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LEWIS BROWNE TO BE AT TEMPLE SINAI

**Noted Author and Lecturer to Speak
Under Joint Auspices**

The first traveling lecturer to be heard under the auspices of the Hillel Foundation is to be Rabbi Lewis Browne, famed author and lecturer. Rabbi Browne is to speak in the auditorium of Temple Sinai, Twenty-eighth and Webster Streets, Oakland, on Monday evening, April 23, at 8 o'clock. This meeting is being held under the joint auspices of the Hillel Foundation and Temple Sinai of Oakland.

Rabbi Browne, though not yet in his thirties, is the author of three non-fiction best sellers. His first book, "Stranger Than Fiction," a one-volume short story of the Jews, has already been translated into several foreign languages. "This Believing World," a short, popular history of religions, was his second venture in the realm of letters. More than 20,000 copies of this still popular text were sold in the first four weeks after publication. A third book, "That Man Heinie," was selected by the Literary Guild of America as one of the best biographies of the last year. Rabbi Browne is now at work on a fourth volume, "The Graphic Bible," a rewriting of the Pentateuch, plentifully illustrated with the popular maps for which he is famous. This last book is to be a publication of the early fall.

Prior to his work as a litterateur, Rabbi Browne occupied various Jewish pulpits in the East. He left his last post as Rabbi of the Free Synagogue of Newark, N. J., in the spring of 1926. While there, he organized a Workmen's College and did much toward bringing the cause of the worker to

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STUDENT COUNCIL BI-ANNUAL BANQUET

On Wednesday evening, April 18, at 6 o'clock, a Council banquet will be held at Drake's in honor of the outgoing and incoming members of the Council.

Those members on the Council now, plus the newly appointed Council members, in addition to the executive officers elected by the student group at large on Tuesday, April 17, will be the guests.

Speeches will be delivered by Rabbi Goldstein, director of the Foundation; Wendell Phillips, outgoing president; RoseEtta Kahn, vice-president, and Frances Lewinthal, assistant director. The newly elected executives will also give short addresses. Miss Kahn is in charge of arrangements for the affair.



CLARISSA FRIEDLANDER
Chairman, Social Committee

FORMAL DECLARED A SOCIAL SUCCESS

Socially, those who attended the Hillel Formal, held March 17 at the Hillcrest Club, San Francisco, declare it a complete success. Financially, there is no such unanimity of opinion. The perversity of the weather acted as a deterrent to many who had intended to come. Those hardy souls who braved the rain and the wind to attend the function were well rewarded, however. The music, furnished by Hal Drieske's music makers, was excellent.

Among those who attended the affair were Rabbi and Mrs. B. B. Goldstein, Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Perstein, Wendell Phillips, president of the Student Council; Rose-Etta Kahn, vice-president; Clarisse Friedlander, chairman of the Social Committee, the person to whom the guests are largely responsible for their enjoyable evening, and many others—thirty-five couples in all.

AXE RALLY DANCING

One adjourned from the axe rally with a feeling of exhilaration and enthusiasm. The evening still being young, one desired to expend this energy and good feeling in a pleasurable way. In answer to this situation, Hillel provided after-rally dancing.

This affair, arranged by Clarisse Friedlander, chairman of the Social Committee, was well attended. It was held Thursday evening, April 12. Larry Horenstein furnished the music. Punch and cookies were served. About 250 students enjoyed the dancing from 10 till 12 o'clock.

STUDENT ELECTIONS TO BE HELD APRIL 17

Election for next year's officers will be held Tuesday, April 17, at the Foundation. Printed ballots will be provided for the occasion. Votes may be cast between the hours of 1 to 6 p. m., inclusive, and all members of the Jewish student body are urged to participate in this event.

Only those who have already served on the Council are eligible to office. The method of election adopted provided for nomination of officers by the Council with election by the entire Jewish student body. All nominations were made at the meeting of the Student Council, Wednesday, March 28. Each candidate received the approval of a majority of the Council members. With all the candidates, the student body at large is given full control of the final choice. All Jewish students are eligible to vote, and a plurality will decide the officers for next year.

The following nominations were made:

President—Sanford Goldner, chairman of Open Forum Committee; Raphael Silver, sub-chairman Menorah Committee.

Vice-President — RoseEtta Kahn, vice-president, 1927-28; Freda Goldeen, Menorah and Open Forum Committees.

Secretary—Leslie Baer, Social Committee.

Treasurer—Harry Kebric, Assistant Editor of Publication; Marshal Shapiro, sub-chairman of Publicity.

STUDENTS APPEAR AT TEMPLE EMANU-EL

**Wendell Phillips and Elma Kahn
Speak at Third Hillel Service**

Two students occupied the pulpit at Temple Emanu-El on Saturday, April 7. This was the third Student Service to be held in Temples around the Bay. A fourth service is planned for Congregation Sherith Israel, California and Webster Streets, San Francisco, on Saturday, April 21, at which Clarisse Friedlander and Stanley Breyer are to be the student preachers.

Those who spoke at Temple Emanu-El were Elma Kahn, chairman of the Social Welfare Committee, and Wendell Phillips, president of the Hillel student body. Elma Kahn, speaking on the subject, "Judaism and the College Student," touched various phases of the student attitude toward Judaism. She discussed briefly the students' attitude toward religion, the Jew as a social group, and Judaism as an intellectual background. "Students fail to appreciate this background completely," concluded Miss Kahn, "but, for the most part,

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Editorials

This edition marks the end of a two-semester career for the "Hillel Bulletin." The main aim of the publication has been to be a paper of purely informational nature, recording past meetings at the Foundation with a heralding of future events. At first it was not certain what policy the publication would adopt, but by the second issue it was determined to be a recorder of Hillel activities with a literary column of modern fiction of particular note.

In order to be the official organ of Hillel, writing should not be confined to the members of the staff only. Students at large should contribute suggestions, criticisms, opinion, and comments as to Hillel events. These could be developed in publication form and so add a personal feature to the "Bulletin" and make it more truly representative and appealing to the students.

This expansion policy will be easily possible under the editorship of Ruby Diamond, who is to succeed the present editor in her efforts to carry on the editing of the "babe" of all of Hillel's publications.

I take this opportunity of wishing the new staff the best of luck and hope for success in developing the "Bulletin" into a bigger and better publication.

"Aller Anfang ist schwer"—all beginning is difficult. And so Hillel launched out on an enthusiastic program at California in September, 1927.

Now, in view of the future and having a year's program to judge on, plans are being laid for the 1928-29 semesters. The executives to carry out these plans will soon be decided upon.

Mistakes have been made in the choice of committee chairmen, members, and events. These will be attempted to be remedied in choosing the new leaders. You have your part in this program by being able to vote for the executive heads of Hillel. If you are going to participate in Hillel activities next semester, this choice of officers should interest you.

Cast Your Vote Tuesday!

"ROMANTIC YOUNG LADY" ENDS DRAMA WORK FOR YEAR

Three-Act Play a Success

The production of Martinez-Sierra's Spanish comedy, "The Romantic Young Lady," at the Berkeley Playhouse, March 14, brought the season's work of the Hillel Dramatics Committee to a close.

As a whole, one felt that the potentialities of the cast were very much greater than the talent actually expended at the performance. Frances Lewinthal, in the role of Maria Pepa, was striking. She showed a sophistication and sureness on the stage which betrayed much careful effort as well as former experience. Miss Lewinthal also directed the performance.

The play, which was woven about the affairs of a very romantic young lady, a famous author, and a temperamental family, seemed rather ill-chosen, for the cast appeared unable to interpret the irony underlying the situation, and without which the plot was insipid. A more mature and sophisticated group of actors and actresses would appear essential to a successfully subtle delineation of this type of comedy.

Those who took part in the Hillel comedy were Bertram Edises, as Pepe Castellanos; "Brick" Marcus, as Emilio Castellanos; Bessie Miller, as Rosario Castellanos; Herbert Resner, as Mario Castellanos; Matiel Bailey, as Don Barbarita; Frances Lewinthal, as Maria Pepa; Norman Tyre, as the Apparition; Isaac Rabinowitz, as Don Juan; Sylvia Ladar, as Irene; David Goldshur, as Guillermo, and Margaret Deutsch, as Amalia. The production staff consisted of Robert Rothchild, business manager; Eva Frank, chairman of properties; Alice Kagan, settings committee, and Mathilde Moser, in charge of make-up.

A large audience heartily enjoyed the performance.

The work of the dramatics group as well as the interest taken in the various performances throughout the past year have been highly gratifying, according to Alice Kagan, chairman of that committee.

Three plays have been produced, each of which has been very successful. This has been the first year in which anything of the sort has been undertaken by Jewish students here, and the large number who each time tried out for parts in the plays as well as the enthusiastic attendance at each performance by both students and those not on the campus were adequate proof of the need for just such an opportunity as the Dramatics Committee provides for those having theatrical interests, said Miss Kagan.

The plays given this year were "The Stepmother," by Arnold Bennett; "Forgotten Souls," by David Pinsky, and "The Romantic Young Lady," by Martinez-Sierra. It is expected that an even more ambitious program can be carried out next semester, the chairman stated.

NEW STUDENT HEADS FOR HILLEL WORK

1928 Semester Chairmen and Sub-Chairmen Chosen

New leaders have been chosen for next semester. These individuals have proved themselves capable of leading groups, of contributing valuable services, and showing a willingness to serve and aid in the execution of Hillel's activity program. Therefore they have been suggested by present chairmen of committees and approved by the president, Wendell Phillips, and Rabbi Goldstein, director of the Foundation. The chairmen are subject to removal by the executive council if in any way they do not fulfill their duties satisfactorily.

These leaders will be initiated into their new tasks on Wednesday evening, April 18, at the council banquet at Drake's.

The outgoing members of the present council are Esther Buky, Bill Ellis, Clarisse Friedlander, Miriam Davidson, Madeleine Goldsmith, Perry Harris, Alice Kagan, Wendell Phillips, Marshall Shapiro, and Evelyn Trauner.

The tentative members of the new council are Helen Ahronheim, Stanley Breyer, Leslie Baer, Milton Davidson, Ruby Diamond, Sanford Goldner, Arthur Goldman, Freda Goldeen, Bob Himmelstern, Harry Kebric, Gertrude Heskins, Leah Levy, Rose-Etta Kahn, Sarah Miller, Ruth Popper, Robert Rothschild, Isaac Rabinowitz, Raphael Silver, Norman Tyre, and Pauline Wise.

THE LIBRARY

Books by Jews and non-Jews on Jewish literature, philosophy, and religion, as well as literature in general, are included in the Circulating Library of the Foundation.

There are books by Israel Zangwill, Eugene O'Neill, Maurice Samuel, and Benjamin Lehman of the English Department of the University. There is "A Legend of the Jews," "Studies in Judaism," "The Jewish Encyclopedia," "A Jewish Anthology," and "Jewish Contributions to Civilization," together with many other books of Jewish literature and history.

"The Bridge of San Luis Rey," by Wilder, and "Heavenly Discourse," by Charles Erskine Scott Wood, are other volumes which add versatility to the range of subject matter of these volumes, many of which have been donated by Eugene Sommer of the Sather Gate Book Shop, while others have been presented by the B'nai B'rith Hillel Foundation and B'nai B'rith Auxiliaries in this district.

Students are free to take any book from the shelves by merely signing for it at the time and checking when returning the volume. There is no time limit and therefore, no fines, the purpose of the library being to enable students to read books which they desire during their leisure hours.

TUTORING CLASSES TO BE ARRANGED

Social Welfare Committee Secures Aid of Honor Students

There will be no wave of depression among the students this semester nor worry over final examinations, but self-assurance and plenty of knowledge instead will take its place, because COACHING FOR FINALS has been arranged at the Foundation. The Social Welfare Committee has secured an exceptionally capable staff to conduct seminars, in order to aid students in passing examinations.

Louis Heilbron will conduct the seminar in English 56b. Seminars in Zoology 10 and Geology 1 and 2 will be given by Paul Woolf, a graduate student. George Moncharch will conduct the History 4b seminar, and Sam Jacobs the one in Political Science 1b. Ezra Gotthelf will give the seminar in Philosophy 5b, all sections. Seminars will also be given in Philosophy 10b, Economics 1b, and American Institutions, the instructors to be announced later. If there are any other subjects in which you desire coaching, notify Elma Kahn or the office and groups will be formed.

Many students have signified their desire for these seminars, and their intentions of attending. They will be held from 7:15 to 9:15 o'clock in the evening at the Foundation, and there will be a nominal cost of \$1 per seminar, of which the amount will go to the Student Loan Fund. Watch for the dates of these seminars, which will be announced soon. Three of the seminar leaders are members of Phi Beta Kappa.

BROWNE

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the attention of the community. He has worked in lumber camps and steel mills from time to time.

Since leaving the rabbinate, Lewis Browne has traveled widely in Europe and the Orient, writing of his experiences in the "Nation" and the "New Republic." The entire summer of 1926 he spent in Russia, studying the religious development of the Church and Synagogue under the Soviet regime. Another summer was spent observing the colonization work in Palestine.

Rabbi Browne brings to the lecture platform all the charm that characterizes his books, plus a wide and varied experience both as student and lecturer. His topic is to be, "Can We Do Without Religion?"—a subject which he will discuss in the light of his recent trip through Europe.

This meeting is to be thrown open to the public and, due to the limited number of seats and the wide popularity of the speaker, a request is being made to the students to be at the meeting early.

CORRESPONDENCE

The following letters have been addressed to the editor and signed by the authors. They express different attitudes toward Hillel purposes and programs, and have been introduced to provide an effective outlet of student opinion which Hillel uses for constructive criticism in modeling its program to suit student needs.

Dear Editor:

It has been a very commendable policy of Hillel to supply such a fine selection of books for student use and I have made several attempts to avail myself of the opportunity of borrowing them, but what do I see on the list: names of students who have held these books out for a period of six weeks. 'Tis fine, students, that you show an interest in literature out of textbook assignments, but 'twould be finer if you showed some consideration for the other fellow and gave him a chance to read too.

MAY, '28.

Cast Your Vote Tuesday!

Dear Editor:

It is not very often that I enjoy myself at a formal dance, but the Hillel formal at the Hillcrest Club has re-established my faith in this common pastime. What could be more desirable than a charming clubhouse, good music, plenty of room to dance, lots of tasty punch and tastier cookies, and about 76 degrees temperature in which the proverbial tux shirt was still to be recognized as such after the dance. Perhaps it was not so beneficial for the financial committee of the affair to have the clubhouse so comfortably unattended. But what care I?—I enjoyed myself to the extent of willingly participating again (this time without the coaxing of a sweet young saleswoman) in a similar event.

MAY, '30.

Dear Editor:

Hillel has provided several hours of pleasurable entertainment for me. The dramatic readings, the lecturers, the open houses, have all supplemented my University program, and I herewith take the opportunity to express my willing participation in these events. Am particularly delighted to hear that the Foundation is making an effort to obtain Lewis Browne for a special lecture when he is going to be West in April.

MAY, '28.

Cast Your Vote Tuesday!

Dear Editor:

Hillel Foundation on the Berkeley campus is now closing its first year of activity, and many students will leave college in May with a larger mailing list than they possessed in 1927. Acquaintance with Judaism, its history and doctrines, describes one line of work in our organization; friendship with other Jews and Jewesses reveals the other value of Hillel's existence. The

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SILVER LECTURES ON MYSTICISM

Difficult of Definition, Says Menorah Speaker

Rafael Silver was the speaker at the final Menorah meeting for the semester, held on Sunday, March 25. His topic was "Some Jewish Mystics."

"Not to any man is given the power to define mysticism," said the speaker. "It is a field which has no boundaries. Sonfine it, fence it, and you have destroyed it. The mystic seeks communion with reality, not by way of the mind, not by means of the senses, but straight from the cosmos through the naked soul. He seeks knowledge through intuition, wisdom through revelation, truth by attaining oneness with the infinite."

Silver then went on to explain the difference between Jewish and non-Jewish mysticism. All Jewish mystics, he said, show to a large degree the influence of the Bible, and in one sense may be said to belong to the same school. Non-Hebraic mysticism, on the other hand, is not influenced particularly by any one source, and it is hard to find any definite relationship between its exponents.

An audience of about forty attended the lecture.

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Many Hillel Workers Graduate

Hillel is losing this May members who have participated in Foundation events and have contributed to activities. Needless to say, the students will be greatly missed. May good fortune greet them in their new paths and remembrances of campus life cause them to keep in touch with former fields of activity.

Among the students to leave the campus at the close of this semester will be Wendell Phillips, first president of Hillel, and Jerome Zobel, a Senior editor of "Blue and Gold." Bill Ellis, chairman of the Religious Committee of the Foundation, will be awarded his J. D. degree. The following students will receive their A. B.'s:

Clarisse Friedlander, Social Committee chairman; Madeleine Goldsmith, Menorah Committee chairman; Louis Heilbron, varsity debater and editor of the "Literary Review"; Elma Kahn, Social Service chairman; Harold Kaufman, varsity football player; George Lavenson, city editor of the "Daily Californian"; Leah Levy, chairman of the Publicity Committee of Hillel; George Moncharch, another varsity debater, and Cornelius Ullman, assistant director of the Advertisers Service Bureau. Evelyn Trauner, editor of the "Hillel Bulletin," will also receive her degree in May.

B'NAI B'RITH ORDER ANNOUNCES BUDGET

Jewish and non-Jewish persons have made generous contributions to both Jewish and non-Jewish institutions within the past few months.

The National Committee of the Independent Order of B'nai B'rith adopted a budget of \$300,000 at an executive session held in Cincinnati. This sum has come from the "pockets of the modest and plain men in Israel," and is to be devoted chiefly to philanthropic, religious, and educational work. The Hillel Foundations throughout the country come in for a large part of this sum. Next in importance is the Anti-Defamation League, which organization has protected American Israel from many an unpleasant experience during the last ten years.

During the past year, the B'nai B'rith dedicated a home for the aged in Memphis, Tenn., and financed the cost of an addition of new buildings to the Hebrew Orphan Asylum in Erie, Pa.

CLIPPINGS

Aimee Palliere, rabbi in France and a former student for the Catholic priesthood into which he was born and from which he converted to Judaism, is to deliver a series of lectures in America. Palliere, while studying for the priesthood, wandered into a Synagogue on the Day of Atonement and was attracted by the service which he witnessed. For the following year he made the study of Hebrew and Jewish tradition his main work, and on the following year appeared at the Synagogue as a worshipper. His book on "The Religious Appeal of Judaism" is now being translated by Mrs. Stephen S. Wise and will be a spring offering of Bloch Publishing Company.

The numerous clausus which excludes Jewish students from the universities in Roumania has been the subject of much heated debate in the Roumanian Parliament. Following upon the riots enacted by students attending a student conference in the city of Oradea Mare, accusations have been leveled against the government indicating that government officials sponsored and sanctioned the riots. "The Nation" carried a full account of the events in a recent number. Jewish groups have been joined in their protest by conferences of students in America and in Europe.

Dear Editor:

I have attended several open houses at the Foundation and have one criticism to offer. First, let me state that I have enjoyed myself very much at these gatherings, otherwise I would not have returned repeatedly for more. But each time there was no one to receive me or to introduce me to any of the other students. I am not a shy violet, but I do not care to introduce myself boldly to a total stranger. Yours for more congeniality. MAY, '29.

LETTERS

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Foundation has been a meeting spot for members of the Jewish student body of this campus. Advantages, I believe, have accrued mainly to students from distant communities who arrived in Berkeley comparatively unacquainted with even a few of our "10,000 California brothers and sisters." Hillel has also been a means of helping the student find himself. Through the activities which the Foundation offers and the interests which it advocates, much latent ability has been discovered among members who were heretofore quiescent workers. May the ensuing years continue the values of the Foundation and increase the cooperation of the entire Jewish student body.

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Dear Editor:

May I present a few unanswerable questions? I have been asked on several occasions by people not on the campus, "What do you think of the Hillel Foundation? Does it actually accomplish anything worth while?" I was unable to answer for, though Hillel provides means for much social and intellectual activity, do enough students take advantage of the extra opportunities provided which were not available before the Foundation came into existence on this campus? I wonder, too, whether the Foundation, like all other sectarian campus institutions, does not, in a larger aspect, do more harm than good. Would it not be better to institute non-sectarian organizations rather than those which ever widen in the student consciousness the breach between Jew and Gentile? It is tragic and foolish enough that there must be religious and racial antagonism in the world. Surely in a university such differences should be eliminated rather than fostered by a Newman Club, a Hillel Foundation, or what have you.

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STUDENT SERVICES

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they are tolerant of it, and many are willing to seek whatever value it has."

The other student speaker, Wendell Phillips, spoke on the general topic, "Various Types of Jewish Students' Religious Viewpoints." "Most college students are members of an army of temporary deserters," said Mr. Phillips. In asking what the parents' attitude toward these students ought to be, Mr. Phillips advised parents to keep their hands off, giving to the younger generation the benefit of their experience alone but letting them decide for themselves.

Previous Foundation services were held at Temple Israel in San Francisco, at which Sanford Goldner and Esther Buky were the speakers, and at Temple Sinai, in Oakland, where RoseEtta Kahn and Wendell Phillips spoke.

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ASSISTANT TO RABBI GOLDSTEIN LEAVING

Miss Frances Lewinthal, graduate of Illinois, December '26, came to the Hillel Foundation at California with Rabbi Goldstein as his assistant. She plans to leave for Chicago April 25, where she will join her fiancée, Larry Rosenthal. Miss Lewinthal not only acted in the capacity of assistant and secretary of the Foundation, but also as dramatic coach, entertainer, and advisor of Hillel members.

We hope that Miss Lewinthal carries back East with her fond and hopeful memories of the student contacts and activities of the California group.

FAREWELL

Dear Editor:

In retrospect, I see the Hillel Foundation last August introducing itself and its purpose with some difficulty to the students of the University. The problem of finding the proper student administrators was indeed a perplexing and arduous task, but when the Student Council group was at last united it proved to be the most capable, influential, and competent students of the Jewish group. Under the supervision of this group, it was inevitable that the Foundation should have made the uncanny strides in its first year that are now manifest. Yet I believe it is only a beginning. There are many problems yet unsolved which I am certain will unfold themselves within the coming year if the progress of the past year is any criterion. With the innovation of popular elections will come greater student support, and hence a more inclusive program of activities.

I feel it has been a privilege to work with so capable a group and, although I cannot help materially any further by virtue of my leave-taking, I shall always be searching across 2000 miles for news of the Foundation and its student body. I wish the Foundation the most gratifying success in the coming year and the realization of its fondest hopes.

FRANCES LEWINTHAL.

RUSSELL ADVOCATES LIBERALISM

"When culture becomes a study of the past and tradition, it is worse than vocational training." Such, in a sense, is the opinion of Bertrand Russell, foremost British philosopher, who prefers to hear a person talk of a vocation than of dry-bone culture.

Russell scores heavily with over-burdened college students, when he acclaims that, "too much emphasis in America is placed on work. It is the leisure time that is important. Work serves no purpose. Americans do not work to eat; they eat to work."

Russell believes that "America holds the key to world peace; that American liberalism must show the way, and the liberals' greatest hope is in the colleges.