ALBUQUERQUE B'NAI B'RITH LODGE #336

NEWS LETTER

November 23, 1965

Dear Fellow B'ritches:

The next regularly scheduled breakfast will be held on December 5, 1965 at the NCO Club, Kirtland Air Force Base. The NCO Club is about four blocks South of Gibson on Kirtland Drive, then turn west 1/2 block. The total cost will be $1.50 which includes tip and tax. Our guest speaker will be the Honorable Tom Popejoy, President of the University of New Mexico. Let's show Mr. Popejoy that we are interested in the University of New Mexico which is in our midst, and its problems by having a large turnout. All of the comments on the last month's meeting that were reported to your editors were very favorable both as to the quality of the food and as to the caliber of the service and the price.

In our last News Letter, we inadvertently mentioned that Louise Septoff's summary of her trip to B'nai B'rith Camp Starlight was attached. We left that summary off. It is attached to this News letter.

Those Board Members to whom this News Letter is mailed and arrives before December 2nd, attention: There will be a Board Meeting on December 2, 1965. You should receive post cards stating the place and time. If you have not received them, please contact Dr. Bronitsky at his home or at the V.A. Hospital. This will be a most important meeting since the standards for the determination of the awarding of the Ben B'rith of the Year Award will be voted on at the Board Meeting. Also, the Board will hear the report of the feasibility committee on the establishment of a B'nai B'rith House in Albuquerque. Please be sure to attend.

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Among the areas studied were the wisdom literature of the Bible including: Proverbs, Koheleth, and Job, the relationship of Israel, Torah and God; the origin and development of our people as viewed from our times as we look back to see how we got to where we are today.

LTC stressed leadership training skills - personal growth, accepting and handling responsibility, working with others - not only our own age, but also adults and children. "How to" sessions for improving programming on different levels, and exposing us to elements of Jewish culture we weren't familiar with.

The purpose of these programs is to develop in BBYO a corps of leaders who have an increased identification with, and an understanding of, the Jewish people, its historical development, present situation, and future challenges. This commitment and knowledge is considered basic to effective leadership within AZA and BBG. In addition, the International Leadership Training Conference's program is designed to convey specific leadership and art skills to the participants so that they may become more effective in their leadership capacity and improve and deepen the program of BBYO at regional and chapter levels. Finally, the group experience and individual activities are designed to help participants achieve personal growth so that they may become more effective leaders.

The program is a true synthesis of Judaism seminars, leadership training workshops, and instruction in dancing, singing, dramatics, and other skills which are useful in many BBYO activities.

Guest speakers and artists, a Knesset, a civil rights conference and a trip to Hyde Park and the Vanderbilt mansion were special highlights of the conference which was held at Camp B'nai B'rith in Starlight, Pennsylvania in the Pocono Mountains from July 1st through August 19th.

In closing, I should like to take this opportunity to again thank the Albuquerque B'nai B'rith Lodge for helping to make this trip possible. Also, I have a great deal of printed material and pictures and I would be delighted to show them to anyone interested in hearing more about Kallah and LTC.

Le'hit Ratz,
Louise Septoff