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## ROTHMAN FIRST TO SPEAK AT FORUM

**"Brith Sholom, the Jewish,  
Arab Covenanters,"  
Is Address Topic**

Forum activities will begin Wednesday evening with a lecture by Dr. Walter Rothman, Ph.D., archaeologist. He will attempt to bring to the students meeting at Hillel a clear picture of conditions in Jerusalem, from where he has just returned.

The topic of the lecture is to be "The B'rith Sholom, the Jewish Arab Covenanters." Rothman, who is a member of this group, was in Jerusalem at the time of the Arab uprisings and was instrumental in starting the Brith Sholom group. This organization is attempting to maintain a permanent peace by securing concessions from both the Arabs and the Jews.

They are advocating a bi-national state. Although the B'rith Sholom consists of only thirty men, they have been receiving publicity from such newspapers as the New York Times and other large eastern periodicals. If peace does come to Jerusalem, it is expected to grow out of this organization.

Rothman will also speak of the University of Jerusalem, where he has studied. This university is made up of about 120 students representing Jews from all parts of the world.

The Open Forum, under Sidney Rudy, chairman, has made arrangements with prominent men of the Bay district to speak before the Forum meetings to be held every other Wednesday during the semester.

## Lucille Friedman Acts As Hostess at Hillel

Intense excitement, of the sort that makes the walls bulge and the rafters shiver, has been the recent keynote at Hillel. Close analysis reveals that there is a woman behind the guns. Her personality is of the electric variety that steps out and transfixes you before you can arrange yourself. Miss Friedman protests that she has never been a hostess before. It must certainly be an inheritance from some hand-shaking ancestor, for surely such genius does not drop out of a clear Portland sky.

Under her magnetic influence the very Antipodes have been brought together; Palestinians, Europeans, Asiatics, Semerites, New Yorkers, and Los Angelenos, all have submitted to her mediation. We do not know Miss Friedman's choice of career, but we feel that she stands at the threshold of a new profession Tactful Contacting, and the Hillel student body watches her progress with great satisfaction.

## Hillel Foundation



## House Running at Full Blast With Greater Program

With an augmented program, additional furnishings, and greater all-round facilities, the Hillel Foundation is once more running in full blast for the Jewish student body of the University of California.

During the summer a campaign of improvements was launched within the walls of the house by the California Alliance of Jewish Women.

A bit of sleuthing by Daniel Posin, operative for the Hillel Call editorial department and among the newest of California's Phi Betes, uncovered the information that Mrs. Martin Marks, representing the Alliance, directed the installation of new carpets, etchings, flowers, lineoleums, and other equipment of a miscellaneous nature.

The result is that Hillel is now pretty as well as utilitarian. As far as the various departments of the house are concerned, there is first the parlor with a radio, comfortable divan and pillows for the loungily inclined (is that all right, Mr. Editor?); the ping-pong room for would-be tennis players; the checkers and chess for those who would have checkered careers; and, of course, the library for those who would verify the reviews appearing in other columns of this publication.

## Jewish Group to Be Excused from Classes

The following is an excerpt from a letter addressed to Rabbi M. J. Merritt of the Hillel Foundation by Dr. Monroe Deutsch, vice-president of the University of California:

"You may be sure that the matter of excusing Jewish students will be brought to the attention of the proper administrative officers of the University so that Jewish students absent on September 23rd and October 2nd will not suffer as a result of absence for religious reasons."

## PLANS FOR HOLIDAY SERVICE COMPLETE

**Hillel Foundation Sponsors  
Services for Holy Days  
at Unitarian Church**

The arrangements for the Hillel Foundation Holy Day services are now practically complete. Sanford Treguboff, chairman of the Religious Education Committee, is to have charge of the ushers at the Unitarian Church, corner of Dana and Bancroft, where the holiday services will be held.

Names of the students who will assist Rabbi Merritt in the reading service will be announced soon. The Hillel Foundation quartette for the Holy days will consist of Austin Black, baritone; Miriam Sallender, soprano; Ruth Hall Crandall, contralto; Albert Gross, tenor, with Mr. Henry Mishkin at the organ. Kenneth Zwerin is assisting in the direction of the quartette.

All the members of the quartette are professional singers, long familiar with the Jewish choral music. The beautiful traditional choral service of the New Year and Day of Atonement will receive at their hands a rendition that will add an inspirational note to the service.

The service for the evening of the New Year, Monday, September 22, will begin at 8 o'clock. The theme of the New Year Evening service will be "Old Ways." The service for the morning of the New Year, Tuesday, September 23, will begin at 10 o'clock. The theme will be "Names."

## Phi Betes Named From Hillel Group

Hereafter they must be addressed in dignified terms. They are now Phi Betes. The loftiest of scholastic honors, no less than admission to Phi Beta Kappa, the collegiate Olympus, has been attained by Maurice Harband, varsity debater; Cecelia Silverman and Daniel Posin, staff members of the Hillel Call, and Juliet Blumenfeld and Anne Heynemann, students extraordinaire. While mentioning the capture of recognition, space should be given to William Steinberg, who has just been awarded his Bachelor of Laws degree in the School of Jurisprudence.

## Silen Given Lead in Hell-Bent for Heaven

Gorman Silen, renowned orator, has started his dramatic career at the California by taking a major part in "Hell-Bent for Heaven," a play to be given by the Little Theatre on the 19th and 20th of this month.

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## Cantor Rinder Gives Music Lecture to Overflow Audience

Jewish Music and Musicians Illustrated by Cantor in Menorah Session

"Jewish music is essential dominant and demanding," Cantor Reuben Rinder of Temple Emanu-el of San Francisco told a packed house at the first meeting of the Menorah Society last Wednesday evening at Hillel House in his address on "Jewish Music Historically Presented."

"There is to it nothing of the humiliating or humble that characterizes the Occidental prayer motive but rather an intensity that truly symbolizes the inherent individualism of the Jew," Cantor Rinder went on to explain.

Music is the first expression of the artistic spirit and from the dawn of history it has been woven into the spirit of the Jew. In the cantillation, ancient chants, and other compositions illustrated by the cantor there was expressed that oriental intonation that reaches a sympathetic vibration in the heart of the Jew.

Through the centuries Jewish musicians have thrilled the world and they are doing it no less today under the leadership of such artists as Mischa Elman, Jascha Heifetz, Yehudi Menuhin, and Ernest Bloch, Cantor Rinder said.

Cantor Rinder told how the music that expresses the Jewish consciousness infuses the musician himself and re-vitalizes his own Jewish consciousness. Thus Ernest Bloch in his desire to compose Jewish music took up the study of Hebrew and learned the language in only three weeks.

The enthusiasm of the audience was high and there were repeated desires for encores. Rabbi Merritt spoke briefly on programs involving art, music, and books under Menorah auspices on alternate Wednesdays of the semester.

## Social Activities for Rest of Month Given

The social activities for the month of September at Hillel Foundation include many interesting events. At the men's smoker on Thursday evening, September 11, a debate was given by Zelig Aaron and Nathan Kessler. On September 4, Marvin Rosenberg and Sam A. Tannenbaum resolved that "The worst is yet to come." The debate was very amusing, and was enjoyed by thirty men. The debaters and their audience enjoyed the refreshments served by the social committee.

The third Sunday social took place last night from 8:30 till 10 o'clock. Hereafter the Sunday socials will be held every other Sunday; the next one being September 28.

A women's tea will be given September 18 from 4 to 6 p.m. under the auspices of the Jewish Mothers' Alliance of the University of California. At this tea, the wives of professors are asked to meet the girl students. Mrs. Joseph Kay is in charge of the affair, and everyone is invited.

## September in Brief

Tues., Sept. 16—Open house, 4 to 6 p.m.  
Wed., Sept. 17—Open Forum—Dr. Walter Rothmann, Ph.D. The Brith Sholon. "The Jewish Arab Covenants."  
Thurs., Sept. 18—Women's tea, 4 to 6 p.m.  
Thurs., Sept. 18—Men's smoker, 10 to 12 p.m.  
Mon., Sept. 22—New Year's eve religious services. Unitarian church, Bancroft and Dana, 8 p.m. Sermon, Theme: "The Old Ways."  
Tues., Sept. 23—New Year morning religious services. Unitarian Church, 10 a.m. Theme: "Names."  
Thurs., Sept. 25—Freshman Rally dance, 8:30 p.m.  
Sun., Sept. 28—Social, 8:30 to 1 p.m.  
Tues., Sept. 30—Open house, 4 to 6 p.m.

## New Books Added To Hillel Library

The chairman of the library committee, Harold Levy, reports that a large number of new books have been added to the shelves of the Hillel library and are now ready for circulation. The library committee requests the Jewish student body to cooperate with it by following the rules of the loan system.

Also, the committee urges all who take books from the shelves not to neglect to have the loan card properly stamped and placed in the box that has been provided, when no one is present to take a record of the loan.

The following are the new books ready for circulation:

Outline of Jewish Knowledge, Vol. I and II, Goldberg and Benderly.  
Adam, Ludwig Lewisohn.  
Degeneration, Max Nordau.  
Life and Letters of Jacob Schiff, Cyrus Adler.  
Ibn Gabriol, Zangwill.  
Ikkurim, Jos. Alba. Five volumes.  
Hebrew Ethical Wills, two volumes.  
Halevi, by Salomon.  
Talmud Taanit, Molter.  
The Invincible Jew, Powel.  
Christian and Jew, by Landman.  
Why Religion? Horace Kallen.  
Rise of David Levinsky, by Abraham Cahan.  
Born a Jew, by Boris Bogen.  
Roman Summer, by Ludwig Lewisohn.  
Soviet Russia by William Henry Chaimberlain.  
Life of Leon Trotsky, by Leon Trotsky.  
Broken Tablets, by Warsaw.  
Humanity Uprooted, by Hindus.  
Frontiers of Hope, by Kallen.  
Ghetto Comedies, Ghetto Tragedies, King of the Ghetto, Dreamers of the Ghetto, King of the Schnorers, by Israel Zangwill.

Richard Gustadt, executive secretary of the Fourth District B'nai B'rith, has accepted a post as director of the newly created National Bureau of Membership in the order.

Mr. Gustadt has long been a sincere friend of Hillel Foundation.

## Fraternities Name Presidents, Officers For Present Year

Kluber to Head A. E. Phi; Phi Sigh Elect Miller

Alpha Epsilon Phi announces its officers for the present semester as follows: President, Bernice Kluber; vice-president, Betty Anne Newfield; secretary, Jane Kauffman; treasurer, Margaret Baum.

Phi Sigma Sigma honored its new house mother, Mrs. Martha C. Woodworth, with an informal dinner.

The sorority also sponsored an attractive breakfast in honor of its new pledges—Eleanor Hamlen, Emily Schaffron, and Malvina Young.

The officers of Phi Sigma Sigma for this semester are: President, Besie Miller; vice-president, Dorothy Simmons; secretary, Clara Steinsapir; treasurer, Evelyn Landesbaum.

### K. N.'s Hold Initiation

Kappa Nu fraternity held formal initiation on Sunday, August 24, at the Union League Club in San Francisco, with Irving "Brick" Marcus officiating. The following men were initiated: Alvin Charles, Aaron Friedman, Leslie Kessler, Melvin Nyman, and Irving Weisenfeld.

The officers of the fraternity for the present semester are: President, Arthur Weston; vice-president, Henry Greenwood; secretary, Benson Benjamin; treasurer, Harold Cohn.

Phi Beta Delta announces the following officers for this semester: President, Sanford Levy; vice-president, Lee Krieger; secretary, Al Alter; treasurer, Victor Kagan.

### Scheinman to Lead Zebes

Sigma Alpha Mu fraternity announces as its officers for the present semester: President, Jack Silver; treasurer, Harold Ellis; recorder, Edward Wachter.

An informal evening was enjoyed at the house August 29 with Leon Key and Jack Silver in charge of arrangements. Students from Los Angeles were the honored guests. A smoker is planned for Friday night, September 12. Edward Wachter, Norman Schwarz, and Kenneth Zwerin comprise the committee handling the affair.

Zeta Beta Tau is planning a pledge dance for Friday night, September 12. Grant Levin will be in charge of the arrangements.

The following officers have been elected for this semester: President, Norman Scheinman; vice-president, Robert Eschen; secretary, Arthur Himmelstern.

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Last year Gorman was the winner of the international Aleph Zadik Aleph oratorical contest. The subject of his oration was "Jewish Notables of the Twentieth Century." While in high school he won the California State Shakespearean contest with his dramatic presentation of "Shylock, the Jew." He had the leading part in the Oakland A. Z. A. degree team which presented the degree of Judas Maccabeus at the international convention of the order.

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## Many Jewish Students Go Out for Track

When Coach Walt Christie announced signups for the 1931 track and field varsity, he received the largest turnout he has witnessed in quite a few years. Among the 100 track and field candidates the Jewish element of the campus was, as usual, well represented in almost every event.

Leading the candidates are Julius Zelman and Bill Koblik, lettermen from last year's varsity. Zelman, a half-miler, ran some merry races last year and he is expected to come through this year in a big way. High and mighty things are expected from Koblik, a pole vaulter. Koblik is out of school on leave but will return in January. Coming from the frosh team is Mel Nyman, who earned his numerals in the high jump last year. Nyman should reach great heights in his endeavors, and he, along with Zelman and Koblik, are due to earn a few points for Walt Christie's Bears.

Among the other candidates are Herbert Resner in the half mile, Nate Kessler in the long distances and Benson Benjamin in the shot and discus. Aaron Friedman, a comer from last year's frosh squad, will compete in the discus. Pierce Stein has not specified a particular event. Jack Silver, a veteran of the water polo and swimming teams, will try cross-country running this semester.

## Neiden Loses to Stone In Semi-Final Round

Ben Neiden, California's hope in the Berkeley city tennis championships, lost to Roger Stone, champion of Oakland, in the semi-finals by scores of 0-6, 6-3, 7-5. After the first set, which Neiden had all his own way, the match was a nip-and-tuck affair, Stone finally winning out after carrying the battle to deuce in the deciding set.

## Dr. Hodgson Lectures Before Zionist Group

The Palestinian Students Association of the University of California held its first regular session this semester on Saturday evening, September 13, at 8 o'clock. The Palestinian Association was fortunate in securing as its speaker for its initial session, Professor Hodgson of the University of California, one of the most distinguished scientific representatives of the citrus industry in the United States.

Professor Hodgson's topic was "The World Outlook on the Citrus Industry." The association had extended a cordial welcome to attend this meeting to all who may have been interested in the citrus problem as it affects Palestine.

## Fraternities Will Vie For Honors in Baseball Tilts

Intra-mural athletics promises more and better competition from the Jewish fraternity houses in all the events this semester. Indoor baseball, which has already begun, will undoubtedly find all of the organizations represented. Last year Sigma Alpha Mu, aided by the brilliant pitching of Sammy Balter, came close to the finals in its winning march. The other teams achieved less success, but should be stronger this year.

Represented by Ben Neiden, Sigma Alpha Mu will be strong in tennis this year. Golf prospects are centered on Ed Linder of Zeta Beta Tau, captain of the California golf team. Hal Cohn and Henry Greenhood of Kappa Nu form a fast working team of handballers which should go far.

## Gridiron Hopes Are Strong Again

Practice has officially started, uniforms have been distributed, and the Golden Bear begins a football season that promises to be as successful as any in the past few years. If it were not too early in the season to forecast the functionings of an untried backfield, the dope would point to a winning year.

Five Jewish men are among the candidates for the 1930 varsity and freshman teams, and it would not be surprising to see the majority of them on the first string lineups. Art Weston, up from the reserves, and Nat Magid, All-Conference end for San Mateo Junior College, are the leading aspirants. Harry Grey and Sanford Berenson are unknown quantities at present. Aaron Friedman, All-Oakland halfback, is conceded a good chance to make the frosh team.

With Price's new "two-varsity" system, the above mentioned men have an excellent chance to fit in, if they can exhibit varsity qualities.

**Bucharest**—Karl Weiss, a famous Jewish goldsmith, has received the order to make the crown that King Carol will wear on the occasion of the coronation services next year. And coincidentally the Roumanian minister admits "We cannot sacrifice the lives of members of the Roumanian government to protect the Jews!"—The irony of that crown.

**Waterbury, Conn.**—Far from being unconstitutional the plan for religious education in the schools of Waterbury as approved by the board of education on the petition of the Catholic and Protestant churches is directly supported by the Constitution of the United States, a special board decided recently.

## Book Reviews

**Behaviorism: A Battle Line:** Edited by William P. King. Cokesbury Press. \$2.25.

**The Critique of Humanism:** Edited by G. Hartley Grattan. Brewer and Warren, \$3.50.

Modern religious faith has two definite foes: behaviorism in psychology and humanism in philosophy. By chance, there came to the writer's attention recently two symposiums which give us a new outlook upon these very interesting spiritual developments.

In "Behaviorism: A Battle Line," representatives of three great faiths—Protestants, Catholics, and Jews—take a common stand against materialistic behaviorism. Among the contributors to this well written volume are Professor William McDougall who has taught summer session at Berkeley and Los Angeles; Rabbi Julius Mark of Nashville, Tenn.; Dr. Joseph Coffins, professor of philosophy at Whittier College in the southern part of this state, and Bishop Francis J. McConnell of New York.

This book is the answer to the theories of Dr. John Watson which were so prevalent a short while ago. It might be a good idea for the average reader to refresh his memory on these theories ere he reads this book. The authors seem to know the subject about which they write, and they combine their lucid and clear essays with a charming personal touch. They make a keen, yet sympathetic, exposure of this new psychology both in theory and practice.

At the close of this volume there is a general bibliography and also the bibliography of the several authors who have participated in the discussion.

This book has filled a real void, and should be one of the best sellers in its field. It is hoped that a copy of this symposium may find itself in the libraries of many Watsonian behaviorists in the days that are to come.

There was recently published a volume "Humanism and America," which consisted of some fifteen essays which advocated a new spiritual development built around an old term of Renaissance days. This book aroused, for one reason or another, inexplicable hostility, and these criticisms have now taken body and shape in the form of thirteen essays under the title of "The Critique of Humanism."

In this book, humanism as conceived by Forster and his confreres is attacked from both the social and religious sides, and its followers are even accused of recanting their own teachings. The authors of this symposium are well known men, but the style of their essays is not a smooth one and gives the appearance of hurried work.

This book seems to mark the end of the humanistic controversy which has left many of us with the feeling of not knowing just what it was all about. After having read this book, one feels like putting it down and exclaiming, in the words of the Haggadah, "dayanu," it is enough!

# Editorial Page

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## SCRIBES ALL BOTHERED; LETTER BOX STILL EMPTY

TWO WHOLE weeks have passed and not a single note of criticism has found its way into the editor's letter-box. If this condition persists the editorial executive may build the notion he has an infallible publication. The ed and his staff know that this is not the case.

Not only are suggestions for improvement of the paper wanted, but also suggestions for the improvement of Hillel. The HILLEL CALL is not being published solely that ambitious collegiate journalists may exercise their best typewriter fingers, but that the Hillel Foundation may prosper, grow and bloom like the rose. Get busy on those letters — else stagnation sets in for the worrying scribes.

## HILLEL OFFERS REAL WELCOME TO NON-ORG

SUCH a fine spirit has prevailed thus far this semester at Hillel that it would be a real shame if anyone of either sex developed the idea that only the organized house representative is welcome. Nothing is further from the truth. Hillel belongs to the Jewish student body and is equally as much for the non-org as for the org.

The three-pointed program of Hillel would be a distinct failure if a condition other than one of absolute democracy existed. It is difficult to inculcate the principles of culture, religion and social understanding where a false sense of values holds sway. The non-org is a most welcome guest. He is the guest of honor.

## LITERARY LIGHTS, COME THOU OUT OF THE DUSK

ARE THERE born among you, readers of the HILLEL CALL, those with literary aspirations? Then, as the circus barker says, here is the chance of a lifetime! With the next issue of the HILLEL CALL a literary page will make its blushing entry into a critical world.

Contributions will certainly not be perfect with that ease, swing and rhythm that makes marketable commodities out of typewriter products. Nevertheless, there is much of value that is written and that never feels the delicate touch of the printer's grimy hand. It is to this class of written goods that the HILLEL CALL literary page makes its appeal.

Bring your literary offspring to the editorial box in the second floor offices. Attach your name in case fame insists upon following your efforts. Let's get literary.

## RELIGIOUS IDEALS HAVE WON PLACE IN HILLEL

THE HILLEL FOUNDATION approves of every Jewish purpose and lends its support to every Jewish activity. While opposing parties in the House of Israel hurl epithets at each other for the antagonistic positions that they assume, Hillel recognizes no dividing lines. It extends to Zionists and anti-Zionists, to Nationalists and culturists, to organized and non-organized the same welcome and friendly hand.

Every social and cultural activity that can enrich Jewish relationship and strengthens the Jewish consciousness has Hillel's enthusiastic backing. However, Hillel regards the spiritual values and the noble idealism that constitute our greatest contribution to posterity a treasure that Jewish students may neglect and disregard only to their own hurt and their impoverishment.

Through the Holy day and weekly services Hillel would bring home to its followers that the inexhaustible springs of Jewish spiritual aspirations, far from being spent, constitute an unfailing source from which to slake the thirst of all to seek the nobler things of life.

## OFF WITH THE LIDS; HERE COMES PHI BETE

IS A PHI BETE human? Can it be? This question has run through the minds of students the country over. Now right within the walls of Hillel are apparently healthy Phi Betes running around loose. They appear normal, talk, eat and dance. Yet we are still wondering.

Aside from the above buffoonery there is every reason why the Phi Betes affiliated with Hillel, or those who have not yet established that pleasant contact, should be proud of themselves. To achieve academic honors in this day of one million and ten campus distractions is no little feat. Our hats go off to those "unusuals."

## Simple Poetics

[A LOST ART]

*When the owl and the pussy-cat  
Went to sea  
In a beautiful pea-green boat,  
The style of poetics was simple and sweet,  
And sung to the pastoral note.*

*But fashions have altered,  
And now, alas,  
The latest pattern in rhyme  
Has lost itself in a patchwork haze,  
And measures to piston-rod time.*

*"Wherewith ecstatically, per Prussian blue,  
Over left shoulder one throweth the shoe.  
Sinking retardedly, flame-flushed and grey,  
Lord-minded Chanticleer croweth the day."  
Yes, 'tis the pattern that poets advise,  
And street-railway rhythm is raised to the skies.*

*Dear owl and dear pussy-cat,  
Come reclaim your throne,  
The latter-day rhythms  
Are down to a drone.  
Come seek out with me midst the realist's curses  
Some stray buttercup in the garden of verses.*