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Dear Friends

The overwhelmingly enthusiastic response we received in the wake of our first Newsletter was very gratifying indeed and prompted us to bring out the second issue even sooner than anticipated.

Home Hospitality Program Revived

We are very pleased to announce that Mrs. Sylvia Dickman has kindly volunteered to take charge once again of the Home Hospitality Program for SUNY students who cannot go home for Jewish holidays. Under this wonderful town-gown program which had fallen into abeyance over the past few years, local families in the community host students for holiday meals in a home setting. Mrs. Dickman coordinates from the community end, while we in Judaic Studies made announcements in our courses, collecting the names and addresses of interested students. Hospitality was arranged for interested students both for the dinner before Yom Kippur and for the breaking of the fast the following evening. The Judaic Studies Program wishes to thank Mrs. Dickman and all of the families involved.

By the way, a number of the members of the Judaic Studies faculty have made it a practice to have students in their homes - often for such occasions as Sabbaths and holidays. It is a lovely experience all around and is one of the reasons for the especially strong esprit de corps in our Program.

Open Sukkah

On Sunday, October 14 (weather permitting) the 92 students in Judaic Studies 127/History 153A have been invited to an "Open Sukkah" at the Stillman home, 76 Laurel Avenue in Binghamton. The Open Sukkah begins at 4:00 PM. Other faculty members are encouraged to have similar affairs for their students.

The Bayit

A group of SUNY students - among them Judaic Studies major, David Becker, former JSU President, Michael Gerbitz, Aliza Strenger and others - live in a big blue and white communal house at 73 Leroy Street, which has come to be known as The Bayit. They provide a place for students who wish to get off campus for Shabbat and holidays. Several Sundays ago, they held a huge open house for fellow students, faculty, and some friends in the community with Israeli food, Israeli Rock Music, and even a video showing of the Israeli movie "Ha-Lehaqa" (The Troupe).

They also hosted a large group of SUNY students for the breaking of the fast after Kippur.

Kippur Services on Campus

This year Kippur services were held on campus for students unable to go home for the weekend. The services conducted by visiting Rabbi Gary Karlin were sponsored by the Jewish Student Union and the Jewish Federation of Broome County. The services drew large crowds. Jewish Student Union hosted a breaking of the fast on Saturday evening in the Kosher Kitchen.

Milton Kessler

The Judaic Program wants to reach you all - some at each event so that by the end of the year hopefully you have all attended some events. (The end of the school year will culminate in a special celebration which we hope you will all attend.) So those who didn't get an invitation to the Koffman's please be understanding. Milton Kessler is giving another reading on campus on October 23 at 8:15 p.m.

Trip to N.Y.C.

Please make your reservation now if you wish to take part in the fascinating tour of the Lower East Side, which we announced in the previous newsletter. Call the Sociology Department 798-2628. The trip is being led by Professor Art Liebman and will include visits to synagogues, wineries, Tallis shops, the Jewish Daily Forward, etc. The round trip cost is \$20 (if not full, \$25). There will be coffee and doughnuts on the way down and wine and cheese on the way back courtesy of the Program.

Lecture by Bob Rockaway

On Tuesday, October 23, at 7:30 in room 133 at the University Union Building Bob Rockaway will give a lecture on "The Jewish Gangsters in the Roaring 20's in America." You are cordially invited to join us for dinner prior to the lecture at the Kosher Kitchen at 6:00 PM. The cost of a dinner is \$4.50 per person. Please let us know if you intend to come.

News Items

Professor Arie Ullman has asked us to share the following with you:

The School of Management of SUNY-Binghamton is offering a summer program in Management for six weeks on an Israeli Kibbutz. The cost of \$1,400 includes round trip, full room and board, touring in Israel and tuition. (A real bargain.) Anyone interested should call Professor Ullman at 798-6858.