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Chairman States Loan Fund Drive Will Be Success

Over One Hundred Dollars
Contributed After Two
Days of Soliciting

"From all present indications, the Loan Fund Drive this year will be an unqualified success," declared Stanley Breyer, chairman of the committee. At the time this paper went to press, after only two days of soliciting, over 100 dollars had been contributed, and this did not include reports from any of the sororities or fraternities.

The Loan Fund was organized last year for the purpose of making short loans to Jewish students in temporary need of money. So great was its success, according to Mr. Breyer, that the three hundred dollars which was donated, was quickly overdrawn and assistance was necessary from the California Alliance of Jewish Women. Aid was given to over twenty-five people.

Many of these loans have already been returned and turned again into circulation, while those who are using the Fund at the present time keep in constant touch with Rabbi Ben Goldstein, who is in general charge of the project. According to Rabbi Goldstein it is the aim of the Foundation to acquire enough money in a few years, that it may be kept in constant circulation.

The quota for this year has been set at six hundred dollars, and it is the plea of Mr. Breyer, and Jeanette Edelstein, sub-chairman of the group, that every student contribute just as much as he

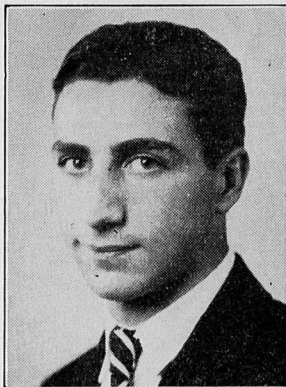
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Rabbi Goldstein Will Give Reading of Play

Rabbi Ben Goldstein will give a reading of David Pinsky's play, "The Treasure" at the regular weekly Open House to be given at the Foundation next Tuesday afternoon. Informal dancing will take place later, according to Pauline Wise, chairman of the Social Committee.

It was decided at the last meeting of the Council, that a dance would be given on the first Tuesday afternoon of every month, and literary or musical programs on the other days, after which informal dancing will take place. Mrs. Louis Newman was the principal speaker for the first tea, which was held September 4.

Hillel Head



Sanford Goldner, Chairman of the Student Council composed of committee chairmen and sub-chairmen, who is a prominent campus debater.

Goldner Head of Student Council

Meetings Held Regularly to
Formulate Plans for
Hillel Activities

With Sanford Goldner at its head, the student council of the Hillel Foundation, composed this year of an entirely new group of committee chairmen and sub-chairmen, is making rapid progress toward solving the problems which have arisen during the past year.

Meetings are held on the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month at which the reports of each committee chairman are made. Plans are then formulated for all the events given by the Foundation and the policy developed which is to the best interests of all the students.

Sanford Goldner, the newly elected president of the Foundation, is a senior at the University and is planning to enter Hastings Law school after graduation. He has made a distinguished record in public speaking and debating on the campus, and as a member of last year's Social Committee, he has done much toward furthering the growth and success of Hillel in Berkeley.

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Lucius Solomons Addresses Hillel Committeemen

Jewish Students Have an
Inferiority Complex, Says
B'nai Brith Head

"There is something radically wrong with the Jewish student," charged Lucius Solomons, grand president of the B'nai Brith, district 4, and prominent San Francisco lawyer, speaking before the committee members of the Hillel Foundation at the second annual banquet, held at Stephens Union Wednesday evening, September 29.

He has an inferiority complex—particularly in the social sense. There is a feeling born in each of us, he said, to shrink instinctively from any conspicuous stressing of the difference between Jew and Gentile.

"You cannot deny Judaism. Regardless of your feelings, no matter how much you consider yourself an individual, a human being among other human beings, you will always be classed as a Jew by the unfriendly world. Your individuality will always be submerged by your race."

The Hillel Foundation was organized as a corollary of the Anti-Defamation League, which was established about seventeen years ago for the purpose of creating a better understanding between Jew and non-Jew, and for discouraging combat, prejudice, and intolerance, according to Mr. Solomons. Hillel is to do this for the Jewish student. Its purpose is to point out the finest attitude toward Judaism and the outside world—to do away with that inferiority complex.

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Many New Books Added to Library

Many new and interesting books have been added to the Hillel library. These volumes, including works of ancient and modern civilization, comprise novels, histories, and autobiographies. "Judaism," a history in two volumes is particularly worth while reading. It was written by George F. Moore of Harvard University. "Ant Hills" by Hannah Berman and "Tents of Jacob" whose author is Hyman Cohen, are novels which should interest most readers. A group of well-known writers contribute a collection of essays in a book, entitled, "Legacy of Israel." A novel of our own time is "The City Without Jews," a simply told story by Hugo Bettauer.

Edises Speaks on Jewish Poetry

A Definite Undercurrent Of Similarity in Poems, Speaker Declares

A definite undercurrent of similarity runs through the work of all Jewish poetry, said Bert Edises speaking of "Some Aspects of Contemporary Jewish Poetry" at the first meeting of the year of the Menorah Committee, Sunday night, September 31.

This undercurrent, he said, is a quality of subjectiveness which makes the poet's emotional reactions the outstanding thing in all his work. It is this "Jewish psychology" which explains the predominance of such themes as the banishment and wanderings of Israel, the buffetings received at the hands of fortune, and the long cherished hope of the Messiah, which can be found in the poetry of all the Jewish writers.

"The modern poet of all modern Jewish poets whom I believe most likely to receive the plaudits of posterity is Chaim Nachan Bialik," said the speaker. According to Mr. Edises, his work, even in translation possesses a pure Miltonian sublimity of thought, eloquence and language.

Untermeyer Rosenfeld, Tchernichevski, Jehosh, Raskin and Zangwill were each discussed by the young speaker, particularly in so far as they are responsive to the blood of "Our Own" as he called it.

Bert Edises has done a great deal of writing for the Hillel Bulletin, having been a member of the staff last year. He is especially interested in the field of poetry, and has written, himself, a great deal of what critics have termed excellent poetry.

Dr. M. Rose of the physiology department on the campus will speak on "Mimonides, Dr. Jaques Loeb, and Other Jewish Figures in the Medical World," at the next meeting of the Menorah Committee, Sunday evening, October 21, according to Isaac Rabinowitz, chairman of the group. An informal supper will be served at six-thirty, preceding the lecture.

Succoth Dance Held At the Foundation

A succoth dance was held at the Foundation, Friday evening, September 28. Pauline Wise, chairman of the Social Committee was in charge, and was assisted by Jerry Faulk, Erna Laventhal, Marian Cheim, Mary Myer, Edward Goldeen, Harold Furst, Herbert Dryful, Sanford Levy, and Albert Kessler.

London.—Several London papers in reporting the death of Mrs. Hannah Chaplin, mother of Charles Chaplin, state that she was a Jewess. However, Mr. Chaplin on several occasions denied that he was a Jew or of Jewish origin.

Rehearsals Held for Play to Be Given By Student Group

Rehearsals are being held daily for the production of the "Lady of Belmont," Mr. St. John Eryine's conception of "The Merchant of Venice" ten years later, announced Gertrude Heskins, chairman of the Dramatics committee.

The play is a brilliant comedy with an undercurrent of ironic realism which gives it depth and eloquence, and it is expected to be a great success, especially since it is being coached by Mrs. Olive Vincent d'Erlach, a competent and experienced professional coach, declared Miss Heskins.

Those taking part in the play are Sophie Metzenbaum, Sylvia Ladar, Pauline Wise, Jeanie Cahn, Isaac Rabinowitz, Bert Edises, Leon Key, Herbert Resner, Jack Siver, Max Newstadt, Adolph Benjamin, and Rabbi Ben Goldstein.

The "Lady of Belmont" is a five-act comedy and since in the past, the committee has only attempted to produce one-act plays, the result of this ambitious undertaking is being anticipated with much interest, according to the chairman. As yet no definite date has been set for the performance, but in all probability it will be produced once at the Temple Emmanuel and once in Oakland.

LUCIUS SOLOMONS TALKS TO HILLEL COMMITTEEMEN

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"The House of Israel was built on the faith of Israel. Only after that faith was imbedded in the Jewish breast was the Jewish race developed." Judaism is not a religion nor a race, but it is both of these, and it must be preserved in its solidarity if it is to be preserved at all, he went on.

To do this the attitude of the Jew should not be belligerently Jewish, as it has so often been, nor should it be sycophantic, inferior, or evasive. It should be one of dignified, proud humility. He should know the wrongs of his people, but despite the sense of wrong and outrage, assert his prerogative always on the defensive, express himself in action and not in speech, erect as a man asking man's right to justice, offering service, sacrifice, mercy and love."

Besides Mr. Solomons, the guests of honor included Dr. and Mrs. Lando, who offered the students the best wishes of the California Alliance of Jewish Women; Arnold Perstein, Dr. Milton Rose, Elma Kahn and Rabbi and Mrs. Ben Goldstein, Sanford Goldner, Barbara Hirschler, Rabbi Goldstein and Professor Perstein also gave messages of welcome to the students. Stanley Breyer was toastmaster for the evening.

Dr. James Wise To Speak Here

Son of Noted Rabbi to Talk At Foundation Oct. 23 on New Jewish Youth

Dr. James Waterman Wise, son of Rabbi Stephen S. Wise, and distinguished writer and scholar, himself, will address members of the Hillel Foundation at an Open House to be given Tuesday afternoon, October 23, on "The New Jewish Youth," according to Rosetta Kahn, chairman of the Open Forum Committee, under whose auspices Dr. Wise will speak.

Dr. Wise, who recently left the Rabinat because he believed he could not fit in with its attitude, has just returned from Europe where he made an intensive study of youth movements and their effect on the Continent. He is the author of many magazine and newspaper articles, and has written particularly for Harpers, the Century Magazine, and the Bookman. He has also written several books, among them being "The Future of Israel," which was published in the Today and Tomorrow Series, and "The Liberalism of Liberal Judaism."

Dr. Wise will also speak at the Foundation Wednesday evening, October 24, on "Youth's Movements in Europe and America." Invitations will be issued to members of all the foundations on the campus, according to Rabbi Goldstein.

Other speakers which the Open Forum Committee is attempting to secure are Horace Kallen of the New School of Social Research in New York; and Louis Untermeyer, the well-known poet, as well as many distinguished speakers from the Bay Region.

"The Open Forum Committee has always been one of the most interesting features of the Hillel work, and under the leadership of Rose-Etta Kahn and Robert Rothchild, chairman and sub-chairman of the group, we are expecting even greater success than last year," according to Rabbi Goldstein.

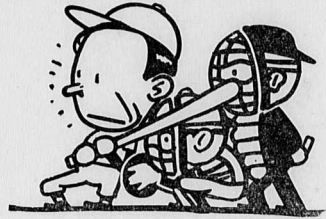
Ban Placed on Jews And Dogs at Prague

Prague.—A regulation issued by the authorities of the public baths near Prague in Czechoslovakia prohibiting the admission of "Jews and dogs" had aroused much resentment and the leaders of the Jewish community have made official protests. The matter has been referred to the central government by the Jewish National Council.

Jack Rubin, although an inexperienced oarsman, is making excellent progress on Russ Nagler's freshman crew.



Sports



Jewish Students Poor Athletes

Brick Marcus Explains Why
Jews Do Not Shine in
Athletic Endeavors

Though prominent in the East for many years, Jewish football stars are a comparative innovation west of the Rockies.

It is interesting to note that while the Jewish students show a decided leadership in almost all lines of mental endeavor, in fields of physical activity and combat they are not outstanding to the same degree. Whether it is because throughout Jewish history mental alertness was essential to overcome prejudice and persecution and the Jews were thus brought to a point where their whole energy had to be devoted to the use of their wits in making a sure livelihood, and whether this pressure was so great as to allow but little time for physical care and growth will always be a question.

However, in the mind of Brick Marcus there is but little doubt that the privations undergone by our forebears through centuries of persecution have been detrimental to physical growth and well being. "I can't conceive of bigger and better babies being born, in squalid surroundings, of undernourished mothers and with fathers with whom the constant outside pressure caused him to exist in a state of fear and unrest."

"In moderation hardships may be a good thing. The trouble is that the tribulations of the Jews in the past have been too great a strain. With this pressure relieved the Jews are having a chance to compete on even terms for honors in the field of physical endeavor," Marcus said, in a recent article in the Jewish Journal.

At the present time the leading Jewish candidates in the West for public approval on the football field are Ben Lom, University of California and Edelson of U. S. C.

Jimmy Dickson is one of the members of the California Goof squad that daily practices in the Memorial Stadium to serve as the battering ram of the California Varsity.

Bend'n Bennah



Benny Lom, California's star halfback, who has been one of the mainstays of the Blue and Gold backfield this year.

GOLDNER HEAD OF STUDENT COUNCIL

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Freda Goldeen, well known at the Foundation for her work on the Menorah and Open Forum Committees, is vice-president of the Council, Leslie Baer is secretary and Ruth Popper is treasurer.

Other members of the Council are Robert Rothchild and Rose-Etta Kahn, chairman and sub-chairman of the Open Forum Committee; Pauline Wise and Jerry Faulk of the Social Committee; Emilie Simon and Bob Himmelstern of the Publicity Committee; Leah Levy and Alfred Goldman of the Social Welfare; Gertrude Haskins

Many Men in Campus Sports

Bobby Sellers Is Expected to
Star on Varsity Tennis
Squad This Year

Campus athletics of all sorts will claim many men this season.

Benny Lom, one of coach Nibs Price's mainstays of last year, will be back at half. Coach Price will be counting on Lom for a great deal of the punting and passing to be done this year.

Art. Weston and Frank Mann are both Freshmen and will be putting in strong bids for first positions on coach Brick Mitchell's Babe squad. Joe Kauffman also a babe candidate will most likely be on the freshman roster.

Bobby Seller, fourth ranking junior in the United States, will be seen in action soon on the varsity tennis team. Bobby was captain of the frosh net squad last year and is doped to rank first or second on this year's varsity.

When the swimming season opens Newt Kutner will be found on his back paddling the 50 yard dash and also swimming for the water polo team. Newt was high point man in the inter-fraternity water carnival last semester winning the 100 yard dash and dividing honors in the 50 yard dash.

Julian Cahn Heads Varsity Golf Squad

Julian Cahn has been named as Manager of the California Varsity golf team and is expected to lead the golfers in all their contests this year. He won his Circle C last semester in that sport. He is one of California's most promising junior golfers being runner-up in the Southern California junior golf championship not long ago.

Another member of the Varsity golf squad is Edgar Lindner. Lindner has long been rated as one of the outstanding golfers at the Lake Merced Country Club. Last year he starred on the Freshman team.

and Stanley Breyer of the Dramatics Committee; Isaac Rabinowitz and Helen Aronheim of the Menorah; and Ruby Diamond and Felix Juda of the Bulletin staff.

Portia, Bassanio Ten Years Later

Ervine's Book Is a Clever Continuation of Play

In great fiction there are usually men and women as real as if created of flesh and warm blood. We know them for a time, experiencing with them an episode or period of their lives and then, with the turn of a page or the drop of a curtain they are gone, unless we wish to relive the same old scenes.

What of their after life? Did Iseult mourn all her life the dead Tristram? Did Helen long remain the contrite and faithful wife? What of Ferdinand when Miranda discovered court life in Naples?

Shakespeare drew the curtain down upon the nuptials of Portia and Bassanio with the assumption that all would live happily ever after, but Sir John Ervine dared to raise the curtain and with his usual cleverness shows us these people ten years later. He has deftly picked out all the subtle hints of character implied in the great masterpiece and with a series of humorous twists has developed them to their fullest extent in a highly realistic and ironical comedy.

Of course "The Lady of Belmont" does not compare with "The Merchant of Venice." Its brilliant author did not intend that it should, but it is an extremely clever, amusing comedy with a subtle, minor thread of tragedy underlying the plot. There is little dramatic suspense—a scene in which Portia faces the startled Shylock as the young lawyer—a moment in which one wonders just what Shylock will reveal to Portia and Lorenzo concerning their wayward spouses—these stand out, but chiefly is one interested in the characters and the changes which ten years have wrought in them.

Ten years have fully developed the vaguely indicated traits in all of them. Bassanio, the wastrel, the philanderer,

can only be despised. Gratiano, now married to the maid, Nerissa, is a lewd and vulgar creature following closely in the footsteps of his friend. Nerissa is a jealous shrew and Jessica is a thoroughly contemptible, weak, callous woman, deeply ashamed of her Jewish blood. Lorenzo is an impotent dreamer and Antonio is a fool, irritating and boring everyone with his oft repeated account of the wonderful sacrifice he almost made for Bassanio.

Only Portia and Shylock stand forth, a fine and noble man and woman, alone above the rabble beneath them. The tragic quality of innate though stunted nobility implied in Shakespeare's Jew has been broadened by age and experience, and it is because of that nobility that he at last obtains his pound of flesh. Says Portia, laughing bitterly, "You see us all as we are here: Nerissa with her drunken faithless husband, Lorenzo deceived by Jessica, and I married to a husband I despise! . . . Oh sir, you've won your pound of flesh!"

But Shylock no longer cares about revenge.

The play is considerably weakened by the philosophizing of Mr. Ervine at the close of Act V. Why cannot someone write about a Jew without trying to solve the age-old problem of the race? Whether the Jew should assimilate or not—what has caused the present situation of the Jew—Anti-Semitism—these are vital problems, but they don't belong in the final scene of this comedy.

The play is well worth reading, however, and more worthwhile seeing on the stage. The theme compels close attention and one cannot fail to be amused, and highly interested by the thoroughly deromanticized life hereafter of The Lady of Belmont and her followers. — (Courtesy Sather Gate Bookshop).

Louis Heilbron Gives Sermon

Prominent Alumnus Speaks at Temple House on Eve of Jewish New Year

"What does it mean to be a Jew?" asked Louis Heilbron, well known alumnus and assistant dean of men, speaking at the Temple House of Temple Emanuel on the Eve of the Jewish New Year.

After criticizing the work of a recent Jewish convention in Berlin, which failed to discover any significance attached to being a Jew, Heilbron stated that although Jews everywhere take on the customs and habits of their adopted countries, yet there is a tangible difference existing between these Jews and non-Jews. This difference lies in the fact that all Jews are willing to "sacrifice for an ideal," whereas non-Jews prefer to fight for their ideals either in crusade or battle. Hence the meaning attached to being a Jew rests in this trait. Once a Jew ceases to be willing to sacrifice for an ideal, then, theoretically he is no longer a Jew, since the word Jew has no meaning for him.

Heilbron concluded his sermon by making a comparison between that coffin containing a much alive rabbi which was carried through the besieging Roman lines in Jerusalem, 2000 years ago to safety, and a similar coffin that the Jews are carrying over their heads at the present time. This coffin contains all the old Jewish traditions, customs, and priest-made laws that have characterized the Jews since the dispersion. The Jews are reluctant to deposit their burden, but they must do so eventually.

Other students who spoke at various temples on the Holidays were Isaac Rabinowitz, who lectured at San Leandro; Herbert Resner who spoke at Vallejo; and Wende Phillips, former president of the Foundation, who lectured at Alameda.

Open House Held at Y. W. C. A. Cottage

Members of the California Alliance of Jewish Women welcomed new students and greeted old ones at an open house given at the Y. W. C. A. cottage, Thursday, August 23. Speeches of welcome were made by Rabbi Ben Goldstein; Mrs. Joseph Kay, president of the Alliance; and Sanford Goldner, president of Hillel.

Dancing furnished entertainment during the evening. Members of the Alliance who were in charge of the affair were Mrs. Milton Landau, Social Chairman; Mrs. Joseph Kay, Mrs. Max Cohen and Mrs. Jacob B. Smith.

Plans are also being made for a Thanksgiving dinner which will be given for those students who stay in Berkeley over the holiday, announced Mrs. Kay.

Activities of Hillel Foundation Told

For the benefit of the new student, a few statements will explain the working of the Foundation. Hillel aims to serve you, supplement your religious, educational, social needs. Quarters are established, students are organized into the following committees: Menorah, Social, Publicity, Social Welfare, Dramatics, Open Forum, Zionist, Religious Education, and Publication, with committee chairmen and sub-chairmen.

The students attempt to fulfill their own needs and desires. Therefore, the all-important factor is the student. What he puts into this plan of disseminating knowledge of Jewish culture through group contacts he receives in return training for group work, leadership, life.

Open House Teas Held Every Week

Open house teas are weekly affairs held at the Foundation. Here is an opportunity for the students to meet each other for an hour of friendliness and sociability. There should be a spirit of informality on such occasions. The purpose of these teas is to make it possible for Jewish students to become acquainted. If you are interested in other students attend the Open House and introduce yourselves, if there is no one there to introduce you.

The work of Hillel Foundation is carried on by the students themselves. Activities are created to fulfill the students' needs. If there is no need for having a means of informal social contact there is no necessity for continuing the provision for it.

Jewish Fraternities, Sororities Pledge Thirty-two Students

Since the opening of the semester, much activity has marked the Jewish sororities and fraternities. Rushing is over for the present but numerous social events are being given in honor of the new pledges.

Alpha Epsilon Phi announces the pledging of Betty Shoor, Betty Ann Newfield, Jane Hoffman and Doris Godeau. A pledge dance was held at the chapter house last month.

Phi Sigma Sigma will hold an informal dance next Saturday night. The pledges are Evelyn Landerbaum, Bernice Upright, Billie Upright, Dorothy Simmons, and Jenie Kahn. Clara Widess has transferred from the Southern California chapter to that at Berkeley.

Kappa Nu held its pledge dance September 7, one week after the initiation, which took place at the St. Francis Hotel. A tea at which parents of the members were honored was given Sunday

afternoon, September 30. The pledges are Dave Kader, Richard Guggenheim, Frank Mann, Harold Cohn, Joe Kaufman, Pierce Stein, Benson Benjamin, Adolph Benjamin, and Jeff Weinberger.

Phi Beta Delta has the following "nuggets"—Victor Kagen, Herman Lansdon, William Koblick, Leo Bernstein, Bert Ginsberg, Edward Simmons, Harold Levy, and Leon Kriger. An initiation banquet was held during the second week of the semester, and an informal pledge dance was given on September 28. The Far Western Conference of Phi Beta Delta will be held at Berkeley this year, according to the house president, during the week of the U. S. C. football game. Plans are now being developed for this event.

Zeta Beta Tau has pledged Robert Eschen, Art Froelich, Charles Laub, Jack Rubin, and Bud Meyerfeld. An initiation and pledge dance were held during the second week of school.

Futuristic Murmurs

Everywhere I go I see eyes.
Black eyes, blue eyes, green eyes,—
They all stare at me.
Some are bright and shining,
And love life and themselves.
Others are dull, listless, and
Strained with the effort of
Looking at the world
Through a dark veil.
There a pair of eyes
Command attention,—
Piercing shrewd eyes that
Accurately select opportunities.
Green eyes with cunning depths
Mock me when I attribute
To them Sphinxlike qualities.
Calflike brown eyes plead indiscrimi-
nately

For love and understanding.
I turn from them
Nauseated with their sweetness,
Only to meet the calm, self-confident
Gaze of steely blue eyes.
Far beyond, serene, gray eyes
Promise me eternal loyalty.
Long, narrow, colorless eyes
Disturb my thoughts and dare me
To find their meaning.
Wondering, round eyes ask me
Who I am and why I am so intent
Upon staring into space.
But I laugh at their stupidity,
And look eagerly toward
Sparkling, playful eyes,
But find them too vital.
Preoccupied eyes brush mine for an
instant,
But leave no impression.
Quizzical eyes laugh into mine,
But I have no time for laughter
Because I am hurrying after two very
Nice, commonplace eyes
That passed me without noticing.

Jerusalem.—According to good authority, an ordinance forbidding begging in the Holy City will soon be issued. This decree when promulgated will remove the sight of many old Jewish beggars from the Wailing Wall. In anticipation of its effects, a meeting of the Council of the Jerusalem Jewish Community was called to discuss a program to provide maintenance for those who won their daily bread by begging. The number of beggars approximates one thousand.

during the major portion of the day so that the students are welcome to come to her at any time to secure help or advice on any of their problems.

Announcement Made Of Girl's Engagement

Announcement of the engagement of Eunice Lindsey to Richard Diller of San Francisco made September 22 at a tea given at the Palace Hotel in honor of the bride-to-be has given impetus to a number of social events.

Miss Lindsey, a student of the University in sophomore standing, is at present out on leave of absence. Mr. Dillon was also a student of the University and member of the class of '24.

First of the events honoring the bride-elect was an evening of bridge and dancing given by Jeanette Edelstein at her home September 29. Evelyn Mathews and Marguerite Klein are feting the prospective bride and groom at a dinner dance scheduled for October 27 at the Palace Hotel. Hanita Wolfson has also chosen the Palace as the setting for the tea at which she will entertain Miss Lindsey on November 10.

CHAIRMAN SAYS LOAN FUND DRIVE WILL BE SUCCESS

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possibly can before Monday evening, October 15.

Students working on the drive are: Stanley Breyer, Chairman; Jeanette Edelstein, Sub-Chairman. Women: Leslie Baer, Clara Dickson, Esther Faure, Esther Hirsch, Rosetta Kahn, Dorothy Levy, Evelyn Matthews, Mary Meyer, Sara Lee Miller, Ruth Popper, Marjorie Abrams. The men are: Meyer Corren, Milton Davidson, Harold Furst, Morris Goldner, Maurice Harband, Leon Key, Sam Osband, Sid Rudy, Norman Sheinman, Norman Schwartz, and Harold Wolfe.

Barbara Hirschler Assistant Director

"I am most happy to return to the campus as Assistant Director of the Hillel Foundation, after having worked in the Foundation as a student and appreciating its possibilities," said Barbara Hirschler '27, newly-appointed Assistant Director of the Hillel Foundation. "I rejoice at this opportunity to officially aid in its program. If there should be any way in which I can serve the students of the University of California, I shall gladly do all that I can."

Miss Hirschler was prominent in campus activities during her undergraduate years. She is a member of Alpha Epsilon Phi sorority, Prytanian, and during the latter part of her senior year was chairman of the Open Forum Committee at the Hillel Foundation. She lives in San Francisco and was active there in the Junior Council of Jewish Women. Since her graduation in December she has been secretary of the San Francisco Speedwriting School.

In speaking of the new Assistant Director Rabbi Goldstein said, "It is a pleasure to have Barbara Hirschler as an assistant in the work, both because of her own ability, and because of her past connection with the Foundation. During the last half of her senior year she able worked as Chairman of the Open Forum Committee. Her interest in Jewish student work is a proof of the value of the Foundation's program. I hope that the students will learn to know and work with Barbara Hirschler."

Miss Hirschler has assumed her activities at the Foundation and is there

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MEDIOCRE JEWS

Oh Jewish student, you are facing the most vital problem of your life. It is not new—Your parents before you faced it, and you have known it since you were first able to comprehend your Jewishness. It is so old that it appears trite and outworn, and yet all your future depends upon it. It is the problem of the Jew living in a world of non-Jews. And because you are living almost entirely among non-Jews the problem affects you more than it ever did your parents and ancestors.

It is binding you on every side, but you are muddling along, taking one attitude here, the opposite there. If the fact that you were Jew made no difference in your life whatever, caused no problem, raised no response in your mind or emotions, then there would be no cause for action, but there is no Jew on whom this heritage, thrust on him by accident of birth, does not have a vital influence. Until you have solved it for yourself, it will be a chain around your neck, a shameful cross upon your shoulders. And because you leave it there, because you lie in the morass of inaction, you are despicable, and shamefully, disgustingly mediocre, Jewish student.

You do not have to become devoted to outworn traditions. To you the idea of God may be an ignorant superstition—Judaism may only signify a beautiful race culture capable of providing a deep and fertile background for the development of your individuality. Or perhaps you feel that even a Jewish culture is not worthwhile when balanced against difficulties of adjustment with an alien world, and that you as an individual would be better off if there were no Jewry. Then assimilate yourself wholly and completely, but do it boldly, with proud conviction in your beliefs.

For everyone the problem must be solved differently. Those among you who remained away from classes on Yom Kippur—Did you do it because you felt yourself that you wished to do so, and were you honest in your reasons to others? Then you may feel proud of your intellect and spirit. Did you go to school convinced in your heart that the holiest Jewish holidays meant nothing to you? And were you honest to yourself and others about it? Then you too may feel proud.

Or did you go to synagogue for the sake of family and tradition, inwardly ridiculing the spirit of Judaism, and lying to others, or perhaps to yourself? Did you attend classes ashamed to admit your Judaism before others, yet slinking in your heart before your fellow Jews? Then you are cowards and weaklings, and the burden of your race will be a heavy one.

Take your stand now! Decide which for you is the right way and go straight along that path. Change the curse of Judaism to a spur and inspiration, and you will be a leader rather than a slave, for no Jewish student, as Bassanio accuses you, "You are neither fish, flesh, fowl, nor good red herring!"

You are indeed appallingly, contemptibly mediocre.

A NEW JUDAISM

Speaking before the committee members of the Foundation, Lucius Solomons said that the Jew can never wipe out his Judaism, yet if it is to be preserved, the faith of Israel as well as the race must be maintained.

To many of the thinking students of today it is impossible to keep faith with religion when all the facts of existence seem to make such a belief hypocritical or even laughable. With their practical thinking minds they can tear out of their lives all the customs and traditions which have come to make up a religion in its centuries of growth. Is not religion, after all, a romantic myth originated by man in his desire to find something more potent than himself from which to wrench comfort in moments of weakness? Unblinded by superstition, ignorance, and fear, the student of today endeavors to see clearly into the intricacies of his life, and in that life, religion has no place at all.

But is there not something more than religion to Judaism? One feels the bond of Jewishness though out of sympathy with all its traditions. There is an individual culture too, from whose richness a Jew may draw inspiration toward all the fields of existence, whether economic, social, or artistic. It is that which surges through his blood and makes him a being apart from all other men, regardless of how he may deny it. It is that which is the very core of his Jewishness, and it can and does exist without religion.

If Judaism must perish in its present form, then let it perish and the world will be none the worse. If there is no need for religion, why not a Jewish race, free from the ties of faith? Though it may have been an integral part of a past culture, in a new and finer one freedom and truth will take its place. You can accomplish this, you younger generation, with the aid of your children and their children after them. Build up a new Judaism in which you will gladly, proudly seek and fulfill your sincerest interests, taking nurture from that uniqueness which is in your blood. Then instead of the petty, insignificant half-Jews of today, there may be a Jewish race of proud and fearless leaders among men!

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College humor; True Story Romances; sordid fiction; *Saturday Evening Post*; Arthur Brisbane; the *American Magazine*; post mortem editorials, what an insignificant array! Yet these and their ilk are the indigestibles upon which the American public feeds. Is it any wonder, then, that America finds it difficult to produce novelists of the first rank, when the environment of every American is tempered by McIntyres and Ring Lardners!

To be sure, there are novelists existing in the United States at the present time who have achieved degrees of greatness in their work but they are few and far between. The great bulk of American writers comprise the Harold Bell Wright—A. M. S. Hutchinson school, which bases its principles upon that commercial theorem: "Give the public what it wants." In this last instance, writing is reduced to a trade and the most important work produced is always the one that provides the author with the most remuneration. In the first instance, however, writing is still an art, old-fashioned as this may seem. Moreover it is upon the influence of these authors that America is placing its literary hopes. But it is one thing to say that a few American novelists have achieved degrees of greatness in their work and another thing to say that there are a few great American novelists existing at the present time. When compared to the magnitude of the three greatest novelists of all times: Thomas Hardy, Anatole France, and Joseph Conrad, all of whom were moderns, the greatness of modern American writers seems to dwindle.

Which all comes back to the first point made, that fat men are not reared on crumbs. A little less of Kathleen Norris and the *Cosmopolitan Magazine*, a little more curiosity as to what is contained under the covers of the unopened set of tomes in the book case, and a general casting aside of that superficial scorn which one is apt to hold towards writers whose names have always been upheld as the epitomes of correctness in literature, these may help to bring about an earlier renaissance of American literature than one should expect under the present conditions.