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Melava Malka Party for Jewish college students will be held this Saturday evening by Pittsburgh Friends of Lubavitch Youth Organization, Program Director Rabbi Shmarya Katzen announced.

The party is part of a special program for college students, the first of a series of Melava Malka

parties to be sponsored once a month, or possibly twice a month, depending upon

A Melava Malka is Saturday



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evening gathering that extends the spirit and excitement of Shabbus into the mundaneness of the week ... a feast that holds the custom of telling the stories of the Balshemtov and other Chassidic Rebbe. A mystical atmosphere is present because of the stories, Rabbi Katzen explained.

The party this Saturday evening will be held at 5832 Darlington Rd., and will begin at 8:30 p.m. All Jewish college students are invited. Various aspects of Judaism and Chassidism will be discussed, in addition to singing, Jewish and Chassidic songs.

Rabbi Katzen said Pittsburgh Friends of Lubavitch Youth Organization is "now getting accelerated," and has a number of programs for college students planned. "Special plans for elaborate and interesting programs are being made, but I cannot disclose them at this time", he concluded.

This Monday, Jan. 29, the second of the "Lunch and Lecture Series" of B'nai B'rith Hillel's "Middle East Perspectives" Program will feature Dr. Ailon Shiloh, from the Graduate School of Public Health at Pitt. He will speak about "The Emergence of Israel". The lunch will begin at noon, in the Hillel Library, Y-IKC, S. Bellefield Ave. cost of the meal is 50 cents.

The next Monday of this series will be February 12, when "The Arab -- Israeli Conflict Today" will discussed by Dr. Richard Cottam, of the Department of Political Science, at Pitt.

On February 26, Rabbi Phillip Sigal, Director of B'nai B'rith Hillel, will speak on "Hope: The

Affinities Between Judaism and Islam".

On March 19, "The Economics of Modern Israel" will be the subject of Dr. Reuben Slesinger's lecture. Dr. Slesinger is from Pitt's Department of Economics.

The last of the "Lunch and Lecture Series" will be held on April 2, when "Structural Problems of Israel in the Middle East" will be the topic of Dr. Michael Roublev, from Department of History at Pitt.

See you next week!

Knesset Faces

Dramatic Battle

On Censorship

JERUSALEM (JTA) -- A battle is shaping up in the Knesset over a measure to abolish censorship in the legitimate theater.

The Cabinet voted 8-5 with two abstentions to have such a measure drafted and presented to the Knesset. The measure was opposed by Premier Golda Meir, Minister of Agriculture Chaim Gvati and the three National Religious Party ministers. It was supported by Deputy Premier Yigal Allon and seven of his colleagues.

The NRP announced that it intends to fight against the proposed amendment to the public performance ordinances.

Under the present law, all theater plays must be licensed by the film and theater censorship board.

Allon and his fellow ministers argued that Israel was emulating the British example of theater censorship inherited in 1948, at a time when the British themselves and most of the free world have abolished it.

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