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PASSOVER SEDER APRIL 6th

Plans are now complete for our Hillel Seder which will begin at 6:30 Wednesday evening, April 6th, at the Foundation. This is the first night of the Passover Festival which begins at sundown on Wednesday evening. Passover is observed for eight days by Orthodox and Conservative Jews, for seven days in Israel and among Reform Jews throughout the world.



Pastoral in origin, this Festival is the oldest of all surviving Jewish religious observances. Its beginning lies in dim antiquity before the Hebrews engaged in settled agricultural pursuits.

In course of time, Passover, like the other Festivals, was associated by the rabbis with a very crucial experience in the history of Israel. In the case of this Festival, the association was made with the exodus from Egypt, the historical event which may be described as the birthday of the Jewish people. All subsequent Jewish history flows from the decision of the people to follow Moses from Egypt to the Promised Land.

Passover is very rich in ceremonial usage. The Seder table contains the symbols of the Festival which are explained in the course of the service. Chief among these is the matzoh or unleavened bread which should be substituted for regular bread during the seven or eight days of the observance as a reminder of the fact that our ancestors were slaves and were redeemed from bondage by the Eternal.

The dominant idea of Passover is the value of human freedom. "Ye were slaves in Egypt" runs like a refrain throughout the Bible. Because our ancestors were slaves, we are reminded during each Passover Festival of our obligation to be in the vanguard of those who struggle to advance human freedom.

HILLEL ELECTIONS

Nominations for Hillel officers are being accepted through April 3.

Officers include president, vice-president, secretary, treasurer and 3 reps at large. Elections will be held April 11-18.

PASSOVER BRUNCH

Sunday morning, April 10, at 11:00, Hillel will sponsor its first passover brunch. It will consist of Jewish delicacies traditional for the passover season. Come one, come all. Sign-ups are now being taken and will continue until April 8th.

SPECIAL GRAD. AFFAIR

On Sunday, April 3, at 8:00, the Graduate Group will present Miss Lore Oppenheimer, who will give a talk and show slides. The title of her talk is "Why Abstract? — Modern Painting From Monet to Mondrian." Miss Oppenheimer received her MA degree in Art History from Cal in 1951 and then became a member of the Educational Staff of the San Francisco Museum of Art. She is currently working toward her Ph.D. degree in the History of Art.

APRIL DANCE

On Sunday night of April 17, Hillel will again have one of its popular monthly dances. Do come and join us while we dance to the music of Glen Miller, Les Brown, Billie May, with a little Frank Sinatra and Tony Martin thrown in. For confusion's sake, we will again say "wear dressy sport." We hope to see you all here.

I hope to see you at the Sedar and during the special service for the Sabbath during Passover. If you are at home or visiting with friends, may you have a Hag Semeah, a Happy Festival.

Faithfully yours,

Joseph Zumbier

EXTENSIVE HILLEL LIBRARY NOW OPEN

Books can be withdrawn now from the Sieroty Library on the second floor of Hillel. Borrowers may circulate books only between 3 and 5 p.m. on Monday and Friday, and between 1 and 3 p.m. on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, the hours that the librarian John Bodger, is here.

Hillel should be proud of the library, which contains a collection of 600 books on Judaism, 500 books on the history of the Jews, and about an equal number on other subjects, from philosophy to fiction and economics, from art to political science and modern languages.

New books in the Judaism collection (BM on the shelves) feature *Judaism and Modern Man*, by Will Herberg, editor of the quarterly journal *Judaism*, and Rabbi Morris Kertzer's guide to Judaism, *What Is a Jew?* Especially appropriate for the holiday season is W. A. Alexander's *A Book for Passover*. The new Soncino Books of the Bible, recently edited by the Rev. Dr. A. Cohen, are outstanding.

Among many new books on modern Israel are Menachem Begin's *The Revolt*, Joseph Dunner's *Republic of Israel*, and Hal Lehman, *Israel: The Beginning and Tomorrow*. Raphael Patai's *Israel Between East and West* (1953) is scholarly, while Ruth Gruber's *Israel Without Tears* is lighter and journalistic, and Garcia-Granados, *The Birth of Israel: the Drama As I Saw It*, by a U.N. umpire.

Rabbi Bertram Korn's *American Jewry and the Civil War* and Oscar Handlin, *Adventure in Freedom: 300 Years of Jewish Life in America*, are only two of several fine new books on Jews in the United States. The best recent novel is *The Wall*, by John Hersey, about the Warsaw ghetto in World War II. However, Hillel has a shelf of fiction by Sholem Asch, another shelf by Thomas Mann (on Joseph), one shelf of novels by Ludwig Lewisohn, another by Franz Werfel, and one filled by Arnold and Stefan Zweig.

Not to be missed are the short Midrash reader, *Hammer on the Rock*, (cont. on page 4)

SOCIAL COMMITTEE REPORT

Everyone knows that the way to have the most fun at Hillel is to join the Social Committee. It is not only the biggest Hillel committee, but the most active as well. It has been a very rare Sunday this semester when Hillel hasn't been humming with an affair that the social committee is putting on. Social committee members regardless of previous training, learn to be so-called experts on danceable music, pick up information on electricity, and some even surprise themselves in regard to hidden carpentry talents — all of this, of course, in addition to obtaining Hollywood status as designers and decorators.

The biggest commotion always arises when an important dance is scheduled. A lot of time and effort is put into one of Hillel's dances. Thus, when comments were made on the success and the original decorations of the recent Purim dance, the social committee was more than happy to receive the praise.

Before this semester is over the social committee is going to sponsor a picnic or hayride, depending on which faction of the committee wins out. Another event that the committee hopes will be a big success is a square dance to be held in May.

—Marilyn Barth.

INTERFAITH SERVICE

An exchange interfaith program has been planned by Hillel with the Congregational Church and the Plymouth House Student group. Scheduled for Sunday, May 15, and Friday, May 22, two services followed by discussions are planned. Dr. Vere Loper, Pastor of the First Congregational Church, will speak at our Sabbath service, and in turn, Rabbi Gumbiner will deliver a short sermon at their Sunday evening program. All Hillelites are encouraged to attend both of the stimulating and interesting interfaith services and discussions.

COLLEGE JEWELERS TELEGRAPH AT DURANT

Watch Repair

Class Rings

Jewelry

— FOR ALL OCCASIONS —

LOOSE SCHMOOSE

This month finds Hillel members in all corners of the campus bustling with activity.

Brandeis alumni had a reunion at Hillel, Sunday, March 19. Princeton Lyman led a group of about thirty in Israeli folk songs, while Judy Setzer, portraying the usual seductress, did a fine job of acting in "The Rabbi of Chelm."

The DPhiE's hauled in a large sum for their WUS project selling tickets for "Jupiter's Darling."

The sororities and fraternities are all doing their bit for charity by collecting money for the City of Hope.

Roberta Pinsler, D Phi E and Len Cohen, Kappa Nu, took advantage of Valentine's Day to get pinned while Floie Tannebaum, D Phi E, and Henry Ambrunn, her next door neighbor at the Sammy house, also became pinned.

Also high on the list for big events at the Sammy house was their receiving of the award for "Oldest Fraternity Showing the Most Improvement."

Lila Sankowich, A E Phi's answer to Jackie Robinson, played the Pan-Hellenic vs. WDA softball game.

Mrs. Morris Singer, previous Hillel Program Director, surprised no one, especially Mr. Morris Singer, by presenting him with an 8 lb. boy named Larry. Congrats Hilda, we knew you could do it.

Jeanette Weiner is now Mrs. Hank Glasser while Joan Oransky and Gil Rudy exchanged nuptials.

Hillel's past president, Irwin Levin, is now the member of a bigger and less influential organization. He's stationed at Fort Ord.

Ann Gamson was the guest of honor at a baby shower given for her by Joan Spencer. The little future Hillelite will arrive next month.

Seen enjoying Rina Braverman's concert at the Marine Memorial in S. F. were Abe Zale, Joan Spencer and Maria Wisbar.

—Sandy Horn.

REGIONAL INSTITUTE TO BE HELD

A big weekend is in store for eight delegates from Berkeley Hillel when they attend the Hillel Regional Institute at The Camp of Living Judaism in Saratoga, California, from April 29 to May 1.

A wide range program has been planned to fulfill the purpose of the Institute which is, according to Rabbi Joseph H. Gumbiner, to deepen the student's knowledge and concern of Judaism, so that they may enrich their Hillel foundations. Among the activities planned are Sabbath eve Services, discussion groups, an Oneg Shabbat, and a dedication service prepared by the students. Although the program schedule is quite full, there will also be time for social and recreation.

The discussion topic is "American Judaism — Its Heritage and Horizons."

About 75 delegates, representing college campuses from Washington to Southern California, are expected to attend the institute.

Berkeley Hillel will be able to send about four more representatives to the institute besides the eight delegates already going. The cost for the weekend is \$17.25. Anyone interested in attending the institute should contact Terry Bloom, Program Assistant, as soon as possible.

GENEROUS GIFT ESTABLISHES FUND FOR U. S. STUDENTS

Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Lutz of Oakland have established a special fund with the contribution of \$2,500 of Israel Coupon Bonds to be administered by the B'nai B'rith Hillel Foundation at Berkeley. In due time the interest from this sum, augmented by further contributions, will be made available in the form of loans or scholarships for students registered at the University of California at Berkeley who are also registered with the Hillel Foundation.

Although there are no funds as yet accrued in this account, we want to publicize the great generosity of Mr. and Mrs. Lutz. A future generation of students will receive aid in the pursuit of their studies through the establishment of this magnificent living memorial. It is our hope that Mr. and Mrs. Lutz may be spared for many years of happiness together and that the spirit shown by these good people may be emulated by others.

CAMPUS FLORIST

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Terry's Column

UJWF!!!

Sure, you've all heard of it, but how many of you have ever stopped to consider just how important those four letters are, and what they should mean to you, personally.

The United Jewish Welfare Fund is the source of income for over 100 Jewish agencies. These agencies service people right here in your own community, the United States as a whole, and overseas.

What do they do? First of all, in Alameda and Contra Costa Counties, money goes to help the aged and sick, handicapped and mentally disturbed, for medical research and experimentation, our own Hillel Foundation, Jewish Community Centers, and family service agencies. Directly or indirectly, each of us benefits from the efforts of these groups.

On the national scene, UJWF funds provide religious and social programs for servicemen, help public relations agencies, aid immigrants, and support the training of Rabbinical students.

In such places as Israel, Europe, North Africa, and the Moslem lands, your donations are helping to provide food, housing, and clothing for needy groups, foster immigration, provide vocational education, and promote efforts toward better health.

Now, here's where you come in. Obviously, if you see the importance of this worthy cause, and if you are financially able, you will want to give a donation — any size will be welcome. If, on the other hand, you can't afford to make a pledge, yet you want to be of some service, we are desperately in need of solicitors, and would appreciate your volunteering to canvas other students for donations.

So, you see, you're all eligible, in one way or another, to do your part in helping us to meet our goal of \$2,000 on this campus. Go to it!

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank those who have given much time and effort to the UJWF Drive thus far: Susan Klugman, Eleanor Jacobs, Barbara Goldstone, Bob Coppock, Cathy Belous, Judy Setzer, Joan Spencer, Stan Gross, Bev Goodman, Ivan Silverberg, Flo Tannenbaum and Peggy Mintz. Hope we can add many more names to this list in the next three weeks.

—Terry.

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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 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.

Editorial

This is an editorial directed at two groups of people. The first is the Jewish group on campus, and the second is the membership of Hillel. The story on the U.J.W.F. drive covered the whys on the giving of money, but it didn't cover the hows. The biggest part of the drive is the work involved in contacting each person on the list. When only a few persons have to do all the work it is a huge job, so we are putting out a call for people to work just a few hours at their own convenience and help us get the job done. This is the chance for anyone to do a good turn for himself and for a worthwhile cause. If you have any time free, please come in and see Terry and volunteer your services.

Now, it is election time once again, and once again we can only say that Hillel is what you make it. Now is the time to decide who you feel would best put into action the things you would like to see at the Foundation. This is the chance to nominate the best candidates and to vote for them. Nominations are open until April 3rd, and the elections are April 11 -18. Don't put it off — this is the opportunity to have your say in Hillel.

—Mrv. Bienstock

**THE VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT IS ON EVERY THURS.
DON'T FORGET IT !**

HILLEL LOAN FUND

The Hillel Loan Fund depends only on payment of outstanding loans as its source of income; it is therefore requested that those students who have made loans, especially those whose loans are long-outstanding, will meet their obligations as soon as they find it possible to do so. The Hillel office is not equipped with sufficient staff to send monthly reminders to loanees and thus would appreciate the cooperation of those students who have taken advantage of the opportunity to receive financial help in time of need.

STUDENT ZIONIST ORGANIZATION

Last December, some 250 Jewish college students from campi throughout the country met on the Columbia University campus in New York and formed the Student Zionist Organization. The SZO was organized to provide a forum for those college students who wish to study and work on the problems of positive Judaism in the United States and in Israel. It is sponsored by the American Zionist Council, which is a body representing all the adult American Zionist organizations.

As a student Zionist organization, SZO has good antecedents. As early as 1905, a group of campus Zionist clubs formed themselves into the Collegiate Zionist League of America. This was succeeded in turn by the Intercollegiate Zionist Association in 1915 (Felix Frankfurter was an active member), Avukah in 1925, and the Intercollegiate Zionist Federation of America (IZFA) in 1945. Many of the students at the December convention were former members of IZFA, which was dissolved in 1954.

At the founding convention of SZO, a national structure was set up and national officers were elected. Also, a basic program in the areas of study of Jewish culture, Israel-directed projects, and work with the general and Jewish communities was outlined and adopted.

A Cal student, Ralph Alpert, attended the convention and has been receiving information and publications from the national office of the new organization. Those who are interested in forming a Berkeley group may contact him at THornwall 1-1988 or through Hillel program assistant Terry Bloom. There is also a signup sheet posted on the Hillel bulletin board.

THIS IS YOUR COUNCIL

As election time grows near, we of the paper thought the future candidates would appreciate some information on the functions of the various Hillel officers as given by the present office holders.

The Chairman of the Hillel Council, better known as "Mr. President," is Bernard Robinson. Bernie hails from the city across the bay—San Francisco, to all you Southerners. He bears the title "graduating senior," and he majors in Economics. Bernie's future plans consist of attending law school. According to Bernie, the functions of the President include appointing committee chairmen, hearing reports of current operations, and presiding over the council meeting each week.

The next man on the Council is Stan Gross, Mr. Vice President. Stan lives in Piedmont, California, which is in the vicinity of Oakland. Stan is majoring in history under the watchful eye of the Dean of Letters and Science. His future plans also include becoming a lawyer, and, in addition, he hopes to become a family man. Stan says that being a Vice President consists of taking over in the President's capacity when he is absent, plus arranging many programs and activities.

The Secretary of the Hillel Council is Eleanor Jacobs. She also drifts in from San Francisco. Eleanor is a Junior majoring in English. According to her, the only plans include getting that diploma. As Secretary, she takes and reads the minutes of the Council meetings and is responsible for all necessary correspondence.

Irwin Tallerico has the title at Hillel of "Mr. Money Bags." Irwin is from our next door neighbor, Oakland. He has senior status and is majoring in music. His future plans consist of teaching music and eventually, getting married. The obvious duties of the treasurer include collecting money, heading the membership drive, keeping books, and writing checks.

Mabel Holstein, our Historian, is a high sophomore majoring in political science. Her plans for the future are still in the embryonic stage. Mabel, when not in Berkeley, returns to her home in Albany. In addition to the job of Historian, which includes collecting articles about Hillel for the scrapbook, Mabel was in charge of all of the Registration Week activities.

Hillel, at present, has three Representatives-at-Large. They include Marissa Wolper, Joan Spencer, and Dan Blum. Marissa also holds the title of Co-Publicity Chairman. She's a Southerner, if you consider North Hollywood to be South. She's a high soph, in general curriculum, and has her eye on marriage in the future. Her job on publicity has included putting in the campus memo, and the box ad which appears every Friday.

Joan Spencer is from the foggy city, and is majoring in political science. Her future plans are at present, uncertain, but being a junior, she still has time to make up her mind. This semester Joan has helped to compile the roster of all Jewish students on the campus, and she has worked hard on the UJWF.

Hillel's four main committees include Religious, Social, Publicity, and Interfaith.

Lawrence Siegel is the present Religious Chairman, and in addition, is a pre-Rabbinical student. Larry, like the smog, comes from Los Angeles. He is a senior here at Cal and, at present, is taking entrance exams for the Hebrew Union College. Larry is engaged to Naomi Rose and they hope to get married in the not-too-distant future. Larry's job consists of arranging and participating in the Friday evening services.

The Social Committee consists of co-Chairmen, Marilyn Barth and Bob Safran. Marilyn is a senior in political science whose plans include law school. Her duties consist of working with the committee in planning and carrying out all of Hillel's social activities.

Bob Safran, the other half of the team, is a pre-med senior who's majoring in psychology. He's from Los Angeles, and his future plans include marriage, in addition to medicine.

The Publicity Committee is also a joint responsibility. Marissa's job has already been described. Marv Bienstock functions as Editor of our paper, "The Hillel Call." He's a Junior who is majoring in Social Welfare. His home town is Mount Vernon, New York, and he hopes to return to his native state to do graduate work in his field.

Last, but not least in importance is the Interfaith Committee. Barbara Eisendrath, the Chairman, is a freshman majoring in education. Her job includes attending Interfaith Council meetings and trying to integrate Hillel into the Interfaith program.

I wish to thank the members of the Council for all the help they have

given me in writing this article and I want to congratulate them for doing a wonderful job this semester. I hope that this article will help bring more nominations, because holding an office at Hillel is truly a wonderful experience.

Marylyn Echelmen.

ISRAELI SEDER APRIL 9th

The annual Israeli Seder will take place on Saturday, April 9, at 8:00 o'clock in the evening at the Hillel Foundation. Tickets at the price of \$2.50 each will be for sale at the Hillel office until Friday, April 1.

Due to limited space no tickets will be sold at the door and reservations made after April 1 will not be accepted.

The program will, as usual, be based on an original Hagaddah composed especially by the students for this occasion.

LIBRARY — Cont.

by Nahum N. Glatzer; the testament of faith of the late Rabbi Milton Steinberg, *A Believing Jew*; Dr. Maxwell Silver's *The Way to God*; and *Challenging Years*, the autobiography of the late Rabbi Stephen Wise. Another fine new book, by the President Emeritus of Hebrew Union College, Rabbi Julian Morgenstern, is *As a Mighty Stream: the Progress of Judaism Through History*. Next to Judaism (found under BM) and histories of the Jews (under DS), the best collections in this excellent library are in Jewish literature (PJ) and the United States (under E), particularly Jewish life in America.

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