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SCANDAL EXPOSED AT STONY BROOK

by Danielle Schwager

On Tuesday, January 24, 1990 it was discovered that the University has been the home of the largest scandal ever to hit Stony Brook. At the present time there are over 2000 Jewish students attending SB. Among these Jewish students there are hundreds who are frauds and imposters. There are specific characteristics that each of

these persons expresses: (1) They have no knowledge of Jewish history, culture or religion; (2) They don't observe the Sabbath; (3) They can't read, write, or speak Hebrew; and (4) They do not observe kashrut.

If you express some or all of these traits don't be alarmed, you are not a fraud or an imposter. The scandal is that with such a large Jewish population here at SB,

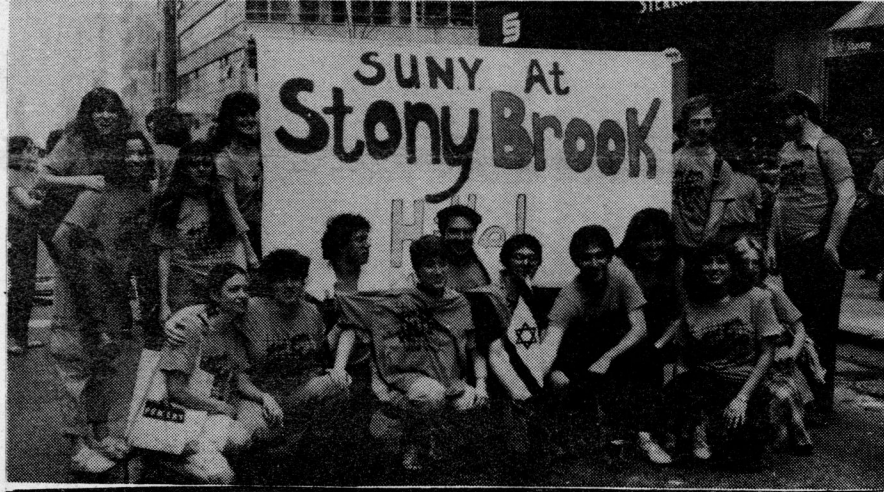
often times those people who fit the above traits take this to mean that at this point in their lives it is either too late to become more involved in Judaism or that they don't qualify to join Hillel.

Here at Hillel there are no criteria or requirements you must meet in order to become part of the Hillel family.

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you have to offer and in turn Hillel will offer you all it has.

For more information on how to become part of our family come visit us or call us at the B'nai B'rith Hillel Foundation in the Interfaith Center, located in the Humanities Bldg. Rm 165, 632-6565. We are looking forward to hearing from you.



It's Earth Shattering

"Is the earth deteriorating?" We can't answer that but Professor Jeffrey Levinton, Chairman, Dept. of Ecology and Evolution, has some answers you'd be interested in. You can find these answers at the Tu B'shvat/Shabbat Shmooz on Sat., Feb. 10 at 1:00 pm at the Hillel Directors

Residence located at 75 Sheep Pasture Rd. (across from the North Gate). Lunch will be served free of charge followed by a Tu B'Shvat Seder. This program is being sponsored by the B'nai B'rith Hillel Foundation and Stony Brook Hebrew Congregation.

Film Search For Solid Ground Feb. 28

On Wednesday, February 28, Hillel will screen the film "Search for Solid Ground." This film, which is about Israeli attitudes toward the Arab uprising (intifada), was made as an answer to "Days of Rage," a very controversial film about the Palestinian position.

"Search for Solid Ground" has been ac-

claimed as a sensitive film that portrays the complexity and range of views in Israeli society, and not a propaganda piece. A discussion, led by shaliach David Koren of the Kibbutz Aliya Desk, will follow.

The film will be shown at 8:00 pm in the Roth Quad Cafeteria, first floor.

Lounge to Reopen

The Jewish Student Lounge, formerly known as Fiddler on the Roth, is back and promises to be better than ever before. The Lounge will be open every Monday evening from eight until midnight on the 2nd floor of the Roth Cafeteria. Plenty of delicious food, such as bageldogs and knishes, and drinks will be on sale. A ping-pong

table is set up and there are board games too. You can even bring your own music tapes to listen to.

For meeting new people, taking a study break, or just hanging out with friends, the Jewish Student Lounge is the place for it all. Don't miss out on the fun! The Jewish Student Lounge every Monday evening.

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From the Editor

by Brian Mandel

I would like to welcome everyone back from their vacation, but first I think it is important that you know who it is that's welcoming you back. My name is Brian (or Baruch, take your pick) and since Sherry graduated from this prestigious institution I am now the new editor of Stony Brook Shelanu. Now that you know who I am...Welcome Back! I hope everyone had a terrific vacation and I am looking forward to starting the spring semester 1990.

This semester promises to be a very exciting and productive one for Hillel, and Stony Brook Shelanu will be a part of it. As in the past, Shelanu will inform its readers of Hillel's fantastic activities, such as those comprising Chai Week, which will take

place, G-d willing, March 2 - 10. However, Shelanu will do more than just keep its readers in touch with events. It will be a fountain of ideas that are important to its readers.

How can this be accomplished? By your becoming involved. Send in letters and editorials expressing your opinions on whatever topic appeals to you. Advertising is always welcome, and we offer reasonable rates. Help with the paper's newest additions, including a personals column, a review section, jokes, and a crossword puzzle. With your input, anything and everything is possible.

This semester, make Stony Brook Shelanu and Hillel a part of your university experience. My best wishes to all of you for a successful and rewarding semester.

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Lauren Garlick Joins Hillel Staff

by Brian Mandel

Hillel's newest staff member is Lauren Garlick. Lauren is originally from South Africa and lived in Israel for twelve years. Her husband, Dr. Jonathan Garlick, is a graduate of the SB Dental School and is currently a research pathologist in Oral Biology & Pathology. Lauren will be staffing Israel programs, Chevre, and the UJA Campus Campaign. I had the opportunity to interview Lauren, who seems very eager and excited to be here.

SHELANU: How did you enjoy living in Israel and what did you do there?

LG: Despite my South African origins, Israel is my real home - the country that I chose. Today, I suppose I'm more "Israeli" than South African! A great deal of my satisfaction there was derived from my work at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem's School for Overseas Students, where I was an English Language Lecturer and Department Chairperson.

SHELANU: What is your past experience in administering Jewish programs?

LG: Through my position on the Hebrew University campus, I was always involved in student activities, political events, and programs. I worked largely with the immigrant student population - for example with funds from Hadassah I helped create the Dental Assistant Program for Ethiopian students. I worked with WZO's (World Zionist Organization) No'ar Hechalutz Department and developed Socio-Drama Workshops introducing students from abroad to Israeli and Arab life and culture. During my first year, on Kibbutz Ein Hashofet, I worked closely with kibbutznikim (kibbutz dwellers) developing programs for ulpanistim (intensive Hebrew language instruction) and volunteers. In South Africa, I was a "madricha" (advisor) in Habonim, a Zionist Youth Movement.

SHELANU: How do you feel about working at SB Hillel?

LG: I'm excited at the prospect and have heard good things about what's going on here.

SHELANU: What kinds of programs do you wish to see this semester?

LG: With Stony Brook's Israel organization I would like to work on reinstating Israeli Folk Dancing on a periodic basis. UJA's campus campaigners are planning some excellent

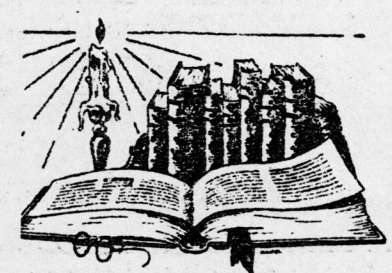


activities (e.g. Super Sunday and the Mocktail Party on February 13), and I plan on working closely with them on other programs. With Chevre's input we will organize film evenings and decide on dynamic and interesting lecturers to bring to campus.

SHELANU: What do you think needs to be done to get more students involved?

LG: Word-of-mouth tends to work best. Effective advertising and outreach also help. There are clearly a number of very involved students, like you, the newspaper staff, for example. While being able to express your creativity you seem to enjoy your contact with Hillel and the staff - and it's this contagious enthusiasm that we hope to generate more of.

As you can see, Lauren is extremely knowledgeable and experienced on Jewish and Israeli issues. Her excitement and bright smile are positive additions to Hillel. You can visit and welcome Lauren at her office in Humanities 159.



Words from the Prez.

by Isaac Namdar
Hillel Student President

The Jewish community in the United States is currently dealing with two opposing trends. On the one hand, assimilation into American society has caused many Jews to compromise the standards for which our ancestors fought throughout the history of Judaism. On the other hand, a new generation of youth is seeking to learn about its past and bring out the values of Jewish tradition. The Judaic studies departments in many universities are overcrowded with Jewish youth looking for opportunities for more internal social interaction, and seeking to find a definition for their religious beliefs within the spectrum of Judaism.

A national campus-level campaign to educate Jews and non-Jews about our Judaic heritage is currently the agenda for many Jewish student activists. One of the channels through

which such a goal is achieved is a week-long program of diverse activities to educate the university community on various issues. Jewish students have decided to plan a pilot program which is called "Chai Week". A few select schools, including Stony Brook, are the first participants in this soon-to-be national trend. Other participating schools are Yale, Harvard, Northwestern, California State-Northridge, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, University of Pennsylvania, and Tufts.

"Chai Week" will be celebrated nationally during the week of March 5, 1990. Stony Brook's programming is based on theme days, each addressing a different topic of interest. Many of the events will be in the form of outreach in the Union. We are also planning to have a few speakers of significant importance, bringing students, faculty and staff together in a common setting. The finale of the week will be a Purim celebration. The success of "Chai Week" at Stony Brook can prove its necessity across the nation, and will put Stony Brook's name on the map for creative Jewish programming.

My Eyes Filled Upon Landing:

Or Confessions of a L.I. Jew

by Heidi Warm

Never having been to Israel before, this past Intersession I spent two weeks on Kibbutz B'erot Itzchach with the Volunteers for Israel program. I loved it.

Originally, I had thought that kibbutzim constituted a good part of the residential life in Israel. This communal life style, in fact, represents less than three percent of the population.

B'erot Itzchach, just outside of Petach Tikva, is a self-sufficient farming entity. Also, it is what is known as "Dati" or a religious (Conservative/Orthodox) climate, an extraordinary experience for a Reform Jew if I do say so myself. For example, it was my ignorance which afforded me the chutzpah to request "milk?" with my coffee less than fifteen minutes after a Sabbath meat lunch...even the Dutch Jews wait at least an hour. The Kasher lifestyle permeated my stay. Meals were dairy-meat-dairy, or, breakfast-dinner-breakfast to you and me... "Excuse me, I meant non-dairy milk."

On New Year's eve, some newly-made friends and I went to a discoteque in Tel Aviv.



Interestingly, the evening was not treated as a "New Year" but was vibrant nonetheless. Hebrew conversation clouded the air with bullets of American music shooting through it, intricately laced with strobes.

A natural curiosity of mine was about the people there. Are they pushy or aggressive? Certainly, but so are most others in a busy city like Tel Aviv. If you have any questions, stand on the corner of Madison and 59th Street for about five minutes during

daylight business hours and observe how many times you get nudged, and yes, the driving is a bit brutal. But seriously, I saw no evidence of this pushy behavior on the kibbutz. Further, just for the record, the predominant characteristic of the kibbutzniks was protective warmth and hospitality. An invitation into the home of a kibbutz resident for Saturday dinner was the standard, and a family flavor filled the Sabbath hours.

In addition to the two guided tiyulim (tours) through Jerusalem and rock climbing in Ein Gedi, which I need not gloss over, for words would not do them justice, the most memorable part of my trip was discussion of the week's parsha in the home of an elderly



sage-like figure named Katy. She had been living on B'erot Itzchach for 35 years. Katy would give two versions of the Torah portion, Hebrew and English, at different hours, serve pastry and coffee (this is where I committed the faux pas of asking for milk in my post meat-lunch-coffee), then have an informal question/answer period. Her whole talk usually lasted an hour and one-half from 12:00 to 1:30 p.m. I spoke with her until 3:15 about everything from the Reform movement to assimilation, the Women of the Wall (a feminist group that seeks to organize women's prayer at the Western Wall) and her own life. Katy is from Asia and started her work on the kibbutz caring for young children, who I might add, are the happiest children I have ever encountered, until catarracts had limited her. She has since undergone surgery and continues to read and teach Torah. Thanks Katy.

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Before we talk about Jeopardy, JSA wants your help. We want to offer you the type of programming that interests you. Maybe going to a Mets game in April, or a trip to a comedy club: it is up to you! The first planning meeting will be on Thursday, February 8 at 7:30 pm in Humanities 157. This will be a **SHORT** meeting to discuss plans for the next month. If you have ideas, thoughts, or even just a willingness to help out, please come down. All help is welcomed.

Now for Jeopardy. Do you often think of answers just waiting for a question? Then join us for our version of the popular game show. There will be Jewish questions, tough Stony Brook questions and many other topics. So if you're a whiz at Trivial Pursuit, try your luck at our Jeopardy competition.

Planning Meeting:

Thur. Jan. 8, 7:30 pm, Hum. 157

Jeopardy:

Thur. Jan. 15, 7:30 pm, Hum. 157

UJA Campus Campaign

Tue. Feb. 13

Mocktail Party

8:00 pm

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Tue. Feb. 20

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Mon., March 5:

Jewish Identity Day

Tue., March 6:

Israel Day

Wed., March 7:

Jewish Issues Day

Thur., March 8:

Jewish Arts Day

Fri. & Sat., March 9-10:

Judaism Day - Shabbaton

Sat., March 10:

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LUNCH & LEARN



Looking for something interesting to do at lunch? Drop by the Hillel office on Thursdays between 12:00 and 1:00 in Humanities 157 for LUNCH AND LEARN. We will provide drinks and bagels (that's the lunch part), you provide yourself and some ideas for discussion (that's the learn part). Topics can range from contemporary Jewish issues to text study. This program is very informal. So drop in, have a bagel, and shmooze a little.

Film Review: Driving Miss Daisy

by Joseph S. Topek

"Driving Miss Daisy" is a wonderful film starring Jessica Tandy as the matronly Daisy Worthan, and Morgan Freeman as her chauffeur Hoke. The film has been widely acclaimed and nominated for several film industry awards. In most reviews the character of Miss Daisy is mentioned as being Jewish, but usually overlooked is how much this is an integral part of the story. Indeed, the two main characters being black and Jewish, and living in the Deep South during a crucial time in the history of the American civil rights movement, contributes to the story line and culminates in an unusual and moving relationship between them.

Early in the film, Hoke approaches Miss Daisy's son Boolie (played by Dan Aykroyd) for a job. He tells him that his friend works for a Jewish family and is well treated, and that Jews aren't as stingy as some people say they are. A backhanded compliment by today's standards, but in 1948, perhaps indicative of a symbiotic relationship between blacks and Jews

that was more strongly felt in those days. Later in the film, as Hoke drives Miss Daisy to temple on the Sabbath, they are stopped by a traffic jam a few blocks away. Hoke gets out to investigate, and comes back to the car to report that the Temple had been bombed. Miss Daisy is quite shaken, and Hoke relates his own experience as a child of witnessing the lynching of his best friend's father. When she asks why he is telling her such a story when she is already so upset, he replies that the bombing just reminded him of it. An unspoken, but powerful connection of their shared experiences as outsiders in the dominant Southern society.

This can be contrasted with the behavior of Boolie and his wife Florine (played by Patti LuPone), who are doing their best to be accepted by white gentile Southerners. As his mother scolds Boolie for "socializing with Episcopalians," his wife is at home busily decorating their mansion for a Christmas party. Miss Daisy makes it clear that she disapproves of

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Pro-Israel Lobbying: The View From Washington

by Richard Harris

My name is Rich Harris and I am the AIPAC liaison to Stony Brook. I am a senior majoring in Political Science, and last semester I worked in the office of Congressman Gary L. Ackerman in Washington, D.C. There, I worked specifically in the field of U.S.-Israeli relations. During the Intersession I participated in a Political Leadership Development program in Israel which was sponsored by AIPAC. Currently I am working for UJA-Federation as an assistant to the Public Policy Director, and I plan on working as a pro-Israel lobbyist after law school.

AIPAC is the American Israel Public Affairs Committee - the only American organization registered to lobby Congress in support of legislation affecting the U.S.-Israel relationship. AIPAC is a domestic citizens' organization, supported each year by the contributions of its individual members. It receives no funds from the Israeli government. Since 1979, AIPAC's Political Leadership Development Program has worked with undergraduate and graduate college students on more than 500 campuses in all 50 states to educate and involve them in pro-Israel political activity. Students work with their AIPAC Campus Liaison to: respond to anti-Israel speakers, articles and events on campus; educate the campus community about the U.S.-Israel relationship; generate letters to Members of Congress; encourage meetings with Members of

Congress and their staffs and promote involvement in local and national campaigns in both the Democratic and Republican parties.

Unfortunately, it seems that anti-Israel sentiment is on the rise at college campuses around the country. There are many organizations committed to driving a wedge between the United States and Israel, and recently they have redoubled their efforts. They are increasingly confident that they are making inroads to erode support for Israel. This is very frustrating for the pro-Israel student on campus who feels alone in his seemingly endless battles with his classmates over Israeli policies. I feel that it is important that we have an organization here at Stony Brook that can work with the student body to educate them and destroy the myths that the anti-Israel student has developed and reaffirm the commitments of the pro-Israel student.

My goal for this semester is to enhance the work of the pro-Israel community on campus and I need you! You have the power to make a difference, and it doesn't matter if you are Jewish or non-Jewish, Democrat or Republican or even politically active. The only requirement is that you care to educate yourself and others about the true realities of the U.S.'s most important strategic ally: Israel. Let's work together for pro-Israel activities on campus. We can combat anti-Israel falsehoods and together we can make a difference.

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Sephardic Jewry Commemoration

The International Jewish Committee for Sepharad '92 (IJCFSS-92), along with the World Sephardi Federation, over the next three years, will be planning local, regional, national, and international events to commemorate the 500th anniversary of the expulsion of Jews from Spain. Some of the events include: museum exhibitions, restoration programs, educational symposia, films, publications, and tours to Israel, Spain, Turk-

ey and Morocco. The purpose is to educate the public about the events leading up to the expulsion, the tragedy of the Inquisition and the survival and flowering of the Sephardic Jewish Community.

The IJCFSS is headquartered in New York City. Individuals and groups who would like to get involved can write to: The International Jewish Committee for Sepharad '92, 515 Park Avenue, Ste. 606, NY, NY 10022.

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Chai Week is coming! Chai Week is coming! March 2-10. Find out more about it in my column on page 2. Isaac

To the new Hillel Board: Welcome aboard for the new semester. Let's communicate, motivate, activate, capitulate, and hang out late. Get with the program! Isaac

Brian and Danielle. Thanks for a job well-done for the current issue of Shelanu. Keep up the good work. Isaac

Hillel will be entering a team into the student, faculty, staff College Bowl competition on Thursday, February 8. Come on down to the Union and

Help Wanted

by Danielle Schwager

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Hillel in College Bowl

cheer on your team. For time and location call the Hillel Office or the Office of Student Union and Activities.

Education Through Humor



by Brian Mandel

Once upon a time, after Noah and the flood, the Torah tells us that "the whole earth was of one language and of one speech" (Genesis XI:1). Everyone in the world was united by one universal language. However, the people used this for self-exaltation and unworthy purposes. They began to build a tower, later known as the Tower of Babel, in open revolt against G-d. The Rabbis claim that those who were building the tower wished to storm the heavens in order to wage war against G-d. The lives of their fellow companions were of less importance to them than the bricks that fell and broke. Due to their transgression, G-d frustrated their plan by dividing them through a diversity of languages. This is how the many languages we know have developed. As a tribute to the numerous languages now existing, we are listing several words that are found to be extremely amusing to us. We hope you enjoy them as much as we did.

- fisselig - flustered to the point of incompetence (German)
- saper vivere - to know how to handle people diplomatically (Italian)
- mbuki-mvuki - to shuck off clothes in order to dance (Bantu)
- suilk - to swallow, gulp, suck with a slobbering noise (Scottish)
- kyoikumama* - mother who pushes her children into academic achievement. *Not a complimentary term. (Japanese)
- nakhes - mixture of pleasure and pride, particularly the kind that a parent receives from a child (Yiddish)
- tsuris - grief and trouble (Yiddish)
- rame - crowded, bustling, chaotic, hectic social environment (Balinese)
- majie - to curse the street (Chinese)
- fusto - a man who likes to flex his muscles and dress provocatively (Italian)
- palaty - mythical monster that scratches at the door (Bantu)
- Katzerjammer - monumentally severe hangover (German)
- occurrencia - sudden, bright idea or witty remark (Spanish)
- stam and davka - words for explaining inexplicable events (Hebrew)

They Have A Word For It, by Howard Rheingold

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RIDDLES

ANSWERS AT BOTTOM OF PAGE

- 1-Q. It's not a shirt-
Yet it's sewed;
It's not a tree-
Yet it's full of leaves;
It's not a person
Yet it talks sensibly.
- 2-Q. What is it? A deaf man has heard how a dumb man had said that a blind man had seen a running rabbit; that a lame man pursued it and that a naked man had put it in his pocket and brought it home?
- 3-Q. One dreamed that he was on a ship at sea with his father and mother and that the ship had begun to sink. It was, however, possible to save himself and one other person only-either his father or his mother-not both. What should he do?
- 4-Q. Three merchants and three robbers had to cross a lake. However, only one rowboat was available and it could safely carry only two people at a time. How could they all manage to get across since one merchant was afraid to be left alone with two robbers?

4-A. First of all two robbers crossed.
3-A. He should wake up.
2-A. A lie.
1-A. A book.

Afterwards he returned once more and remained on shore. Then two merchants got into the boat and rowed across. One merchant in company with one robber returned with the boat. The robber got out of the boat and then two merchants rowed across. After that a robber returned to fetch the last robber.

A Treasury of Jewish Folklore, edited by Nathan Ausubel

Miss Daisy...

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this behavior, even commenting that Florine's grandfather would turn over in his grave, and the house is so gaudily decorated that most non-Jews would be embarrassed to live there. It gave new meaning to the word ungepatchked.

The Worthans are an old German Jewish family that has lived in the South for many years. Miss Daisy goes to services each week at The Temple, an old-line Reform congregation that could be characterized, at least in the film, as "high church" (The Temple was, in fact, bombed in 1958 after Rabbi Jacob Rothschild spoke out on civil rights issues). In one scene, when she suspects Hoke of stealing a can of salmon, he shows up for work with a replacement can explaining that he ate it since "the pork chops you left for me were a little stiff." The woman sitting behind me in the theatre remarked to her companion, "I guess she didn't keep a kosher home." Like other white Southerners, Miss Daisy employs blacks in her home as maids and chauffeurs. Idella, Miss Daisy's longtime maid, makes plenty of sarcastic remarks about her boss's cantankerousness, and when she dies all of the Worthans attend her funeral (they are the only whites in the church). Hoke also has to confront Miss Daisy's hostility, as he was hired by Boolie when she could no longer drive herself. Despite this, Hoke is determined to preserve his dignity, and when he buys Miss Daisy's old car he does so from the Cadillac dealer that Boolie traded it in to, rather than directly from his employer. Boolie employs Hoke, and pays

his salary, and when Hoke asks for a raise he is generous. By that point Boolie seems to understand the interdependence that Hoke and his mother have for each other. When the family is invited to a dinner honoring Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Boolie finks out with the excuse that it could hurt business. Miss Daisy attends, rather proudly calling herself a liberal about civil rights issues, but she can't bring herself to invite Hoke to accompany her, even though Boolie had suggested it. She finally invites Hoke as he drives her to the dinner, but he turns down the invitation, preferring to wait in the car and listen to Dr. King on the radio rather than be subjected to a last-minute excuse for an invitation.

When Miss Daisy eats her meals at a long table in her richly appointed dining room, Hoke and Idella eat at a small dinette set out in the kitchen. Sharing a meal is a sign of a type of relationship that surpasses that of employee and employer or of black and white. When they take a road trip to Mobile, though, and stop to eat by the side of the road, the two of them have to eat together and share conversation as well as food. When two Alabama Highway Patrol officers show up to hassle them, their commonality as outsiders is again demonstrated. As they drive off, one of the officers is heard to comment, "Look at that. An old nigger and an old Jew woman driving down the road. Ain't that a sorry sight."

Driving Miss Daisy shows the now vanished last gasps of the Old South spanning the years from 1948 to the early 1970's. Blacks

and whites, Jews and non-Jews interact with one another, but on a mostly superficial level. The barriers, many of which are still present in America, were evident and obvious. But as the gentle, and very real friendship between Hoke and Miss Daisy develops over the years, it opens a little window onto what goes on behind these racial barriers. Hoke and Miss Daisy are from very different worlds, but for many years they share the same world. Were Miss Daisy not Jewish, the relationship depicted in the film would have been less believable, and more likely, not possible. Not as outwardly observant a Jew as some would want her to be, Miss Daisy is nonetheless profoundly

affected by what she is. While history tends to focus on what public support various groups gave to the civil rights movement, this film is about a personal relationship between two very unlikely people. When, near the end of the film, and already into her 90's, Miss Daisy begins to suffer from mental deterioration, Hoke is right by her side. It is then that she tells him, "Hoke, you are my best friend." Even though Hoke replies, "Now go on, Miss Daisy," he knows that it is true.

Suggested further reading:

The Provincials: A Personal History of Jews in the South, by Eli N. Evans (1976, Atheneum).

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Papers should have appropriate footnotes and bibliography.

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Contact: Dr. Janice E. Ovadia, Executive Director (212) 873-0300.

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