

# First Hillel in City Began Here at B. C.

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The Brooklyn College Hillel Foundation, an educational, religious, and social organization of Jewish students, formed at BC 13 years ago was the first Hillel organization in the metropolitan area.

Hillel's story begins in 1923 when Rabbi Benjamin Frankel recognized the fact that Jewish college students were drifting from their religious attachments when confronted with intellectual challenges. Rabbi Frankel established the first foundation at the University of Illinois and a year later B'nai B'rith leaders in that state became interested in, and gave financial aid to the program. Today there are over 200 Hillel units in the U. S., Canada, London and Jerusalem.

Since its arrival at BC in 1942, the organization has presented lectures, study groups, religious festival programs and dramatic programs of which the most outstanding have been annual celebrations of the Model Seder and Israel Independence Day. Hillel is currently looking for group leaders and invites new members to make use of its facilities which include a lounge for dancing, listening to music, and games, and a well-stocked library of Jewish books in English, Hebrew, and Yiddish at the B'nai B'rith Foundation, 1520 Flatbush Ave.

The Foundation at BC is neither orthodox, nor reformed nor conservative in orientation. It

takes no stand as an organization but represents all constructive viewpoints in Judaism. It therefore anxiously welcomes interested Jewish students regardless of educational background or orientation. The next Hillel events will be an excursion to Bear Mountain on May 15 and the Annual Awards Installation Dinner on May 22.

This awards dinner will present the Hillel award to outstanding students. The speakers at the dinner will be Dean Herbert Stroup, Rabbi Gewirtz and Rabbi Frimmer. The evenings entertainment will include dancing, singing and music supplied by a professional pianist.