



LET'S CHAT

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Sue Goes To Camp

"I feel that I am very inspired and learned a tremendous amount. I became close to the other students there. It is very difficult to describe the closeness and spirit which prevailed unless you are there and a part of it. It was the most wonderful experience of my life." Thus stated Sue Neuhaus upon her return from the National Hillel Summer Institute last month. The camp, directed by Rabbi Max Ticktin, was held at Camp B'nai B'rith in Starlight, Pennsylvania, for six days.

EACH HILLEL CHAPTER chooses a representative for this camp upon the basis of working hours contributed to the Hillel Foundation and the potentialities of leadership. Sue, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Julius Neuhaus, 4064 Reading Road, was the only Cincinnati who attended the camp. However, two other UC Hillel members from out of town also attended—Bob Segal of Charleston, South Carolina, and Toby Fink of Buffalo, New York.

"Judaism and Ethical Choice" was the theme of the six-day Institute. Lectures were held in the morning and evening. Some of the lectures and lecturers were: "Ethical Dilemmas and Choices," by Rabbi Joseph Gumbiner of the University of California; "The Ethical Meeting of Jewish Identity: The Jewish People," by Rabbi Henry Fischel of the University of Pittsburgh; "The Role of the Educated Jew," by Dr. Israel Knox of the Department of Philosophy of New York University; "The Ethical Meeting of Jewish Identity: The Jewish Family," by Rabbi Max Ticktin of the University of Wisconsin; "Between Man and Man," by Rabbi Jack Cohen of the Society for Advancement of Judaism, New York; "Ethical Choice in the Community We Live In," by Judah J. Shapiro, National Hillel Director; and "The Hillel Foundation and the Jewish Heritage," by Rabbi Alfred Jospe, Director of Programs and Resources for National Hillel.

Discussion groups were held in the afternoon to study the lectures of the morning or problems concerning those present. Sue particularly enjoyed her discussion group led by Rabbi Robert Jacobs of Washington University, St. Louis. He helped the group to put on a sociodrama to narrate the problems they wished to discuss. "The idea behind the Institute is not to discuss all the problems of Hillel. Problems of the individual Hillel Foundations were reserved for the last day's discussion groups," explained Sue.

THIS NATURALLY brought to mind the question: What problems does our Hillel chapter in Cincinnati have and what suggestions were offered? However, Sue informed me that UC's Hillel has no problems in comparison to other groups. Other Hillel chapters are faced with problems such as lack of a house or meeting place, program difficulties, and the sharing of one director with several other Hillel Foundations. None of the Hillel groups mentioned any financial difficulties.

Three workshops were also conducted during the Institute—Religious, Singing, and Dancing. Sue attended the singing workshop, conducted by Dr. Erwin Jospe. "It was really a wonderful experience," Sue said of the workshop. "For a person who does not enjoy singing particularly, I was inspired and enjoyed every minute of it. The instructor made you enjoy what you were doing." Bob Segal attended the Dance workshop, led by Mrs. Zafrah Thatcher, while Toby went to the Religious workshop, led by Rabbi Zalman Schachter, University of Manitoba, Winnipeg, Canada.

"Dr. Erwin Jospe was the most fantastic personality at this whole Institute. He is much better than Victor Borge," Sue said. Dr. Jospe received Sue's praise after a three-hour evening program which he gave for the students on "Jewish Music in America." Another evening program consisted of the Havadallah Service on Saturday evening followed by campfire festivities. The bunks put on individual skits for the last campfire. "Our bunk put on a skit related to Ethical Choice. We chose one minor problem faced by religious Jews and discussed it in the form of a ballad. The problem was: Are religious Jews allowed to use a safety pin on Shabbos?"

BOB SEGAL, of the UC Hillel Foundation, was one of two students chosen from the whole institute to give a closing speech at the final banquet. "Roz," Sue began, "you should have heard him speak. It was so inspiring. You could have heard a pin drop. It is a pleasure to hear him speak." Bob spoke on the Institute and what it did for him.

Tennis, volleyball, ping pong, canoeing, rowboating, swimming, and baseball comprised the free time activities at the Institute. "The lake is gorgeous. The camp was surrounded by mountains. It is an enormous place."

When asked what she did during her one night stopover in New York, Sue, still very exuberant about the whole trip, said, "I saw 'The Most Happy Fella' and then went to Lindy's for cheesecake—strawberry cheesecake."