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## Nieto Discusses Judaism Future This Evening

### Menorah Lectures to Settle Religious Controversy at Foundation

Rabbi Jacob Nieto of Temple Sherrith Israel, will speak at the Hillel Foundation Thursday evening, February 7, according to Stanley Breyer, chairman of the Menorah Committee, under whose auspices the Rabbi will address the students.

Dr. Nieto will discuss the question, "Has Judaism a Future?" The theme of his lecture will be the place of religion in Judaism, and particularly the value and appeal of religion to the Jewish student, and its place in the Hillel Foundation.

This will be the first of a series of lectures to be given upon that subject by various prominent Rabbis and scholars of the bay region, and will be part of an extensive attempt on the part of the Menorah Committee to discover just what place the members of the Hillel Foundation at Berkeley wish to give religion in their lives, and especially what part they wish it to play in their activities at the Foundation, announced Stanley Breyer.

Rabbi Nieto's lecture will be followed by a general discussion by the students in which, it is hoped, the true opinion of the Jewish university men and women as regards the subject of religion, will be formulated and made known to the public, said the chairman. A similar discussion will follow each of the lectures.

### Dances to Be Given Often at Foundation

The wails of a saxophone and the syncopation of Larry Horenstein's piano playing greeted the students at the first open house of the semester, Tuesday, January 22, 1929, from 4 to 6, at the Hillel Foundation. Pauline Wise, chairman of the social committee, and her members acted as hosts. The committee includes Pauline Wise, chairman, Helen Samuels, Harold Furst, Julian Reinhertz, Benson Benjamin, Robert Sutro, Herbert Dryfeus, and Irma Laventhal.

Every other week the committee plans to have speakers, and on alternate Tuesdays dancing and refreshments. Among prominent people that the committee plan to secure are Cantor Leiderman, Cantor Rinder, Professor Arnold Perstein and someone to discuss modern fiction. An attempt will be made to secure some of the prominent eastern men who will be in San Francisco during the convention of the American Hebrew Reformed Congregations.

## Rabbi Goldstein Resigns Position Here to Lead Congregation in South

It is with the greatest regret that The Bulletin announces the resignation of Rabbi Ben Goldstein from his position as Executive Director of the Hillel Foundation at Berkeley.

Rabbi Goldstein will leave on February 16 for New York, and from there will go to Alabama, where he will become the spiritual leader of the Jewish congregation at Montgomery.

Rabbi Goldstein has directed the Foundation since its opening and we feel that any success it has had up to the present time, and may have in the future, is due almost entirely to the inspiration and untiring efforts of its director, who brought it into existence and laid so firm a basis for its future.

We wish you the best of luck in your new work, Rabbi!

## Nearing, Laidler To Debate Here

### Communist, Socialist Leaders May Speak in Berkeley Next Week

Plans are being formulated to arrange a debate between Harry W. Laidler, Ph.D., author, lecturer, and executive director of the League for Ing, Communist educator and leader, Industrial Democracy, and Scott Nearing, Tuesday evening, February 14, according to Rabbi Ben Goldstein. The subject of the debate will probably be "Communism and Socialism as Prospective Social Programs." It will be given at the Berkeley High School auditorium, and will be open to the general public. If the plans may be completed, a definite announcement will be made later.

If Scott Nearing, who is at present in the West on a lecture tour, will be unable to be in Berkeley on that date, an open forum lecture, "The Student and the Social Challenge," will be given by Dr. Laidler, at that time, at the Foundation.

Laidler has been for many years a close student of social movements, here and abroad, and during his trips to Europe has come into contact with the leaders of the labor, co-operative and socialist movements in many countries.

Graduating from Wesleyan University in 1907, Laidler spent several years in newspaper work in New York and in 1911, after receiving his L.L.B. degree from the Brooklyn Law School, was admitted to the New York Bar. Three years later he was awarded the degree of Doctor of Philosophy by the department of political economy at Columbia University.

Dr. Laidler is the vice-president of  
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## Leaders Gather In San Francisco For Convention

### Union of American Hebrew Congregations Council to Open Sunday

Approximately six hundred leaders of American Reform Judaism are expected to attend the thirty-first council of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, which will be held in San Francisco from February 10 to 15. This will be the first convention of the organization to be held in the West in the fifty-six years of its existence.

Although the council will not open formally until Sunday evening, February 10, the presence of large numbers of delegates arriving in San Francisco by special train on Friday will make the unofficial date of the opening virtually February 8.

Rabbi Louis Witt, of Dayton, Ohio, will deliver the opening address Sunday evening. He will be followed by Dr. Julian Morgenstern, president of the Hebrew Union College, the rabbinical training school at Cincinnati, who will speak on "Judaism and the Modern World," which will be the theme of the entire convention.

Dr. Max Radin, California professor of law and author of several well-known books, will address the delegates on "Judaism and the Physical Universe as Conceived by Modern Science." The question "How Does Judaism Conceive the Nature and Claims of the Social Order?" will be discussed from the historical viewpoint.  
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### Scholarships Awarded By B'nai Brith

Five hundred dollars in scholarships have been dispensed during the past year by Rabbi Ben Goldstein, on the part of the Ladies' Auxiliary of the local B'nai Brith.

This fund was started last year by the Ladies' Auxiliary for the purpose of aiding Jewish girls who, though working part time, were unable to pay their entire way through college, and yet who proved, by their college records, to be worthy of assistance. Five scholarships of one hundred dollars each were awarded, through the Hillel Foundation, by the Auxiliary. The ladies are planning to make this an annual donation.

A similar fund has just been originated by the local men's district of the B'nai Brith. Two hundred and fifty dollars, to be known as the David Lubin Scholarship Fund, was recently placed to the credit of the Foundation and is being dispensed in small scholarships to men who are in need of assistance and prove worthy of it.

## Dormitory to Bridge Chasm

Blaisdell Describes Columbia International House to Hillel Members

A Chinese student furnished the inspiration to Harry Edmonds, eighteen years ago, to found the New York International House, according to Allen Blaisdell, director of the International House to be built at the University, speaking before a group of students at the Foundation recently. Harry Edmonds, while crossing the Columbia campus, greeted the student. The Chinese boy stopped him and told him that that was the first time he had been spoken to since he had been on the campus. Mr. Edmonds became interested in the problem of the foreign student, and from this activity, eventually led to the establishment of International House at Columbia, through Mr. Rockefeller Jr.'s gift of three million dollars.

Since the Berkeley International House, which is to be built at the head of Bancroft Way and will be opened in 1930, is to be modeled after the house at Columbia, Mr. Blaisdell explained the organization of the Columbia house. In New York they have room for 525 students, one-third of whom are women and the remainder men. They do not try to change or Americanize the students; the aim of the founders is merely to bring them together for the exchange of ideas and the spread of tolerance.

Every Sunday night at 6 o'clock sharp, dinner is served to 500 students, at which time no one is allowed to sit next to anyone whom he knows. At 6:30 a concert is given with the very finest music available. The speaker speaks promptly at 7, so that at 7:30 the students are free to go wherever they wish for the remainder of the evening. The students are organized into several discussion groups such as a political group, orient problems group, etc.

The motive of the house is "World peace through world understanding," said Mr. Blaisdell. "There is an interchange of religious and cultural ideas which the students carry back to their respective countries. Foreign students are drawn out of isolation and brought into a situation in which they are on an economic level with any other group."

In regard to the situation here in Berkeley, Mr. Blaisdell said, "There is no give and take between foreign and American students. There is a chasm which the student cannot bridge and this is one of the causes why America today is one of the most unpopular countries in the world."

The house at Berkeley will cover a square block and will have room for 450 students. There are now only 800 foreign students on the campus, so at the beginning there may be a larger percentage of American students, but they will eventually be cut down to 25 per cent.

Water polo is a favorite competitive sport among the Jewish fraternities at the University of Illinois.

## College Students Lack Interest in Religion

By Stanley Breyer

There are few subjects more delightful to participants in "bull fests" than this Jewish problem. And the Hillel Foundation, by its very nature and environment, is an integral part of this question. In some cases the answer has been found in the Foundation, in others it has been the cause of greater perplexity and with still others the question has simply been raised.

Judaism has been the victor of many a long and hard-fought battle. The question mark concerning its future is as old as Judaism itself.

That the differences in opinion are limited only to the number discussing the "problem;" that each person is certain that he alone has the correct analysis; that most members of the collegiate "intelligencia" are boisterous in their realization that the problem exists only in one's mind, are not of any great moment.

We can argue whether we are Jews nationally, racially or religiously. We have the liberty of deciding whether we are proud, sorry or indifferent regarding our birthday gift. We can even believe that the barriers are entirely of our own making—but the fact is that we have that Jewish "something" and that most of our friends are Jewish, much of our thought is directed into Jewish problems, many of us have been brought up on it, so we might ask, what shall we do about it?

Our scientific world cannot be silenced in its appeal to truth. And we on the campus are members, to a varying degree, of this cold factual environment that demands to see things as they are.

We cannot fail to appreciate from our knowledge of history that the present "crisis" is not unique in Jewish annals. So in spite of an horizon that does not appear too bright we must assume, at least, that there is an horizon and on close inspection, one may identify the beautiful edifice of the Hillel Foundation. Its doors are wide open and bid us enter.

By nature or by environment we are inquisitive people and decide to avail ourselves of the opportunity. At the doorway we are greeted by one who says "This is your organization. You can do with it what you will. You can have socials if you want them.

You will be provided with religious services or you may provide the services yourself. This is your organization—do with it what you will."

Now we have the problem of the future of Judaism and the organization of Hillel. Perhaps a single answer can be given that will suffice for both.

Hillel must be truly representative of the Jewish student and I have observed through introspection and contact with others that the modern, liberal young person cannot nor does not conscientiously participate in the ceremonies, ritual and services that are such an integral part of our religion. Surveys among the students have shown a decided lack of interest; discussions have seconded this and the Students' Council—Hillel's executive committee—has been unanimous in declaring that they as individuals have no interest in that phase of Judaism.

Serious as this is, and perhaps as regrettable as some may consider such a condition, it is a reality and must not be shunned. If the student is wrong, he is willing to be shown. If he is right, then where will be the future of Judaism?

I maintain that if there is to be a future it rests with the Jewish nationalists; with those people, as myself, who have little sympathy with dogmatism, ritual and ceremonies from a religious point of view. We enjoy the beautiful and are appreciative of nature, music and the arts, yet they are of no greater significance to us within or without a synagogue.

We have read and respected the early history of our people—our Jewish as well as our American forefathers.

If I have painted a true picture, the Hillel Foundation should become the horizon itself for within it rests Judaism's future. Here we shall discuss our problem and seek the true answer. An adequate library is necessary, and inspiring leader who likewise is a seeker of truth and appreciative of our quest—it is there, where we should gather to read, write letters, play games and discuss ourselves and our problems.

The problem of the Jewish Youth is the problem of Judaism and progress can never be attained by evasion.

## Laidler Will Speak Before U. C. Students

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the National Bureau of Economic Research, a contributing editor of "Labor Age," a member of the executive committee of the Stable Money Association, and chairman of the labor research committee of the Rand School.

His recent books include a "History of Socialist Thought" and "Power Control," an analysis of the people's fight for control in the electrical industry. Other books are "Boycotts and the Labor Struggle," "Socialism in Thought and Action," "Public Ownership Here and Abroad," and "Roads to Freedom."

Classes in Jewish history and culture are being held at the University of Illinois Foundation for which regular college credit is given on the campus. These classes include a history of Judaism, Judaism and the Modern Mind, Social Ideals of the Bible, and a course in Classical Interpretations of Judaism. They are conducted by Dr. Moses Jung.

Sidney Loeb, graduate of the University of Illinois in '27, has just completed a bust of Rabbi Ben Frankel. He plans to cast the bust in bronze sometime in April. Loeb, who is now carrying on his work in Paris, is establishing a name for himself in the artistic world. Rabbi Frankel, who died last fall, was national director and originator of the Hillel Foundation idea.



## Last Semester's Menorah Work Told in Resume

Suppers, Discussions Were  
Sponsored by Group as  
Activity Highlights

By Isaac Rabinowitz

The Menorah Committee, which resumes its activity under the leadership of Stanley Breyer, sponsored three suppers and discussions during the last semester.

Bert Edises spoke at the first meeting. His speech was devoted to the modern Jewish poets and to an estimate of their work as it exists in translation. Among the poets dealt with were Chaim Nachman Bailik, Saul Tschernikovsky, Alter Brody, Sholom Asch, and others, with reputations national and international. With Edises' speech as stimulus, the discussion waxed warm in interest and animation.

At the next Menorah meeting, Rabbi Benjamin B. Goldstein read Stefan Zweig's play, "Jeremiah." The play, according to Rabbi Goldstein, holds a further interest than that which its artistic merit brings, in that it was written as a satire against war. It was suppressed and not published until the war was over.

The third and last Menorah meeting of the semester was led by Dr. Milton Rose of the physiology department of the University. Dr. Rose spoke upon the life and work of Dr. Jacques Loeb, the eminent scientist who first advanced the theories of mechanism which now dominate the entire field of the biological and the physical sciences. Dr. Rose pointed out that although the great scientist made science his religion rather than religion his science as so many Jews are prone to do, yet, withal, he lived and died a Jew in the eyes of his fellows and compeers.

The purpose of the Menorah committee has been to present lectures on subjects which are of particular interest to the Jewish students. This semester a group of five or six lectures will be given by Rabbis and professors on the general topic of "The Future of Judaism." These addresses will be followed by a general discussion in which it is hoped that a definite answer will be formulated by the students themselves as to whether or not religious services should be held at the Foundation. Rabbi Nieto will deliver the first speech Thursday evening, February 7. The chairman and sub-chairman for the committee this year are Stanley Breyer and Isaac Rabinowitz.

**University of Michigan**—Lewis Browne, noted author and lecturer, will speak at the University of Michigan under the auspices of the Hillel Foundation. However, his topic has not been announced. Mr. Browne's latest book is "The Graphic Bible." Other noted speakers scheduled tentatively are Maurice Samuel, English author and lecturer and an outstanding Zionist, and Louis Untermeyer, well-known American poet, literary critic and lecturer.

## SOCIETY HAPPENINGS

*Wild Life Among the Hebraic Four Hundred; A Compendium of  
Lurid Tales Gleaned at Great Risk From the Very Lips of the  
Yiddish Head-Hunters*

### SHOLEM ALECHEM! ALECHEM SHOLEM!

Campus Judaism is starting out on a new season with the opening of the new semester. The Foundation will be, as usual, the scene of many informal afternoons, and the Greek letter organizations have mapped out extensive programs. The various houses are extending their activities to the entire bay region, as well as to the campus, and prospects loom bright for a brilliant season.

Alpha Epsilon Phi entertained Rabbi Benjamin Goldstein, Professor and Mrs. Arnold Perstein at dinner, Thursday evening, January 31. Two weeks previous to this they inducted last semester's pledges into the ranks with the usual formal initiation. The house announces the pledging of three neophytes, Misses Esther Kaufman, Lucille Friedman and Eleanor Morse.

Phi Sigma Sigma initiated her class about the same time. The initiates were the Misses Evelyn Landesbaum, Dorothy Simmonds, Bernice Eperight, Billie Bercovitch and Rowena Kahn. The ritual was performed at the house and a banquet followed. Saturday, February 2, a tea was given in honor of Mrs. Jerome Gordon, nee Alpert, a member who was married at the Palace Hotel in San Francisco on New Year's Day. A dance is planned in the near future, the exact nature of which is being kept secret for the present.

Zeta Beta Tau is working hard in preparation for its annual Charity Ball, a function given under the auspices of the active body and the Graduate Club combined. The purpose of this affair is to bolster the loan fund, a sum designed for the assistance of worthy Jewish students on the campus. The date of the ball is set at March 2. This is the second of these dances, and the success with which the first one met augurs well for this coming one. Formal initiation of a class of five was celebrated January 13. The neophytes were Robert Eschen, Robert Scheinman, Arthur Frolick, Larry Rhyne and Charles Taub.

Phi Beta Delta announces an informal dance at the chapter house on February 9. The exact nature of this affair is also unknown. The chapter put on its initiation on Sunday night, January 20.

Kappa Nu also initiated, the ritual and banquet taking place at the Cliff Hotel, Sunday night, January 27. Marshall Shapiro '29 was in charge, and many graduates graced the affair, among them being Rabbi Goldstein. The neophytes were Pierce Stein, David Cader, Benson B. B. Benjamin, Edmund Levy, Richard Guggenheim, Jeffery Weinberger and Harold Cohn. The chapter announces an informal at the chapter house on Saturday evening, February 22. Shapiro is also in charge of this affair. Plans are being laid for a spring formal later in the

### STUDENTS ATTEST SUCCESS OF HILLEL RECEPTION

"It was the most successful dance Hillel ever gave," was the general consensus of opinion concerning the semi-annual Hillel reception, which was held at the Y. W. C. A. cottage, Thursday evening, January 17.

Larry Horenstein's orchestra furnished the music and the bashful pledges duly appeared, encouraged by the solicitous brethren. The dance was slow in starting, since the major portion of the crowd did not arrive until after 10 o'clock, but by eleven the crowd had increased to nearly 300 students. A spirit of eager friendliness, enthusiasm and jollity, new to Foundation affairs, pervaded the evening, according to those present.

The committee in charge of the reception, which welcomes the new students to Hillel each semester, was composed of the Executive Council: Sanford Goldner, president; Freda Goldeen, vice-president; Helen Ahronheim, secretary; Ruth Popper, treasurer, and Alfred Goldman, Bessie Miller, Isaac Rabinowitz, Bert Edises, Ruby Diamond, Emilie Simon, Stanley Breyer, Rose Etta Kahn, Robert Himelstern, and Pauline Wise.

semester, the date being under discussion at present. Rabbi Ben Goldstein will be the guest of honor at dinner Sunday night, February 3, at the chapter house. The occasion is a farewell dinner to the departing brother.

A house warming was given by the Kappa Rho fraternity, January 19, 1929, at the fraternity house, 2230 Chapel. The spring motif was carried out in the decorations. Jack Greenberg, social chairman, was in charge of the affair. Twenty-five couples, including guests from the South, were present, and impromptu entertainment was furnished by the members.

The Kappa Rho, local Jewish fraternity, has just been pledged to the national house, Sigma Alpha Mu, according to Jack Silver, officer of the fraternity. Sigma Alpha Mu has thirty-seven chapters throughout the United States, which makes it the largest of the Jewish houses, in regard to the number of organizations it contains. The initiation of Kappa Rho to the national fraternity will take place in about two months. Joseph Malnick is president of the Berkeley group.

The Hillel Bulletin regrets that, owing to an oversight, the names of Kappa Rho's pledges were omitted from the last issue. According to Joseph Malnick '29, president of the Kappa Rho fraternity, the following students were pledged: Edward Wachter, Phil Davidson, Manuel Stern, Irving Epstein, Jack Rosenbaum, Norman Schwartz, Jack Greenberg, Sam Greenberg, Bertram Green, Zelig Holzman and George Tobia.

## Many Jewish Football Stars

Lom, Fleishhacker, Barabee Among Most Noted of Season's Players

Although basketball now occupies the center of attention in the sporting world, it would not be amiss to glance once again at the football history of the past year and note the part Jewish athletes have played throughout the country. Jewish football players have everywhere made names for themselves in active gridiron competition.

Bennie Lom was the only Jewish boy on the California team this year. He has received much recognition, having been dubbed a fine sport, a good mixer, and an all-around, straightforward lad, worthy of the highest honors on the University of California campus.

Herbert Fleishhacker has played for the Stanford football team for three years. Fleishhacker and football "down on the farm" are almost synonymous terms. Not only is he an expert football player but he is a champion shot putter, and has made a record in field athletics.

Barney Bienstock was the only Jewish captain this year. He led the College of the City of New York from a halfback position.

Weislow was one of the leading centers on the Chicago team, and Cornsweet played halfback for Brown University.

Barabee of New York University played first string end on Chick Meehan's eleven.

Walter Winick of Syracuse finished this season with a record of three years as first string back on the strong Syracuse eleven.

Weiner of New York U played center, while Sol Meilzner occupied the pivot position on the Carnegie Tech eleven.

Raymon of Syracuse played at end, side by side with Winick.

## Religious School Held At Temple Emanu-El

A school for Jewish studies has been started at the Temple Emanu-El for the purpose of teaching Jewish culture and history, under the direction of Rabbi Samuel A. Halperin, according to Rabbi Louis I. Newman of Temple Emanu-El.

This school is open to all persons who are eager to study Jewish history, literature, and Hebrew. The classes meet on Wednesday evening, at 7:45, at the Temple House of Congregation Emanu-El, Arguello Boulevard and Lake Street, San Francisco.

According to an announcement made by the Board of Rabbis of Northern California, which is conducting the school, "The parents of our community can be of great help to children and young people, and can strengthen their Jewish loyalty by showing that they, too, are giving a few hours a week to Jewish studies. The parents can, also, encourage in this manner their sons and daughters of high school and college age.

## WESTON, KAUFMAN AND COHN STAR ON FROSH BASKETBALL TEAM

Representatives of the Foundation showed up well on California's freshman grid team during the past season and give promise of making names for themselves on the varsity team in the future.

Artie Weston, formerly of Pasadena, held down the position of guard on Brick Mitchell's eleven from the beginning of the season.

Joe Kaufmann, registered from Tamalpais, played a strong game at end.

The third member of the group was Hal Cohn, formerly an end on the Lowell High team of San Francisco. He was shifted to center here, and played a good steady game all year.

## "Judaism and Individual," Is Convention Subject

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point by Dr. Abraham Cronbach, professor of social studies at the Hebrew Union College. Mr. Samuel A. Goldsmith, executive director of the Bureau of Jewish Social Research, New York City, will follow Dr. Cronbach with a paper on "Modern Contributions Toward Social Betterment," and Mr. Roscoe C. Nelson of Portland, Oregon, attorney and member of the executive board of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations will lead a general discussion on the Cronbach and Goldsmith papers.

On the general theme "Judaism and the Individual Man," Rabbi James G. Heller of Cincinnati will be heard on "Judaism and the Implications of the New Psychological Conception of Man," Rabbi Edward Calisch, of Richmond, Va., will follow with an address on "Judaism and the Youth of Today." At the same session, Dr. Henry Cohen of Galveston, Texas, will speak on "Personal Religion." Dr. Samuel Schulman, Rabbi of Temple Emanu-El of New York City, will present his impressions and a summary of the symposium.

Various exhibits will be held at the convention, including a display of wood carvings, sculpture, and etchings by Peter Krasnow.

A feature of the convention will be the presentation on Tuesday evening, February 12, in Temple Emanu-El, of Mendelssohn's well-known oratorio, "Elijah," under the direction of Cantor Rinder.

Guest preachers will occupy the pulpits of Congregation Emanu-El, Sherith Israel, and Temple Sinai of Oakland, during the Sabbaths of February 8-9 and February 15-16.

Wednesday, February 13, will be Oakland day, and at that time the delegates will visit Oakland and Berkeley. An attempt is being made to apportion their time in Berkeley so that a visit might be made to the Foundation.

In the recent Chronicle Golden Gate swim, three local Jewish boys finished high in the running. Albert Kessler, Wendell Bernheim and Adolph Meyer stroked themselves into twentieth, twenty-seventh and thirtieth places, respectively, against a field of about one hundred and fifty starters.

## Bennie Lom Is Out for Track

Cahn and Linder on Varsity Golf Team; Wacholder to Play with 145's

Now that football season is over the spotlight of interest is being focused on other lines of athletic endeavor. The Jewish students at the University of California are entering into the field of athletics in large numbers and with no slight degree of enthusiasm.

Benny Lom, the star of last year's football team, is directing his attention this semester to the broad jump. Benson Benjamin will be throwing the discus while Bill Koblik will enter the pole vault. Both are freshmen.

Ed Goldeen is occupying second position in Key Ebright's third boat. Goldeen is only a sophomore and is promising varsity material.

Tennis seems to be the most popular of this season's sports. The varsity has attracted Ed Levy, Maurice Eliaser and Grant Levin, while Avron Reynolds will play on the babe net team.

Having won his circle "C" last year, Myron Wacholder has assured himself a place as forward on the 145-pound basketball squad.

Art Froelich has contorted himself into a position on the gym team.

Bob Scheinman and Sandy Berenson are both baseball players and are candidates for shortstop and catcher respectively on Zamloch's nine.

To add to this variety of sports, Edgar Lindner and Julian Cahn are members of the golf team, both of whom will make a trip with the team to Del Monte this month to compete in the State Intercollegiate Golf Tournament.

It is rumored that a Hillel Foundation is to be established at the University of Texas in 1930. This will make the eighth Foundation in the country. A Hillel organization has recently been installed at the University of West Virginia.

Ohio State—The Hillel Foundation at Ohio State University has a Hillel Choral Club. Members are chosen by tryouts. The group holds regular rehearsals and is a very successful activity. The choral club stages an operetta during the spring semester. The Gilbert and Sullivan operetta "Pinafore" has been selected for this year's production.

Berlin—Professor Albert Einstein, famous Jewish scientist, denied the rumor that he is about to make a new discovery of greater importance than his relativity theory. Dr. Einstein declared that he had submitted two papers dealing with the subject of relativity to the German Academy of Sciences. During his convalescence this summer he merely pursued research work which he has further developed.

Jerusalem—The construction of a modern hotel for tourists was begun in Jerusalem. The structure will cost about \$260,000. Work was assigned to three contractors, two Jews and one Arab.



## "Bishop's Wife" Clever Satire Nathan's Latest Book Is Subtly Done

"THE BISHOP'S WIFE"  
Robert Nathan

In a country groaning with comfort, where everything was considered to be perfect, man, curiously enough, laboriously spent his days tearing down things as they were to make room for bigger and better things, cities and institutions. Even the church joined the industrial expansion and the Bishop of St. Timothy's dreamed of a new cathedral—a magnificent structure which would tower into the clouds and contain an entire office building with elevators and all modern improvements, on its premises.

Another assistant was necessary to carry out these plans—a new archdeacon: one who would be tactful, for "God . . . and the bankers love a tactful man," who would be pious, with firm, fundamental views on heaven and hell and the miracles, who would be a good hand at figures, with a tongue of fire in the pulpit and the voice of the dove with the doubtful, a keen eye for the newspapers, and able to loosen the money bags of the rich. What he needed, the Bishop reflected, was an angel from heaven.

Astonishingly, the angel, Michael, appears, whose heavenly duty, it seems, is to become the new archdeacon. With his disillusion is the remainder of the book concerned.

To those who know Robert Nathan it is only necessary to say that "The Bishop's Wife" is in his usual inimitable style and shows a keener insight into his characters than ever. To those who have never read his brief, delightful novels one can only recommend them for immediate consumption.

They are quaint and whimsical, tender and beautiful. His images are startling in their originality, but as much so in their aptness. His books are delicate fantasies written with the limpidity of sheer music.

"It was the hour of the sadness of the children, before the lamps are lighted. They are cold, and tired, and the day is over with its games; soon they will be back in their warm and quiet nurseries. But not yet; first they must part, and follow their nurses home, lonely and dreaming. The chime of voices fades, good-bys are said, half sung, half whispered; the Mall grows empty. The wind sweeps sadly across the walks on which the ghostly chaff-marks still linger."

But beauty is not all there is to Mr. Nathan's stories. Beneath the surface is a devastating irony so subtle that they may be read again and again, with repeated enjoyment. It is not the satire of a Swift, but rather that of an ultra-sophisticated, light-fingered connoisseur, who, disdainful of the cudgel, delights in the thrusts of a poisoned needle. In "The Bishop's Wife" it is the worldliness and stultification of the church that has become the victim of his penpoint.

The tale is of a bishop who followed God's dictates, and "loved the meek who were to inherit the earth, and

also the strong to whom it already belonged."

Of an angel who understood divine felicity and of the bishop's wife, who had dreamed of a beautiful, passionate love but had been disillusioned by her husband, who considered love to be an unimportant but necessary act of hygiene.

Of a lady of wealth who objects to conversion since, "If everyone believed as we believe we should find ourselves worshipping in a company of Jews, negroes, and other non-sectarians. The church would lose its dignity, which depends upon the social prominence of its members." She contributes to the cathedral fund, however, upon being told that, by the seating arrangement, they will be able to exclude twice as many people as before.

In the short interview between Michael and Mr. Cohen, the banker, the entire relation between Christian and Jew is portrayed.

"Why do you not turn Christian, since the Jewish religion does not interest you?" asks Michael.

"Because I do not want my grandchildren to hate the Jews. There is too much hate in the world as it is. . . . My grandparents were killed in a pogrom in the Ukraine . . . Shall I shake hands with those who hated them, simply because it is an easy thing to do? Very well, I will shake hands with them; here I am, let them come and shake hands with a Jew. Let them be polite to a Jew and see how much better the world gets on for it."

He is persuaded to contribute an altar to the new cathedral, however, and as Michael thanks him and turns to go, he says, "I cannot promise you a pew at St. Agatha's, but you will find a number of free seats in the rear."

One is reminded numerous times of "Heavenly Discourse."

Only once does Mr. Nathan seem at fault. Juliet, the bishop's daughter, has a sex complex, and one would assume from her conversation that she was her mother's age, if she did not play with toys now and then, and the reader were not specifically told that that she was four years old.—R. D.

**University of Illinois**—The Hillel Bulletin at the University of Illinois intends to publish a literary supplement, The Hillel Magazine, consisting of four pages. The magazine will contain, mainly, writings of the Jewish students on the campus, although a few articles will be written by prominent faculty men. Art sketches also will be published along with illustrations of feature stories and poems.

Friday night suppers are one of the new features on this year's program at the U. of I. It is intended that it will give the student at the university an opportunity to continue the traditional customs of the Sabbath eve which may have been common in his home. Such typically Jewish customs as lighting the candles, reciting, the Kiddush, and singing Hebrew hymns will be carried out.

## Foundation Has Newly Furnished Smoking Room

Have you seen the cheeriest, cosiest corner of the entire Hillel Foundation yet? Where is it? Why, the new smoking room, of course.

It is just off the library, which makes it especially delightful, for one can pick up a magazine or book, settle down into a deep, roomy chair, and with a long drag at the favorite cigarette, spend an hour or two of reading in the most comfortable of places.

It was once merely an outside porch, but thanks to the genius of the ladies of the local Auxiliary of the B'nai Brith, it has been enclosed and painted. They furnished it with bright curtains, the most comfortable of reed furniture, modernistic smoking stands and a rug.

Girls, if you want an ideal place to chat and puff a cigarette together, try the new smoking room, open to men and women.

The Ladies' Auxiliary has also furnished new curtains for the kitchen and pantry. They have likewise added many books to the rapidly increasing library.

## POETRY

By Bert Edises

### SONNET

I think with sadness (now our love is dead)  
Of how your presence stirred in me a flood  
Of fierce and strange emotion: how my blood  
Would dance and fever when I heard your tread.  
A glance, a smile, rushed wine-like to my head,  
And bliss it was to press the cherry bud  
You called your lips, with mine. Ah, would  
We loved again; that Passion had not fled.

Fond fancy! Can the withered autumn rose  
Gather its wind-blown fragrance from the skies?  
Or can the cloud take back the fallen snows,  
Or mourners' teardrops cause the dead to rise?  
Alas that love's sweet cycle, too, must close;  
Flow'rlike, 'tis born, then blooms, then fades and dies.

### TO A "PSYCH" MAJOR

Psychologist beloved! Thou  
Art marvelously learned and wise;  
Canst thou perhaps inform me how  
To still my sighs?  
Tellest thou me that my amour  
Is but an adolescent whim?  
An idyll that will not endure  
Till ages dim?  
Sayest thou with a knowing nod  
That my fond fancy will soon pass?  
That Reason's path my feet should tread  
As thine, alas?  
Ah me! Were reason ever right  
How wearisome the world would be:  
I love thee still, my dear, despite  
Psychology.

# Editorial Page

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## The Spectator

By J. H.

Although jazz music has been described as more or less adequately representing the fast tempo of American life, its origin and development are peculiarly enough un-American. The birth of jazz is due entirely to the negro; jazz may even be called a sort of mutant negro spiritual. And its development is almost entirely due to the Jew. A strange combination! Yet somehow the soul of the Jew, suppressed as it had been for centuries by ghetto and exile, as if intoxicated with its new-found liberties, burst forth into this wild and primitive chant, characterized by its throbbing beat and sensuous harmony. At first it seemed devoid of all form; a mere jumble of weird dissonances set to pulsating rhythm. Gradually it developed simple, quaint melody, age-old and long mellowed by time and usage—melody in the form of plaintive song.

From this stage onward rapid strides were made in the development. New creations followed new creations; public demand grew, resulting in vastly improved styles of orchestration, the invention of new instruments to better exploit this type of music, and newer instrumental groupings. One can easily understand how the spirit of modern dance grew out of this music and how the popularity of jazz, therefore, was almost immediately effected.

Popularity, with all the evil effects of commercialization, nevertheless has brought jazz music very much in the great deal of hostility from many public eye. Here it has encountered a source. It has been claimed by some that jazz music has superseded so-called "classical music" in the affections of most music lovers; by others that since jazz is necessarily cheap and shallow it should not be tolerated. Although there may be a basis for some of these conclusions, it must be pointed out here that jazz music has been recognized in a public way by Walter Damrosch, that jazz compositions have been played by many American symphony orchestras, that famous composers such as Maurice Ravel, have deigned to write jazz sonatas, that typically American jazz as written by George Gershwin, the Jew, can hardly be called cheap and shallow, and that jazz is still in its simplest form—an ample excuse for a multitude of sins.

It would seem, then, that America owes its most distinctive product to an alien race. Yet the very fact that this creation is so peculiarly and dominantly American, would lead one to expect that perhaps the Jews are more fundamentally "American" than their fellow inhabitants. This is rather far-fetched and would only be true if jazz were the only feature that distinguished Americans from other peoples. It isn't. But one must admit that the Jews have taken a very firm foothold upon American civilization, as they have taken footholds upon other civilizations in the past—only to lose them!

## College Students and Religion

A vital question has been raised which actively affects Hillel, its leaders, and its student members. There have been widely spread rumors among the good people of the bay region—there has been open criticism upon the part of the Rabbis of numerous congregations around Berkeley, and the substance of their criticism is that Hillel is not fulfilling the religious need of the students. The student wants religion, they say (or is it that they confuse their belief that he ought to have it with his wish for it?) and that desire is not being satisfied in Berkeley.

Undoubtedly the question is controversial. It is essentially a personal matter, and in most cases must be decided by the individual. The difficulty here is that it must be settled by a group.

The fundamental policy of Hillel is that it is a student organization, managed by the students. It is their institution, to be molded as they see fit, and its purpose is to offer what they wish it to give.

If such be the case, it should be the students who decide whether or not they wish religious training and services at Hillel. Thus far the majority has said "No!" This answer has evidently not satisfied the objectors, for they maintain that such is not the real opinion of the students. It is true that it is only at the Foundation that the students' viewpoint has been given. Here questionnaires and personal inquiry have received either no response whatever or an emphatic reply in the negative. Whenever an opportunity has presented itself whereby the student might express his opinion publicly, by means of the press, and particularly the Jewish press, his articles have been so changed that the opposite of the impression he intended giving has been made. It is no wonder that so many believe that the Jewish student has been denied his birthright.

The problem of religion on the California campus is only part of the great problem of the future of Judaism. The conditions which motivate the obvious lack of interest of the student here in religious ritual and ceremony have their counterpart throughout the world. Surely the Judaism of tomorrow will be no stronger by forcing a creed upon those who have outgrown it.

It is not true that all the students here have outgrown the Jewish religion, although most of those to whom it still appeals are interested from an aesthetic or historical angle rather than from the religious one. The needs of these few are already being satisfied. The peculiar situation of Berkeley makes it possible for the greater part of the students to spend their entire week ends in San Francisco, where, if they wish, they may attend services in numerous congregations. For those who wish to attend, there is a regular course in Jewish culture now being held at the Foundation. Regular services would have been held since the opening of Hillel if the members had wished it. Classes are being held regularly in religion from a non-sectarian viewpoint, at Stiles Hall. Attendance by the Jewish students is practically nil.

To answer the charges of the outsider, the Menorah Committee of the Foundation, under the direction of its new chairman, Stanley Breyer, has just organized an extensive campaign to discover specifically just what the Jewish student wishes in regard to the matter. Prominent Rabbis and professors are being asked to give their viewpoint of the subject under the title, "The Future of Judaism." Rabbi Nieto will offer the first one Thursday evening. A general discussion will follow each lecture, in which the students may answer the speaker and present their views on the same subject. In this way it is hoped that the real desires and needs of the students will come to light. If they desire religious services they shall have them by all means. Stanley Breyer has written a special article for this issue of the Bulletin, in which he states the opinion of the Executive Council. They have declared that they have no interest in that phase of Judaism.

Now the students will have an opportunity of expressing their opinions publicly. Attend the Menorah lectures! Let those who criticize you and your leaders discover for themselves what you actually wish and believe. Letters by the students to the Bulletin will be appreciated and published. Writers will be assured of having their articles published just as they are sent in without having the sense of their message changed by omissions or misleading headlines. Let this question be settled as far as the present Jewish students at Berkeley are concerned.