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LOAN FUND DRIVE OFF TO PROMISING START

STUDENT COUNCIL BANQUET USHERS IN BIG CAMPAIGN

The annual Hillel Student Loan Fund campaign was launched Wednesday evening. As in past years advantage was taken of the Student Council dinner for the Fall semester to give the drive an enthusiastic send-off.

Gathered at the Council dinner were the student officers of the Foundation, the chairmen and sub-chairmen of its committees, the general manager of the campaign, and his cabinet and the captains and lieutenants of the teams that are to circulate over the campus during the week of the campaign and to gather in the \$400 set as the goal.

Honored Speakers

The honor guests of the campaign dinner were Rabbi Morris Goldstein, rabbi-elect of the Congregation Sherith-Israel, and Louis J. O'Brien, assistant dean of men. Both delivered stimulating talks that stirred the members present. Rabbi Merritt and Sanford Goldner, also spoke, and representing the students as speakers were Florence Hoffman, Percy Solotow, Dorothy Lesser, Donald Breyer, and Harold Glassberg.

Harold Glassberg, general manager of the campaign, has developed an exceptional organization for the task this year. His advisory cabinet is Dan Freudenthal, Mort Perl, Malvina Young, Sydney Zucker, Edith Port, Florence Hoffman and Gorman Silen.

The committees for the five organized houses are as follows: A. E. Phi, Marjorie Collat and Barbara Kaiser; Phi Sigma Sigma, Elinor Hamlin and Gertrude Gershon; Kappa Nu, Marvin Rosenberg and W. Schoenfeld; Phi Beta Delta, W. Kohlik and H. Glassberg; Zeta Beta Tau, H. Wolff and Jay Dero.

Committees Named

International House, Mort Perl, Ruth Cowen, D. Freudenthal and W. Kaplan.

Social Problems Seminar, J. Posell, L. Stein, J. Gale and Aida Handler.

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UNIVERSITY OFFICERS LEND APPROVAL TO HILLEL UNDERTAKING

"I know of no way in which more good can be done than through a loan fund. The money is turned over again and again. The self respect of the individual is retained because he borrows and is not given it. The students do not wish gifts. They only wish help over what is a temporary obstacle. The per cent of loans which has not been repaid is astonishingly small. It is interesting to think of the many different individuals with their many problems who can be aided by a small sum loaned and relented through all the years to come.

"MONROE E. DEUTSCH,
"Vice-President and Provost."

"Emergency loan funds maintained by such extra-mural agencies as the Hillel Foundation are of inestimable value in supplementing the work of the university loan funds. There will always be deserving students who for one reason or another cannot receive adequate aid through the official channels and who would suffer real hardship if independent sources of help did not exist. University officers entrusted with the responsibility of administering student loans gratefully acknowledge their obligation to the Hillel Fund and earnestly wish to see it augmented.

"LOUIS O'BRIEN."

Berkeley Violinist to Offer Local Recital

Already familiar to Hillel audiences for her splendid renditions at Holy Day services, Rivka Iventosch, left-handed violinist, will be heard in a recital at the International House Wednesday evening, November 2. The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Iventosch, of Berkeley, Miss Iventosch is to be accompanied at the piano by Margo Hughes. She will be presented by Artur Argewicz, noted violin in-

ANNIVERSARY OF SPINOZA BIRTH TO BE OBSERVED

The month of November will mark the 300th anniversary of the birth of Baruch Spinoza, the premier Jewish philosopher of the 17th century, the thinker recognized throughout the world today as one of the peerless intellects of the ages.

Baruch Spinoza was born November 24, 1632, and was the model of the humble and retiring scholar, seeking neither fame nor fortune but devoted to the noble flights of the mind and the outreaching of the spirit.

General Observation

All over the world institutions of learning are arranging anniversary celebrations in Spinoza's memory. A recent gathering of the most eminent European men of learning, at The Hague, at the dedication of the Spinoza Home, inaugurated this series of celebrations which will be observed both in Europe and America.

Under the auspices of the Hillel School of Jewish Studies a Spinoza Celebration will be held at Hillel House Thursday evening, November 3 at 8 p. m. Professor George P. Adams, chairman of the Department of Philosophy at the University of California, will deliver the address of the evening, "Spinoza—The Man and His Philosophy".

Celebrities Invited

Invitations to notables in the bay district will be issued and the local Spinoza Celebration will be made a red letter event in the program of the Hillel Foundation for this semester.

Workers League Debates "Zionism and Socialism"

The Pro-Palestine Workers League will hold its meeting Wednesday, November 2, 8 p. m., at the Hillel Foundation where Mr. J. Rumianek will discuss "Zionism and Socialism". All interested are welcome.

structor. Among others who have praised the Berkeley girl are Zimbalist and Persinger. Tickets may be obtained at the Hillel offices.

PHI SIGS PUT ON FORMALS TONIGHT

Final plans have been made at the Phi Sigma Sigma sorority for a formal dinner dance to be held tonight in the alcove of the Mark Hopkins Hotel. Gertrude Gershon and Malvina Young are in charge of arrangements.

On Saturday, October 22nd the sorority honored Miss Ruthann Rubin at tea at the home of Miss Malvina Young in San Francisco. Miss Rubin is a member of Theta chapter, University of Illinois.

Professor Arnold Perstein of the Public Speaking Department was the honored guest speaker recently at the Zeta Beta Tau house. This was one of a series of faculty-student dinners that the fraternity has planned for the semester.

A committee, headed by Mortimer Benioff has arranged for a "Parents' Night" Sunday evening.

The Alpha Epsilon Phi sorority held a formal dance October 14th at the chapter house in Berkeley. Miss Cornelia Arnheim was in charge of arrangements.

Something novel in the field of entertainment was enjoyed by members of the Phi Beta Delta fraternity and their fathers on Thursday night, October 20th. The occasion was "Dads' Night". The pledges gave the dinner and entertained later in the evening.

Concentrated efforts of the Kappa Nu fraternity are going towards a Big Game dance to be held the night before the "Big Encounter". Carlton Goldstein is in charge of arrangements.

Thespians To Present "The Ancient Prodigal"

The Hillel Players will present their second play of the season Sunday evening. The Dramatics committee has chosen "The Ancient Prodigal" as its current offering. The story of the play is a delightful comedy based on the Biblical theme of the prodigal son. The play is under the direction of Annette Peltz, and included in its cast are the following:

Beulah Levin, as Miriam; Betty Chennick, as Rachel; Nathan Mitzman, as Levi; Irving Moss, as Simeon; James Popper, as Reuben, the father. "The Last Mile" of John Wexley will be the climatic offering of the Hillel Players some time in November. Under the direction of Irving Sussman, this play bids fair to be a fitting finish to the semester's thespian activities. The play is a powerful drama of prison life. It is not propaganda but it does place our concept of capital punishment in a rather unfavorable light. "The Last Mile" is the play which gained Clark Gable his contract in Hollywood. In his

HILLEL CALENDAR

- Oct. 28th—Friday, 8 p. m. Religious Service.
 Oct. 30th—Sunday, 8:30 p. m. The Hillel Players will present a one-act play, "The Ancient Prodigal", coached by Annette Peltz.
 Nov. 1st—Tuesday, 4 to 6 p. m. Open House.
 Nov. 1st—Tuesday, 8 p. m. Social Problems Seminar.
 Nov. 2nd—Wednesday, 8 p. m. Pro-Palestine Workers League.
 Nov. 3rd—Thursday, 8 p. m. Three Hundredth Anniversary Spinoza Celebration. Address: "Spinoza—The Man and His Philosophy". Speaker: Prof. Geo. P. Adams, chairman of the Department of Philosophy of the University of California.
 Nov. 4th—Friday, 8 p. m. Religious Service.
 Nov. 7th—Monday, 4:15 p. m. Student Council Meeting.
 Nov. 8th—Tuesday, 4 to 6 p. m. Open House.
 Nov. 10th—Thursday, 7:30 to 9:30 p. m. Hillel School of Jewish Studies. Dr. Max Radin, Jos. Gaer, S. Goldner and M. Hoshel, lecturers.
 Nov. 13th—Sunday, 8:30 p. m. Sunday evening social.
 Nov. 15th—Tuesday, 4 to 6 p. m. Open House.

part as Killer Meers, he made such a good impression that his success was assured.

Lubetzky Discusses "Evolution of Zionism"

The discussion of the League for the Working Palestine Wednesday night, October 12, at the Hillel Foundation centered around the topic of "The evolution of Zionism". The speaker, S. Lubetzky, illustrated that the Jews were never divorced from Palestine in their mind or in that of the Gentile world; that the Palestinian movement began with that of Messianism the moment the Jews were displaced from their soil, and continued to evolve into modern Zionism; that the parallel territorialistic attempts failed successively, the Biro-Bidschan plan marking the last failure; and finally that the complex nature of modern Zionism is the result of the continuous growth of this movement which was and is constantly assuming the realization of new economical, cultural, and other social ideals.

OAKLAND CARNIVAL

A Carnival Nite sponsored by the Oakland Junior B'nai B'rith No. 11 will be held at the Oakland Jewish Center tomorrow evening. Many of the leading Jewish organizations of Oakland will be in charge of booths, concessions, wheels of chance, and re-

freshments. Entertainment by stage stars and a prize waltz will be featured.

As the affair takes place the evening before Hallowe'en, costumes may be worn. Prizes will be awarded for the best costumes. Bob Bryan's Berkeley orchestra will play for dancing. Tickets are 35 cents. Beulah Levin and Juliet Gubin are handling Berkeley sales.

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Book Reviews

The Unconquered, by Joseph Gaer.
Sinai Press.

An interest, pragmatic as well as literary, centers about Jewish legend, for it, like Plato's myths, was intimately woven into the dialectical discussions concerning life and values. Joseph Gaer's "The Unconquered" presents the early myths and legends of the Jews, centered about a historical pattern. The professed aim is to present a set of palatable tales which will correlate themselves in the child's mind with the highlights of Jewish history.

The period covered in "The Unconquered" is from the return to Palestine, about 537 B. C., to the fall of the Second Temple, 70 C. E. Students will recognize in the first portion of this period, the so-called "blank page" in Jewish history, so that here is a place where fiction is as good as fact. Gaer's first volume, "The Burning Bush", called the representative myths from the period of creation to the Babylonian captivity, and he plans to run the series into five or six volumes.

It is perhaps unfair to bring higher criticism to bear on juvenile works, and it may be that Mr. Gaer believes that his style of presentation is the only one for the very, very young. However there is much for and against. A pleasant, fun-making spirit pervades the book, and some situations are genuinely humorous, as when "curiosity killed two cats". Too, his use of round numbers to represent chronology is a genuine magical device, reminding one of the indefiniteness and charm of traditional fairy-tale adventures who go "nine times nine miles to Yew Country." And the technique of story-building is masterly, as when Nehemiah conquered Artaxerxes by sighing.

On the debit side one may point that Mr. Gaer's writing is too objective and unembellished. I believe that Edmond Fleg has well demonstrated that Jewish mythology can be beautiful as well as simple. Mr. Gaer's words and sentences are bare, unadorned, saying what they purport to say with an economy that is, indeed, admirable for its directness, but lacking in warmth and fancy. One misses the subjective element, the poetic element, that would lift this work from clever, objective writing into the realm of genuine whimsy. That this can be done in works for the very, very young has been shown by Padraic Colum and Walter de la Mare.

The following books have been added to the library shelves through the courtesy of the Women's Auxiliary of The B'nai B'rith:

Maurois—The Family Circle; Untermeyer—American Poetry; (from the beginning to Whitman); Green Mansions—Hudson; Piloting Your Life—Jastrow; Private Life of Frank Harris—Samuel Roth; Documents in

PERSONALS

Hillel Sketch No. 3: You know him as director-in-chief of Hillel Dramatics. He had a sensational success in "Outward Bound", Hillel's three-act play of two years ago. Now he writes plays, does some artistic drawing, takes actor roles in the Sunday night one-act performances, and tells our budding Barrymores and Barrymesses (or is that wrong?) which foot to put forward. He goes by the name of Irving Sussman.

We are the proud possessors of a new sign, which can be seen hanging over the front porch, verandah to you. It is put there so that all who run may read.

Seen at the School of Jewish Studies: Dr. Max Radin, with that sparkling vocal attack; Rabbi Merritt, whose sharp intellect puts together pieces of history; the fancy and poetry in Jewish folk lore as found by Joseph Gaer; Hebrew taught by Mordecai Hosh. These courses are university caliber and worth the time of serious-minded students.

An all-male cast goes to work in "The Last Mile", the final play of the semester. Those taking part are Percy Solotov, Nathan Mitzman, Nathan Gilbert and Irving Sussman (what, is he here again?)

Sidney Gubin has been elected to membership in Beta Alpha Psi, men's accounting honor society.

Seven Jewish students are included in that select list of Phi Beta Kappas just named. They are Leslie Kessler, Leonid Klatchkin, Eleanor Morris, Benjamin Neiden, Clara Roitenstein, Deborah Rothbord-Schwartz, and Paul Nathan. Wish I were smart, too.

Eva Goldberg represented the university in the women's varsity debate against San Francisco university.

The California chapter of the College Poetry association has elected Elizabeth Salz to membership.

Benita Calmussen is another word artist who debated with the freshmen against the Lowell High School team on the question of world armaments.

Did you know that Vera Shimoff hails from Georgia? Yessuh!

Those active Social Problems Clubbers are at it again. Tonight they will discuss "Socialists and Communists".

Biblical Criticism—Kyle: The Sacred Fire—B. Z. Goldberg; Expression in America—Ludwig Lewisohn; Crucibles—Bernard Jaffe; Judaism at Bay—Horace Kallen; Josephus—Feuchtwanger; Zeig—Three Masters; Archaeology and The Bible—Barton; Digging Up Biblical History, Vol. 1 and 2—Duncan.

Monday night they will produce Dreiser's play, "The Girl in the Coffin". November 7 there will be fireworks when the clubbers celebrate the fifteenth anniversary of the Russian Revolution (save me a bomb, will ya, huh?). At the last meeting, the Lytton report on Manchuria was discussed.

Owing to the success of last week's symposium, another Sunday night discussion on "Conditions of World Jewry" is being planned.

The California Alliance of Jewish Women has clothes of all kinds available to students in need. Outfits for work, for the campus, for the dance, for all purposes in fact, are to be had simply by telephoning Mrs. Joseph Kay at ASHberry 1896.

Rubin Sabsay is the chef de cuisine who furnishes up those popular doughnuts at the Tuesday afternoon socials, of which Jay Deroy is chairman in charge.

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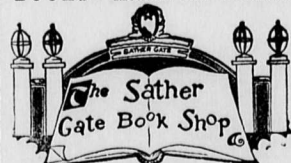
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HELP YOUR FELLOW STUDENTS, APPEAL OF LOAN DRIVE WORKERS

From the opening of the scholastic year the burden of campus conversation has been the difficulties and the hardships besetting the student who had the temerity to register this year with limited or trifling resources to depend upon.

With part-time jobs practically non-existent we were assured that we would soon be treated to an exhibition of the survival of the fittest. And when the university loan funds were exhausted with queues of applicants still asking for the means to continue college careers, it seemed that the situation was hopeless. And yet when a campus-wide appeal for additional funds was made, a magnificent response gave evidence that in a crisis, the traditional generosity of the student body may always be depended on.

On Wednesday the annual Hillel Student Loan Fund campaign was launched. We know that our Jewish student body will not be found wanting in the general appeal. We know that many of our Jewish student group are themselves wondering how they will get through the winter. We know that some who gave generously last year, may have the will this year and not the means.

And yet we launch our annual Loan Fund campaign in the confident belief that it will be met with a response that will parallel the open-hearted giving that made the general appeal a triumph.

The Hillel Loan Fund has performed a notable service in the past year. It has relieved the needs of many students who had no other source to which to turn. Its power for service is limited only by its capital fund. This year constitutes a challenge to the spirit of comradeship in the Jewish student group. We

know it will be met with the traditional Jewish generosity.

Sukkoth Celebration Draws Capacity Crowd

Hillel House was the scene of an enthusiastic and inspiring Sukkoth celebration that brought together one of the largest and happiest gatherings in the history of the Foundation. As in past years a Sukkah was erected in the house, draped with boughs and branches and hung with fruits. Mounds of squashes, gourds and melons were heaped about and a table set with symbols of the festival was placed within the Sukkah. Cantor Benjamin Liederman of the Sherith-Israhel Congregation, San Francisco, assisted the Hillel choir in the religious service and chanted the old traditional melodies in the Sukkah. Rabbi Merritt took as his theme, John Galsworthy's striking short story, "A Simple Tale", the great novelist's version of the time-honored story of the Wandering Jew.

Student Council Banquet Ushers in Big Campaign (Continued from Page 1)

Palestinians, B. Kaplan, B. Ben-Dor and Jennie Feinstein.

Law Group, Percy Solotoy, Aubrey Grossman and Nathan Hertzberg. Special Names Committee, H. Glassberg, D. Breyer and Gertrude Gershon.

Hansford Hall, Myrtle Garon. Corey's, Charlotte Wright. Medical School, Julius Zelman. Special Committee, Sanford Treguboff and E. Wachter.

Oakland Committee, chairman, Clement Abrahams; sub-chairman, Sylvia Dietz; committee members, Sylvia Rabinowitz, Beulah Levin, Doris Simmons, Irving Moss, Juliet Gubin and Louis Abrahams.

San Francisco Committee, chairman, Vera Shimoff; sub-chairman, Beatrice Raskin; committee members, C. Goldman, H. Heiman, H. Freed, D. Lesser, J. Tannensoff, A. Richmond, J. Glass.

Berkeley Committee, chairman, M. Moonitz; sub-chairman, Ruth Knoffel; committee members, H. Horowitz, B.

Glassman, M. Shimoff, J. Silver, R. Lubin, Elizabeth Braverman, H. Wollman.

LOAN STATISTICS

The loan fund was organized in 1927, the first year of Hillel on the Berkeley campus. In the five drives held since then a grand total of \$1500 has been accumulated.

During the past year, from October 1, 1931, to October 1, 1932, 53 loans have been made, ranging from \$2.50 to \$50.00. The sum total of money loaned was \$2280, a turnover of approximately 150 per cent. Together with renewal of loans the total value of the fund for the past year was \$2700.

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