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"HOURS" OF WORK SOUGHT TO MEET STUDENT NEEDS

An important piece of work has been launched by the Welfare Committee of the Hillel Foundation. Today the most urgent call for genuine welfare work lies in the field of helping solve the pressing problem of unemployment. Never has there been a time when so many men and women have listed themselves for any and every kind of service and never has there been a time when so little employment was to be had. For many students it is a critical issue, and it is questionable whether they can bear up much longer under the terrific pressure.

People hesitate today to promise regular and steady employment to students. They are unwilling to obligate themselves for employment by the week or day. Realizing this, the Welfare Committee of Hillel has conceived a novel idea. It is making an appeal to Jews in the Bay District to pledge "hours" of work to Jewish university students.

Appeal to Women

Every Jewish woman's organization in the Bay District is being approached by members of the Welfare Committee. Gorman Silen addressed the California Alliance of Jewish for the project. Florence Hoffman spoke to the Oakland Women's Auxiliary of the B'nai B'rith and secured their support. Speakers will address the Oakland Hadassah and the Oakland Jewish Women's Council. It is hoped that this aggressive campaign to stimulate "hours" of work will help to relieve a difficult situation.

Work will be paid for at the rate of thirty-five cents an hour and car-fare. The committee is now listing all those who wish to be considered for "hours" of work. Those who wish to be listed will see that the Hillel Office is supplied with names, addresses and telephone numbers.

Capable Committee

Harold Glassberg is chairman of the Welfare Committee. Gorman Silen is vice-chairman. Edith Porte is secretary. Other members of the committee are Isaac Shechmeister, Sylvia Dietz, Aida Handler, Jerome Greenstein, Ben Ami Kaplan, Richard Liebes, and Jean Wise.

HOLIDAY EXEMPTION

My dear Rabbi Merritt:

I wish to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of September 15th, calling attention to the two Jewish holidays which fall on October 1st and 10th. I shall be glad to suggest to our instructors that they make due allowance for absences of Jewish students on these dates.

Sincerely yours,

T. M. PUTNAM,

Dean of Undergraduates.

Thespians In Semester Debut With New Play

Hillel Players will present Irving Sussman's one-act play, "Uzel and Fuzel", Sunday evening at 8:30 p. m. This is an original play which deals with the mythical kingdom of Boojum, where live the citizens who are afraid of words.

"Uzel and Fuzel" is the first of a series of plays to be given by the Hillel Players at the Foundation. It is also in line with the announced policy of the Dramatics Committee to produce original works whenever such are submitted and are found acceptable for production at Hillel.

In the cast, among others, are found: Joe Posel, Irving Sussman, Nathan Gilbert, Beulah Levin, Joe Siegal, and Annette Peltz. The cast for the second play to be given late in October was chosen at a tryout held after the Call went to press.

The Dramatics Committee still wishes to secure the names of those who are interested in future tryouts. Those who indicate their interest will be notified of coming tryouts in advance of the general notice.

FROM THE HEBREW UNIVERSITY

The Hebrew University Board which held its session in London announced a plan to establish a College of Agriculture. Students wishing to enter the College of Agriculture, will have to complete two years in the Department of Biology which opened last fall. Upon completion of the two years they will be granted admission to the College of Agriculture.

ORGANIZATION OF UNION FORUM FOR CAMPUS COMPLETED

As a new and promising venture, the Union Forum, a combination of forums of outstanding extra-curricular institutions of the university, is now organized. The aim of this group is to bring outstanding speakers before students at various meetings.

Supporting this organization are the Y. M. C. A., Y. W. C. A., Newman Hall, and Hillel Foundation. The Union Forum committee consists of representatives from each organization—two Catholic members, Eugenia Walsh '33, Elwyn Mullally '35; two Protestant members, Bernard Bowron '34, Janet Steele '33; and two Jewish members, Don Breyer '34, Dorothy Lesser '34.

Breyer Chairman

This committee has held several meetings for the purpose of organizing the Forum and mapping out a course for the year. Don Breyer has been elected chairman of the joint committees. The following speakers have been secured for the coming year: President, Robert Gordon Sproul, Dean Monroe Deutsch, Brother Leo of St. Mary's College, and Chester Rowell, columnist for the Chronicle. Correspondence has been opened with Lincoln Steffens with a view to bringing him to the campus.

It is planned to have these Union Forum meetings at Wheeler hall, which has been put at the disposal of the Forum by the university authorities. The first meeting is planned for the early part of October.

CLOTHES OFFERED

The California Alliance of Jewish Women maintains a complete wardrobe of clothing for students of both sexes. It is prepared to outfit from head to foot. If in need, call Ashberry 1896.

TOURNEY PRIZES

Sign-ups for the bridge and ping-pong tournaments are being received daily and will continue until the tournament starts. Plans for the prizes are still being discussed. The prizes will soon be announced.

PLEDGES FETED BY FRATERNITIES

Phi Beta Delta honored their pledges with a dance at the chapter house. Jack Ranapast, president of Kappa chapter, University of Southern California, visited the local chapter this week.

Initiation services were held at the Kappa Nu fraternity recently for Henry Schneider and Leonard Kushins. Following the ceremony, a banquet was held honoring the neophytes. Marvin Rosenberg was in charge of arrangements.

Last Sunday Phi Sigma Sigma entertained parents and friends at the annual Open House. Malvina Young was in charge assisted by Florence Hoffman and Eleanor Hamlen. Larry Horenstein provided music for dancing. The date of the formal dinner dance has been changed to October 28. It is to be held in the alcove of the Peacock Court of the Hotel Mark Hopkins. Gertrude Gershon is in charge of arrangements.

Extensive plans have been made for a charity dinner by the Zeta Beta Tau fraternity, to be given at the chapter house on October 12. Donald Breyer is in charge of arrangements. On September 17th, Professor Kerner spoke at dinner.

Plans are being made at the Alpha Epsilon Phi house for a formal dance to be held some time during October at their new home on Channing way.

Berths Won on Men, Women Debate Teams

Results of the various debating tryouts prove that "we're such stuff as speakers are made of." Four Hillelites made the Varsity Debating team—David Cowen, '34; Zelig Aarons, '33; Hillard Goldstein, '34; and Don Breyer, '34.

Eva Goldberg has the distinction of being the only Sophomore woman chosen as a member of the women's varsity. Miss Goldberg is also a member of Parliament Debating Society. Vera Shimoff has been elected to Philorthian. Other members of Philorthian are Willis Gumbiner and Dorothy Swartzberg. Parliament has for one of its new members Dorothy Goldeen, '33.

ATONEMENT SERVICES

The evening of Sunday, October 9th, will usher in the Kol Nidre service, the eve of the great Day of Atonement, that day that by common consent is accepted by the Jewish world as the most solemn and heart-searching of all the days in the Jewish religious calendar.

The roots of the Day of Atonement are deeply imbedded in the far centuries of Israel's life. The Atonement observance has come down across the ages with its solemn and stirring appeal practically unaffected by the passage of time.

No other day is so calculated to draw Jewish masses into the house of worship. Reconciliation with the best and highest in the spiritual life is the order of the day. The service for the eve of the Day of Atonement will be held October 9th at 8 p. m. in Hillel House.

A trained choir under the direction of Henry Mishkin will render the choral service. Rabbi Merritt will speak on "Honest Sinners" The service at Hillel House for the morning of the Day of Atonement will begin Monday, October 10th at 10:30 a. m. Rabbi Merritt will speak on "Scapegoats". There will be a Memorial Service Monday afternoon at 4 p. m.

Symposium to Consider World-Wide Congress

Just as the ancient Romans had their "amores argumenti", so, too, has Hillel its spirited and enthusiastic debaters. Action starts Sunday night, October 23, at which time the themes for discussion will be: "Whether there is need for a world-wide Jewish Congress."

The subject will be first handled by various individual students from different countries, in order that the question may be considered from a great many angles. It is planned to have the following students present their views in short seven-minute talks: Israel Burzstein, representing Poland; Paul Pinsky, representing China; Max Meisels, speaking for Germany; Mordecai Hosh, Palestine; and Dan Freudenthal, for the United States.

Immediately after these speeches, the subject will be thrown open to general discussion.

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PERSONALS

One of the leads in the Junior Farce, "Buttered Side Down", has been assigned to Villis Gumbiner.

"Help!" is the cry of the publicity committee. If you can render any, see Sylvia Rabinowitz, chairman.

Doesn't the House Committee look fancy with those yellow "welcome" ribbons at the Sunday night socials? Especially Bob Glassman.

Maurice Moonitz, who was recently named assistant editor of the Call, has been elected to Beta Gamma Sigma, honorary commerce fraternity.

Gertrude Forman of Sacramento Junior Auxiliary I. O. B. B. was a week-end guest of Ruth Lubin and Janice Oppenheimer.

So it has come to this. Sydney A. Zucker has been instrumental in the organization of the "Golden Blues" Club. It is better known as the "dates" club and is composed in the main of non-orgs who are seeking a broader social life on the campus.

Check one off on that list of Hillel engagements. The "Personals Column" is informed that the engagement of Ness Hazan to Edith Goldstein was prematurely announced.

Hillel Foundation members, past and present, are publicized in the B'nai B'rith Monthly. Sidney Rudy, president last year, is given mention for winning the Joffe Medal Debate. Florence Hoffman, Hillel's present leader, and Harold Loeffler are given space for having won awards as the Foundation's most valuable students for the school year, 1931-32.

Three years of diligent application have brought reward to Ben Neiden, varsity tennis player. Ben has just received one of the Otto Henry Greenwald scholarships for \$200. Summer before last Ben played with the university tennis team in Japan and Honolulu.

David Glickson, who studied fruit products, graduated this year and has left for his home in Palestine.

The Sports Horizon

California's call to the gridiron this year is well answered by several prominent Jewish football enthusiasts. Among those showing promise is Sigfried Herzog, an end. Herzog tips the beams at 180 pounds. On the ineligible squad this year will be Harry Mohr, a transfer from Alabama.

The yearling squad is fortunate in having Prentiss Goldstone from Lowell High School.

Leonard Kushnins is an end on the frosh squad. Bob Bernstein is a half-

Jewish youth organizations in Berlin are organizing defense units to protect the synagogues during the High Holiday services. The police department is helping by stationing policemen in civilian attire at the synagogues. The measures are being taken on account of the generally disturbed situation and in view of the Nazi attacks last year as Jews were leaving services on Rosh Hashana.

Of 39 Jewish students who applied for matriculation in the medical school of the University of Latvia, only one was admitted.

President Paul von Hindenburg is scored by General Erich von Ludendorff (who, since the conclusion of the World War, has achieved notoriety as an anti-Semite), for expressing opposition to any limitation of the political and religious rights of the Jews.

A group of 200 Jews sailed to Palestine on the S. S. Vulcania. The group includes chalutzim, prospective middleclass settlers, students and tourists.

Book Reviews

Arthur Schnitzler has taken the famous historical adventurer, Casanova, and plunged him into a setting abounding in such richness of action, that the noted figure might well have included this account in his own "Memoirs".

Schnitzler does say, however, that while most of "Casanova's Homecoming" is to be regarded as a work of fiction, nevertheless, it is a historic fact that Casanova, when between 50 and 60 years of age, did enter the Venetian service as a spy. The book deals with the adventures of Casanova immediately before his return to Venice after his many years of exile.

Throughout the book, one seems to feel that Schnitzler has a complete and sympathetic understanding of his leading character's desires and emotions. Casanova, the braggart, the lover, the teller of tales, the hater of Voltaire—all are portrayed with a deftness and flash that carry the reader breathlessly along. And yet the smoothness and evenness of Schnitzler's style is so harmonious that events seem to flow naturally one after the other.

I think that "Casanova's Homecoming" will prove of interest not only because of its absorbing treatment of Casanova's character and action, but because, also, of the simplicity and beauty of its writing.

back with plenty of speed. Harold Schoenfeld, Berkeley High squad, is also with the frosh.

Six Maccabeans from Poland visited Palestine. They made their way riding on bicycles.

JEWISH NEWS AT A GLANCE

More than 400 Jewish families were left destitute as a result of a fire in Kolno, Poland. Seventy-five per cent of the Jewish population is left without shelter and is in a state of starvation as a result of the fire.

The government press has joined the campaign against the middlemen in Poland. The anti-Semite National-Democratic organ "Gazeta Warszawska" asserts that ninety per cent of the middlemen are Jews. The paper concludes with a demand that the Jews be prohibited from trading in agricultural produce.

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SHOULD JUDAISM PRESENT SOLID FRONT TO WORLD?

The matter of the proposed World Jewish Congress is throwing into relief the whole position of the Jew in the 20th century world, and is calling into play the countless patriotisms and fears that Jews all over are capable of expressing. The issue upon which support or opposition to the Congress hinges is clearly seen by all parties: will the convention by consolidating Judaism present too imposing a front to the world and cause more harm than good?

The web of Jewish relationships is finely woven, and that which may help one section of World Jewry may definitely harm other sections. On the other hand there looms big the fear of a world-wide landslide of anti-semitism, in the face of which it might seem utter blindness to stand passively by.

The whole affair is so tied with the momentous world-changes, that unless a man have the assurance of a prophet he must hesitate to speak. It would be calamitous to see the avalanche come down upon us without our being prepared. It would be equally calamitous to see our protective organ turn against us, and, by raising the scare of "militant Judaism", crystallize the whole gentile world against us.

Those who are looking for symbols will find in the Jewish problem the symbol of world-problems. Ludwig Lewishon has already pointed out the inverse relationship of anti-semitism to Americanism; so, too, the world may judge itself if it cares.

HOLIDAY SERVICES
OFFER FOOD FOR
SPIRITUAL NEEDS

The B'nai B'rith Hillel Foundation

was organized to serve the social, cultural and spiritual needs of the Jewish student body on the campus. During these years it has developed a wide and varied range of activities. Demands of every kind are made upon Hillel. A bewildering number of needs have been successfully met.

But the Hillel Foundation has not permitted itself or the student body to forget that there is also a spiritual purpose to be served. The traditional Jewish Holy Days are at hand. The season that for centuries has turned the Jew to the reverent contemplation of the deeper issues of life and the spirit is here once more.

Services will be held at Hillel House for all of the holy days. The university authorities have extended to the Jewish students the privilege of absenting themselves from classes on these days.

It is well to remember that the best men are agreed that when spiritual instincts are ignored, life remains incomplete. Knowledge divorced from the fountain of ideals is a mutilated thing. Renew the well-springs of the religious life at this season of the soul.

PROBLEM DISCUSSION BRINGS REAL ZEST TO CAMPUS CAREER

Editorially speaking, we are glad that at least two groups of Hillel students take themselves seriously enough to tackle problems which entitle them to the description "students".

One group is comprised of those praiseworthy Palestinian students. Not only do the bigger percentage of these boys earn their way through school by gardening, waiting on table, engaging in manual labors of a varied

nature, but they bring real vitality to their meetings and discussions of the problems of the Holy Land.

Another group of a decidedly different nature is the Social Problems Club. Here we find some radicals, many graduate students, and a representation of the Intelligentsia. This club also includes in its membership a number outside the ranks of Hillel.

Whether the troubles of Palestine are of interest to the campus at large or whether one agrees with the theory that Capitalism and Economic Planning cannot go hand in hand, as the Social Problems Club apparently contends, the fact remains that these students have put on the old thinking cap.

Student life holds much more interest, finds its real meaning, in the discussion of problems. All credit to these two organizations which are showing the way to Hillel students.

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