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WELCOME TO HILLEL

Greetings from Your Director

In behalf of Hillel we want to express a cordial welcome to all — to old friends who return to the campus and to those who come here for the first time.

Some of you will find through affiliation with Hillel an opportunity to affirm your membership in the community of Jewish college men and women.

Others will look upon Hillel as a kind of center, a place where friendships are forged and social activities enjoyed.

Still others will discover here a cultural program of wide interest: seminars, discussion groups, activities like drama or folk dance groups.

Some students will come seeking a fresh approach to personal problems, or in quest of some kind of practical help.

A few of you will learn to look upon Hillel as a collegiate synagogue. You will find your intellectual and spiritual home here as Jews, as members of a fellowship of believers and practitioners of Torah.

Again, some will come to buy what this country needs: a five-cent Coca Cola, or to study in the library or to listen to recorded music, or . . .

Whatever we have that will help meet your needs is yours. The University of California is a very large place but the Hillel Foundation is a small corner of the University community. Please feel at home here.

I look forward to meeting you personally.

Faithfully yours,

Joseph Gumbiner

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AN OPEN LETTER

For some time now, several of us have been considering the problems which beset Jews today. Which of our traditions shall we accept? What shall we modify? Is there a *raison d'être* for Judaism? If so, what is our role as Jews? Not only do these problems appear in the abstract, but since we are now at an age when we must make decisions which will determine the course of our future lives, the need to answer these questions becomes real and immediate.

We cannot help but feel that there are other students who have given thought to questions of this nature. We think that it is important for those who share an interest in them to have a means of getting together and exchanging ideas. And "if not now, when?"

In the hope that through writing, an interchange of ideas can be brought about, we therefore invite those interested to submit articles bearing on these issues. We believe that the Hillel Call can become more than just a bulletin of coming events. With your help it can be a vehicle for the expression of Jewish thought at the University.

Send your articles to: Editors, Hillel Call, Hillel Foundation, 2736 Bancroft Way, in Berkeley.

OUTDOOR SUCCOTH SERVICES SEPTEMBER 19

The traditional Succah, decorated with harvest symbols of leafy branches and fruits will be the scene of the Succoth Eve Service to be held at 8 p.m. on Wednesday, September 19. The Succah will be large enough to accommodate participants and congregation. All students are invited to share in the welcoming of this ancient festival, and in its celebration and sanctification over wine and cake.

Hillel's Religious Workshop will meet to discuss plans for the outdoor service during Reg Week on September 11 at 3:30 p.m. Plans for the coming year will also be discussed at this time. All students are welcome.

Reg Week Plans

Once again, Hillel is planning a busy registration week program to provide students with a chance to relax and enjoy themselves before classes start on Monday. The Foundation will be open 9:30 to 5 daily, and the staff and officers look forward to meeting new students and welcoming back the old.

Everyone loves folk singing, and this semester, we offer you not one, not two, but half a dozen folk singers for your enjoyment. They're called the "KifA Folk Singers," including such familiar names as Barry Olivier, Deena Zonnig, and Lou Kosman, and they'll perform at Hillel on **TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11**, at 8:30 p.m. Following their performance, everyone will have a chance to join in group singing. There is no admission charge.

WEDNESDAY evening will feature a Mixer Dance at 8:30 and on **THURSDAY**, at 4 p.m., you can have your questions answered at an "Ask the Rabbi" discussion group, led by Joseph H. Gumbiner, Director. On **THURSDAY** evening, at 7 p.m., folk dancing will be led by our new instructor, Gertrude Khuner. If there is enough interest, this group will continue to meet throughout the semester.

FRIDAY morning, following pre-enrollment, donuts and coffee will be served at the Foundation. Kol Nidre services will be held at 8 p.m. on **FRIDAY**, and Yom Kippur will be observed on **SATURDAY**, starting at 10 a.m.

The highlight of the week's social calendar will be the Reg Dance on **SUNDAY, September 16**, at 8:30 p.m. **Jimmy Diamond** and his band will play, and refreshments will be served. It's free to 1956-57 Hillel members, and 50c to guests.

If you haven't yet procured your new membership card, you may do so any time during the week. Membership in the Foundation is only \$2.00 a year, and, by holding a card, you are entitled to vote, to run for office, to receive all publications, and to receive reduced rates at such affairs as dinners, brunches, picnics, etc. Buy yours now — it's YOUR Foundation, why not become a part of it?

SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS

Every Jewish student at Cal is entitled to all of Hillel's services and to the use of the facilities in the roundation. At the same time, each student is urged to show his positive interest in the student community by availing as a member of Hillel, and by participating in the groups and committees which plan and offer Hillel its five-fold program.

RELIGIOUS COMMITTEE meets weekly to plan Sabbath Eve Services which it leads, together with Rabbi Gumbiner and student cantor Lou Rosman. This group also plans various programs for the Oneg Shabbat which follows each religious service, and prepares special holiday services. It is now in the process of revising the prayerbook compiled last semester in an attempt to create a religious service meaningful to all Jewish students.

SOCIAL COMMITTEE is in charge of monthly dances, for which it chooses the theme, publicizes, and decorates. It also helps to plan for picnics, trips, and any other social activities planned by the Council.

COMMUNITY SERVICE COMMITTEE works through campus and community organizations in planning projects of aid to the needy. This group also helps in the organization of the Student United Jewish Welfare Fund Campaign.

ATHLETIC COMMITTEE plans weekly sport nights of table tennis, volleyball, badminton, checkers and chess. It also plans Hillel tournaments and organizes intramural teams.

NEWSPAPER COMMITTEE works on the Hillel Call as members of either the writing (news and creative) or business staffs.

The Hillel bulletin board contains Committee sign-up sheets. The chairmen are looking forward to meeting and talking with you, so sign now.

In addition to the Committees, there are many other interest groups at Hillel.

The **STUDENT ZIONIST GROUP** will hold its first meeting on Wednesday, September 12, at 7 p.m. The group's program, including seminars and lectures, will be concerned with the movement of Zionism and with the relationship of world and American Jewry with Israel. All students are invited to express their ideas and views on these subjects.

Hillel's permanent schedule of events will also include weekly **HEBREW CLASSES**. Separate classes will be held to accommodate both beginning and advanced students, and classes are free to members. The date of the first meeting will be announced soon.

Special weekly activities in the

planning stage will also include the **DRAMA, CHORAL, & FOLK DANCING** groups. These groups, which entertained Hillel members in several programs last year, are flexible, and will exist only when there is student demand for them. Sign-up lists are posted in the Hillel lobby. Come in and express your choice.

Attention Freshmen! Hillel has a special organization just for you. Come, meet and work together with other entering Jewish students in the **FRESHMAN COUNCIL**. The first meeting will be held on September 19 at 4 p.m. at the Foundation.

Continuing by popular demand again this semester will be the **NASCH AT NOON** every Wednesday at 12. Fifty cents covers Kosher cold meat sandwiches, potato salad, dill pickle, coffee and good company. The first of these meals will be offered on September 19.

SUNDAY SUPPERS will again be held the first Sunday of each month, beginning on October 7, when the Hillel parking lot will be converted into a Bar-B-Que. **LOX AND BAGEL BRUNCHES** take place on occasional Sunday mornings, and special Sunday events include picnics and at least one dance monthly. Watch the Hillel Call for details concerning these activities.

Lastly, a new activity to Hillel will be a **RECORD SESSION** held once a week. We have a fine collection of classical music and music of Jewish content which is available for listening any time.

Seminars at Hillel

One of the highlights of the Cultural program for the coming semester will be the weekly Tuesday and Thursday afternoon coffee hour discussions, led by Rabbi Joseph H. Gumbiner and guests from the university and Bay Area communities.

The topic of this year's Tuesday seminar will be chosen on September 18, at the first meeting of interested students. Last year's very successful discussions were on "Jewish History— with Emphasis on the Modern Period" and "Thought Movements in Jewish History."

The Thursday seminar is a new seminar at Hillel and it promises to be a very stimulating series. Starting at 4 p.m. on Thursday, September 20, and continuing every other Thursday throughout the semester, Hillel will present a member of the faculty who will speak on a pertinent issue of the day. On the alternating Thursdays, the discussion will be conducted by a student leader. Some of the subjects planned include "The November Election," and "Academic Freedom."

LOOSE SCHMOOSE

Those of you who have been away all summer will notice a new addition to the roundation when you return. He's Mr. Cuiver, alias "Uncle Dave," and he's our new caretaker. Aside from cleaning the building, he likes people best, and hopes to get a chance to meet all of you when school starts.

If you missed the Hillel Awards Banquet last semester, then you didn't know that three Honor Keys were presented. They went to Joan Spencer, Eleanor Jacobs, and Rene Marxheimer, for their outstanding contributions to the Foundation.

Under the leadership of President Norman Schiffman, who just returned from the National Hillel Leadership Institute, Hillel had a very active summer program. Two barbecues were held in the parking lot, there were two Sunday night dances, a group went to see the Strawhatters, and a large number came to Wednesday night open house and Friday evening services.

Cupid really found his mark this summer! Did you know that Joan Spencer is Mrs. Mark Sopher, June Straus is Mrs. Barry Jacobs, Janine Volk is Mrs. Dave Jacoby, and Judy Setzer is Mrs. Mark Tobenkin?

Weddings are also in sight for Eleanor Jacobs and Ralph Coffman, Leila Seagel and Dan Price, Suzette Norland and Ed Marxheimer.

Those of you in living groups with at least 10 Jewish students may not know that you are entitled to a representative on the Hillel Student Council. Just get the others together, sign a petition asking for a representative, and bring it to the next Council meeting.

Although we did not meet our quota of \$2,000, the Student United Jewish Welfare Fund Campaign did manage to bring in \$1500 plus another \$50.00 which was contributed to WUS. We hope that all of you who made pledges last semester will send in your contributions as soon as possible.

Happy New Year to you all from the Staff and Officers of the Hillel Foundation!

HIGH HOLY DAY SERVICES

Kol Nidre—Fri., Sept. 14

8 p.m.

Yom Kippur — Sat., Sept. 15

Morning Service 10 a.m.

Memorial Service, 3 p.m.