# SHELANU

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# A Story of Success

by Nadine Goldberg

It all started in the Union bowling alley for UJA's 2nd Annual competed for scores and kot baskets that were bought by students and delivered by dedicated campaign workers to the purchaser's friends on campus. Here is where the fun begins. The 1st Annual UJA semiformal held at the University Club proved to Continued on Page 9

be an exciting and enjoyable evening for all who attended. The most mid-October when a recent event, our very group of people met in own Purim baskets were sent to students by their parents and other Bowl-A-Thon. Students students to help make high Purim an enjoyable exbooby perience here on camprizes. The second pus. All events were event consisted of Suk- extremely successful. extremely successful. The dedicated, behind the scenes work, as well as the participation in all our events is greatly appreciated.

Now the big question...what is the reason behind all these





Students enjoying the last big Israel celebration on campus.

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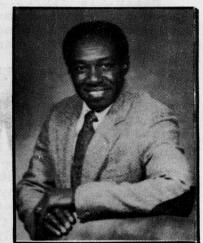
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## Dr. Frederick Preston to Speak on Israel

Dr. Frederick R. Preston, Stony Brook's Vice President for Student Affairs, will address a meeting of Hillel and Chevre on Israel: Myth vs. Reality. Dr. Preston's talk will be held on Wednesday, April 18 at 8:00 pm in the Stony Brook Union room 236.

Dr. Preston visited Israel this past December as a guest of the American Jewish Committee and the Government of the State of Israel. He will speak of his impressions of the country, as well as his discus-



sions with Israeli leaders on current policy issues.

The public is cordially invited to attend.

## Israel Independence Day Slated

dence Day will be cele- grand style at Stony brated at Stony Brook Brook, with dancing, this year on Thursday, singing, and lots of April 26 at 8:00 pm in fun. Join with the Roth Quad Cafeteria, entire community and first floor.

Live entertaiment, as well as Israeli and Sephardic cuisine will be served.

Yom Ha'atzmaut is information.

Israeli Indepen- always celebrated in celebrate the 42nd anniversary of the establishment of State of Israel. Watch your mail for further

# Mets vs. Yankees Same

originally scheduled for April 1st has been rescheduled for

> SUNDAY APRIL 8th (during Spring Break)

We still have tickets! \$11.50 each (transportation not provided)

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# from the Editor

by Brian Mandel

I have some good news and some bad news. The good news is that the sixth issue of Stony Brook Shelanu is out and hotter than ever. The bad news is that this is the last issue of the paper for this year. But WAIT! It's only April and there are many more events before we must say good-bye and usher in the summer vacation.

Before Passover, Hillel is sponsoring a number of community service events, including bringing Passover packages to the poor and elderly in the community, a trip to a local nursing home, and a model seder. Events will also take place for Yom HaShoah (Holocaust Remembrance Day) and Yom Ha'Atzmaut

(Israel Independence Day). A special Sephardic-Israeli Beit Cafe event is being planned in honor of Israel's the end of the semester, the annual Hillel will take banquet So you see, there is a lot more fun have a very happy and and excitement before healthy Pesach. Best the semester ends.

devote the rest of my article to thanking everyone who helped make Stony Brook Shelanu such a great success. Danielle Schwager really helped get the paper off the ground and definitely brought some excitement into the opening issue this semester. Isaac Namdar, Hillel Student President, contributed much advice and encouragement and was there when I needed a hand. Nadine Goldberg and David Vilkas wrote all of the UJA updates. The campaign was a huge success this year, no doubt to all the time and effort they both put into it. All those who wrote articles -Heidi Warm, Rich Harris, Ruth Belasco, Lynn Metviner, and Kevin Leopold - deserve our thanks. They all wrote about very insightful and interesting topics. Finally, Joe, Abby, Lauren and Bob, without all the work that you 42nd anniversary. Near put into Stony Brook the Shelanu, paper would only be a dream. To all the readers

of Stony Brook Shelanu, of luck on finals. See I would like to you in September.

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# Interview: Abby Friedland

by Brian Mandel

There is one person whose name and face anyone connected with Hillel will tell you they know and love. This person is Abby Friedland. Abby has been the Administrative Assistant for Hillel for four years. Besides doing her job so well and learning how to master Tetris, Abby is always there to talk with, and listen to, the students. For me Abby has become more than just another person on the staff. She has become a friend. This friend can't believe that she herself has a son in college and a daughter in high school, but she does. I recently interviewed Abby and wish to share with you all the neat things I discovered about her.

SHELANU: Why did you decide to apply for a job working for Hillel . here at Stony Brook?

AF: I was interested in working for the Jewish community and what better way than to work with college students who are away from home.

SHELANU: What do you like best about your position?

AF: The most rewarding part of Hillel work at SB is my interaction with the students. I enjoy working with them and helping in any way that I can. It's rewarding to see them start out as freshmen and mature into adults. especially enjoy daily visits from students such as Brian, with his bright smile to start off my day, David's croissants on my desk, telling Nadine about Macy's one-day sales, and Isaac who makes sure that my day filled with "flyers." Of course,



it's always fun greet new students and welcome them to Hillel.

SHELANU: What are some of your hobbies?

AF: I enjoy dabbling in art, and I especially love calligraphy. My second love is the theatre.

What's the SHELANU: funniest thing that happened to you when you were in college?

AF: I got married!!!

SHELANU: What do you enjoy the most in life?

Sharing my time AF: with my husband and my children, trying to beat Joe Topek at Tetris, and showing Bob Axel that I am better at solving the New York Times crossword puzzle than he is.

SHELANU: Where were you born? What type of Jewish background did you have when you were growing up?

I was born in Crown Heights, Brooklyn which was a very colorful, ethnic area. There was a shul on every corner, Yiddish spoken all around me, and at each holiday there was an air of expectancy and joy in my neighborhood. Shops closed, everyone dressed in their finest and paraded up and down Eastern Parkway (a famous boulevard in Brooklyn). It was a wonderful way to grow up and experience Jewish life.

## **Interest Free Tuition Loans**

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# Words from the

by Isaac Namdar

When I took the office of President at the end of last year I was hesitant about my ability to assume overall responsibility for the organization. had limited experience in leadership, and my know-how about Hillel was nothing to brag about. Looking back, I now see that I made a smart decision by taking over the position of President.

past Over the year, we have witnessed the rebuilding of a community in Hillel. Our individual efforts have merged to form a central body of activand planning. ity Thereas many activities used to lack large atendance, students now nquire about future rograms and often take he initiative to help ut. This kind of stuent involvement is the my factor in the sucess of the most imortant project of the ear: Chai Week. A ational pilot program create a Jewish week 1 college campuses, nai Week was a multiide of programs conensed into one week to rovide the community ith a diverse array of vents. I was glad to ee that Stony Brook tudents cared enough o be pioneers in this ield. The reward was elf evident when we saw the enthusiasm of members or witnessed the raised consciousness of the community.

The Hillel Student Board has also taken a new path during this Most of the semester was first spent on group workshops. With many new Board members it was necessary to spend some time in order for the Board to get to know each other. During the second semester more outreach programming was undertaken. It was time for Board members to assume their responsibilities as leaders. They branched out and initiated many different lines of activity; so much that many new students demonstrated interest in becoming Board members in order to be part of the leadership It has also been a



of the organization.

One other aspect of Hillel that was discussed during the last year was the potential for large scale social programming. Such programs as Israeli Cafe and Comedy Night drew unexpectedly large crowds, proving that Hillel members prefer well programmed social events in which they can enjoy some kind of entertainment as well hang out with The friends. Open House at the beginning of this semester was also very successful, bringing together many students who were interested in attending a social gathering without high expectation for a packed program. Expectation is also high for the Israel Independence Day celebration which will take place on April 26 at 8:00 p.m. in Roth Cafe-

Many of the subactivities of Hillel had significant most year. UJA has so far raised more money than in any recent year, and it's not over yet. Chevre (Israeli group) came around with the help of a new advisor to create better activities designed to address the needs of Israelis at The brand new Brook. Stony Brook Israel Alliance was instrumental in providing many events aimed at educating the public about The social Israel. trend of Hillel has been changed with the effort of a few people to create better activities. The editors of Shelanu have also come a long way in perfecting their task of informing the community about current Jewish at Stony Brook and Hillel activities.

Personally, serving as the President of Hillel I found out a great deal about myself. My consciousness about Jewish concerns has increased tremendously, not to mention the great desire to pass on the word to fellow Hillel members. Due to my position I was able to reach out to many people I probably would not have approached otherwise.

# Leviticus: A Case Study in Purity

by Ruth Belasco

April and May not only mark the end of this semester but the beginning and end of the weekly reading from the third book in the Torah, Leviticus. The book breaks the pattern of a narrative set in the two earlier books, Genesis and Exodus. Although seemingly filled with a list of Do's and Don't's, Leviticus, otherwise known <u>Va'Yikrah</u> in Hebrew, develops a theme of spiritual purity.

It opens with a detailed list of sacrifices that may be offered in the Temple and their purposes. The emphasis is clearly placed on the purity of

the offering as well as the offerer. one give a sacrifice without having the proper intention, should an animal be offered without having been checked properly to insure its flawlessness, it would not be accepted. The text is careful in listing the components of each offering in addition to the specific conditions under which they should be given. It is interesting to note that although these commandments cannot be fulfilled until the rebuilding of the Temple, there are groups of Jews in Israel who dedicate their time to

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#### Jewish Student Lounge Accession of the second

Wednesday, April 4 8 PM - 12 AM Roth Quad Dining Hall Kosher Cafeteria

# Movies

8:30 When Harry Met Sally 10:00 Lethal Weapon 2



Ping-Pong

Ice cream served between the movies

# **Board Games**



Movie Trivia Contest: win tickets to the Mets Zankees game.

Refreshments served.

great opportunity for me to get involved socially in the structure of the Jewish community at Stony Brook.

I would like to take this opportunity Stony Brook. To Joe to thank all the people for leading us into who made my job possible and enjoyable for me. To the Student Board for assisting in planning and decision making; to the group chairpersons for taking the responsibility of being a true leader; to the many people who were more than willing to help without necessarily seeking a title or a reward; to the students attending the activities and to the new faces by providing us all with an instant reward; and to the

Friends of Hillel for being supportive student interests. very special thanks go to the staff of the Hillel Foundation at new age of student activism; to Bob for providing us with a most valuable insight into the various aspects of student activity at Stony Brook; to Lauren for bringing a much needed new spirit and enthusiasm into system; and to Abby for giving students the warmth and the support which kept us all going. I had a great time, I hope you all feel the same.

## Does What You See in Black & White Make You See Red?

by Rich Harris

Anti-Israel propaganda is becoming more and more sophisticated. Maintaining the level of Israel's foreign aid is a serious struggle. adversaries Israel's are thwarting the peace initiative, and Congress and the Administration need to know where you stand. AIPAC members must fight to present a fair picture of the US-Israeli relationship, as anti-Israel resolutions are appearing on ballots at state party conventions, and can have a harmful effect.

AIPAC supporters help Israel maintain her military edge and economically remain Dire consequences would come about if there was a 10-12, 1990 in Washington, D. C. At this year's Policy ference you can help develop a comprehensive agenda to maintain a strong US-Israel relationship and a secure Israel. Scheduled speakers include Secretary of Defense Cheney, Senate Majority leader George Mitchell, Sen. Bob Packwood, leading members of Congress, Thomas Dine and a major Israeli leader. The Conference will show you how to combat those falsehoods at home and in Washington. AIPAC will show you how to become a more effective lobbyist at the state and local level, and how to train future activists from among our student and young adult population.

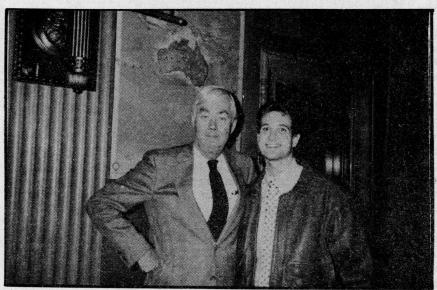
Congress and the



reduction in US military assistance to Israel. Israel's qualitative edge is eroding, especially in the face of a well-financed Arab military buildup coupled with increasingly sophisticated weapons including ballistic missiles and chemical weapons. Pro-Israel students must fight anti-Israel activities and distorted media coverage in the Middle East. Organizations committed to driving a wedge between the United States and Israel have redoubled their efforts, and are increasingly confident that they are making inroads to erode support for Israel.

Make your voice heard by attending AIPAC's 31st annual Policy Conference June Administration need to know where you stand. Attend the conference and lobby your Senators Representatives, and demonstrating the vigor of the pro-Israel community and enhancing the cooperation between the United States and Israel.

For anyone interested in attending the conference, contact me at my UJA office: 677-1894 (MWF only) or Lauren at the Hillel office. Subsidies are available to help you with the cost of the conference, which is \$200. I would like to lead a delegation of Stony Brook students together we can demonstrate that the issues fundamental to the well being of Israel are of vital importance to the United States as well.



Richard Harris pictured with United States Senator Daniel Patrick Moynihan (D-NY)

## Students Speak: Interdating & Marriage

by Lynne Metviner

and Interdating intermarriage is an issue facing the Jewish community, and Jewish college students in Stony particular. Brook Shelanu reporter Lynne Metviner posed the following question to a number of our students:

"WHAT ARE YOUR VIEWS ON INTERDATING AND INTER-MARRIAGE BETWEEN JEWS AND NON-JEWS?"

Merev Dekel Sophomore, French/SSI Irving College

"In America there are so many different cultures, religions, and races, that it's hard to avoid integration. It's simply predictable and not surprising at all. The ones who don't favor inter-relationships and are very concerned with this factual situation have the choice of living and raising a family in a Jewish country, Israel, where they will be less likely to integrate and obviously more likely to meet Jewish people."

Michael Fried Junior, Political Science Toscanini College

"I was brought up to believe that intermarriage is something which just doesn't happen. I once went out with a non-Jewish girl in high school, and my parents were not happy. It all depends on what your parents tell you when you are young. I would never think of intermarriage."

Gilad Pinto Junior, Mechanical Engineering Mount College

"I feel that it's the grounds need to interindividual's choice act to learn more about whether they want to each other in a setting date or marry outside which provides for muof their religion. Although, if culture or when it come to interreligion play any part in the individual's life, it may lead to conflicts in their married life, since many compromises must be made. Some may be con-

cerned with preserving the Jewish culture and religion and therefore oppose interfaith marriage. I can understand their point of view since interfaith marriage dilutes the strength of the cultural identity of further generations and actually decreases their number.

Seth Cohen Senior, History Cardozo College

"Love should be the reason for members of the opposite sex to date and marry and subsequently procreate. There should be no question of religion. However, I feel there are religious pressures to date and marry someone of the same religion."

Alexandra Pomerantz Junior, Liberal Studies Cardozo College

"I think it depends on the couple, if they both come from families of different faiths who observe all the customs and traditions and they decide to have children then they may have trouble choosing a faith for the child. If one is more religious than the other and doesn't have any problems adhering to the other person's religious customs then there is no real problem. For me I don't think it is a problem, it would be nice to meet someone of the same faith but it is not a top priority. A relationship should be based on love, trust, communication and understanding.

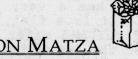
Isaac Namdar Senior, Biochemistry Cardozo College

"I feel that people of all different backtual respect. However dating, I think that people should try to find companions within their own faith and ethnicity in order to preserve the culture."

ALL-IN-1 USERS!

You can get the latest update on Hillel programs on our electronic bulletin board under the Interfaith Center listing. Type BB IC HF.

# WHEN IS THE LAST TIME YOU FELT GOOD ABOUT DOING SOMETHING? COME PARTICIPATE IN: Deliver Passover packages to the elderly and the poor in the community. Sunday, April 1 Call 632-6565 to volunteer. VISIT TO A NURSING HOME Visit with the Jewish elderly in a local nursing home. Wednesday, April 4, late afternoon MODEL SEDER Experience a mock Passover Seder with friends. Tuesday, April 3, 5:30 PM, Roth Cafeteria Call for reservations if you are not on the kosher meal plan. For more information call 632-6565 or stop by the Hillel office in Humanities 165 Chai Week







# Chal Week Great Success

by David Vilkas

it's Well, all over now, but what a That's week it was. right, I'm talking about CHAI WEEK. You know, the one with all the buttons, fliers, fun and hoopla. Ah, the memories that I of that week. have Like when twenty-five people come to break bread and enjoy the words of wisdom of Professor Robert

Goldenberg. Or when we heard the hearttouching stories of fellow Jewish students who had gone through much tzuras to leave the oppression of the land of their birth. Who could forget that day when representatives from countless universities, kibbutzim, and other organizations with programs for work, study and travel in Israel came to Stony Brook.

It actually felt like Stony Brook went to Israel. And then there were the Late Summer Blues. That was one tearjerker enjoyed by all. This feeling of being in Israel was only strengthened when on Thursday, March 8th, Jewish Cultural Arts were displayed in the Fireside Lounge. It was just like being in Jaffa. Unfortunately, like all good things, Chai Week too had to come to an end. But it did not end quietly. worth it.

It went out with a bang and a big one at that. After speaking with representatives from both the Orthodox and Reform Jewish movethe fun went ments, into overdrive! Those participating had the time of their life during the Stony Brook official Megillah reading, followed by the of the bash BROOK."

year, "DAYTONA COMES TO STONY Wow, all that excitement in one week. How did they do it? Who is "they" you ask? Well, this entire week of activities could not have taken place without the help of Susannah Blum, Rich Harris, Richard Hurwitz, Daniel Khodadadian, Kevin Leopold, Brian Mandel, Merav Minkin, Fred Namdar, Isaac Namdar Danielle Schwager, Alan Toor, David Vilkas, Heidi Warm, Eran Weichselbaum, and of course, Lauren Garlick, Bob Axel, Abby Friedland and Joseph Topek. Those guys sure did a good job in putting this together. There's only one prob-

lem, the list is too

short. Add your name

to this list. It's not

that hard to do. Just

call the Hillel office

at 2-6565 and tell them

that you want to work

on the next Hillel

event. Trust me...it's

# Editorial:

by Joseph S. Topek

frontpage The story in the Jan./Feb. issue of Stony Brook Shelanu had a headline that was most likely meant to grab the reader's attention. In that regard, it seems have succeeded, given the number of letters to the editor and individual conversations that have been generated because of it. Since it appeared in a Hillel paper, however, some of the issues that it raises deserve clarification.

The article does accuse some Jewish stu-"imdents of being posters," primarily based on their level of religious observance. Clearly this is a tongue-in-cheek accusation, as the very next paragraph begins with "If you express some or of these traits don't be alarmed, you are not a fraud or an imposter." What concerns me, however, are the categories that the article implies are a definition of Jewish identity. These are: knowledge of Jewish history, culture, or religion; observance of Shabbat; the ability to speak, read, or write Hebrew; and observance kashrut (keeping Certainly kosher). many American Jews are lacking in at least one of these categories, even the most active and observant among us. In fact, one can easily argue that the absence of any one, or even more than one, of these traits does not necessarily result in a diof Jewish minution Liberal Juidentity. daism can claim that observance of certain of the commandments, such as kashrut and Shabbat, are in no way indicative of commitment to Judaism or to a

Jewish way of life that is rich in culture and ethical behavior. critics of the liberal movements in Judaism often claim that their focus on the ethical commandments, rather than on the ritual ones, means that their Jewish identity commitment falls short of what it should be. Moreover, there is an implied claim to authenticity from more ritually observant community over the li-This beral approach. has resulted in some adherents of the liberal movements doubting their own levels of Jewish identity and feeling "less authentic" when associating with more "traditional" Jews.

Recently, the magazine Reform Judaism published a "Myths and Facts" page about the Reform Movement. think it is a very important document, and it addresses some of the very issues raised by the "Scandal" article and its critics. I have included some excerpts from the Myths and Facts page that speak to some of these questions of observance of ritual and Jewish identity. Let us also keep in mind the latter part of the "Scandal" article, which went to great lengths to state that the Jewish community on this campus does NOT have any criteria of Jewish knowledge or observance in order for all Jews to feel a part of it. For those who want to learn more about Judaism, we hold many classes and study groups. those who are not particularly interested in that aspect of Jewish life, there are myriad other activities participate in.

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# Letters to the Editor

To the Editor:

front-page article from Judaism is better than the Jan/Feb 1990 edi- mine or that my Judaism tion describing Jews is not "good" Judaism. who "don't observe the Let us not foster divi-Sabbath" and who "do siveness within the not read, write or Jewish community, but speak Hebrew" and who work to respect and "do not observe kash- acknowledge our rich rut" as frauds or im- diversity. posters insulting. I am a reform (sic) Jew who does not believe in any of the practices

outlined in your article. How dare you I found your claim your "flavor" of

> Sincerely, Nancy Sacks Rothman Graduate Student

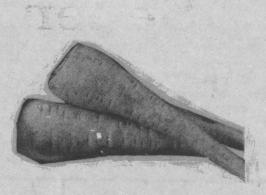
#### The Season of Freedom

The Exodus from Egypt is one of the central events in Jewish history. It marks the first homecoming of the Jewish people to the land that birth of the Jews as a people and their emergence as a unique nation in history. It celebrates the used at the seder meal, states "In each genera-

the English date is Tuesday, April 10, 1990. can also be matzah (freedom). Like all Jewish holidays, Passover actually begins the evening before the first day, so the first night is Monday, April 9. That is the night that we celebrate the first Seder meal.

#### The Freedom Banquet

The Passover Seder is a ritual banquet which re-enacts the Exodus. It is conducted on both the first and second evenings of Passover (April 9 and 10, 1990). Its major feature is the reading of the Haggadah, which relates in detail the events of the Exodus of the Jewish people from ancient Egypt, complete with symbolic reenactments using kosher wine, specially prepared matzah, and bitter herbs. The matzah, or un-leavened bread, is prepared according to strict regulations to insure against it becoming leavened in the process. This is the "bread of affliction" that the Bible describes as resulting from the hasty departure from Egypt. The bitter herbs commemorate the harsh conditions of slavery in ancient Egypt. Four cups of wine are consumed during the Seder to commemorate the redemption of the Jewish people, the sanctity of the holiday, and events related in the Haggadah. The Seder is rich in colorful ritual events designed to stimulate the interest of children in the Passover heritage. It is also an important occasion for most Jewish families to come together and reinforce their ties to the Jewish tradition.



#### Preparing to Celebrate

We are commanded in the Bible to eat the matzah mentioned above, and also to disposses ourselves of any leavened products, which are called chametz. In order to accomplish this we thoroughly clean our homes of all chametz before Passover. All cooking utensils used during the rest of the year are stored away during Passover and special utensils that are not contaminated last two (April 16 and 17, 1990) days of Passover with chametz are used. On the night before the eve of Passover, a ritual search is conducted for any remaining chametz in the home, and that is burned the next morning. The day before Passover is a fast day for first-born Jewish males. This is in commemoration of the tenth plague, the (April 12-15, 1990), most regular activities are slaying of the first-born males of Egypt, which immediately resulted in the Exodus.

#### A Crispy Bread?

Matzah has a very special significance on Passover. It is a flat, crisp, unleavened bread made of flour and water only. It is baked very they had been separated from. Throughout the soon after the ingredients are mixed, to prevent year, the Jew is commanded to remind him/herself any leavening from taking place. This recalls of the slavery and exodus; on Pesach he/she is to the Biblical account of how the Jews' bread had relive this experience. The Bible ordains no time to rise when they left Egypt in haste. Passover as an eight day festival marking the The haggadah also refers to matzah as the "bread of affliction which our forefathers ate in the as a unique nation in history. It celebrates the land of Egypt." It goes on say, "All who are liberation of the Children of Israel from slavery hungry, let them come and eat. All who are in Egypt over 3,000 years ago under the leader- needy, let them come and celebrate the Passover ship of Moses. The Haggadah, which is the text with us. Now we are here; next year may we be in the Land of Israel. Now we are slaves; next year tion one ought to regard himself as though he had may we be free men." The matzah can also be personally come out of Egypt." interpreted as God's commandments, while the chametz represents sin. Another symbolism could The Festival of Passover begins on the be the juxtaposition of slavery and freedom. The fifteenth day of the month of Nisan. This year same ingredients that can be chametz (slavery)







#### Kosher Passover?

During Passover Jewish law forbids the consumption or possession by Jews of all edible fermented grain products or related foods. Therefore, many household products and foods that may be perfectly kosher the rest of the year are nonetheless not acceptable on Pasover. Many processed foods are available for Passover, and are produced under rabbinic supervision with ingredients that are permitted. Most supermarkets in our area have special Passover food sections with an assortment of products. A Passover Directory listing many of these products is published by the Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of America, and is available free from the Hillel Office.

(There are also many kosher-for-Passover products not listed in the directory and not supervised by the C.U. Hille! does not endorse the O.U. or any other kashrut certification, but distributes the directories as a courtesy to the community.)

#### Celebrating the Festival

On the first two (April 10 and 11, 1990) and we are commanded to refrain from the work that we would normally perform. These are days of rest like the Sabbath, with the exception of carrying and the use of fire for cooking being permitted. On the intermediate days, called Chol Hamoed permitted, with the exception of the intermediate Sabbath (April 14).

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April 10 - 17, 1990

Community Seder:

A Community Seder will be held on campus the first night of Passover, April 9 at 7:15 pm in the Roth Quad Dining Hall, second floor. It is open to everyone, but tickets MUST be acquired in on April 16 & 17 for the last two days. advance with the form provided below. The Seder is FREE for Stony Brook students, \$10 per person for non-students.

Services:

Morning services during Passover will be held at the Roth Quad Dining hall lower level at 9:30 am on the following days: Tuesday, April 10; Wednesday, April 11; Saturday,

April 14; Monday, April 16; Tuesday, April 17.

for Passover Meals During Pesach:

A limited number of additional people can be accomodated for the duration of Pesach at the

Kosher Dining Room in Roth Quad Cafeteria. All meals MUST be reserved in advance and prepayment is required. Tickets will be issued for all meals and must be presented (with a meal card, if applicable) at the door. Due to Spring Break, this year we will only offer meals on the last two days of Passover. You must order meals before Spring Break, as the office will be closed

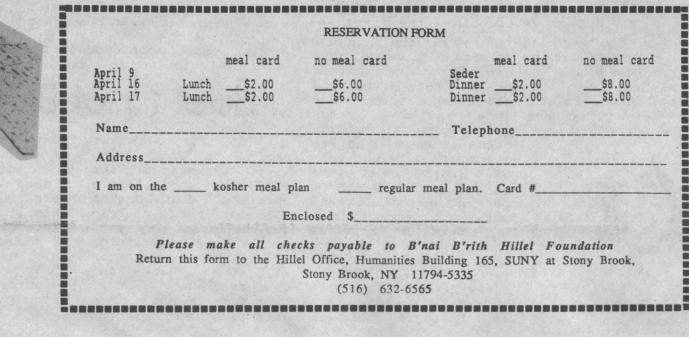
Dinner:

Monday, April 16; Tuesday, April 17 Cost: \$2.00 w/ meal card, \$8.00 without meal card (No additional charge for Kosher Meal Plan participants, no reservation necessary.)

Monday, April 16; Tuesday, April 17 Cost: \$2.00 w/ meal card, \$6.00 without meal card Tickets required for all lunches.

RESERVE NOW!!!

Reservation deadline: April 6



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Those wishing to sell their chametz through an agent may do so by filling out the form below. It must be returned to the HIllel Office no later than Friday, April 6.

FORM FOR SALE OF CHAMETZ

do hereby authorize Rabbi Jonathan Sacks to sell, transfer, and assign all chametz of whatever kind and nature, of which I am possessed and seized, or in which I may have an interest, wheresoever situated, in my residence at (address)

or in my place of business, or in any other place, without reservation and limitation. I give the right to the rabbi to be my agent and to appoint other rabbis to sell chametz. In witness thereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this

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# Disunity in Judaism

by Kevin Leopold

Today there is disunity and even dissension present in Judaism and among Jews in general. There is growing resentment between different sects of Judaism, perhaps stemming from jealousy, fear, or simple prejudices. Perhaps by looking at Jewish history we can learn something or see which direction might be headed in.

For our purposes, let us trace our history back a few thousand years to the point where Jews had spent several generations in Israel under the rule of the Judges and Prophets. The people wanted to be like other nations so they inon having sisted The kingship king. went from David to Solomon and then to Rehav'am. Rehav'am was a very weak ruler and when he raised taxes



the ten tribes in the north refused to follow him and revolted. As a result, the Kingdom of David was separated into two kingdoms, the Northern Kingdom of Israel and the Southern Kingdom of Judea. The people in the Northern

Tribes visited Judea on festivals like Succot, Passover, and Shavout, however.

Yarov'am, the ruler of the north, resented this so he barred quickly them from going to Jerusalem and he built many idols. Within a short period of time the two nations lost all connection with The Southern other. Kingdom followed laws given by G-d through Moshe, whereas the Northern Kingdom abandoned Jewish laws and customs.

With Jews representing less than one percent of the world population, Jews cannot afford to quickly and adamantly combat each other

With the Kingdom of David severed, the Assyrians overwhelmed the Northern Tribes and scattered them, and Judea was easily conquered several generations later by the Babylonians. In the year 586 B.C.E. Jews were exiled to the Diaspora forever becoming strangers in strange lands.

This is an event which occurred a long time ago and in a different world. This scenario is obviously extremely horrid and I am not saying this is what awaits us now. However, it is a possibility with all the bitterness currently present, and nothing positive can ever come from hatred.

# Lag B'omer

The counting of the days and weeks between Passover and Shavout is known as the Omer. During this period, tradition mandates the observing of mourning customs. It is forbidden to marry, have your hair cut, or attend concerts, and some people don't even shave. The reasons for this mourning are very obscure but have been reinforced by the persecutions and massacres of Jews in Europe during the Crusades and massacre of the Ukrainian Jewry 1648, which took place during the Omer period.

On the 33rd day of the counting of the Omer (Iyyar 18), the minor festival of Lag B'Omer is celebrated on this day, usually by picnics and other outings, mourning practices are lifted. Some Jews resume the mourning practices after Lag B'Omer while others stop observing them.

Many authorities believe that Lag B'Omer marks the day that either suspended or ended the killing of Rabbi Akiva's students during the revolt of Bar Kochba in A.D. 132-The custom of playing with bows and arrows on Lag B'Omer fits with this theory. Other scholars suggest that the story refers to the persecution of Emperor Hadrian during which Rabbi Akiva and other sages were martyred.

One custom that is widely observed during the Omer period is the

# Vote 90 QUPDATE

Elections for Hillel Student Board will take place on Thursday, April 26. The Hillel office in Humanities 165 will serve as the poll area between 9:00 AM and 4:00 PM. The elections will then continue in the Israeli Independence Day celebration which will take place at 8:00 PM in Roth Cafeteria. All students currently on the Hillel mailing list are eligible to vote.



Applications will be accepted for all positions until Monday, April 23. Available positions are:

- ✓ President
- ✓ Vice-President
- ✓ Secretary
- ✓ Treasurer
- ✓ Board member (4)

In order to run for a Hillel Board position, the candidate must have been on the Hillel mailing list for at least five weeks. Applicants must submit a written proposal of their platform to the Hillel office by April 23rd. For further information call 632-6565 or stop by the office in Humanities 165.

# Hillel Final Banquet

As the semester begins to wind down, Hillel is preparing for its annual grand finale banquet. The banquet will take place on Friday evening, May 4th, in the Roth Quad Dining Hall. Services begin at 7:30 p.m. - the banquet follows.

Come celebrate the accomplishments of the

past year, say farewell to graduating seniors, and install new officers and board members. The evening will consist of superb kosher cuisine and lots of great conversation. An Oneg Shabbat will follow. Don't miss out on this terrific event. Bring your friends!



study of <u>Pirkei Avot</u> - <u>Ethics of the Fathers.</u> One chapter is studied after the minchah, or afternoon, service on Shabbat afternoons. The sixth chapter is about Torah, and is therefore an appropriate prelude to

Shavuot, which commemorates the giving of the Torah to the Jews at Mt. Sinai.

Source: The Jewish Holidays: A Guide and Commentary, by Michael Strassfeld.

events? Well, if you were one of the many who participated in these events the answer would be crystal clear: Stony Brook's UJA Campus Campaign!! UJA, a social service organization established to help the needs of Jews all over the world has a campaign right here at Stony Brook. Yes, an international organization has found our campus to be a place of success. Our commitment in the Jewish community by being a participant in our campus campaign is the responsibility of every Jew. The rewards reaped by such a commitment are endless. The number of services being offered because of the commitment of Stony Brook students is immense.

If you feel you've been left out of the "in" crowd because you have yet to participate in a UJA event, IT'S NOT TOO LATE!!! haven't wrapped up our campaign for this year. We have still two crucial events to come. Our Annual Phon-A-Thon will be held on Tuesday, April 3rd at 9 pm in the Interfaith Center. This event is the most crucial of the year. We will be call-

ing students to ask for a commitment to UJA Campus Campaign As I said earlier, as a Jew on this campus, you are responsible for helping the survival of the Jewish people. Our Phon-A-Thon needs dedicated, sensitive people who are willing to share the importance of UJA with other students. If you feel you are such an individual, please contact the Hillel office at 632-6565 and we will get you involved.

Our final event of the semester, back by popular demand, another Bowl-A-Thon, date to be announced. So start practicing!!!

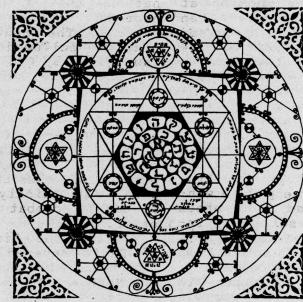
As a closing note, thanks again to all who have made the campaign such a success. couldn't have done it without you. All your efforts have truly made an impact on the Jewish community.

P.S. Start thinking about next semester. We are starting a Board of Directors for UJA Campus Campaign. So think about becoming an officer. It is a most rewarding We invite new job. ideas and critiques to help continue the success story of Stony Brook's UJA Campus Campaign.

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learning these laws in depth. Their philosophy is that even though the laws are not applicable today, it is possible that they will be forgotten before the time of the Messiah and the rededication of the Temple. Thus, their efforts insure a proper understanding of the commandments should the need arise.

engaging in any form of intimacy with her husband. The reasons for this have been discussed at length, but inconclusively. obvious, but not necessarily the most satisfying, answer is that we are commanded to do so. However, in the effort to provide a more tangible reason I offer this hypothesis to you. It has been thought that the blood



The text continues with a discussion of the laws of Kashrut. It describes the specicharacteristics fic that one should look for in an animal to discern whether or not it can be kosher. For fowl, the restriction is on birds that eat flesh. For beasts, it states that they must chew their cud and have split hooves, and with fish the only requirement is that they must have fins and scales. The exact method of how one kills a fowl or beast is not specifically mentioned in this book, but is elaborated upon in the Talmud. There are no restrictions on killing fish other than the law applicable to all animals prohibiting senseless torture.

The next topic discussed is one that distinguishes Judaism from other religions that have dietary laws and sacrifices. The concept of Nidah, or spiritual impurity, is vast and complica 64 latter texts, such as the Mishnah and Talmud, the concept of Nidah is first introduced here. What is actually specisidered "impure" after she gives birth or menstruates and thereby must wait a determined self in a spiritual reader in order that he bath. During that time

emanating from a female body always represents the possible loss of life. Should the case be menstruation, it may be said that it represents the loss of a potential life. After the birth of a child it could represent the danger to the child and mother of losing their lives, again introducing the concept of death. Therefore it may be said that spiritual impurity comes about in the above mentioned cases just as it does when one dies.

The last aspect of the book is that I will point out is that of the list of forbidden marriages found toward the middle. It again stresses the importance of purity. The Hebrew word for purity, Tahor, is mentioned more often in this book than in any other. Thus, it is not surprising that we find the discussion of the events of Yom Kippur, or the Day of Atonement, toward the end of the book. would seem only nat one. Although much of that at the end of a it is expanded upon in listing of possible impurities in our lives, we are shown a means of correcting them.

In conclusion, it is apparent that the fied in this text is importance of the Book viding a detailed list of what can cause impurities and how one would go about correctamount of time before ing them. This concept she may repurify her- is essential to the

# Poetry Corner

LOOK BEYOND by Danielle Schwager

Bring me, Take me, Buy me.... I Want, I Need...

Now!! I have so many Problems...

> Friends, Family, Financial Aid, Registration, Exams, LSAT's, MCAT's, GRE's. Too much to do, not enough time.

Depression...

Boyfriend/Girlfriend, feelings aren't mutual. I was Dumped, Failed an exam, got a "C" on a paper, and I'm ill.

LOOK BEYOND ...

Starvation, Revolution, Homelessness, Unemployment.

Physical, Mental, Emotional, Environmental, Atmospherical. Inequality...

Prejudice, Bias, Discrimination.

Death/Murder

YOU...

An Individual, the Power, the Difference. Make it, Do it. NOW!!!

BUT WHY? Before it's too late.... REMEMBER HISTORY.....

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## Jewish Women's **Empowerment Conf**

"Jewish women have come a long way towards equality" greater stated Carole Berlin, President of the Long Island Region American Jewish Congress, "but we have a greater distance to go for real empowerment in political life, as well as the Jewish communal and worlds." religious With this statement, Berlin announced the call to the American Jewish Congress day-"The long conference, Empowerment of Jewish Women" to be held on Sunday, April 29, 1990, 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM at SUNY College at Old Westbury.

"We are preparing a special outreach to women on the campuses of Long Island colleges," noted Amy Levine, AJCongress Director, "because they will need the support, the networks and coalitions we Jewish women are helping to build." The linkage of young women at college and at work with a community organization, e.g. the AJCongress, offers a wonderful opportunity for growth and development in new "Together," said Levine, "we can reach the top."

Berlin underscored the importance of the gathering to present a realistic appraisal of the barriers to success strategies for overcoming the difficulties women confront in their climb to higher levels of power.

Ann Lewis, a prominent political leader, who heads the AJ-Congress' National Commission for Women's Equality, and a former member of the Democratic National Committee,

will deliver the Keynote Address to set the theme for the day.

Subjects to be addressed during day-long program include Non-Traditional Careers for Women, Women in Religious Life, Skill Training for Empowerment in Civic and Political life, How to Package Your Candidacy for Political Office, the Media, the Changing Family Structure, and Lobbying for Women's Issues.

include Speakers prominent women from Long Island and the region who have made important advances towards empowerment and who will share their experiences. Among the participants are: Marilyn Goldstein, Newsday: Jane Gitlin, Women's Record; Ellen Mitchell, WCBS News, Arlene Radio; Seigelwaks, Assistant Director of the Family Service Association of Nassau County; Hon. Susan Alter, Member of the New York City Council; and Hon. Maxine Postal, a member of the Suffolk County Legisla-

A Committee of 100 Jewish Feminists is currently being formed over half have already come forward - to join in urging Jewish women to begin the next phase of our upward climb to full empowerment. In addition, the AJCongress has called for other Jewish women's groups to cosponsor this important conference, a first for Long Island.

For further information please call Amy Levine at (516)466-4650, Monday - Friday, 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.



Past and current Hillel Board members enjoying a Chanukah celebration. Pictured: (rear, 1-r) Joseph Topek, Hillel Director, Eran Weichselbaum, Steve Kurlander, Kara Koppel, David Vilkas; (front, 1-r) Gilad Pinto, Mitchell Solovay, Heidi Warm, Nadine Goldberg, Isaac Namdar; (reclining) Bob Axel, Assistant Hillel Director

# Gallery Judaica

Powerful sculpture, large and small carvings by Ken Sherrin, will be on display at the Gallery Judaica from April 19 through May 30. Mr. Sherrin is a retired mechanical engineer, math/science/industrial arts teacher. states that throughout his life he has always been fascinated by wood, its properties and characteristics.

After he retired, he began to carve large reliefs of poplar and bass with Judaic Holocaust themes. The Gallery Judaica located in the North Shore Jewish Center, Old Town Road at Norwood Avenue, Port Jefferson Station, 928-3737. Hours: Mondays-Thursdays 10-5, Friday and Sundays 10-2. Please call for additional information.

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that sense, Hillel occupies a unique place in the American Jewish community. It is pluralistic in its acceptance and validation of all Jews and of all legitimate forms of Jewish observance and activity. All religious services and other Jewish activities on campus are designed to meet the articulated desires of the community, and do not emanate from a standard

imposed from the agen-CY. In other words: it's your community, and we are here to serve you. I believe that this was the real point of the "Scandal" article, and not to criticize any individual's Jewish observance or identity. In the sense that it has generated dialogue amongst Jews who need to discuss these issues, it has succeeded, and I hope that this dialogue will continue in this paper and in other campus forums.

# Reform "Myths & Facts"

#### Reform is a lazy person's Judaism.

Reform Judaism is not an easy way out of Judaism but a difficult way in. The Jew who is not bound by halachah (Jewish law) must struggle to define his or her own Jewishness. Orthodoxy can be easy if one blindly follows the prescriptions of Judaism without question. Reform, on the other hand, gives the individual the responsibility of choice among a variety of options. The informed Reform Jew does not sanctify the past merely because it is the past but tries to make the tradition meaningful in today's world. However, for the uneducated Reform Jew who makes choices based on ignorance, Reform Judaism can indeed become a religion of convenience.

#### Reform Jews are less religious than traditional Jews.

A person who makes this kind of statement equates religion with personal observance. One can be religious or pious without being outwardly observant and vice versa. Reform Jews do not view ritual as an end but as a means to help them unlerstand, observe, and identify with their Judaism.

#### Reform Jews do not observe Shabbat.

Although the thirty-nine halachic prohibitions against work are not binding on Reform Jews, the Sabbath is observed in Reform households by blessing candles, saying the Kiddush, (from Reform Judaism, Spring 1990, UAHC)

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understand the remaining two books in the Torah. One of these, Bamidbar or Numbers, returns to the narrative of the Israelites' travels through the The last book, desert.

serving challah, enjoying a special meal, and attending Friday night and/or Saturday services.

#### Reform Judaism is not authentic Judaism.

Many people assume that the Orthodox own the word "Jewish." The Orthodox may claim that their Judaism is Torah—true Judaism but actually there is no such thing. No form of Judaism today follows precisely the laws as set forth in the Torah. The Orthodox interpret Judaism in one way; Reform amplifies the Torah tradition in another way. Unfortunately, many Reform Jews have allowed themselves to be defined by more traditional Jews. In the process, they have developed an inferiority complex and a defensive posture. Reform Jews are full partners in the development and growth of Judaism.

## Reform Jews do not observe kash-

Early Reform Judaism rejected the need for kashrut because the dietary laws had originated at a time and under the influence of ideas foreign to our present mental and spiritual state. However, today one finds an increasing number of Reform Jews observing kashrut for reasons of identification with the Jewish past. But this is a personal choice, not one imposed by the movement.

<u>Devarim</u> or Deuteronomy, recaps the commandments found in the first four books with some narratives as well. Thus, Leviticus provides a uniquely concrete history of purity as seen through the eyes of the Torah.

# Student Travel Guide to Israel

# INTERESTED IN GOING TO ISRAEL?

If you are interested in spending time in Israel, these are the names, addresses, and telephone numbers of agencies and organizations that sponsor programs in Israel for college students, as well as Israeli universities with study programs for American students.

If you would like information about scholarship assistance, please contact a member of the Hillel staff.

B'nai B'rith Hillel Foundations
1640 Rhode Island Avenue, N.W.
Washington, DC 20036
(202) 857-6560
[Summer programs, tours, work/study, specialized trips for law students, etc.:

B'nai B'rith Hillel/Jewish Association for College Youth
95 Madison Avenue Suite 401

New York, NY 10016
(212) 696-1590
[Winter & summer trips, Project Otzma, internships, tours.]

American Zionist Youth Foundation
University Service Department
515 Park Avenue
New York, NY 10022
(212) 751-6070
[Winter & summer trips, info on study in Israel.]

Kibbutz Aliya Desk
27 West 20th Street
New York, NY 10011
(212) 255-1338
[Info on all kibbutz programs in Israel.]

Volunteers for Israel
330 West 42nd Street Suite 1318
New York, NY 10036-6092
(212) 643-4848
[Three week volunteer programs.]

North American Aliyah Movement 515 Park Avenue New York, NY 10022 (212) 752-0600

Masada of ZOA 381 Sunrise Highway Lynbrook, NY 11563 (516) 593-9222

Tagar/Betar 38 East 23rd Street New York, NY 10010 (212) 353-9552

## RELIGIOUS INSTITUTIONS WITH PROGRAMS IN ISRAEL:

Union of American Hebrew Congregations
College Education Department
838 Fifth Avenue
New York, NY 10021
(212) 249-0100

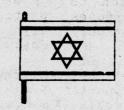
Hebrew Union College/Jewish Institute of Religion 1 West 4th Street New York, NY 10012 (212) 674-5300 Jewish Theological Seminary of America 3080 Broadway New York, NY 10027 (212) 678-8800

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Jewish Learning Exchange/Ohr Sameach Yeshiva 39 Broadway New York, NY 10006 (212) 344-2000

National Council of Young Israel 3 West 16th Street New York, NY 10011 (212) 929-1525

United Synagogue of America 155 Fifth Avenue New York, NY 10010 (212) 533-7800



#### STUDY IN ISRAEL

#### Offices of Israeli Universities:

Ben-Gurion University of the Negev 342 Madison Avenue New York, NY 10017 (212) 687-7721

Weizmann Institute of Science 515 Park Avenue New York, NY 10022 (212) 752-1300

Haifa University
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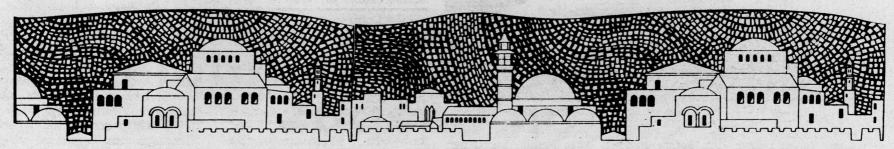
Hebrew University
11 East 69th Street
New York, NY 10021
(212) 472-2288

Tel Aviv University 360 Lexington Avenue New York, NY 10017 (212) 687-5651

Bar-Ilan University 853 Seventh Avenue New York, NY 10019 (212) 315-1990

#### State University of New York Program in Israel:

Professor Howard Harrison
Department of English
State University College at Oneonta
Oneonta, NY 13820
[Study at any Israeli university as a SUNY student. Also see Office of International Programs, Central Hall 101, 632-7030.]



# Jewish Community Calendar April, 1990

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22 Yom Hashoa	Basic Judaism class. 7:00 pm Hum. 157	Yom Hashoa Program TBA	Vote tomorrow in the Hillel Elections!	26 Hillel Election Israel Inde- pendence Day Party 8:00 pm Roth Cafe.	Shabbat Services 7:30 pm Roth Cafe.	28 Shabbat Services 9:30 am Conservative Roth Cafe. Orthdox Math S-235
29 Hillel Board Institute 11 am - 3 pm	30 Yom Ha'atzmaut		CONTROL OF THE CONTRO			

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6	Last week of classes!	8	9	10	Last day of classes! Shabbat Services 7:30 pm Roth Cafe.	Shabbat Services 9:30 am Conservative Roth Cafe. Orthodox Math S-235

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