



Pittsburgh Hillel News

B'NAI B'RITH HILLEL ADVISORY BOARD, PITTSBURGH, PA., MARCH 1959

HILLEL COLLEGE NIGHT

B'nai B'rith Men and Women, in cooperation with the B'nai B'rith, Hillel Foundation of Pittsburgh, on Thursday, March 19, at 8:15 P. M., in the ballroom of the Student Union, (formerly Hotel Schenley), will present an "Insight into College Life" for Jewish high school students and their parents.

The purpose of this important event is to give to the high school seniors and their parents a preview into college life and also to acquaint them with the purposes and activities of Hillel on campus.

Members of the faculty and student leaders of Pitt, Tech, Chatham and Duquesne University will be present and will participate in the program.

The entertainment will feature an Israeli dance group and student participation. The program will be followed by refreshments and dancing.

All B'nai B'rith members are requested to recommend to high school seniors whom they know, that they do not miss this important event.

Mrs. Morton Rubin, Women's Council Hillel Chairman and Howard N. Kaufman and Dr. Robert P. Frankenthal, Men's Council Hillel Co-Chairmen, are cooperating to make College Night an outstanding success.



PASSOVER ON THE CAMPUS

This year Passover begins a month after the Easter vacation. It will therefore occur during the school year. Passover seders are being planned by Hillel for the students at Pitt, Tech and Chatham. In addition, low-cost, kosher meals will be served during the week of Passover. Many out of town students will be seeking families with whom to celebrate this holiday. There can be no substitute for the home environment on Passover. Members and friends of B'nai B'rith are urged to communicate with the Hillel office to invite students to their homes for the Passover Seders.

MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR

The building of a Hillel Foundation resembles the planting of a tree. A seed is planted and soon many deep roots anchor the tree securely in its place and give it strength to serve those who come within its compass.

Hillel's process of taking root in the Pittsburgh community is now five years old. It is doubtful that the original founders could have imagined the multiplicity of influences which their dream was to radiate in the community.

The most unusual aspect of Pittsburgh Hillel is the variety of its activities. Serving three campuses actively, Hillel has become a major force on each. The Hillel cultural program now serves a goodwill purpose which is entirely unanticipated. About thirty-five percent of the students in attendance at Hillel classes and lectures are non-Jewish. This is *goodwill in action*. No banquet or pious resolution can possibly compare to the influence for goodwill which Hillel has on these and other students. The Tech Hillel is soon to begin a new experience in cooperation with the other religious foundations. A joint program of non-credit religious courses in Judaism and Christianity will be offered by all major religious groups acting in concert. This program is unique in the United States and if successful, will be a guide to new directions in college religious work.

One of the unseen areas of Hillel activity is in the field of personal counselling. Hillel maintains direct and free contact with the University counselling service, so that students who come to Hillel for help and guidance are assured of the most skilled and disciplined help available.

The influence of Hillel in the Pittsburgh community is, of course, a reflection of the influence of B'nai B'rith in the community. Without the continued support of B'nai B'rith, this entire area of Jewish contribution to the life of Pittsburgh would be non-existent. Furthermore, more important than the fact of support is the kind of support. B'nai B'rith has not only been generous but wise in the way it has structured the Hillel Foundation, so that Hillel can do its work with maximum efficiency and depth.

—Rabbi Richard L. Rubenstein

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nology, Chatham College and Duquesne
University.

MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRMAN, HILLEL ADVISORY BOARD

This year Easter vacation and Passover
do not coincide as in previous years. We,
at Hillel, have therefore received many
inquiries from Jewish college students as
to the possibility of being served Passover
meals.

This was a new challenge to Hillel in
Pittsburgh. I am happy to be able to report
that the challenge has been met and Pass-
over meals will be served. Rabbi Rubenstein
met with Arnold J. Auerbach, executive di-
rector of the Y. M. & W. H. A., who gra-
ciously consented to the use of the "Y"
facilities for this purpose.

Mesdames David Melman and Morris
Merinstein, co-chairmen of the social com-
mittee have enlisted the help of a group of
B'nai B'rith women to prepare and serve
Passover lunches each day of the Passover
holiday.

Since this will be the last issue of the
bulletin during my term, I want to take this
opportunity to thank all of you whose ef-
forts have made possible the tremendous
growth and expansion of our Hillel program
during these past two years.

-Samuel E. Binstock, D.D.S.



Marty Wolfson and Nori Amsel
participating in "Campus Capers"

SPEAKERS' BUREAU

The message explaining the work of the
Hillel Foundation is brought to the B'nai
B'rith Lodges and Chapters through the work
of the Hillel Advisory Board's Speakers'
Bureau. Recently the method of bringing the
message of Hillel to the Lodges and Chap-
ters has been changed. Instead of telling
Lodges and Chapters of all the Hillel activi-
ties, an attempt has been made to bring Hil-
lel in Action to the particular group at a time
when the program is devoted exclusively to
Hillel. The work and activities of Hillel in
the local colleges is forcefully brought to
the lodges and chapters by either Rabbi
Rubenstein or some of the local student
leaders of Hillel. Rabbi Rubenstein has be-
come quite proficient at delivering the
message of Hillel between the lines of a
very interesting book review.

Mrs. Nathan Holstein, Chairman of the
speakers' bureau, has announced the fol-
lowing speaking engagements for Rabbi
Rubenstein:

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| January 20 | Pittsburgh Lodge, No. 44 Adult Jewish Education meeting Review of book, "Dr. Zhivago" |
| January 26 | Steel City Lodge Review of book, "Dr. Zhivago" |
| February 4 | Lillian S. Davis Chapter Review of book, "Dr. Zhivago" |
| February 9 | Heritage-Chai Chapter Review of book, "Enemy Champ" |
| February 24 | Ner Tomid Chapter Review of book, "Dr. Zhivago" |
| March 5 | Unity Chapter Review of book, "Dr. Zhivago" |
| March 18 | Golden Triangle Lodge Rabbi Rubenstein speaks on "What is a Jew?" |
| March 19 | Frances Slanger Chapter Review of book, "Exodus" |
| April 16 | Herman Fineberg Lodge Review of book, "Dr. Zhivago" |
| April 27 | Parkway Lodge Review of book, "Exodus" |
| May 19 | Davida Chapter Review of book, "Exodus" |



REMEMBER THE HILLEL LIBRARY

All members of B'nai B'rith Lodges and
Chapters are urged to contribute to the
Hillel Foundation library. The gift of a
book on special occasions is undoubtedly
one of the finest means of paying tribute to
a friend or of commemorating the memory
of a loved one.

HILLEL ON CAMPUS

CAMPUS CAPERS

Campus Capers this year was held on
Monday, February 16th in the Y. M. & W. H.
A. The skits offered by the student groups
were enthusiastically received. The theme
for the evening was "World Shaking
Events". Chatham College won first prize
with its take-off on a Greek tragedy (Dic-
chotomus Rex). Students in the Chatham
Hillel Seminar thought that the opinions
expressed by Sig Freudicles, one of the
principal characters in the tragedy, sounded
strangely like those of Rabbi Rubenstein.
Few satires have occasioned as much
laughter. Third prize was won by Alpha
Epsilon Phi Sorority, which presented a
musical spoof on love. Second prize was
won by Pi Lambda Phi Fraternity with its
debate on whether the Hamantashen or the
Latke had contributed most to the develop-
ment of civilization. Master of Ceremonies
of this event was Marty Wolfson, who also
presented a "Chalk Talk".

HILLEL COOPERATES IN UNIQUE PROGRAM OF EDUCATION AT TECH

For the first time on any campus the
Religious Workers Fellowship of Tech has
created a unique program to meet the needs
for advance education in religion on cam-
pus. The Religious Workers Fellowship has
instituted the TECH SEMINARS IN RELI-
GION. By pooling their combined resources
the Fellowship is offering the Tech student
body five non-credit courses in religion
which are scheduled to last for eight weeks.

Rabbi Rubenstein is offering a course
on EXISTENTIALISM. Among the other
courses are Bible, Martin Luther, John Cal-
vin, Religious Ethics and St. Augustine's
Philosophy.

Serious study and discussion was given
to the problem of meeting the educational
needs of Tech students in Religion. It was
felt that there was a pressing need for
courses on Religion on a mature level. Two
approaches were possible: The foundations
could each go their separate ways with an
attendant weak program; or, a joint effort
could give material strength to all groups.
So far as is known, this effort is unique.
Twenty students are registered for Rabbi
Rubenstein's first class. The majority are
non-Jewish.

Plans are being made to expand this
program next year. A similar program is in
planning stages at Pitt.

HILLEL CULTURAL PROGRAM

A continuing and growing interest in the
cultural aspects of Jewish life has been ex-
hibited in the growth of attendance at Rabbi
Rubenstein's lectures and seminars. This
semester a new course has been offered at
Pitt on Mondays at noon on *The Great
Books and the Human Condition in our
Times*. This series relates the student's
study of reading and human values to his
quest for an adult understanding of his
Jewish traditions. On Thursdays at noon,
the lecture series on *Existentialism and
Contemporary Religious Thought* has enter-
ed its second semester. Chatham has begun
a seminar discussion of *The Great Books
and the Human Condition in our Times*,
Thursdays at 4:30 P. M. and Tech has be-
gun a discussion of Religious Philosophy
in connection with the brunches, which are
held every other Sunday in the Carnegie
Union.

HILLEL SOCIAL PROGRAM

There has been a steady growth in at-
tendance at Hillel social functions. The
Chanukah affair attracted 200 students from
Pitt, Tech, Chatham and Duquesne. Vivien
Richman, Israel Folk Singer, presented a
program of Israeli music. The highlight of
the program was the dedication of the Hi
Fidelity sound system, given in memory of
Mrs. Pearl Reiner by her sister, Mrs. Morris
Benkovitz. In keeping with the spirit of
Chanukah, latkes were prepared and served
by the B'nai B'rith women.

On January 10, 1959, a Hillel social
was held featuring Burt Friedman, Folk
Singer. Over 100 students attended the Wel-
come Freshman dance and social held on
February 8th and approximately 150 stu-
dents attended Campus Capers on February
16.

The following social programs are plan-
ned for the balance of the year:

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| March 8 | Foreign Film and discussion followed by social dancing |
| April 5 | Cultural Program |
| April 19 | Tech Passover Seder |
| April 21 | Chatham Passover Seder |
| April 26 | "Matzo Ball" |
| May 17 | Installation of Officers and Awards Dinner |

MODEL SEDER

The annual Model Seder has been sche-
duled for Sunday, April 19, 1959 at Carnegie
Tech Union.

NEEDS AT PITTSBURGH HILLEL

Hillel Chairmen and Friends of Hillel,
Please take notice!!!!

The following are some of the needs of our local Hillel Foundation, which can be supplied through projects or contributions by lodges, chapters or individuals. For further information as to any of these items, including the amounts of money involved, etc., please contact Rabbi Rubenstein at the Hillel office or call MA 1-8876.

Tape Recorder

Dictaphone

New Aluminum Table

Bookcases for library

Petty cash box with combination lock

Sponsor the amount necessary to obtain an outstanding speaker for special group events.

Contributions of money to be added to the Max U. Applebaum Student Loan Fund to assist students in emergencies.

Contributions for new books for the Hillel Library.

Contributions to cover rental of full length feature films.

Contributions for phonograph records.



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Frances Y. Slanger Chapter—40 volumes, English translation of the complete Talmud (in memory of Mrs. Hilda Moss Lenchner).

Freedom Lodge # 1780—Contribution of \$100.00

Pittsburgh Lodge # 44—Contribution for records.

Herman Fineberg Lodge # 2158—10 books from Jewish Publication Society.

Davida Chapter—Contribution for records.

Oakland Kiwanis and friends of Mr. Harry R. Hochman—Contribution for records.

Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Benkovitz—Contribution for records.

Pittsburgh Hillel also acknowledges the receipt of many books from numerous friends.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE PRESENTS SLATE OF OFFICERS FOR COMING YEAR

In accordance with the new constitution, the nominating committee, consisting of Mrs. Isadore E. Binstock, Chairman, Mrs. Herman Berk, Mrs. Morton Rubin, Mr. Nathan Holstein, Dr. Kurt Schreiber and Dr. Samuel E. Binstock, ex officio member, have presented the following slate of officers for the Hillel Advisory Board for the year 1959-1960. Further nominations may be made at any time up to the actual election, which will take place at the March meeting.

Chairman Mrs. Meyer Feldman
1st Vice-Chairman Mr. Irving Elbling
2nd Vice-Chairman . . . Mrs. Nathan Holstein
Secretary Mrs. Morton Rubin
Treasurer Dr. Kurt C. Schreiber

A "GOLDEN" OPPORTUNITY

If you are in position to do so, please call Rabbi Rubenstein at the Hillel Office, MA 1-8876, and make arrangements to have an "out of town" student celebrate with you at your Passover Seder.

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