

Is This Jewish Heritage" which Lewisohn prepared for the B'nai B'rith Hillel Foundation "Hillel Little Book Series."

What you described as an "intellectualism" which was more "fury than substance" misses the heart of Mr. Lewisohn's character. To be sure, he may have expounded unpopular causes in their time. His advocacy of Zionism and his brilliant, persuasive interpretation of the Jewish Day School movement, deserved more at the hands of history than this first observation.

Lewisohn knew little Hebrew until late in life, yet he tried to master the language and feel the richness of its spirit so that he might better relate himself to the realities of Jewish life.

I hope sincerely that the pages of the Criterion will some day contain a more adequate analysis of this blessed individual whose writings and lectures won him a host of admirers and a faithful band of disciples.

Dr. Seymour J. Cohen
Pittsburgh, January 10

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To The Editor:

This is to confirm the "rumor mill" regarding my resignation as Hillel director. I have accepted a position as Associate Rabbi at Temple Beth El, Indianapolis. On the eve of my departure, I feel that it is appropriate to evaluate briefly Hillel's three years of intensive work on the Pittsburgh college campus.

First, the administrations of the four schools served have accepted Hillel as the Jewish Student Association on campus. Questions regarding Jewish holidays and observances are now channeled to the Hillel office,

and this service was noted by one dean who said, "Before Hillel came onto the campus, I wasn't sure what rabbi to ask. Now I ask the rabbi-director of Hillel."

Second, our Jewish students have become much more aware of their heritage through Hillel, and although attendance has often left much to be desired, notices of Hillel activities through posters and college newspapers, and the Hillel Newsletter itself, have constantly reminded Jewish students of activities especially for them. And third, Christian students seeking information have on numerous occasions used the Hillel rabbi to address their religiously oriented groups.

Specifically during this brief period Hillel has pioneered in certain areas. At Carnegie Institute of Technology, for example, a Jewish student body was organized to speak for the Jewish college community and to represent it at the newly-formed Committee on Religious Activities. By the way, this committee itself, which represents the three major faiths, was organized with the aid of Hillel. In addition to the Hillel director, faculty representative Dr. A. Fred Sochatoff and, until his demise Alexander Sharove, alumni representative, plus the student president and vice-president of Tech Hillel represented the Jewish community on this new and important committee.

At Tech also semi-monthly Sunday morning "lox and bagel brunches" were organized, at which time prominent and interesting speakers on a variety of subjects are presented to Hillel members. (May I thank you personally again, Milton, for your own participation in this series.) Na-

tionally known speakers were also brought by Hillel to General Assemblies for the entire student population; this year, for example, Will Herberg and his talk on "Fear, Anxiety and the Courage to Be" were exceptionally well-received.

Hillel at Tech has also inaugurated an annual Chanukah Chapel which precedes Christmas Chapel and reminds our Jewish students of their own religious obligations while interpreting Judaism to our Christian friends in a dynamic and visual manner.

In addition to those activities listed above for Tech which are repeated at Pitt, Hillel has a series of Friday afternoon religious services and discussions sponsored and conducted by the Jewish fraternities and sororities at the University of Pittsburgh. It has always been a source of personal amusement to listen to students read Hebrew, who have not done so for five years or longer!

Also at Pitt, classes in Hebrew and Jewish History have been organized by Hillel in cooperation with Y.M.&W.H.A. and are offered to students for college credits. These are the only such classes in the city for college students exclusively, and the subject matter is presented and classes conducted at the college level.

Hillel has found its place too at Chatham College, formerly P.C.W., where the group meets bi-weekly for luncheon and discussions on Jewish topics, and has inaugurated a tradition of Chanukah Chapel similar to that at Tech. Duquesne students, because of the peculiar physical nature of their school, have not been organized in a distinct Hillel unit, but have participated fully in the program offered by Pitt.

We have functioned also during these three years on levels other than the undergraduate. Semi-monthly Sunday morning brunch and discussion meetings for graduate students of all schools, starting at 12 noon and often continuing until 4:30 p.m., have been fruitful and interesting. And just during this past year a Pitt-Hillel Faculty Council was organized under the chairmanship of Dr. Asher Isaacs, the first such group here. These busy faculty members have given much of their own time to helping and guiding Jewish students, who in turn are keenly interested in meeting their professors on an informal social basis: it has been exhilarating to me to observe this. The faculty sponsorship of a Chanukah supper and services was certainly one highlight in a year filled with "firsts"

The above is just a brief description of some of our Hillel firsts, and doesn't include the intimate discussions, numerous meetings with students, administration and other ministers on campus that have been part of my work here. Hillel has just made a beginning, but a beginning that had to be made

I'd also like to take this opportunity to thank, on behalf of Mrs. Feldman and myself, the many communal-minded people who have given so generously of their time and sympathy and have always extended such genuine and warm hospitality wherever we have gone. Pittsburgh has been wonderful to us, and we shall forever cherish the memory of the many friends we have made.

May God grant that physical distance not dim these memories and that we shall have occasion to see each other often in the future

Rabbi Morris Feldman, Director
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Rabbi Anemer To Speak At Melave Malka

Rabbi G. Anemer of Cleveland will be guest speaker at the Melave Malka sponsored by the Pittsburgh Ladies Auxiliary, Rabbinical College of Telshe, to be held this Saturday night, January 14 at 8:30 p.m. in Shaare Torah Social Hall. Mrs. Simon Shapiro, Auxiliary president, has announced that Rabbi Solomon Oppenheimer, spiritual leader of Adath Israel Congregation, will be chairman of the evening.

The Jewish community is invited to attend this affair honoring the College which has many Pittsburgh area students and the memory of the late renowned Rabbi Elijah M. Bloch, the school's founder, whose Yahrzeit will also be observed on Saturday. Rabbi Dr. Bernard A. Poupko will address the gathering, and Cantor Zev Hofstadter will render liturgical and Cantorial selections. Greetings from Rabbi Nathan Goodman of Braddock and showing of a film will complete the program.

Rabbi Anemer, a native of Akron, began his Rabbinical studies at the age of 13 at the College of Telshe, where he graduated with honors and was one of the youngest Rabbis to be ordained. At present he is engaged in post-graduate research on a fellowship from the Institute for Higher Jewish Studies, Cleveland, and will bring to Saturday night's gathering first-hand information on the Rabbinical College which is now relocating its campus in Wycliffe, Ohio.