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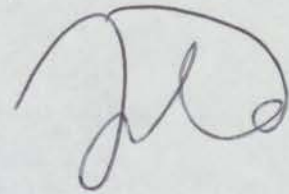
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HILLEL NEWSLETTER  
December 20, 1977

The autumn semester of 1977 was an active and diversely occupied time. The first weekend back, the freshmen, a little confused from a vigorous Orientation Week, and the upperclassmen ready to get back into things, together had a barbeque with kosher "dogs" and watermelon. Though there was extra food (which showed up mysteriously at the next general meeting), everybody got a chance to catch up on the gossip and perfect their frisbee throws!

The first semester events are planned around holidays to a greater extent than the second semester. In keeping, High Holy Days came soon upon the return back to school. The Chaplain's Office underwrote kosher dinners for Rosh Hashanah Eve, Kol Nidre, and for breaking the fast. In addition, we had the pleasure of having David Yammer with us. A rabbinical student at the Jewish Theological Seminary, David along with student hazanim, conducted services. As has been customary in the past, the Carlisle community and Dickinson professors joined us in our services which emphasize group participation; often informally, as in the reenactment of the Book of Jonah. Ned Rosenbaum, Hillel's faculty advisor also led a study group on the Jewish outlook on immortality.

Following in tradition, the Succoth hut was constructed on the John Dickinson Campus. Though the cold weather deterred many from helping to build it, Oneg by candle light was great!

Parents Weekend on October 15 was highlighted (from Hillel's point of view) by the traditional Bagels and Lox Brunch. Ned Rosenbaum who was on sabbatical in Israel last year, gave an informal talk on his experiences and impressions.

The Harrisburg JCC, as part of their lecture-concert series, began their season with Simon Wirsenthal, acclaimed Nazi prosecutor and director of the Documentation Center in Vienna. Hillel was fortunate to obtain a block of tickets for this thought provoking lecture and discussion.

For Halloween, Hillel undertook the gooey project of selling homemade carmel apples! The sale was quite successful though next year we'll have to remember to not put Saran Wrap around the finished products!

Dickinson College is pleased to have an addition to the Chaplain's Office, John Reist. Students had an opportunity to meet with him at an informal bagels and lox brunch in mid-November. Events now being planned by the Consortium Chaplains include a seminar in early April on current Mid-Eastern affairs.

Chanukkah was celebrated traditionally with the lighting of the Menorah each night in the lobby of the Union. A Chanukkah party ended the festival week (as well as classes practically!).

Because of the establishment of a new Junior Year Abroad Program in Jerusalem, beginning in the fall of 1978, an amendment was added to the constitution to change the term of office to September-September, replacing the current January-January term. The new program is similar to the Bologna program in structure and will involve 10-12 students from Dickinson and the Consortium Colleges as space is available. Dr. Herbert Alexander, a former Professor of Psychology at Dickinson and presently practicing in Israel, will be the overseas coordinator.

Services continue to be held weekly on Friday nights and Saturday morning, led by students, who introduce innovative formats, and by Ned Rosenbaum.

Well, that's it for this semester. Elections for new officers will occur right at the beginning of next semester!

Shalom,

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