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HILLEL PLANS FOR HOLY DAYS

OAKLAND TEMPLE TO BE SCENE OF SERVICES

The holy day services organized for the Jewish student body of the University of California will be held this year as in the four years past. The Hillel holy day services have had a wandering career. Held for three years in the Unitarian Church of Berkeley, the services were transferred last year to Hillel House. We did not find that transfer altogether satisfactory.

This year the holy day services will be held at Temple Sinai, Oakland. Rabbi Merritt, Director of the Hillel Foundation, will occupy the Oakland pulpit that has been made vacant by the departure of Rabbi Coffee. Cantor Kaufman will have charge of the splendid programmes of music for the holy days. A trained choir will serve under him. Seats will be put at the disposal of all the Jewish students on this campus who may wish to attend holy days services. Tickets may be had at the Hillel office and will be available to those who apply any time after September 11th.

Students to be Guests

New Year services will begin Wednesday evening September 20th, at 8 p. m. The theme for the New Year Eve will be "A Happy New Year." The theme for New Year morn, Thursday, September 21st will be "Names". The theme for the second day of the New Year, Friday, Sept. 22nd, will be "Watchman, What of the Night?" The service for the eve of Yom Kippur will begin Friday, Sept. 29th, at 8 p. m. The theme will be "Kol Nidre — A Prophet." The service for Yom Kippur morn will begin at 9:30 a. m.,

Sept. 30th. Theme for the morning will be "Witnesses".

The theme for the Memorial service to be held at 3:30 Saturday afternoon, September 30th, will be "A New Vision of Death." Students will come as guests of the Sinai congregation. As in the past the university is extending to Jewish students the privilege of observing their traditional days without detriment to their scholastic records.

In a letter to the Director of the Hillel Foundation, Dean Putman directs the Jewish students who wish excuses for the observance of their traditional days to see the Dean of Men or the Dean of Women who will arrange for them to absent themselves from classes.

NOTICE

Tryouts for first one-act play of
the season by the Hillel Players
Monday, Sept. 11th
at 4:00 P. M.
At The Foundation

CALIFORNIA ALLIANCE THANKED BY HILLEL OFFICERS

As members of Hillel Foundation, allow us to express the gratitude of Hillel House to the California Alliance of Jewish Women.

The magnificent spirit which prompts your organization to do so much for us was doubly shown in your efforts to make our quarters more cheerful with new furniture.

We deeply appreciate your untiring work in our behalf. With our sincerest thanks, we remain

Jay DeRoy, President,

Katherine Landesbaum, Sec'y.

DR. M. ZARCHIN

TO PRESENT FIRST HILLEL FORUM TALK

Continuing the practice of meeting on Wednesday evenings, Hillel Foundation will hold its first Forum September 13 at 8 o'clock at Hillel House. Dr. Michael M. Zarchin will be the speaker of the evening.

Dr. Zarchin is a graduate of U. C., a graduate of Dropsie College, Philadelphia, and holds a Ph. D. degree from the University of Columbia. He is one of the outstanding figures in the field of Jewish education in the United States and has taken a very prominent part in the organization of Jewish education centers in various parts of the country. Dr. Zarchin is now engaged in the task of organizing a Jewish educational center in Oakland.

Dr. Zarchin will take as his subject for his first Open Forum, "The Jews in Germany — an Historical Perspective." An unusual gathering is expected to attend and welcome this scholar.

NEW STUDENTS WELCOMED AT RECEPTION

For the purpose of getting new Jewish students acquainted with Hillel and with other Jewish students, the usual Freshman Reception was held August 24th at the Y. W. C. A. Cottage. A real collegiate orchestra from the Hotel Oakland furnished the music. A large enthusiastic crowd attended.

As in past years, the California Alliance of Jewish Women joined Hillel in this annual welcome. A committee representing the Alliance helped to receive, and presided at the punch bowl. The committee included Mrs. Milton Lando, Mrs. Max Cohen, Mrs. Joseph Kay, and Mrs. Goldie Levine.

UNION FORUM MERGES WITH A. S. U. C.

Following the precedent of yielding to the University of California any function or organization which the University might wish to adopt, Hillel Foundation, Newman Hall and the University Y's have consented to turn over to the A. S. U. C. the Union Forum, an organization which these three groups instituted last year. Under the A. S. U. C. it will be known as the A. S. U. C. Forum.

The University has always been interested in, and cooperated with these leading religious centers, and has always been willing to lend a helping hand whenever possible. It is believed that under the new auspices, the Forum will arouse a greater interest, will reach a wider circle, and become an outstanding feature on the campus.

A meeting will be held in the near future, at which time names of speakers and dates of presentation will be announced.

DRAMATICS TO GET UNDER WAY

Hillel Dramatics are stepping into stride again under the leadership of Gertrude Chemnick. The enthusiasm built up over a period of three years has created its own momentum and there is a sizable group as a nucleus.

Announcement will shortly be made of the tryouts for the first one-act play. The little theater spirit will prevail, and direction and acting will all be experimental. All students interested in either the acting or producing ends should consult the Hillel office now.

HILLEL STUDENT COUNCIL ORGANIZES

The Student Council of the Hillel Foundation has met and planned a semester full of surprises. The members are as follows:

President, Jay DeRoy.
Vice President, Sylvia Dietz.
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Dramatics: Ch., Gertrude Chemnick.
Open Forum: Ch., Don Breyer.
Vice Ch., Malvina Young.
Publicity: Chairman, Ann Tulin.
Religious Educ.: Ch., Beatrice Raskin.

CALENDAR FOR SEPTEMBER

Sept. 5th, Tuesday — Open House.
4 to 6 p. m.
Sept. 8th, Friday — Religious Service.
Temple Sinai, Oakland, 8 p. m.
Sermon, Rabbi M. J. Merritt.
Sept. 12th, Tuesday — Open House.
4 to 6 p. m.
Sept. 13th, Wednesday — Hillel Open
Forum, 8:15. Speaker, Dr. Michael Zarkin. Theme: "An Historical Perspective of German Jewry."
Sept. 15th, Fri. — Religious Services.
Temple Sinai, Oakland, 8 p. m.
Sermon: Rabbi M. J. Merritt.
Theme: "Watered Gardens."
Sept. 17th, Sunday — Evening Social.
8:30 p. m.
Sept. 19th, Tuesday — Open House.
4 to 6 p. m.
Sept. 20th, Wednesday — New Years'
Eve Service. Temple Sinai, Oakland, 8 p. m. Sermon Rabbi J. M. Merritt. Theme: "A Happy New Year."
Sept. 21st, Thursday — New Years'
Morning Service. Temple Sinai, Oakland, 9:30 a. m. Sermon: Names. Rabbi J. M. Merritt.
Sept. 22nd, Friday — Religious Services. Temple Sinai, Oakland, 8 p. m. Sermon: Sinners Only. Rabbi J. M. Merritt.
Sept. 26th, Tuesday — Open House.
4 to 6 p. m.
Sept. 29th, Friday — Yom Kippur Eve Service. Temple Sinai, Oakland, 8 p. m. Sermon: "Kol Nidre — A Prophet".....Rabbi M. J. Merritt.
Sept. 30th, Saturday — Yom Kippur Day. Temple Sinai, Oakland, 9:30 a. m. Sermon: Witnesses. Rabbi M. J. Merritt.

FACILITIES OF FOUNDATION ENUMERATED

Hillel Foundation, located at the corner of Bancroft and Bowditch, is open daily from 8 a. m. to 10 p. m. The Foundation has a Ping-pong room, with a regulation size table, that is open at all time. The Library will be open at certain hours that have not yet been decided upon. The bridge room is always open to those students who wish to gamble their time away. Every Tuesday afternoon from 4 to 6, a social is held, and every other Sunday evening, starting Sept. 3rd, dances will be held. Sometimes these dances will be preceded by some other type of entertainment. All students are invited to make this Foundation a place to spend their leisure time.

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FIRST TUESDAY OPEN HOUSE HELD AT FOUNDATION

The first open house was held August 29, from 4 to 6 p. m. at Hillel. Refreshments were served by Florence Hoffman Cortes; music was furnished by radio and phonograph.

These socials will be held every Tuesday this semester. Sept. 12, the social will feature a three-piece orchestra headed by Don Longe. Refreshment will be served.

CAL. ALLIANCE ANNOUNCES CLOTHING SERVICE

The Wardrobe of the California Alliance of Jewish Women that during the past two years has been of such great service to the students of the University, has been transferred to the residence of Mrs. Joseph Kay, 2301 Rose Terrace. Garments serviceable both for men and women are kept there. Any student who is in need of wearing apparel may phone Ashberry 1896.

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ORGANIZED HOUSES REPORT NUMEROUS EARLY ACTIVITIES

Mu Chapter of Phi Sigma Sigma entertained members of the Western Chapters at the Western Regional Convention held July 8th, 9th and 10th at the St. Francis Hotel in San Francisco. Miss Emilie Simon was re-elected regional advisor and presided over the meetings. Malvina Young, Mu Chapter, was in charge of arrangements for the formal dinner dance given at the St. Francis Hotel.

Phi Sigma Sigma has added to its ranks three new pledges — Barbara Fleising, Claire Anker and Selma Zimman. A pledge dance given in their honor will take place the latter part of this month.

Miriam Olden Fendler has been a guest of the sorority for the past two weeks.

Mrs. Fendler is a national officer of Phi Sigma Sigma and resides in Los Angeles where she continues her career as lawyer.

The Kappa Nus are ready for the season with a fine group of leaders. Their President is Ernest Krieger. Vice President, Irving Superman; Secretary, Mervin Harris, and Treasurer, Joe Kane.

New Pledges Announced

Their new pledges include Morris Iansberg, Art Weisberg, Merton Breslau, Gilbert Gordon, Arnold Abrams, Harold Lasher, and Art Symonds. On Sept. 8th the fraternity honored them at a pledge dance.

Alpha Epsilon Phi introduced their pledges at a dance given after formal pledging. The pledges are Sybil Goldstein, Margaret Eisner, Elene Krause, Dorothy Ann Rudman, Louise Schneider, Dorothy Silverman, Jeannette Stamer and Ruth Karski. The reception committee consisted of Aileen Haines, Frederica Levin, Jacqueline Hirsch, Bernice Abrams and Elizabeth Elbridge from San Antonio.

The Phi Beta Delta House will honor their new men at a formal initiation to be given at the Hotel Durant on Sept. 10th. Jerome Solomon and Milton Stansky are in charge. A pledge dance will be given on the 23rd for Stanley Birland, Harold Silberstein and Mose Firestone.

The Zebras are having a pledge dance the latter part of the month for Al Harris, Edmond Cohen, Dick Nahman, Mort Nahman, Mervin Hertzberg and David Teitelbaum. Milton Eligman is in charge of all arrangements.

Personals

Doctor Max Merritt, Hillel's able and well-liked administrator, was married this summer to Mrs. Bertha Lowey of Portland. The California Alliance of Jewish Women held a reception in their honor on August 13.

Florence Hoffman, president of Hillel last year, was married in July, to Charles Cortes, in Kansas City. They are now settled in Berkeley. Florence is now acting as hostess of the Berkeley Foundation.

Harold Loeffler, who has been outstanding in the activities at Hillel for some time secured a position in the chemistry department of the Shell Oil Company, at Martinez.

Clara Roitenstein, who was graduated from U. C. last May, has been chosen from the Jewish women graduates to attend the Social Service Institute in New York.

Another wedding that has taken place this summer was that of Milton Kosman and Ann Penn. They were married on July 20th. They reside in Berkeley as Milton attends the University.

Two Palestinians, Arelah Lahav and Yehudith Perelmutter were married after a romance of a number of years. Mr. Lahav has received a position at one of the Reforestation camps through the assistance of the Palestinian Government. Their honeymoon will carry them through Europe.

Hymie Hymson, who has been studying History and Anthropology at Columbia, has returned to the University of California, to continue his studies for his Ph. D.

Another of the numerous Hillel marriages of the past summer was that of Billie Bercovich and Adrian Kragan. They are now living in Berkeley.

In the decision debate between the Alumni and the Varsity, Donald Breyer '34, Zeta Beta Tau prexy was one of the Varsity speakers. Breyer is also treasurer of the A. S. U. C. Forum and a member of Delta Sigma Rho, national forensics honor society.

Dorothy Swartsburg '34, has been chosen as Philorthian's representative to Debating Council. Philorthian also

announces the election of Vera Shimoff '34, as secretary.

SIGNUPS ANNOUNCED FOR TOURNAMENTS

Signups for contract bridge and ping-pong tournaments have been announced by the House Committee. Lists are posted on the bulletin board. Deadline for contract bridge is Sept. 12th, and for ping-pong, Sept. 13.

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Hillel Offers Itself To You

Hillel welcomes you.

It is in effect a double welcome. Primarily, of course, it is directed to those new students whose acquaintance with the campus could well be encouraged by a sympathetic center from which they can plan operations. Secondly it reiterates standing invitation for all of the old guard to continue their visits.

There are good reasons for the issuance of this invitation, reasons which will undoubtedly fill these columns as the year progresses; there are good reasons for the acceptance of this invitation, and these will be set down here and now. Take Tuesdays. On Tuesdays refreshments are served. This custom, which has become disappointingly rare in the modern hustle and bustle, can only be appreciated when the appetite has become ubiquitous in the late of an afternoon after an hour of dancing. Oh yes, there is dancing! With glorious disregard for the cookie supply, the Foundation deliberately mingles dancing with eating. So, too, on alternate Sunday nights, which, for the information of the uninitiated, is one of the few ways Sundays justify their existence on the campus.

There is a more serious side of the Foundation: the school, the loan fund, its discussional facilities. Here is an interesting thing! In the past years the house has served as a magnet to draw to it some of the best minds this community will know, until it can boast an educational aspect unexcelled. Some enduring spirit maintains this tradition now; the financial considerations which once dominated the affairs of the Foundation were long ago subordinated to the more positive benefits of active student interest. To those who are sensible to its advantages, it becomes as integral to a normal University life as the campus itself.

Students come back to Hillel. It offers more than passing convenience or pleasure; it is essentially as enduring as the race who make it up, and that race's creed. All may partake. Hillel welcomes you.

Intellectual Suicide

The world is being made spectator today to the astounding spectacle of a great nation committing itself to a policy that spells intellectual suicide. The spearhead of the Nazi drive today is being directed against the German universities. Liberal opinion and freedom of thought is anathema to these medievalists. Every professor suspected of the liberal taint, every scholar who holds fast to the independent mind is being summarily dismissed and forced out of the teaching profession. Regimented opinion is being made the ideal for the German people. As a result Germany's best minds are in eclipse. Those who retain their chairs are cowed. Hundreds are already in exile.

Universities in Europe and America are sure to profit from this expulsion of world famed scholars. The Spring Semester will bring at least one of these learned exiles to the faculty of the University of California. In the meantime we may congratulate ourselves that the noble tradition of freedom of teaching has never been invaded at this great university. Germany has departed from it and she will find it impossible to fill the vacuum made by the flight of her best minds.

AN UNIVERSITY COSMOPOLIS AND A REFUGE

The registry for the Fall Semester, now completed, confirms the report that a student body has assembled that in numbers comes close to the highest point in the history of this campus. The University of California represents a sizeable city. There is something impressive and imposing in these gathered thousands. There is something oppressive and overpowering in this host. The individual shrinks to very small proportions. He becomes a mere atom in the mass. Personality struggles against heavy odds. That emphasizes the function of Hillel and the other foundations. Hillel emphasizes the importance of the individual. It helps to restore the balance. It gives personality every opportunity to express itself. The intimate ties and close friendships developed at Hillel offset the feeling of being utterly lost in the great mass. That service is no small part of Hillel's contribution to life on the campus.

LIBRARY STAFF REQUESTS RETURN OF MISSING BOOKS

The following books are missing from the shelves of the Foundation Library:
Russell, Bertrand — Marriage And Morals.
Herford, R. T. — Pharisaism.

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