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## HILLEL HAS MULTITUDE OF OPENING ACTIVITIES

Once again, Hillel welcomes you (back) to campus with a myriad of Opening Week activities!

This year's Labor Day Kosher Barbeque will be held on Monday, September 2 at 5:00 pm at the Earth & Space Sciences Building Plaza. Join us to meet new and returning students and enjoy delicious free kosher barbeque. Hillel registration tables will also be there with free keyrings and The Jewish Almanac and Hillel's Stony Brook in Hebrew T-shirt.

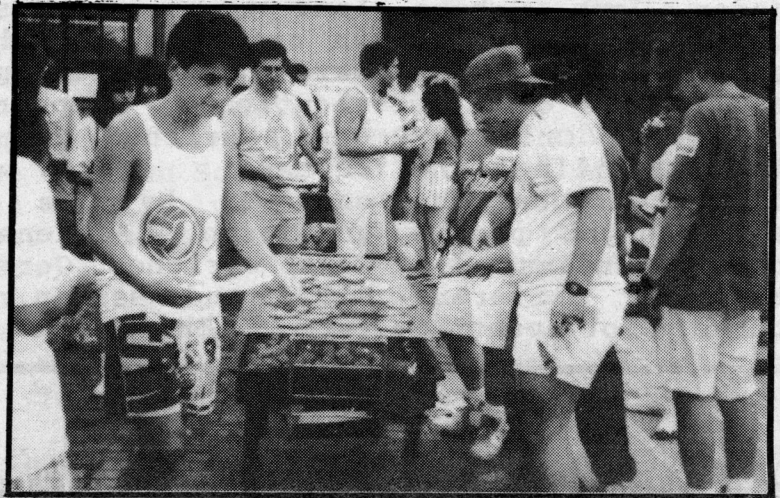


A few of the many students at last year's Bonfire.

The Hillel Bonfire will be held on Wednesday, September 4 at 9:00 pm between G Quad and the Stony Brook Union. Come and enjoy the roaring fire, some hot chocolate, roasted potatoes, and a great relaxing time.

On Thursday, September 5 the Interfaith Center will hold its annual Welcome Fair from 10:30 am - 8:00 pm in the Stony Brook Union Fireside Lounge. All campus religious groups will be present, and Hillel will give out free bagels during the lunch hour. Drop by!

Also on Thursday, September 5 Hillel will host a Wine and Cheese Reception for all new and returning Jewish Graduate and Professional



Part of the crowd at the annual Barbecue.

Students at 5:00 pm in Humanities 157. All graduate and professional students from both the main campus and the HSC are cordially invited.

Wednesday, September 11 at 7:30 pm is the date and time for the Hillel Open House in the Roth Quad Cafeteria. Join us for an informal social hour with live music by Denice of Broadway & Denice and refreshments.

The first Shabbat Dinner will be held Friday, September 13 in Roth Cafeteria. Services begin at 5:30 pm, followed by dinner and a stimulating open panel discussion on "Being Jewish in a Secular University."

Also remember that Hillel is here throughout the academic year, not only at the beginning, with a wide spectrum of Jewish social, religious, and educational programming. At Stony Brook you are always "At Home With Hillel!"

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From the Editor:

# Zionist Dream Being Fulfilled, But Anti-Semitism Persists

by Jerry Katz

Several months ago I wrote an article explaining the definition of Zionism. We now have seen it in action by the miraculous exodus of Jews from Ethiopia. With open arms Israel has rescued Jews from famine and war, without concern for skin color or that they do not know nor follow the customs and halachah of Rabbinic Judaism. Even as Reform, Conservative, and Orthodox Jews debate our philosophies, we accept each other as Jews and take care of each other. Only Israel, fulfilling the Zionist dream, has actively brought people into its borders, despite their different cultures. Not even the

United States, the land of immigrants, can match it. People cannot just move to the States. They must fill out forms and hope that the quota limit on immigration from their country has not yet been reached. As thousands of Soviet Jews arrive, Israel will still take in more.

Why does Israel have the Law of Return where Jews are automatically granted citizenship? After 2,000 years the Jewish homeland was re-established in order to provide a safe haven from persecution. Sephardic Jews enriched Spanish culture. They were answered by the Inquisition. Ashkenazic Jews enriched German, Polish and Russian culture. They were an-

swered by pogroms and the Holocaust. It has always been Jewish philosophy that while we want to remain Jews, we work within the nation we live in to enrich it culturally and economically as well as we can.

One may ask, why are only Jews allowed immediate citizenship? Just as the U.S. goes to great lengths to rescue its citizens abroad who are in danger, so too Israel saves Jews who are endangered or denied equal citizenship and rights in other countries. When a Jew comes to Israel, he or

she is returning to his or her homeland. There are also many non-Jews in Israel, and they are full citizens with rights equal to those of Jews.

Even in the U.S., Jews continue to experience episodes of anti-Semitism, sometimes perpetrated with that tired old "Jewish conspiracy" slander expressed by those such as David Duke and Leonard Jeffries. Persecution of Jews continues in many countries, often forcefully enough to cause Jews to flee. Israel opens up the iron door.

## Kosher Meal Plan

**Two freshly prepared meals served daily.**

Glatt kosher, under strict rabbinical supervision.

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## Do the Right Thing with Hillel Community Service Projects

Visit Nursing Home Sept. 12

by Stacey Kaplan and Masood Yeroushalmi

During the High Holidays we're especially aware of our connection to those around us. If we can, we try and reach out and give some of ourselves to others. Our Hillel Community Service program allows us to do just that and there really are a lot of people who just want a bit of human contact.

We have plans for a number of projects

this fall, but of course we're open to suggestions and always need people who enjoy volunteering their time to really worthy causes (i.e. hospital visits between Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur).

On Thursday, September 12 at 4:00 pm we plan to visit the North Shore Lodge (a home for the elderly). Please contact us to participate - leave a message at the office 2-6565.



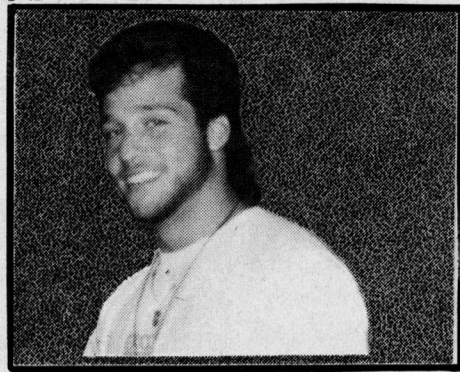
# Words from the President

by Keith Babich

As we begin the fall 1991 semester, on behalf of the Hillel Student Board, I would like to welcome students, new and returning, back to Stony Brook. We hope your summer has proven to be satisfying and enjoyable. At the same time we wish you a successful academic year.

In order to "live this semester to its fullest," it is necessary to balance your work i.e., studying, with play i.e., Hillel. Of course, Hillel is much more than play. The opportunities offered by Hillel are vast and varied and I'm not kidding when I assure you that there is something in Hillel for everyone. It is with this knowledge that I'm telling you to find out about Hillel. We are an organization as diverse as the university community that we call home.

As President of Hillel, please accept my invitation to ex-



plore Hillel and find something that suits you. We hope you can feel "at home with Hillel."

The month of September is the busiest, most hectic time of the Jewish year. Please look at our calendar and feel free to attend any program that you might be interested in, or even those that you might not be interested in. The Hillel Student Board and staff have worked slavishly hard throughout the summer to plan for this semester. They are dedicated and determined to expand and improve programming at Hillel.

To make Hillel extraordinary we need willing students to participate in and help plan events. (That is

the first of many presidential requests for involvement.) Hillel Opening Week has been designed to showcase Hillel. Take advantage of this time and see what Hillel is about.

For those students who plan on spending the Jewish holidays here at Stony Brook,

Hillel holds services on campus and students are invited. Hillel is here for the High Holidays and for you.

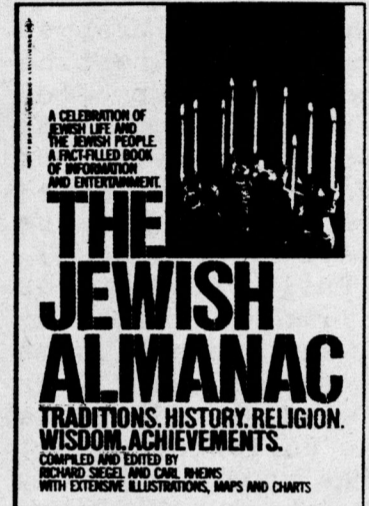
The Hillel Student Board looks forward to a spectacular year that includes you.

L'Shana Tova  
Happy New Year

## Hillel Registration Drive

**Free Keyrings**

**Free Jewish Almanac**



All students who wish to be members of Hillel this year should complete a registration form and receive a membership card.

We have a limited number of FREE copies of The Jewish Almanac this year - so be sure to sign up early to receive your copy of

this fantastic edition. We'll also be giving our FREE Hillel keyrings with your registration.

Amongst many other benefits, Hillel membership puts you on our mailing list and allows you to vote for the Hillel Board.



## Shabbat on Campus



**Friday Evenings:** Services are held at 5:30 pm in the Roth Quad Dining Hall, first floor, and are followed by a delicious Shabbat dinner with the traditional extras, such as wine and challah. A nice way to end a week with a relaxed evening of singing, good food, and friends.

(Services are held early in Sept. and Oct. due to daylight savings time and cafeteria serving schedules.)

Those not on the Kosher Meal Plan should obtain a ticket in advance at the Hillel Office.

**Saturday Mornings:** Two services meet regularly on campus, both at 9:30 am in Roth Quad Cafeteria:

**Stony Brook Havurah** - A Conservative service that counts men and women equally. Held on second floor in kosher dining room.

**Stony Brook Hebrew Congregation** - An Orthodox service with separation of men and women. Held on first floor in meeting rooms.

**Shabbat Shmooz/Scholar-in-Residence Program:** Periodic talks by Jewish faculty members on various topics over Shabbat afternoon lunch. Also occasionally there is a scholar-in-residence for a Shabbat who usually speaks Friday evening and Saturday afternoon.

## Jewish Graduate & Professional Group to Begin Anew Reception Sept. 5

Hillel will be restarting the Jewish Graduate and Professional Group at Stony Brook. In the fall this group plans to meet on a semi-regular basis to socialize, relax, have guest

speakers, etc.

Please come to our first event, a Cheese and Wine Reception on Thursday, September 5 at 5:00 pm in the Interfaith Center Lounge (Humanities 157).



## UJA Campus Campaign Looks Ahead

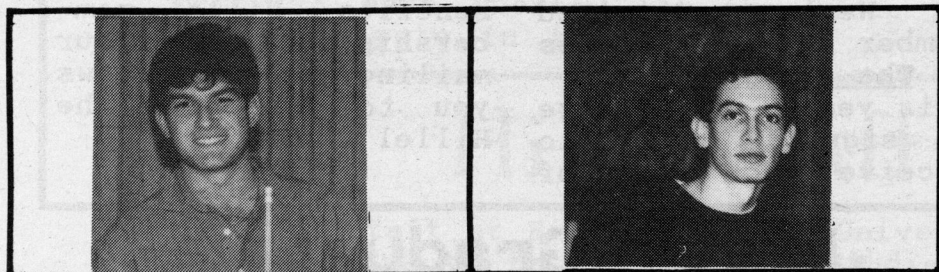
Another school year has begun and, if you're anything like me, it has come about two weeks too soon. Anyway, as we all get settled into what will become our daily routines, I would like to advise you to take advantage of the various opportunities available. Do not lock yourself up in your room! Do not become trapped in the mundane routine of staying up for Letterman and missing class in favor of Nintendo. (All references to friends are complete coincidences).

Pull your drapes open, run to the bathroom and splash some cold water on your face. Take advantage of the following offer:

As you know, Stony Brook has a large Hillel that appeals to a very diverse Jewish population, but did you know there has been a growing United Jewish Appeal/Federation Campus Campaign as well?

was hardly used, I helped raise nearly \$4,000 for last year's campaign. Nearly half of this went directly to help pay for the damage caused by scud missile attacks in Israel. The rest went to Project Exodus which is the settlement of Soviet Jews in Israel. These are poor Jews who are just now being allowed to leave Russia for the first time. As many Jews must leave Russia as soon as possible before the Soviet Union has a chance to change its policy, money must not be an obstacle.

So just how was this money extorted? Well let's quickly review last year's programs. There was the Promised Land (a free Jewish classic rock concert), a pool tournament, a candygram for Chanukah, Super Sunday, phone solicitations, a special classical music concert starring flutist Prof. Samuel Baron and many very talented Israeli musi-



UJA Co-chairmen Mark Matiash (left) and Kevin Leopold (right).

Over the last few years people like Nadine Goldberg, David Vilkas, Keith Babich, Joseph Topek, Lauren Garlick, and Abby Friedland have contributed to a countless number of successful programs. These programs have resulted in a greater awareness as well as greater donations towards the plight of unfortunate Jews.

When you think of U.J.A. you usually hide your wallet and head for an exit. I tell you this only because that's what I used to do. Out of curiosity, however, I attended a fund raiser (a bowl-athon) and an educational program and I became involved.

I am proud to tell my friends, family and you that working with a very small budget that

cians, and much more. But I must stop because this article is becoming too long.

All of these events required a lot of time and work but each one was educational, fun and very special. Get involved and help Mark Matiash and me with this year's campaign. Your help will be greatly appreciated. Okay, if you need a little incentive to get started I will personally guarantee a free key chain and some type of free food. Call me at 2-3237 (I'm Kevin, by the way) or call the Hillel office at 2-6565. To find the Hillel office simply walk into Humanities, make a right down the hallway, go to the end and hook a left and it's at the end of the hall.



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Hillel Office

Humanities Bldg. 165

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## Kosher Meal Plan Inaugurates New Lunch Program

We have great news! The long-awaited kosher meal plan lunch program is here! Thanks to the efforts of the Faculty-Student Association and the new University Food Service, ARA, the program has become a reality.

very pleased that once again our chef and manager is Fran Dzurilla, well known for her fabulous culinary skills and loving care of all the students who eat in her dining room.

Hillel has provided a well-stocked rack



Chef Fran Dzurilla with some very satisfied students.

Lunch will be served Monday through Friday from 12:00 - 2:00 pm. Those who do not have a meal card may pay the cash price for lunch, which is \$6.27 tax included. We are also

of Jewish periodicals and newspapers for your reading pleasure, as well as a bookcase with a few Judaica selections. Feel free to

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# 1991 HIGH HOLIDAY SERVICES 5752

You are cordially invited to worship at the service of your choice:

**Stony Brook Havurah - Conservative/Egalitarian  
Stony Brook Hebrew Congregation - Orthodox**

**SELICHOT**

Sat. Aug. 31 12:00 am (9/1) - Roth Quad Cafeteria, lower level

<b>Conservative Service</b>	<b>Orthodox Service</b>
<u>Tabler Quad Cafeteria</u>	<u>Roth Quad Cafeteria</u>

**ROSH HASHANAH**

Sun. Sept. 8 7:00 pm Evening Service 6:45 pm

Mon. Sept. 9 9:30 am Morning Service 8:30 am  
6:15 pm Tashlikh, Roth Pond 6:15 pm  
6:45 pm Mincha, Ma'ariv 6:45 pm

Tue. Sept. 10 9:30 am Morning Service 8:30 am  
Mincha, Ma'ariv 6:45 pm

**SHABBAT SHUVAH**

Sat. Sept. 14 9:30 am  9:30 am

**YOM KIPPUR**

Tue. Sept. 17 6:15 pm Kol Nidre Service 6:00 pm

Wed. Sept. 18 9:30 am Morning Service 8:30 am  
5:00 pm Mincha; Ne'ilah 5:00 pm

**CHILD CARE**

Supervised child care will be available at the **Conservative** service at the following times:

Mon. Sept. 9, 9:30 am - 1:00 pm.  
Tue. Sept. 17, 6:15 pm to end of service.  
Wed. Sept. 18, 9:30 am - end of service and 5:00 pm to end of service.

Tickets are not required to enter services on campus. Voluntary contributions to Friends of Hillel at Stony Brook are requested and appreciated. Envelopes for this purpose will be available at services. Please accept our best wishes for a happy, healthy, and peaceful New Year!

## HILLEL & SB SHELANU WISH YOU A YEAR OF HAPPINESS HEALTH & PEACE

### Chevre Israeli Student Association Plans for New Year

by Naveh Greenberg and Farshad Namdar

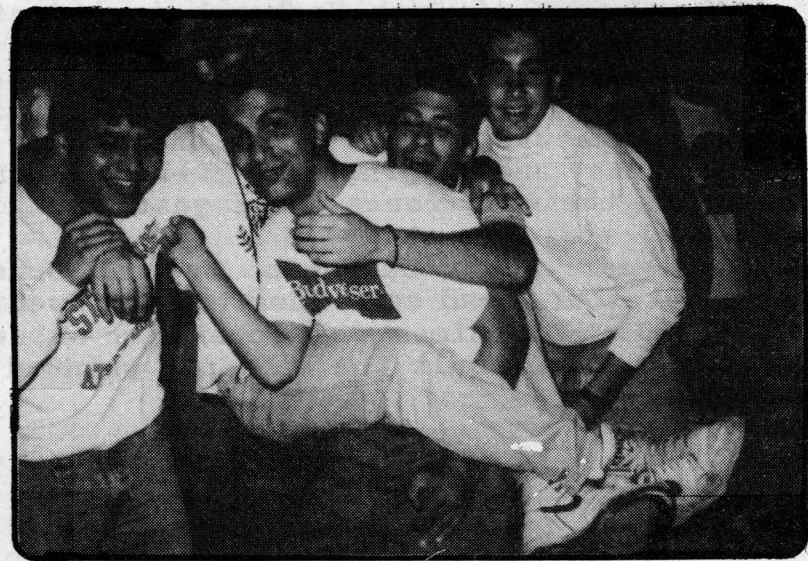
As your Hillel Board members we represent all students but we will be working very closely with Israeli students too.

Chevre provides an opportunity for Israeli/Hebrew speakers to get together, relax, watch movies, have game evenings, etc. We also sponsor many other Israeli related events on campus e.g., Israeli

Fair, Yom Hazikaron, Israel Independence Day, etc.

Please look for us (you'll hear us!) at Hillel Opening Week activities. At the Kumsitz on Wednesday at 9:00 pm between G Quad and the Union, we'll have some great Israeli music, so come and meet new and returning students there.

Our traditional Chevre Sukkot BBQ "al ha'aish" is on Wednesday, September 25 at



Some of the Chevre

5:00. Make a note of the following dates for Chevre meetings - to be held in Union Room 226 at 8:30 p.m. on October 15, October 29, and November 26.

### Judaism and the Environment Topic of Shabbat Shmooz

This year's Shabbat Shmooz series will begin on Saturday, September 28 (Chol Hamoed Sukkot), and will feature a discussion by Prof. Lawrence Slobodkin, Professor of Ecology and Evolution and Joseph Topek, Hillel Director on "Does

Judaism Care About the Environment?" Sukkot being a Jewish holiday with an important relationship to the en-



vironment makes this topic all the more relevant.

The Shmooz is at 1:00 pm at the Hillel Director's Residence, 75 Sheep Pasture Road, directly across Nicolls Road from the North Entrance to campus. The Shmooz program is

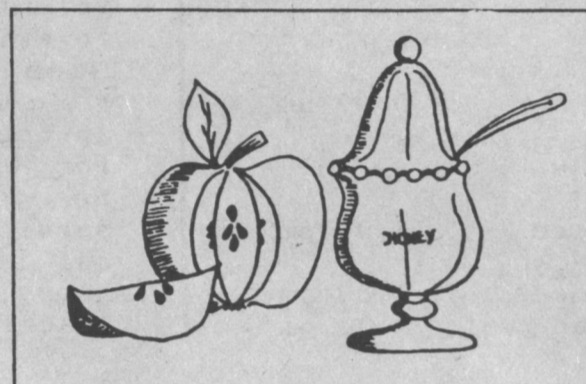
now entering its ninth year, and offers a nice informal atmosphere and a Shabbat lunch. It is also a place where students, faculty and staff and their families, as well as members of the community gather together. All are invited.

# YOUR GUIDE TO THE JEWISH HOLIDAYS / SEPT. 1991 - TISHRI 5752

## ROSH HASHANAH: THE JEWISH NEW YEAR

Rosh Hashanah is the beginning of the New Year for the Jewish People. It also begins the Aseret Y'mei Tshuvah, the Ten Days of Repentance, when we undergo a process of personal introspection and examination of our lives. We conclude this process on Yom Kippur when we ask forgiveness for our misdeeds of the past year and pledge to correct our ways in the coming year. We should remember, however, that it is important to seek forgiveness from those people who we have hurt during the past year before we go to the synagogue to ask God's forgiveness.

One of the names for Rosh Hashanah is Yom Truah, the Day of the Blowing of the Ram's Horn, or shofar. According to our sages, the shofar was or is blown at: the creation of the world; the giving of the Torah at Mount Sinai; the beginning of each new month; all major battles, announcements, and gatherings; during the month of Elul to warn us of the coming of the time of repentance. It will also be blown at the end of days and the coming of the messianic age. The shofar is also connected to the story of the Binding of Isaac (Akedat Yitzhak), which is read in the synagogue on the first day of Rosh Hashanah.



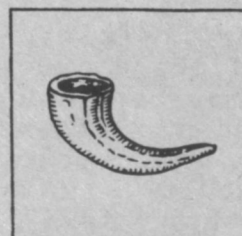
Some customs of Rosh Hashanah include the wearing of white to symbolize the purity that we hope to achieve; the use of round instead of braided challah, since the round shape symbolizes the cyclical nature of the year; the eating of apples and honey and dipping the challah in honey to symbolize the wish for a sweet year.

This year Rosh Hashanah begins Sunday evening September 8 and concludes Tuesday evening September 10. For times and locations of services on campus, consult the schedule printed in this newspaper.

## YOM KIPPUR: THE DAY OF ATONEMENT

We spend this day immersed in prayer and repentance. Jews fast on Yom Kippur so that we may turn our full attention to the task at hand: repentance, correction, and introspection. Also, fasting "afflicts our souls" in a way that denies us physical pleasure and helps us feel and experience the intensity of Yom Kippur.

The entire day is spent in the synagogue, and the prayers are supplemented with many piyyutim, or hymns, that were composed for the occasion. We begin Yom Kippur with the moving Kol Nidre prayer that releases us from our vows of the previous year. We conclude with the dramatic Ne'ilah service, during which the Holy Ark is open the entire time and the congregation remains standing. Also during Yom Kippur we recite the Yizkor service for the departed.



Customs of Yom Kippur include the wearing of the tallit during the evening service (Kol Nidre), the only time we wear the tallit at night; refraining from the wearing of leather goods, such as leather shoes; eating a festive meal on the day preceding Yom Kippur.

This year Yom Kippur begins on Tuesday evening September 17 and concludes on Wednesday evening September 18. For times and locations of services on campus, consult the schedule printed in this newspaper.



## Sukkot, Shemini Atzeret, Simchat Torah



The campus sukkah is located outside of the Roth Quad Cafeteria, the site of the kosher dining room and all Sukkot services. The sukkah is available for individual use throughout Sukkot.

### Sukkot Services:

All services in Roth Quad Cafeteria

Mon. Sept. 23	9:30 am (Orth. & Conserv.)
Tue. Sept. 24	9:30 am (Orth. & Conserv.)
Fri. Sept. 27	5:30 pm
Sat. Sept. 28	9:30 am (Orth. & Conserv.)

### Shemini Atzeret/Simchat Torah Services:

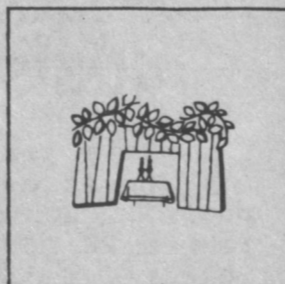
Mon. Sept. 30	9:30 am (Orth.) 7:15 pm <u>Simchat Torah Celebration</u>
Tue. Oct. 1	9:30 am (Orth.)

Join in and celebrate Sukkot/Shemini Atzeret/Simchat Torah at the service or program of your choice!

## SUKKOT: THE FESTIVAL OF BOOTHS

This is the third of the Shalosh Regalim, or Pilgrimage Festivals. It follows very soon after Yom Kippur, and is based on the Biblical injunction that "You shall live in booths seven days; all citizens in Israel shall live in booths, in order that future generations may know that I made the Israelite people live in booths when I brought them out of the land of Egypt. I am the Lord your God" (Leviticus 23:42,43). Thus, while building a sukkah reminds us of God's protection during the exodus from Egypt and the wandering in the desert, the Bible also provides a second reason for the festival. Leviticus 23:29 states "when you have gathered in the yield of your land, you shall observe the festival of the Lord [to last] seven days." Thus, Sukkot is referred to as Chag Hasukkot (Festival of Booths) and as Chag Ha-assif (Festival of the Ingathering).

We observe Sukkot by constructing a sukkah, which is a temporary booth in which we "dwell" for the seven days of the festival. It must be erected outside in the open air, under the open



sky, not in a room or under a tree. It consists of four walls and an incomplete covering that allows you to see the sky from inside the sukkah, but still provides shade. This covering, or sekhakh, must be natural material that grows in the ground, such as branches cut from trees. Many people build elaborate sukkot that are beautifully decorated, and they try to spend as much time as possible in them during the festival. One reason for this is that the Bible prescribes "And you shall rejoice in your festival..."

### SPECIAL EVENTS SCHEDULED FOR SUKKOT!

Help build our campus sukkah! We need construction workers, decorators, and even those who like to stand around and give advice. Thursday, September 19 at about 3:00 pm. Call the Hillel office to volunteer: 632-6565.

Hillel also owns a lulav and etrog that is available throughout sukkot for those who wish to fulfill the mitzvah of taking the lulav.

**Wed. Sept. 25 Roth Cafe., 5:00 pm**  
Annual Israeli Sukkot Celebration & BBQ  
Sponsored by Chevre

**Sat. Sept. 28 Hillel Directors Res., 1:00 pm**  
Shabbat Shmooz/discussion on Judaism and the environment with faculty speakers and lunch. (Location: 75 Sheep Pasture Road, directly across Nicolls Road from North Entrance to campus.)

**Mon. Sept. 30 Roth Cafe. lower level, 7:15 pm**  
Gala Simchat Torah Celebration with lots of wild singing, dancing, and plenty of great food! All are welcome!

and you will be altogether joyful" (Deuteronomy 16:14-16).

The Bible also commands the taking of four species, known as the arba minim, during the festival. These are the etrog (a citron), lulav (palm branch), myrtle, and willow. The palm, myrtle, and willow are bound together and this complete set is referred to as a lulav. The etrog, which has a tip called a pittum, is somewhat larger than an average lemon and has a wonderful fragrance and a bumpy skin. These species are used in the Sukkot service and a special blessing is recited over them each day of the festival (except Shabbat).

The first two days of Sukkot are Yom Tov which we do not engage in work, much like Shabbat. The intermediate days, called Chol Hamoed, are normal work days, although we recite special prayers and dwell in our sukkah. The fifth intermediate day is called Hoshanah Rabbah on which there is a special addition to the service involving the willow branch. This is followed by the concluding days of the festival, which are also Yom Tov: Shemini Atzeret and Simchat Torah.



This year the first two days of Sukkot begin on Sunday evening September 22 and conclude on Tuesday evening September 24. Chol Hamoed is Wednesday September 25 through Sunday September 29. For times and locations of services on campus, consult the schedule printed in this newspaper.

## SHEMINI ATZERET SIMCHAT TORAH

The last two days of Sukkot are called Shemini Atzeret and Simchat Torah. Shemini Atzeret, literally the "Eighth Day of Assembly," is a separate festival from Sukkot. The Midrash gives this holiday a particularly beautiful meaning. When the children of Israel, having spent a long holiday period in worship and rejoicing, are about to resume their regular daily life, God says to them: "It is difficult for Me to part with you. Tarry a while longer. Stay another day." Hence the name Shemini Atzeret, for the word atzeret also means to "tarry" or to "hold back."

Since it is a separate festival, we do not observe the same practices of Sukkot on Shemini Atzeret, such as dwelling in the sukkah or taking the lulav and etrog. The kiddush, however, is recited in the sukkah without the special benediction for dwelling in the sukkah (leishev basukah). Also, the prayer for rain is added to the service on Shemini Atzeret (mashiv haruach u'moreed hagashem) since this time marks the beginning of the rainy season in Israel.



Simchat Torah is a rabbinically ordained observance that immediately follows Shemini Atzeret. On this holiday we rejoice in the reading of the Torah, which we do in an annual cycle. On Simchat Torah we both complete the reading of the Torah and we begin it all over again.

The observance begins with the evening service, at which we recite hakkafot, which are Biblical verses in praise of God and the Torah. All of the Torah scrolls are removed from the ark and carried around by members of the congregation while the hakkafot are recited, accompanied by singing and dancing. In most synagogues a small portion of the Torah is read at the evening service. At the morning service the Torahs are again removed and processions of hakkafot are held. Then the Torah is read from the portion Vezot Habracha, which is the last one in the Torah. Then a second Torah is used to read from the portion Beresheet (Genesis), which is the first one in the Torah. It is customary that everyone in the synagogue be honored with an aliya and be called to the Torah that day. Special aliyot called Hatan Torah and Hatan Beresheet are given to distinguished congregants and it is also the practice to call all of the children in the congregation to the Torah for an aliya accompanied by an adult.

This year Shemini Atzeret and Simchat Torah begin Sunday evening September 29 and conclude Tuesday evening October 1. For times and locations of services on campus, consult the schedule printed in this newspaper.

# Judaic Studies Program News

by Robert Hoberman  
Judaic Studies Program

The Judaic Studies Program is happy to announce that the following courses will be offered during the Fall 1991 semester:

## HBW 111 ELEMENTARY HEBREW

Dr. Kaufman TuTh 1:00-2:20

An introduction to modern Hebrew as currently spoken and written in Israel, including pronunciation, speaking, listening comprehension, reading, and writing. Prerequisite: none. This course is for those who have never learned Hebrew before. A student who knows some Hebrew may not register for this course without the permission of the instructor.

## HBW 191 INTERMEDIATE HEBREW

Dr. Hoberman MWF 10:30-11:25

An intermediate course in conversation, composition, and reading in modern Hebrew. Prerequisite: HBW 112 or permission of instructor.

## HBW 221 ADVANCED HEBREW

Dr. Hoberman MWF 11:35-12:30

A course in the active use of spoken and written Hebrew. Readings of classics in ancient and modern Hebrew. The class is conducted in Hebrew. Prerequisite: HBW 192 or permission of instructor.

Students unsure of which Hebrew course they belong in should contact Dr. Hoberman (Library E4325, phone 2-7462).

## JDS/HIS 225 THE FORMATION OF THE JUDAIC HERITAGE

Dr. Goldenberg TuTh 11:30-12:50

A survey of Jewish history and the development of Judaism during the Persian, Hellenistic, and Roman periods (about 500 BCE - 500 CE). The course examines the completion of the Hebrew Bible, examines the achievements of the Maccabees and the varieties of Judaism that arose after their victory, and ends with the consolidation of Rabbinic Judaism on one hand and of Christianity on the other.

## JDH 327 / WNS 320 WOMEN IN JUDAISM

Dr. Kessner TuTh 2:30-3:50

A survey of the role of women in Judaism and in Jewish life from the Biblical period to the present focussing on such topics as the representation of women in the Bible; Jewish law concerning women in the Rabbinic period; the activities of women in Germany and in America during the Enlightenment; immigrant women in America; women's experience during the Holocaust; women in Israeli society; contemporary Jewish feminist issues. Prerequisite: JDH, JDS, WNH, or WNS course.

## JDH 465 JUDAIC RESPONSES TO CATASTROPHE

Dr. Goldenberg TuTh 2:30-3:50

The responses of Judaic thinkers from the Bible to the Second World War to the problem of historical disaster and the need to understand and respond to it. Particular attention will be given to the question of long-term continuity and the appearance of innovation in such responses. Readings include Rubenstein, *After Auschwitz*, Fackenheim, *God's Presence in History*, and the writings of important Zionist thinkers. Prerequisite: JDH/RLS 230 or JDS/HIS 225 or 226.

## RLS 103 WORLD RELIGIONS

staff TuTh 1:00-2:20

A historical introduction to the major religious traditions of India, East Asia, the Middle East, and Europe. The first semester (RLS 103) treats Hinduism, Confucianism, Taoism, and Judaism; the second semester (RLS 104) studies

Buddhism, Christianity, and Islam. Attention is given to the cultural background, art, literature, philosophy, and institutional development of each tradition. Presentations in individual religious traditions will be by members of the faculty expert in each; Judaism will be taught by Dr. Goldenberg. Students interested in RLS 103 should plan to continue the course in the Spring with RLS 104.

## RLS 110 THE BIBLE: A CRITICAL INTRODUCTION

Dr. Altizer TuTh 1:00-2:20

An introduction to a modern critical understanding of the Bible, emphasizing both a study of the major Biblical books and the history of Biblical Israel and the early Christian community. The Biblical books will be studied in their original historical and religious context apart from any ecclesiastical or theological tradition.

Students with prior background in Judaic Studies can also register for independent study in HBW 447 or JDH 447 or JDS 447. All independent study projects must be cleared with a faculty sponsor before registration.

Keep in mind that it is possible to graduate from Stony Brook with a minor in Judaic Studies or with a major in Religious Studies with an emphasis in Judaism. Students interested in the JDS minor should contact Prof. Hoberman (Library E4325, phone 2-7462), while students interested in the RLS major should contact Prof. William Chittick (Old Chemistry 131A, phone 2-7316).

## HELP WANTED

### The Hillel Job File

contains current listings for positions available in local synagogues and Jewish agencies, including teaching and youth work. The File is available in the Hillel Office, Humanities Building room 165  
9:00 am - 2:00 pm

## SB Hillel Wins Second Program of Year Award

The B'nai B'rith Hillel Foundation at the State University of New York at Stony Brook has received its second Program of the Year Award in as many years from the New York Regional Hillel organization. The award was presented in recognition of the "Benefit Concert for the Israel Emergency Fund" that raised \$2,000 to repair damage done in Israel by Scud missiles during the Persian Gulf War. The concert was produced by Oded Zehavi, a graduate student in the Music Department, and was an outstanding program that provided a wonderful evening of music with some of

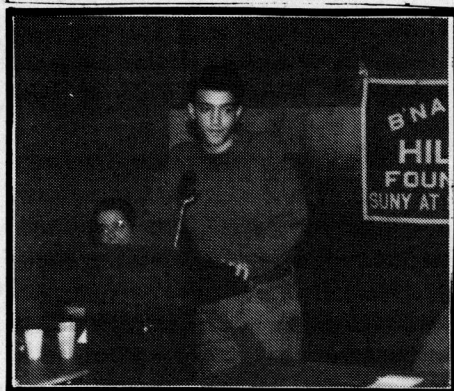
Israel's finest young talent. The musicians, who are some of Israel's best musical prodigies, gave the audience a strong sense of solidarity with Israel and the suffering caused by the Scud attacks. The program was a tremendous success in that it raised both funds and consciences.

The award was presented by B'nai B'rith Hillel/Jewish Association for College Youth, which serves 17 campuses in the New York area, at a ceremony in Manhattan on June 24. It was accepted by newly elected Hillel President and event co-chairman Keith Babich.

# SB Israel Alliance Plans For New Year

Stony Brook Hillel's Israel group, the Stony Brook Israel Alliance, will have its first meeting on Wednesday, October 2 at 7:30 pm in Humanities 157. According to Chairman Isaac Rubinstein, who just returned from an amazing summer working in Israel in a Project Renewal development venture, "there is much important work to be done on this campus to continue the strong tradition of high quality Israel programming. We must follow up last year's lectures, by journalist Samuel Segev and former Israeli Cabinet Secretary Aryeh Naor, both

of which addressed the Persian Gulf War. New programming must address the issues of how the peace initiative will play out and how



SBIA Chairman Isaac Rubinstein

new developments in the Soviet Union will affect Israel and Jewish immigration. Furthermore, we should help students to become in-

involved in lobbying their government representatives to approve the \$10 billion loan guarantees that Israel will be requesting to resettle Soviet Jews."

If you are interested in Israel and in important Israel-oriented educational programs on campus, please attend this meeting.

## Hillel 632-6565

### New Hillel Board Announced

Stony Brook Hillel is proud to announce its new student Board for the 1991-1992 academic year:

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The first open Board meeting will be Monday, September 16 at 8:00 pm in Humanities 157. All students are invited!

## Friends of Hillel Thanks All Supporters

Friends of Hillel at Stony Brook gratefully acknowledges the generous gifts of these individuals who have made contributions to support Jewish life at Stony Brook during the past year:

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**Dr. Morton Laby** for the donation of an automobile.

**Prof. Peter Kahn** for the continuing contribution of Judaic books to the Hillel library.



# Students Accept Differences in Each One Teach One Program

We live in a highly diverse society. This fact can seem especially true, and at times, trying, for students, many of whom have left the familiarity of homogenous neighborhoods to become part of a very diverse campus. One way to deal with those who seem quite different is to avoid them, another is to meet and learn from the differences.

The program, "EACH ONE, TEACH ONE," sponsored by the Interfaith Center, provides a "safe environment" for a meeting of this nature. It brings together students from different religious, ethnic and sexual orientations in a realization of differences as enriching rather than threatening.

In the spring of 1991, eight students from across the campus (including two Hillel members) were invited to participate in the

pilot project of a series of these workshops on bias reduction facilitated by Hillel's Assistant Director Lauren Garlick and Catholic Chaplain Derek Saldanha.

Some comments made by members of this first group were:

"I was very impressed by the meetings and surprised at how open people became when the situation is made ready for them."

"I learned that it was a sign of my strength that I could talk about my prejudices openly to the group."

"The program was a worthwhile experience for me. I realized how trivial age differences are - what counts is that two people can offer each other something."

Due to the success of the program and the need expressed by the group for more workshops of this na-

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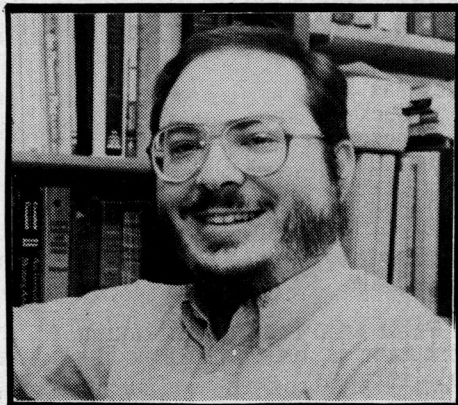
ture, the Interfaith Center will be sponsoring a further series in the fall. From October 2 until November 13 the group will meet 4 times for 1

hour each time. If you are interested in participating, please contact Lauren (2-6565) or Derek (2-6561).

## Hillel Staff: We're Here For You

The staff at Hillel are here to help. If you just need someone to talk to, come by. If you have a request, a complaint, an opinion that needs airing, pop in - we're in the Humanities Bldg. Room 165, phone 632-6565.

Director **Joseph Topek** is beginning his thirteenth (bar mitzvah!) year in Hillel (his tenth at Stony Brook). Joe, who was born in Houston, Texas, received his B.A. from the University of Texas at Austin, an M.A. from



Topek

Brandeis University in Judaic Studies, and rabbinical studies at the Academy for Jewish Religion in New York. Joe was also the Hillel Director at Virginia Commonwealth University from 1979-82. Joe's loves: Sue (his wife) and three gorgeous daughters, Leah, Sara and Chana, studying Jewish texts, antique cars (he is restoring a 1938 Studebaker and can sometimes be seen driving around campus in his 1958 Mercury).

**Lauren Garlick**, in her second year as Assistant Director, was born and raised in the Indian Ocean town of Port Elizabeth, South Africa. Lauren received a B.A. from the University of Cape Town, lived in Israel for twelve years, and received an M.A. in English Literature from the Hebrew University of Jerusalem. She had a full time position at

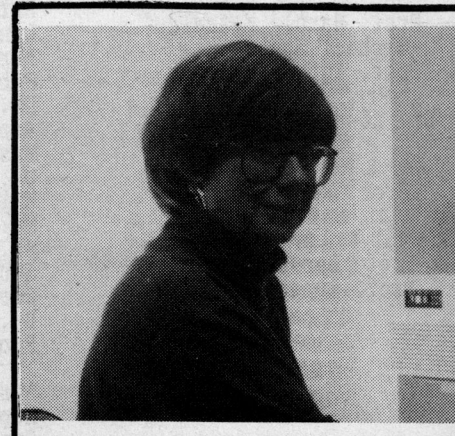


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the Hebrew University as a lecturer of English as a second language and was also Department Chairperson. Lauren's loves: Jonathan (husband), tennis, theater, painting, sewing, pottery, the New York Times, pastrami sandwiches, art exhibitions, the Mets, Jerusalem. She also loves it when students pop by to chat and visit in her office.

**Abby Friedland**, Administrative Assistant, has been with us for five years, and was born and raised in

nearby Brooklyn. She attended Brooklyn College and is a whiz at crossword puzzles. Abby's loves: Arnold (husband) and sometimes her two children David (a junior at C.W. Post) and Michele, chocolate, jazzercise, theater, five minutes alone each day, ballet, reading, shopping and sightseeing. There is actually not much that Abby doesn't love.



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# Absence on Religious Holidays Protected by State Law

by Joseph S. Topek

Do you have an exam scheduled for Shemini Atzeret, but you feel funny about approaching your professor and asking for it to be rescheduled? Not to worry! New York State education law is on your side! Provisions have been made in state law for students to be excused from all required course work and study because of absence due to religious observance. Not only that, but you must be given an equivalent make-up opportunity at the expense of the faculty and the institution, and you may not be made to suffer from any prejudicial effects for exercising your rights. Any aggrieved student is also given the right to maintain an action or proceeding in the supreme court of the county in which the university is located.

This provision, which is Section 224-a of the New York State Education Law states:

1. No person shall be expelled from or be refused admission as a student to an institution of higher education for the reason that he [or she] is unable, because of religious beliefs, to attend classes or to participate in any examination, study, or work requirements on a particular day or days.

2. Any student in an institution of higher education who is unable, because of his [or her] religious beliefs, to attend classes on a particular day or days shall, because of such absence on the particular day or days, be excused from performing on the particular day or days any examination or any study or work requirements.

3. It shall be the responsibility of the faculty and of the administrative officials of each institution of

higher education to make available to each student who is absent from school, because of religious beliefs, an equivalent opportunity to make up any examination, study or work requirements which he [or she] may have missed because of such absence on any particular day or days. No fees of any kind shall be charged by the institution for making available to the said student such equivalent opportunity.

4. If classes, examinations, study, or work requirements are held on Friday after four o'clock post-meridian or on Saturday, similar or makeup classes, examinations, study, or work requirements shall be made available on other days, where it is possible and practicable to do so. No special fees shall be charged to the student for these classes, examinations, study, or work requirements held on other days.

5. In effectuating the provisions of this section, it shall be the duty of the faculty and of the administrative officials of each institution of higher education to exercise the fullest measure of good faith. No adverse or prejudicial effects shall result to any students because of their availing themselves of the provisions of this section.

6. Any student who is aggrieved by the alleged failure of any faculty or administrative official to comply in good faith with the provisions of this section shall be entitled to maintain an action or proceeding in the supreme court of the county in which such institution of higher education is located for the enforcement of his [or her] rights under this section.

7. As used in this section, the term "institution of higher

education" shall mean schools under the control of the Board of Trustees of the State University of New York or of the Board of High Education of the City of New York or any community college.

Here at Stony Brook we are fortunate that the University does not hold classes on Rosh Hashanah (both

days), Yom Kippur, or the first two days of Passover. For other holidays that coincide with classes, however, we provide a letter from the Jewish chaplain to any observant student that will verify for a faculty member when the holiday falls. Students who desire a copy of this letter should contact the Hillel office.

## Lobby For Israel Loan Guarantees

by Isaac Rubinstein

In May we were all reminded of Israel's "raison d'etre" when on 24 hours notice, and with no thought to economic burden, 15,000 Ethiopian Jews were airlifted to Israel. They join the wave of over one million Soviet Jews who will immigrate to Israel over the next few years.

Absorbing this massive immigration wave presents an enormous challenge to Israel. Therefore, early this September, Israel will ask the U.S. to "guarantee" a \$10 billion loan. The request will come in the form of legislation

that will be introduced in Congress. It must be acted upon before October 1st, so that it can be included in the FY '92 budget.

We at Hillel are organizing a letter writing campaign to members of Congress to emphasize the urgency of this legislation. In our letters we will stress that Israel is asking the U.S. to co-sign a loan, not give her a grant.

Copies of sample letters are available in the Hillel office - all you have to do is come by and pick one up. Please phone 2-6565 for more information.

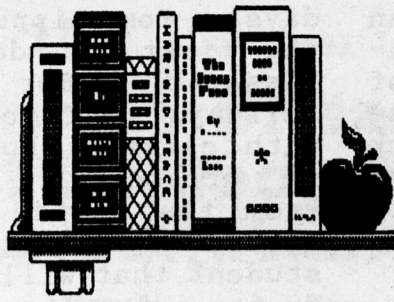
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use these resources. Books may be borrowed, but please return them to the shelf promptly (you're on the honor system).

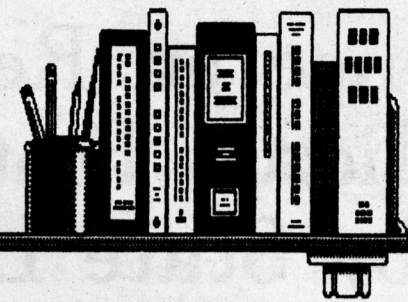
Every Friday evening is Shabbat at the Kosher Meal Plan. Services are held downstairs on the first floor of the building. The time changes according to sundown, so check the calendar in Stony Brook Shelanu or the one posted in the dining room. Students who would like to help conduct services (Hebrew or English) are invited to do so. Just call the Hillel office to volunteer. Following services, kiddush is held in the dining room. We always have wine (and grape juice)













and delicious challah, as well as a special Shabbat dinner. Even those who are not on the Kosher Meal Plan are invited to attend - just call or come by the office for a ticket. During Sukkot there will be a large sukkah outside of the building for everyone's use.

If you're not on the Kosher Meal Plan, join it! The food is the best on campus, and it's only a slightly higher cost. Just sign up for kosher at meal plan registration, or contact the Meal Plan Office, Union 204. The Kosher Meal Plan is glatt kosher under the supervision of the National Council of Young Israel and the B'nai B'rith Hillel Foundation.



# Stony Brook Hillel September 1991



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Look for the many Hillel activities in the coming week!	2 Annual Hillel Kosher Barbecue 5:00 pm Earth & Space Sciences Bld. Plaza	3  Classes Begin	4 Hillel Bonfire! 9:00 pm Btw. G Quad & Union	5 Interfaith Welcome Fair Union 10-3 Hillel Grad. & Prof. Wine & Cheese Rec. 5pm Hum. 157	6 Complete schedule of High Holiday Services on campus is on page 5 of this paper.	7 Shabbat Services 9:30 am Roth Cafe. Orthodox & Conservative
8 Rosh Hashana Services Orth. 6:45 pm Roth Cafe. Cons. 7:00 pm Tabler Cafe.	9 Rosh Hashana Services Orth. 8:30 am Roth Cafe. Cons. 9:30 am Tabler Cafe. Mincha 6:45 pm	10 Rosh Hashana Services Orth. 8:30 am Roth Cafe. Cons. 9:30 am Tabler Cafe. Mincha 6:45 pm-Orth	11 Open House with live music 7:30 pm Roth Cafe.	12 Nursing Home Visit 4:00 pm meet at Hillel office	13  Shabbat Services & Dinner 5:30 pm Roth Cafe.	14  Shabbat Services 9:30 am Roth Cafe. Orth. & Cons.
15 Help build the campus sukkah! Thurs. at 3:00 pm	16 Hillel Board Meeting 8:00 pm Hum. 157	17 Kol Nidre Services Orth. 6:00 pm Roth Cafe. Cons. 6:15 pm Tabler Cafe.	18 Yom Kippur Services Orth. 8:30 am & 5:00 pm Roth Cafe. Cons. 9:30 am & 5:00 pm Tabler Cafe.	19  Sukkah building party 3pm Roth	20  Shabbat Services & Dinner 5:30 pm Roth Cafe.	21  Shabbat Services 9:30 am Roth Cafe. Orth. & Cons.
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29 Hoshanah Rabbah Erev Shemini Atzeret	30 Shemini Atzeret Serv 9:30 am Roth Simchat Torah Celebration 7:15 pm Roth	1  Simchat Torah Services 9:30 am Roth	2 SB Israel Alliance Meeting 7:30 pm Hum. 157	3 	4  Shabbat Services & Dinner 5:30 pm Roth	5  Shabbat Services 9:30 am Roth Cafe. Orth. & Cons.

## Study Group for Pirke Avot Jewish Ethics



Thurs. evenings  
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