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Rabbi Lelyveld to Visit Hillel

"Jews: Authentic or Inauthentic" will be the topic of the speech of Rabbi Arthur J. Lelyveld, National Director of the B'nai B'rith Hillel Foundation.

Rabbi Lelyveld, who will speak Monday at 4 p.m. at Hillel House, is noted nationally as a dynamic and creative speaker. He is a graduate of the Hebrew Union College and was formerly rabbi of the liberal temple in Omaha, Nebraska.

He served as chairman of the Committee on Unity of the Zionist Organization of America.

In 1946 Rabbi Lelyveld became director of B'nai B'rith. He succeeded Dr. Abraham Leon Sachar, now president of Brandeis University in Massachusetts.

Admission for the speech is free; all are invited to attend.

U. J. W. F. DRIVE BEGINS

Once again this semester, the B'nai B'rith Hillel Foundation is beginning its drive for donations for the United Jewish Welfare Fund campaign. Having taken in only \$800 from all Jewish students on the campus last spring, our goal this year will be \$2000.

At present a committee is being set up to organize the drive, and soliciting will begin within the next two weeks. All those interested in receiving information or volunteering to help on the drive, please contact Terry.

SEDER TO BE HELD

The Hillel Foundation will hold its annual Passover Seder on Wednesday evening, April 6th at 6:30 p.m. This is the first night of the holiday, and the Seder dinner will consist of the traditional meal including matzohs, wine, and other delicacies. There will be Hagada services preceding and following the meal.

The reservation deadline has been fixed at Tuesday, March 29th, and

FESTIVE PURIM FESTIVAL MARCH 6th

On Sunday, March 6th, from 7 to 12 p.m., the Hillel Foundation is holding its annual Purim Carnival. In the past, this affair has proved to be one of the big social successes of the year, and all indications seem to lead to the conclusion that this year will be even greater.

HILLEL CALENDAR

SPECIAL EVENTS

Sunday, March 6th — 7-12, Purim Carnival. Proceeds to UJWF.

Monday, March 7th — 4 p.m., Rabbi Arthur J. Lelyveld, National Hillel Director, will speak on "Jews: Authentic or Inauthentic?"

Sunday, March 13th — 11 a.m., Lox and Bagel Brunch.

Sunday, March 20th — 6 p.m., Cost Supper followed by a noted folk singer. The program for the evening is sponsored by the Grad Group.

Sunday, March 27th — Movie and Dance.

REGULAR EVENTS

Mondays — Publicity Committee Meetings at 4 p.m.

Tuesdays — Coffee Hour Seminar at 4 p.m. led by Rabbi Joseph H. Gumbiner,
7:15 — Hebrew Lessons.

Wednesdays — Social and Religious Committees meet at 4 p.m. All interested are welcome.
7:15 — Council Meetings.

Thursdays — Folk Dancing at 7:15, until further notice.

Fridays — Sabbath Services at 8:00 p.m.

Saturdays — Sabbath Services at 10 a.m.

no one will be admitted to the Seder without a reservation. The cost will be \$2.50 for registered Hillel members, and \$3.00 for non-members.

IMPORTANT — all reservations must be paid for at the time they are made. You may send or bring your money to Terry Bloom in the office, and all checks should be made payable to the Hillel Foundation.

The chairman of the Carnival committee, Jules Pearlman, has announced that the activities will include an assortment of booths, games, prizes, a huge talent show and a dance.

The following groups are participating in the overall program: AEPI, AEPhi, ZBT, SAM, Pi Lambda Phi, D Phi E, Kappa Nu, TEP, the Israeli Group, the Student Council, and the Social Committee.

The Talent Show will include various acts and skits put on by persons from all around campus. The winner will be decided by audience applause and all persons are urged to attend and to root for their choice.

There are to be two trophies awarded during the proceedings. The first is to be given to the booth which collects the most money over the course of the evening. The second trophy is to go to the winning act in the Talent Show. Both trophies are being originated this year to be engraved to the winners and to be kept by them.

Marilyn Barth, chairlady of the Social Committee, has said that the theme of the dance will be "Mordchai's Momo." The decorations will consist of a series of silhouettes portraying the story of Purim. Because of many requests, Miss Barth has promised that there will be a wide assortment of good danceable music from the newly acquired additions to the Hillel collection.

The admission to the Carnival will be FREE and all participation in activities will be through tickets sold inside.

It has been decided by the Student Council that all money collected at the Carnival will be added to the forthcoming United Jewish Welfare Fund.

This is the BIG ONE!! Come and bring your friends, relatives, or casual strangers. Help support the United Jewish Welfare Fund and have a wonderful time doing it.

The Rabbi's Message

One of the great advantages in having an adequate building in which to house the activities of our Hillel Foundation is the possession of a fine Library. The Sieroty Library is a pleasant room in which to study and read. Quite properly we have reserved it exclusively for that purpose with the sole exception of Wednesday nights when the Hillel Council uses the Library for its weekly meeting.

Through the generosity of many individuals whose gifts in memory or in honor of loved ones are permanently inscribed in book plates and by the help of the women of B'nai B'rith District Grand Lodge No. 4, there are hundreds of valuable books available in our Library. Although I have not had adequate time as yet to make full use of the Library myself, I have already had the surprising experience of finding a book which I sought in vain amidst the fabulous collection of the Sterling Memorial Library at Yale University. Their copy of the out-of-print work, "Some Aspects of Rabbinic Theology" by Solomon Schechter, was long since preempted by an over-zealous reader. To my amazement I found the book in the Library of our Foundation.

Unfortunately, as books arrived and librarians came and went, the collection required more and more work so as to acquisition and catalogue the books properly. That is why for some months now the Library has been available only for study and reference, and books have not been allowed to circulate.

One of my long-range ambitions is to put this valuable Library in perfect condition. To this end I have engaged Mr. John C. Bodger to serve as our part-time Librarian. I believe we are very fortunate in having Mr. Bodger, since he has attacked his work with great diligence and efficiency. It is a source of satisfaction to be able to tell all of you that within the next few weeks we anticipate that books may be charged out and returned during the hours when Mr. Bodger is in the Library. His present schedule is as follows: Monday and Friday from 3 to 5 p.m.; Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 1 to 3 p.m.

To study the history and traditions of our faith is one of the great positive commandments of Judaism. It is my hope that in future years more

and more of our students will utilize the facilities of the Sieroty Library as a significant aspect of their intellectual experience at the University.

Faithfully yours,

Joseph J. Zuckerman

Hillel Means Friendship

I came down to the dorm's living room and was greeted by a young man in a rooster's cap. I was surprised to see that the boy waiting for one of my dorm-mates was from Hillel. We had only met in "Hillel capacities." I had come to Hillel for specific purposes: committee meetings, discussion groups, etc., and he had done the same. I had thought of him as the boy who came to such and such, was a committee chairman, was an active Hillel member — never as a friend. We might, I saw then, meet anywhere. That warm "hello!" without self-consciousness, with unquestioning mutual identification, made me realize that I was narrowing my reasons for participating in Hillel activities. I was failing to take advantage of its finest offering to the Jewish student on Campus — real, full friendships with vital and enthusiastic fellow students.

There's a moral: don't let your entering the Hillel Foundation make you look at others as "Hillel members" instead of as individuals, each with his own personality and each worth getting to know for his own sake.

Leila Seagel.

FAIR PLAY IN JEWISH TRADITION

By Eli Berger

The Sabbath before Purim, traditionally known as Sabbath Zachor, the Sabbath of Remembrance, commemorates the attack of Amalek, a wandering tribe, on the Israelites in the desert, by the reading of the specific Biblical injunction for their destruction. The reason for the decree of annihilation for the Amalekites, of all the enemies of Israel, can only be understood by considering nomad psychology. The strong sense of fair-play of the Israelites detested sneaky attack from the rear — the tactics used by the Amalekites, as cowardly and unjust.

The same line of thinking is manifested by the fact that the Torah punishes a thief more severely than a robber. The former is fined from twice to five times the value of his loot, while the latter is merely obliged to return it. This, the Rabbis say, is because a thief fears Man more than God, while the robber fears neither. As a person, he is more sincere, and is therefore to be respected.

The emphasis on Fair Play is not only in the relations between individuals and nations, but also on those between Man and God; all are expected to conform to this honorary standard. Job, for instance, demands Fair Play from God, and is commended for his sincerity. There are stories about Hassidic Rabbis who subpoenaed God into their courts to answer charges for deserting His children.

Fair Play is also an early American tradition and an important element in a healthy Democracy. If we all observe this principle in daily life, we would be much closer to a better world.

CONSTITUTION OK'ED

During the week of February 20-27 the new Hillel constitution was submitted to the general membership for approval. Existing rules required that prior to this the Student Council had had to ratify the document, and this had been done by unanimous vote at a previous meeting. The results of the general ballot showed that the constitution was approved by a vote of 28 to 2. It will go into effect immediately.

20 Israel Educators Go to Burma

Twenty Israel teachers and technical instructors will shortly leave for Burma to teach in Burmese high schools for one or two year periods.

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Grad Column

I welcome the opportunity extended by the editor of the HILLEL CALL to acquaint Hillel members and their friends with the purpose and activity of the Graduate Group.

It is the chief function of the graduate group to make available at Hillel a forum where significant thought and opinions may be expressed. The program should be diverse enough to meet the interests of a cross-section of the Jewish campus community, and whether the issues are specifically Jewish or of general contemporary implication, the chief criterion is and always should be the level of intellectual maturity which it exerts and generates. Many graduate students thus confront fundamental issues and problems from various disciplines, and through the appropriate social milieu likewise meet with the speakers and with each other.

During the Fall Semester the group heard a symposium on Mendes-France and his policies, a lecture on the International aspects of Social Work and a piano concert featuring works by Mozart, Beethoven, Scarlatti and Theme and Variations by Paul Ben-Haim.

Following the Purim Festival, March 6, on March 20 a recital of American and international ballads and folk-songs by Bay Area artists, will be preceded by a Cost Supper.

On April 3, Miss Lore Oppenheimer will give a lecture with rare slide illustrations on the development of modern art.

The programs for April and May promise to be highly interesting, based upon early tabulations of a program preference poll. Among them will be an appraisal of Franz Kafka's theme and of Nazi Totalitarianism, the latter on the occasion of the tenth anniversary of the end of World War II in Europe. More details on these and other programs will be contained in the next issue of the CALL and the Daily Californian.

Primarily open to graduate students and to alumni, because of the very nature and purpose, we welcome seniors, not only because they already will be attracted, but because soon many of them will themselves be engaged in graduate work, and will help shape the future work of the group.

Manfred Wolfson,
Pres., Graduate Group.

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Editorial

It seems as if we have been saying quite a few goodbyes lately, but now that we have finally settled down, this one will be the last. In a way it isn't really a goodbye, it is more a word of thanks and deepest appreciation for helping the entire Foundation when it needed it most.

When both Hilda and Dr. Fischhoff had to leave we found ourselves with no one to direct and help us; then came Mr. Chester Zeff. Mr. Zeff was no stranger to the people around Hillel. It is just a short while since he was the official leader of our group, and at present he is still the guiding spirit behind more Hillels in and around the Bay area then we can keep track of.

During the time he was with us he worked full time plus . . . here, with his other groups, and on his regular job. He is that rare type of individual who really gets things done, and his only fault lies in the fact that he feels he can never do enough. His pep and spirit gave the necessary boost to more than just a few of the many Hillel activities during his short stay, and much of the desire to work that exists in the present membership is due to him.

As we said, this is not really goodbye, because we hope to see Mr. Zeff around as often as possible. We hope he will always look upon our Hillel as a place where he can come to relax, and enjoy himself, but nothing we can say or do for him in the future can truly express our gratitude for all he has done for us.

Mary Bienstock.

Terry's Column

Having been asked to write a few lines for the paper, I would like to begin by introducing myself and by telling you a little bit about what I do.

I'm Terry Bloom, and as you see by the caption, I'm the new program assistant, having been at Hillel only three weeks.

The functions of a program assistant are not easily set down on paper. In a sentence, I would say that it is my job to help you, the students, first, to plan your program, and second, to put it into effect.

In addition, I am what you might call "Hillel's official hostess," and, where possible, I try to meet and talk with all of you who enter the building.

Meeting you, however, should be a two-way proposition, so if I don't get to you first, do as the sign on the window suggests, and come in just to say "hello."

For you, meeting people, should not be confined to meeting only the members of the Hillel staff. Hillel, to me, is THE place on campus where Jewish students can congregate with those of similar interests and backgrounds. It is an ideal spot for the cultivation of friendships, and, if we succeed in this, I feel that Hillel is worthwhile.

So, come down and give Hillel a try. If you don't find that our program meets your interests, we're open to suggestion. If nothing else, I'm sure Hillel can provide you with the kind of relationships you will want out of college and, for that matter, out of life.

Terry Bloom.

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LOOSE SCHMOOSE

The new Spring semester has brought with it many new members for Hillel from near and far.

From S.F. came three new AEPi pledges, Arlene Epp, Sandy Annixter, and Mauren Grant. Also from S.F. are ZBT pledges Allan Axelrod and Seymour Alterman and Rich Passer, TEP pledge.

Other newcomers to Cal are Jane Zelinsky, transfer from S.F.C. and Elyse Jacobs who lives at Fernwald.

Transfers from UCLA are Fern Victor, at the Continental and Nancy Krauss at Joaquin Hall.

Also at Joaquin are Joan Shufro, a transfer from Bard College and Arlen Davis from S.F.

Allan Dekelbaum, AEPi is back after a year in the navy.

Living at I house is Barbara Rackow, a grad student of Michigan State, also from N.Y.

There's been a lot of good news in the form of pinnings and engagements buzzing around Hillel. Our activities director, Terry Bloom, announced her pinning to dentistry student Bob Bleier, while her AEPi sorority sister Bev Eisenberg announced her pinning to Chuck Gehrman, Pi Lambda Phi. Another AEPi, Joan Irving is pinned to Cal Kurtzman, and Sunny Williams is pinned to ZBT Bob Caine. Rosalie Kotick is pinned to ZBT Bud Glickman.

Karen Minick is pinned to Mike Schwabacher, both of Fernwald, and Joan Oransky announced her engagement to Gil Rudy.

Hillel alumni are scattered all around. Noni Buda and Val Siegle are in Israel, while Sandy Wallsby, Camille Pollack, Sue Boyaner, and Dave Kagen have just transferred to UCLA.

Past president Irv Levin is working in Long Beach, while Cick Wallman is at USC. Stella Benedict is just back from a trip to Mexico.

Hillel members took advantage of the break between semester and really had fun. Seen up at Soda Springs coming down the ski slopes were Lee Levy, Lee Blum and Lloyd Tunick. Arlene Schwartz and Claude Stephens were up at the Cal Ski Lodge.

Taking in the sun at Palm Springs were Shirley Benedict, Joan Freedman, and Elaine Marinoff, while Bobi Rose went to Las Vegas.

Sandy Horn.

ISRAELI GROUP

Since the recent recognition of the Israeli Students' Group by the University, we have widely increased our range of activities and opportunities. The first on the list was the participation of the Israeli Folk Dancing Group at a party sponsored by the Israeli students of San Mateo and Stanford University held at the Jewish Community Center of the YMCA in San Mateo.

At the Purim Carnival to be held this Sunday, the Israeli group will also participate.

On the thirteenth of March, the Folk Dancers have been asked to entertain at the Purim Festival sponsored by the Jewish National Fund. The Festival will be held in the Hotel Belview in San Francisco.

There will be a Friday evening service sponsored by the group on March 18th at the Hillel Foundation.

Looking toward the future, plans are now in the making for two large occasions. The first will be the traditional Israeli Seder which will be held during Passover, sometime in the first two weeks of April. This has always been a sellout, and indications are that this year will be no exception. Tickets will be on sale to the general public in the near future.

The second event will be a celebration commemorating the independence of Israel and all the plans for this will be announced just as soon as they have been completed.

RABBI'S RECEPTION

Last Sunday evening, February 27, a cost supper and reception was held by the students in honor of our new Director, Rabbi Joseph H. Gumbiner, his wife and his daughter.

Among the eighty people attending was a sizeable delegation from San Francisco who had been invited by our Student Council to join us in the activities.

The evening was highlighted by a speech from the Rabbi in which he explained his position on the principles which lie behind Hillel, and what it means, or should mean, to be a Jew.

The supper was followed by a dance.

There will be another reception for the Rabbi and his family on March 13, and it will be sponsored by the local chapters of B'nai B'rith.

VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT

Plans are now under way for a volleyball tournament. It is requested that all groups or persons interested should submit their names to the office before March 7th. The tournament would be played on Thursday afternoons at 4 p.m.

Year's Study for Americans at Hebrew University

Jerusalem (ISI) — American college students will have an opportunity to spend a year of study in Israel under a program especially devised for them by the Hebrew University in Jerusalem. Open to graduate and undergraduate students of American academic institutions of recognized standing, the program is designed to answer the needs of university students from the United States and Canada who are interested in studying at the Hebrew University in order to acquire an extensive knowledge of the Hebrew language, to be introduced into the fundamentals of Jewish thought, history and literature, and to learn about modern Israel in its Middle Eastern setting.

The program will extend over a period of twelve months, from mid-July 1955 to mid-July 1956, and will be divided into two main parts. The first part, of four months' duration, will be devoted to an intensive training course in Hebrew, while the remaining eight months will be devoted to a curriculum in Jewish and Middle Eastern studies. At the same time, regular courses will be offered by the Schools of Humanities, Social Sciences and Science of the Hebrew University.

In addition to the regular academic courses at the University, extra-curricular activities will be arranged for the students. These will include tours throughout the country.

The students participating in the program will be housed with Israel students.

Knowledge of Hebrew is not required for acceptance though it is desirable that candidates learn some Hebrew.

The total cost of the program is estimated at \$1,700. This amount will cover travel from New York to Jerusalem and return by plane; dormitory and meals, tuition fees, tours around the country and medical insurance.

Further information and application forms may be obtained from Prof. I. Janowsky, Chairman of the Academic Council, c/o American Friends of the Hebrew University, 9 East 89th st., New York 28, N.Y.