

# B'B'Hillel adds two to staff

"The giant step forward we took last year with the hiring of our new executive director may even be outdistanced with the addition of our two new wonderful, energetic program directors," declared Sherman Shrager, president of the Hillel Foundation Community Board of Directors.

"This summer not only have we moved into a spacious new facility above the Arabica Cafe on S. Craig St. across from the Carnegie Art Museum, but we've executed the beginning of our Multi-Year Goal Plan by engaging two new professionals who will serve directly on the campuses," added Rabbi Art Donsky, Hillel director.

The new professionals, chosen from a national search process in conjunction with Washington D.C. office of Hillel International, uncovered two Pennsylvanians by university affiliation.

Ruth Slater, a Toronto native, but a recent graduate of the University of Pittsburgh with a masters in Social Work, who served as an intern with

the United Jewish Federation's Community Relations Committee, will serve as program associate responsible primarily for Carnegie Mellon University and Hillel's Grad and Professional Student Outreach Program.

Shana Flatt, a Maryland native, but a recent graduate from Muehlenberg College in Allentown, who served as a catalyst for rebuilding her campus' Hillel, will have primary responsibility for the University of Pittsburgh.

Hillel has undergone a radical change according to Donsky and Shrager. "We are really devoting ourselves to two target groups of students - those who seek us out, who know they want an active Jewish life on campus and those who we must engage and challenge, stir up and entice.

"Both Ruth and Shana have not only the right personalities to meet these challenges but they also have so many of the skills necessary to serve this vital part of the Jewish community," added Rabbi Donsky.



R. Slater

S. Flatt

"Most of our programming, even with this very accessible location exactly between Carnegie Mellon and Pitt, will be directly on the campus," said Shrager.

Shrager, who was directly involved in the search process, commented, "National Hillel was instrumental in guiding us and providing us

with the resumes of top candidates. To be able to find two very talented staff members, one from our own backyard and one from just across the state is a blessing.

"Both new staffers were the cream of the crop - I know that as students and members of the Jewish community get to know Ruth and Shana they will agree that we have made another giant leap forward on campus."

In addition to the new staff members, Jacky Wershbale, who has served as the group's administrative assistant for the past several years, assumes the new role of administrator, a full-time position, which

includes significant managerial responsibilities.

"Among all the other things Jacky really is responsible for making our move down Craig as smooth as possible. She is not only behind the scenes as our administrator, but is very much in the front of things - making contact with students, parents and the University community - she keeps us pointed in the right direction," added Shrager.

Hillel is planning a Fall Open House for the University and Jewish communities to officially dedicate the new facility at 4551 Forbes Ave., right on the corner of Forbes and S. Craig.

Rabbi Donsky added, "We welcome anyone to visit us now during the summer as we plan for the coming year. The coffee downstairs is great, our view of both universities and the Carnegie is the best in town without a doubt and most important we've got the staff team that is eager to serve our students and faculty and put this Hillel on par with Michigan, Penn, Arizona, Berkeley - in the next year or two - we'll be there."

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