertha Weinstein and Martin Roe are adding their talents to the social scene.

A group of eleven Brandeis alumni recently participated in several Israeli folk-dances in San Francisco, celebrating the 107th anniversary of B'nai B'rith. Shel Rosenthal, Cherie Stengel, Judy Porter, Sylvia Drabkin, Hannah Pascal, Don Rice, Jerry Poppers, Ellie Medyed, Irv. Broida, Hertha Weinstein, and Hal Roach had lots of fun.

All-U week-end proved to be very successful. Celebrating Halloween with costume dances were Zeta Beta Tau, Sigma Alpha Mu, and Kappa Nu. Alpha Epsilon Phi had a pre-rally date dinner. A nightclub party was given by Pi Lambda Phi honoring their members from the UCLA chapter.

More highlights are the pinnings of Alpha Epsilon Phi's Sara Ogden to Donald Sweet, Pi Lambda Phi; and Jackie Goldberg to Don Feinstein; Delta Phi Epsilon Ruth Fink to Robbie Fox, Pi Lambda Phi; and Delta Phi Epsilon Lorraine Haimovitch to Jerry Factor, Zeta Beta Tau. Past Hillel president Marc Monheimer is engaged to Jerrie Berger. Congratulations to the happy couples.

COMING EVENTS

Regular Hillel Events for Month of
November

SUNDAYS — 8:30 p.m.

Hillel special social events and open House:

Nov. 30 — Collegian Choir.

MONDAYS — 4 p.m.

Koffie Klatch and discussion group.

TUESDAYS — NOON

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Noon — Executive meeting.

8 p.m. — Folk dancing.

WEDNESDAYS

4 p.m. — Cultural committee meeting.

THURSDAYS

4 p.m. — Social committee meeting.

7 p.m. — Beginners Hebrew classes.

8 p.m. — Intermediate Hebrew classes.

FRIDAYS

8 p.m. — Services and Oneg Shabbat.



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"Commentary" a nationally famous Jewish magazine. He was also an active worker for Governor Stevenson during the Presidential campaign, having spoken on his behalf at various times to different groups.

He is a graduate of the Advanced Hebrew department of the Chicago Jewish studies, the Hebrew high school in the city of Chicago. Always actively identified with the Jewish community and the Zionist movement, Dr. Seligman is particularly known for his work on the sociology of the Jews.

As for his impression of the University of California on the whole, Dr. Seligman characterized it in one word, "balance." "Plato would have been happy in Berkeley," said Dr. Seligman. He thinks that Berkeley follows the Greek idea of balance — everything in its proper proportion.

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Presidents Message

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and are anxious to hear your suggestions.

May I conclude by mentioning the officers who have helped make the events this semester so successful: Merle Robinson, vice-president; Cherie Stengel, treasurer; Lilyan Rader, secretary; Al Sion, chairman of the graduate students; Adrian Sunshine, music and cultural chairman; Bill Schwartz, sports chairman; Ivan Meitus, interfaith; and last but by no means least, Barbara Rosenthal and Izzy Rogers, who have made this paper possible.

The Hillel program to date indicates new spirit and movement in the right direction — a Jewish student center by and for students working toward a program that will express the best in the American heritage and the Jewish heritage.

IRWIN LEVIN
President

Dr. Seligman Views Hillel

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fective of the students themselves. The staff has a small but significant part in fulfillment of these ends — helping and giving support and guidance.

My thanks for the cordiality you have shown toward myself and family. Our association has to date been, I think, mutually gratifying and enriching.

DR. LESTER SELIGMAN
Director

The World Around Us

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hundred members of immigrant committees went on the tour and after they returned, embarked on a series of lectures to interest their fellow immigrants in the agricultural settlements.

In order to back up the drive to increase the agricultural population of Israel, the Jewish agency has instituted a new housing policy which restricts immigrants under thirty-five years of age from acquiring permanent housing in non-agricultural areas unless they are qualified industrial workers. The Jewish agency hopes that the success of this drive will aid Israel in achieving self-sufficiency in food production.

Membership Dance

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Rhodann Sion, eleven-year-old Richmond girl, who gave a certain extra punch to two vocal numbers, "The Birth of the Blues," and "Half as Much." Miss Sion asked her audience to send in post card votes to a television station to help her win a screen test.

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BANNER YEAR FOR HILLEL

Important additions to the Hillel program have been introduced, the net result of which will render more valuable services to the Jewish students on campus.

The series of Sabbath services and Candlelight hours will be enriched by the appearance of faculty members from various departments of the University and other visitors, including members of the Christian clergy in this area and Dr. Witherspoon Dodge, National Director of the Religion and Labor foundation. Some of the most distinguished rabbis in the area will visit the Foundation, including Rabbis Elliot Burstein, Alvin I. Fine, Harold Schulweis, William Stern, and Saul White.

Tuesday afternoon Coffee hour is the occasion for a discussion of Jewish classics in translation. On Tuesday evenings there is a class in conversational Hebrew conducted by Eli Benjamini. On Sabbath afternoon the director meets with a group of advanced students for reading and analysis of Maimonides, particularly the Mishnah Torah.

Several hundred books have recently been added to our library and are in the process of being catalogued. Changes in organization and personnel are being introduced to enable students to find more satisfaction from the fine collection of several thousand volumes and periodicals.

In the field of art we are planning a series of prints and other art media by distinguished Jewish artists, e.g. Herman Struck, Josef Israels, Max Lieberman and others, derived from the rich collection of Dr. Leon Kolb of San Francisco. Weekly concerts of recorded music will be held Tuesday evenings, with Irwin Tallarico as commentator.

As you see, we have a diversified and rewarding program. I hope that you will participate and benefit from its valuable features.



Hillel's president Bernie Robinson and members of Alpha Epsilon Phi sorority construct the festive Succah for the Succos celebration. The celebration was held the week of Nov. 11 and was an outstanding success with a cost supper-dance on Sunday and service Monday night. The dance began with instruction in Is raeli folk dancing which was followed by social dancing. Dr. Fischoff conducted the services and made a few remarks on the nature and spirit of the holiday at the supper.

AMERICAN JEWISH TRICENTENARY

As this year marks the 300th anniversary of the settlement of Jews in the United States, celebrations are being arranged all over the country. When plans, which are being drafted with cooperation of University authorities, have crystallized, the details will be published in the Hillel Call. Already the first exhibit of materials relating to American Jewish history has arrived from the American Jewish archives of the Union Hebrew College and is being displayed in the Hillel Foundation library.

Dr. Ephraim Fischoff
Director

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Director

HILLEL TO HEAR MANY SPEAKERS

GRADUATE GROUP

Although a presumed cynic was heard to ask, "how is the old people's club coming along?" a new graduate student group with a vigorous program has been organized at Hillel this semester.

The graduate group, headed by Manfred Wolfson, has a program planned for alternate weeks, balancing cultural programs with social evenings.

The first program, held on October 17th, was a film entitled "New France", and was followed by a discussion which was led by Mme. Toinette Raven, cultural relations chief of the French Consulate General in San Francisco, and Franklin Palm, Professor of Modern European History.

Besides the social programs, there will be lectures and discussions on music, literature, and politics. On Sunday evening, November 14, Professor Walter Friedlander, of the School of Social Welfare will lead a discussion on "The International Aspects of Social Work". All meetings begin at 8 pm, and Wolfson added "The age limit is not strict and no person will be excluded if he is not a graduate student."

Much time has been devoted this semester to lectures by eminent lecturers of the Bay area. Hillel has arranged a diversified and interesting program.

"Why are you a Jew?", a three part series, will be given by Irving Newman, executive director of the Marin Jewish Community Center. The lectures will be given at four o'clock on the Tuesdays of November 16th, 23rd, and 30th. "Is Judaism incompatible with Modernism?" will be the subject on the 23rd and "Assimilation or Identification — Where does the future of the American Jew lie?" for the 30th.

Charles Greenwood of the University's social welfare department will speak on December 3rd following services.

On December 10 Ernest Haas of the political science department will discuss the United Nations Charter revisions.

At the cost supper of December 5 Rabbi Elliot Burstein will give a talk on Jewish Humor.

Rabbi Fischhoff will hold other discussion groups during the semester.

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LOOSE SCHMOOSE

This Summer UC Hillel members in every corner of the world.

New members of the International Set are Barbara Rosenthal and Selma Polonsky and Jeanne Weiman, who took a guided tour of Europe.

Dan Blum traveled through Israel while Eleanor Jacobs and Joan Spencer toured Canada and eastern U.S.

Bernie Robinson represented Hillel and Pi Lambda Phi when he attended the Summer Institute at Starlight, Pa., and the national convention of his fraternity.

Walt Kaufman, Bill Shapiro and Lou Kossman were counselors.

Lee Levy saw life on another campus. He took courses at Columbia University.

Lilyan Radar spent the Summer at I Hous e.

Back at school are newlyweds, Erline (nee Wacman) and Harry Krebs, and Julia (nee Norian) and Blair Kling.

Mariassa Wolper, Hillel rep-at-large was pinned the night of Rosh Hasonah, by Lew Samuels.

Irwin Levin, past president, is attending USC grad. school, while Tom Mintz and Dave Meltzer are at Cal Med school in S.F.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

"To give the Jewish Student Values" was the intention and aim of those who conceived and pioneered the Hillel idea on the college scene 31 years ago. So today this goal operates as the orienting principle for the Hillel Student Organization on this campus. We students have become associated so that through fellowship and mutual cooperation in group undertakings the impact of our experiences in Jewish learning can be felt and appreciated more deeply and thus effect a great enrichment of our lives. In light of this purpose behind our organization, it is immediately evident that membership is not a passive role but rather one of identification through participation in the Foundation. Only by partaking of the opportunities for enlightenment offered us by Hillel do we fulfill the obligation to provide ourselves with a well-rounded program of self-improvement during our college years.

The Staff and Student Council have been working to provide those opportunities for you and have arrived at a program structured to give the widest possible interest range of activities. We bid you choose to fit your own personal needs.

-Bernie Robinson

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Nov. 23- "Is Judaism Incompatible
with Modernism?"

Nov. 30- "Assimilation or Identifi-
cation-Where does the future of the
American Jew lie?"

Conversation Hebrew Class-7:30pm

Record Concerts-7:30pm

Wednesdays-4pm-Committee Meetings
Social, Religious 7:15pm
Student Council Meeting

Thursday-Nov. 18- Cooking Class 1pm

Fridays- Sabbath Eve Service 8pm

Nov. 12- Prof. Richard Wilson,
U.C. Speech Dept. "Liberty
and Equality"

Nov. 19 & 26- Dr. Ephraim Fischhoff

Sunday-Nov. 14-Sunday Brunch 11:30
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Nov. 14-8pm Graduate Group-
Prof. Walter Friedlander

Dec.-5-Cost Supper
Rabbi Elliott Burstein "Jewish Humor"

Dec.-12- Chanukah Ball

Jan.-9- Cost Supper

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STARLIGHT BALL HELD

"The Starlight Ball" was a tremend-
ous success and marked the highpoint
of Hillel social activities so far this
semester. Charley Stern and his band
provided the music for dancing while
Diane Berman provided the special
entertainment for the evening.

A Havdala service preceeded the
dance.

JOHN ROY CARLSON SPEAKS

John Roy Carlson noted author, tra-
veler, and lecturer was the guest
speaker at the discussion group last
Monday afternoon. Mr. Carlson chose as
his topic "In a Crisis, Which Way
Germany", basing his discussion upon
an extensive study of the economic,
political, and social picture inside
Germany.

Mr. Carlson has just returned from
a survey of Germany, Spain, North
Africa, Egypt, Turkey, Lebanon, and
Israel in search of first-hand infor-
mation for future publications dealing
with some of the questions that are
uppermost in the minds of thoughtful
Americans.

A question period followed.

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