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Loan Fund Drive

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Loan Fund Drive Climaxes Activities

Plans Laid For Annual Fund Drive

Over the top!

Not since 1929 has a Hillel Loan Fund Drive gone over the top. This year it becomes imperative that our goal be reached if the benefits of the fund are to be realized for the coming semesters.

The value of the Hillel Loan Fund received Campus-wide praise and support in the past semesters and has again been given high commendation by the leading educators in the University. The fund is completely administered by the officers of the Foundation.

The loan fund will be inaugurated at a banquet tended to the Committee heads and the Student Council at the Alpha Epsilon Phi house. Professor Arnold Perstein will be the guest speaker.

The Student Council has shown an optimistic outlook in establishing three hundred dollars as the goal for the current drive. The Cabinet has agreed that this sum should be easily obtained and feel that "going over the top" is assured.

The management of the drive has been placed in the hands of Jay DeRoy, Jr., student president of Hillel. He is very capably assisted by Marcus Shimoff and Bernice Abrams, chairmen of the Men's Division and Women's Division respectively. The Loan Fund Cabinet is composed of Jay DeRoy, chairman; Sylvia Dietz, sub-chairman; Maurice Moonitz, Vera Shimoff, Robert Glassman, and Daniel Freudenenthal.

Committees Named

The San Francisco committee is headed by Dorothy Lesser. Members of the committee are: Jules Lefkowitz, Myer Kahn, Al Harris, Dick Liebes, Robert Morris, Lily Robinson, and Selma Zimman.

The Oakland committee is composed of Sylvia Dietz, chairman; Irving Moss, sub-chairman; Sylvia Rabinowitz, Juliet Gubin, Irving Cohn, Esther Friedman, Kenneth Connor, Fred Carash, and Herbert Greenhood and Beulah Levin.

Members of the Berkeley committee

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UNDERTAKING

The extra-mural institutions that serve the campus and concern themselves with the welfare of the student body have proved a most valuable aid during the period of the depression. Their part in keeping the morale of the student group at a high level deserves the heartiest commendation. By helping students through small loans to meet emergencies and to tide over difficulties, the Hillel Foundation Student Loan Fund has performed a creditable service. One of the most praiseworthy features of that service is that it has at all times maintained the self-respect of the student borrowers. I wish the forthcoming drive for the Fourth Loan Fund great success.

Very sincerely yours,

MONROE E. DEUTSCH,

Vice-President and Provost.

Story Told Of Loan Fund Aid

Dr. Merritt was reminiscing. The Loan Fund Drive had just been launched, and the Rabbi was thinking in the past, but "he gave his thoughts tongue".

He told of a senior at the University. Prominent in University life, and an outstanding personality on the campus. Six months more would find him standing in the Greek theatre, experiencing the thrill of graduation, holding the parchment that would certify that he had worked and accomplished, and would enter the world a University graduate. He was happy at the prospect.

But his funds would not reach. Hard times had made a difference in his calculations. He needed fifty dollars to tide him over.

In something like desperation he turned to Hillel, to the Loan Fund. He was not disappointed. Hillel financed him, advanced a loan on his promised word to return it.

He continued his work.

At the expiration of the loan he presented himself at the Hillel office. He could not meet the payment at that time, and at his request was granted another month.

On the date set, he again came to Hillel, laid the money on the table — his obligation met.

Shortly after, Hillel received a call. Inquiries were being made about him. When the director of Hillel questioned the caller this was the information elicited:

A woman was very sick in one of the hospitals in the city. She had to have a blood transfusion. The student had heard about it, and also that hospitals paid for blood.

He had pledged his word to pay his loan. He gave his blood that he might not break faith.

When the woman had recovered she became extremely interested in him, and after inquiring at Hillel about him, she secured a permanent position for him. And, just like a fairy tale, he has been living happily ever after.

are: Vera Shimoff, chairman; Ann Tilen, sub-chairman; Ruth Lubin, Mark Goodson, Roy Cohn, Beatrice Raskin, Harriet Tieberg, Hilda Kessler, Jacqueline Hirsch, Dorothy Marcuse, Arnold Abrams and Bernard Diamond.

Special committees are: Labor Palestine, Pauline Spiro and Ben-Ami Bendor; Engineers, Albert Lesh; Law Students, Sidney Rudy; Medical Students, Isaac Schachmeister, Boarding Houses, Janet E. Birnbaum; Whitehall, Jean Auerbach; Cory's, Edna Cader.

Fraternities and sororities: Zeta Beta Tau, Donald Breyer; Phi Beta Delta, Morton Gaba; Kappa Nu, Ernest Kriegler; Alpha Epsilon Phi, Aileen Haines; Phi Sigma Sigma, Malvin Young.

JACOB RUBEL ADDRESSES FORUM GROUP

Wednesday evening, November 8, Jacob Rubel will address the Hillel Open Forum on the subject: "The Ethical Foundations of the New Deal." Mr. Rubel is a graduate of the University of Pennsylvania, and has had a wide and varied experience as a lecturer and as a merchant, both in the east and on the coast. He enjoys the unique advantage of being a detached student of economics and a man who has had a comprehensive business career. He is well known as a keen thinker and an excellent speaker. The theme which he proposes to deal with promises to develop active discussion from the Forum group.

DRAMATICS CHAIRMAN PROMISES TREAT WITH "LEAP-YEAR BRIDE"

At the Hillel social, Sunday night, October 29th, there will be presented the first of this season's one-act plays: "The Leap-Year Bride." The play is under the direction of Gertrude Chemnick and includes a cast of Betty Chemnick, Mark Goodson, and Fred Carasch.

Two "Alfreds" in one office may tend toward some confusion, but when a not-too-bright office girl falls in love with one, and the other falls in love with her, things are likely to happen. And when the beautiful-but-dumb (in the play, that is) office girl decides to take fate into her own hands and use the leap-year prerogative of her sex to good advantage by writing a letter to her "Dearest Alfred" proposing marriage, things do happen.

Under the capable direction of Gertrude Chemnick, this first presentation should be a huge success. The second one-act play of the semester will be directed by Irving Moss, vice-chairman of the Dramatics Committee. Several plays are being considered, and try-outs will be announced on the bulletin board as soon as a definite selection has been made.

Since 1927, the first year of Hillel in Berkeley, there have been six loan fund drives, whose cumulative result is a capital fund of approximately \$1800. This has revolved many times, in some years doubling itself in actual service rendered.

During the past school year, the fund loaned \$1890. This represents a total of 82 loans, ranging in amounts from \$2.50 to \$50. Although the sums to individuals were smaller in the past, year, the fund has assisted almost twice as many people as in any previous year, and the year's loans are about 40 per cent of the fund's total since its existence.

CALENDAR FOR NOVEMBER

- Oct. 25th, Wednesday—Loan Fund Kick-off Dinner, 6:15 p. m.
Alpha Epsilon Phi House, 2721 Channing Way.
- Oct. 27th, Friday—Religious Service, 8 p. m.
Sinai Temple, Rabbi M. J. Merritt.
- Oct. 28th, Sunday evening—Hillel Players present one-act play, "Leap Year Bride", 8:30 p. m.
Gertrude Chemnick, Director.
- Oct. 31st, Tuesday—Open House 4 to 6 p. m.
- Nov. 3rd, Friday—Religious Service, 8 p. m.
Sinai Temple, Rabbi M. J. Merritt.
- Nov. 6th, Monday—Student Council Meeting, 4:15 p. m.
- Nov. 7th, Tuesday—Open House, 4 to 6 p. m.
- Nov. 8th, Wednesday—Hillel Open House, 8 p. m.
Speaker, Mr. Jacob Rubel.
Theme, "Ethical Foundation of the New Deal."
- Nov. 10th, Friday—Religious Service, 8 p. m.
Sinai Temple, Rabbi M. J. Merritt.
- Nov. 12th, Sunday Evening—Social, 8:30 p. m.
- Nov. 14th, Tuesday—Open House 4 to 6 p. m.
- Nov. 17, Friday—Religious Service, 8 p. m.
Sinai Temple, Rabbi M. J. Merritt.
- Nov. 20th, Monday—Student Council Meeting, 4:15 p. m.
- Nov. 21st, Tuesday—Open House, 4 to 6 p. m.
- Nov. 24th, Friday—Religious Service, 8 p. m.
Sinai Temple, Rabbi M. J. Merritt.
- Nov. 25th, Sunday evening—Social, 8:30 p. m.
- Nov. 28th, Tuesday—Open House, 4 to 6 p. m.
- Nov. 30th, Thursday—Thanksgiving Dinner, 6:30 p. m.

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While statistical data proves entirely inadequate to convey an idea of the value of the Hillel Student Loan Fund, it is nevertheless gratifying to know that the fund supported more than one hundred loans during the last academic year. In a period which presented financial difficulties to an alarmingly large proportion of students the Hillel Loan Fund rendered real service. There is no reason to believe that the needs of students will be lessened for some time to come. May the fine spirit shown by your student group in past drives manifest itself again this year.

Very sincerely yours,
LOUIS O'BRIEN,
Assistant Dean.

Preparations for the launching of the Annual Hillel Loan Drive was the main topic discussed at the Student Council meeting held Monday, October 8. The aim was set and the general plans were discussed.

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Book Reviews

Miss Sara Bard Field prefaces Barabbas with a flattering note: "... to express - my gratitude - for the racial aggrandizement and personal spiritual wealth contributed by the Hebrew nation." The book employs a well-planned narrative of Christ's warlike contemporary, the rebel Barabbas, and finds external support in a laudatory blurb by Robinson Jeffers and attractive bindings.

Here its better qualities end. There is little else worthy of note. About a year ago, this reviewer had an opportunity to hear Miss Field read excerpts from the yet unpublished manuscript, and he looked with apprehension toward its eventual appearance in black and white. His fears were justified.

Fundamental is one glaring fault — the style is not adequate to the feeling. As the magnificent theme of irrepressible Jewish spirit in search of Messianic promise develops, the verse falls farther and farther behind. There is a conscious cramping of words to achieve rhyme; rarely vital, the lines are at times almost weak; more stanzas are not well done than generally be allowed in a long poem. Miss Field has done better.

THROUGH ATTENDS DEDICATION AT SUCCOTH DANCE

With the official dedication of the Sukkah by Rabbi M. Merritt, aided by Cantor A. Kaufman, the Annual Hillel Succoth Dance was held Sunday, October 8.

The California Alliance of Jewish Women, this year, as usual, had cheerfully consented to help prepare the Sukkah. Through their generosity, we were able to have the most impressive Sukkah that Hillel has ever witnessed.

After the dedication the people turned to dancing. The music was furnished by Swellyn Macdonald and his Alameda Orchestra.

Many students who have been self-supporting have never faced need before and have confidence in their ability to make their way again as re-employment increases. Other students who have hitherto received support from their families have found themselves caught in an emergency when they cannot call on home for help. For such students a loan is the most acceptable form of assistance because it recognizes their independence and expresses confidence in their future. All efforts on the part of student organizations to raise funds for loans to students, deserve generous support.

LUCY WARD STEBBINS,

Dean of Women.

HILLEL A HAVEN FOR FOREIGN STUDENT

Wealth, sheltered life, University loafing were all open to a young Jewish student registered at a European University. But, he had ideals....He believed in Zionism, in a Jewish home land.

His wealthy father couldn't and wouldn't understand. He laid down an ultimatum — either his son must give up Zionism, or else —

The young student would not yield. He left home, and came to America. Penniless, friendless, a foreigner in a strange country, he arrived at Berkeley.

At Hillel, he found the haven he needed, and in the Loan Fund, the financial aid.

At various intervals he borrowed and repaid the loans advanced by the Fund. Working on and off, and with the aid of the Loan Fund, he continued his education.

At one of the more serious rifts in his financial condition, he secured a position with a film company. Since that time he has been working steadily. He is well on his way to success, just because when he was most in want here was the needed help available. To send him on his way.

HOUSE ACTIVITIES CONTINUE Apace

Phi Sigma Sigma has announced that plans are under way for a Charity Ball to be given November 12 at the St. Francis Hotel in San Francisco. Freda Berger is in charge of arrangements.

The sorority entertained Rabbi and Mrs. Max Merritt at dinner on Monday night, Oct. 16. Dr. Merritt spoke on the Jew in Germany and discussion followed the talk.

The Mothers' Club of the Kappa Nu fraternity held a meeting at the Chapter house on Tuesday afternoon, Oct. 17. The meeting was followed by a bridge tea.

On Friday the 13th, the pledges of the Zeta Beta Tau fraternity were honored at a pledge dance. A beer garden effect was the motif.

Zeta Beta Tau will hold its annual Charity Dinner for poor children on Nov. 8. The guests will be entertained after the dinner.

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EXCHANGES AND SHORTS

The ninth Hillel Foundation was dedicated with ceremonies on October 18 on Northwestern University campus. We welcome this new Hillel group with the hope that out of it shall be produced a worthwhile contribution to Jewish life in America.

Leo Zendell and Eli Greenfeld, who operate the delicatessen in the Berkeley Food Center, have joined the Oakland Lodge, B'nai B'rith. Zendell and Greenfeld are opening another delicatessen on November 3rd in the Lakeshore Food Center in Oakland.

At the social of October 17, Dr. Brown, renowned mathematician, gave a demonstration of shortcuts in mathematics.

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SHALL WE DO OUR PART?

One of the familiar slogans of the hour, the slogan that the advocates and enthusiasts for NRA have dinned in the ear of the nation is, "We Do Our Part." The forthcoming annual "Drive" for the Hillel Student Loan Fund is just such a challenge to the Jewish student group: "Will you do your part? Will you give your moral and material support to a cause that in the last five years has proved to be one of the most helpful services put at the disposal of the Jewish student body? We need not rehearse the trials, difficulties, and troubles of the last two years. Those who have been on the campus during that period will not soon forget the burdens that these years have imposed on men and women, whose will, ambition, and determination to win a college education could not be shaken by the fact that their resources would not reach and that the outlook was dark. To scores of such men and women, the Hillel Student Loan Fund has been a boon. It has tided them over the most anxious periods. It has enabled them to circumvent their crises. It has seen them through the worst.

The principle governing the administration of the fund from the very first has been, "No Red Tape". Quickly and quietly the loans have been extended. The good faith of the borrower has from the first been his security. Mutual confidence has been the basis of the relationship between the dispenser of the fund and its beneficiaries.

The needs of the campus are not less today than they have been in the past. The Loan Fund can be of signal service in these last critical months

before restoration comes. The Loan Fund has justified itself. It ought to be dear to the rank and file of the Jewish student body. It ought not be necessary to plead for its support. The response to it now ought to be spontaneous. The Loan Fund represents a fine expression of comradeship. We shall measure your reaction to that spirit of comradeship by your moral and material support of the Campaign.

Norman Thomas Points A Way

It is well for a student body to have a Mr. Norman Thomas come upon it once in a while. They need things such as his debates; these students. Out of the sad welter of blindly acceptant conformism seldom springs a self-generated force toward actual progress. And what little may be called a seed could not hope to make one step forward without a strong catalytic.

We are lethargic, we "thinkers of tomorrow". The sad joke that if we are society's cream, that cream has soured, would be almost welcome, left-handed compliment that it is; for the truth is an even sadder quip — we are being faced with the sad fact that the cream is not really cream at all, but only a deceiving bit of soury milk. We are miserable, matter-of-fact rut-travelers, and if a new way of doing things is inevitable, a wrong one may be forced upon us before we awaken to the intelligence that a bit of preparation on our part might have directed us into more intelligent paths.

What we require now is a first step, a decided movement that will indicate to the world, including ourselves, that we are awake. That these initiatives should originate from groups with our potentiality for accomplishment, and that in this case we will be mere followers of even the common laborer is no excuse for inaction. This, at least, we can be above.

The world is in a sorry state.

A Notable Birthday

Ninety years ago in the month of October, the Order of the B'nai B'rith was founded in New York City. During this month of October and November, celebrations will be held in many lands in honor of the 90th birthday

of this great Jewish fraternal order.

American Jews who laid the foundations of this great world embracing fraternity builded better than they knew. When these builders first set foot on American soil, they came into an undeveloped world. These immigrant Jews came to America with practically empty hands. Their capital was their ambition and determination to succeed. Their guiding star was their passion to help in building a new life and order in America, to contribute to the realization of the American dream. Those immigrant Jews, struggled perserved and achieved. But they were not satisfied with achievement that brought security to themselves. They were sensitive to the sufferings and sorrows of their kith and kin whose lot was not so fortunate. And they were moved to build an organization whose great initial purpose was to hold out a helping hand to brother Jews wherever they were oppressed, wherever they were compelled to look to their own for aid, sympathy and championship. Nobly has the B'nai B'rith fulfilled that initial purpose

And it has crowned a great constructive work by its sponsorship of the Hillel Foundation movement. We have every reason to join in the celebration of this 90th birthday.

Thirsty!

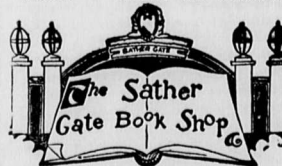
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