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Hillel to Present Evening of Music and Drama

ALLIANCE LUNCHEON FETES NEW OFFICERS

Members of the California Alliance of Jewish Women will culminate another semester of activity with their annual luncheon meeting which will be held Thursday, April 12, at the International house.

Special plans have been prepared for this year's meeting and a record attendance seems assured. Rabbi Merritt will give the invocation. Mrs. M. E. Lando, president of the Alliance, will preside.

Officers for the coming two years will be installed at the luncheon. Mrs. M. S. Cohn of Berkeley will succeed Mrs. Lando as president of the organization. Mrs. J. E. De Roy and Mrs. Edward Jaffa have been elected as first and second vice-presidents respectively. Mrs. S. Freudenthal of Piedmont, and Mrs. J. Gorfinkle of San Francisco have been reelected to the positions of treasurer and financial secretary respectively.

Dean Lucy Stebbins will be the guest speaker. She is scheduled to talk on "The California Alliance — Its Value to the Campus." Included in the program will be an address by Matt Wahrhaftig, explaining the working and service of the California Alliance Loan Fund. The Hillel Players under the direction of Louis Gonick will present a one-act play entitled "The Constant Lover," according to Mrs. Edward Jaffa, chairman of arrangements.

Continuing in their traditional capacity as hosts at the annual campus Seder service, held at Hillel house Friday evening, Alliance members arranged the symbols of the service and presided at the holiday meal.

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Student Officers Will Be Elected on Tuesday

The most important issue of the student council meeting of April 2 was the nomination of officers for the coming year. The election will be held from 9 a. m. to 5:30 p. m., April 10.

According to the Hillel constitution, only senior members of the council are eligible for office. Those nominated for the office of president are: Auren Kahn of the Zeta Beta Tau fraternity; Irving Moss, a non-org from Oakland; and Marcus Shimooff, also a non-org, from San Francisco.

Anne Tillin was unanimously elected vice-president. The runner up in the presidential election will be declared secretary to the council for the next year in-as-much as there was an insufficiency of seniors on the council.

Concert Stars Will Give Hillel Recital



Marcus Gordon, Guest Pianist

So well known are the artists who will appear at the Hillel recital in the International House auditorium on April 18, that very little more need be said about them.

Marcus Gordon, brilliant young American piano virtuoso, has been heard throughout the country. Such critics as Redfern Mason have said of him: "The usual audience of quidnuncs attended the recital, but Gordon jolted them out of their placid indifference. They knew instinctively that they were listening to a master."

The young musician was born in Oakland, and received his early training in San Francisco. In New York he studied under Josef Lhevinne as a fellowship pupil. Recognized as one of the foremost of American pianists, Gordon has been greeted with ovations wherever he has played. He has frequently been compared to Hoffman.

Lawrence Strauss, although originally from San Francisco, has spent much of his time abroad. In Paris he studied under Jules Hergier and Jean de Reszke.

Conspicuous success has greeted Strauss on his tour throughout the United States. His technique is described as faultless.

He has worked as co-artist with Schumann-Heink, Alice Gentle, Eva Gautier and other prominent stars. Hillel eagerly anticipates his coming performance.

Rivka Iventosch, 17 year old left-handed violinist is now a student at the

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Foundation to Offer Play In International House; Music to Follow

Ring up the curtain. On with the show. The fifth annual Hillel recital will take place at International House, April 18, at 8:30 p. m.

Famous artists, enthralling music, and drama constitute the program of the coming affair. Marcus Gordon, renowned pianist; Lawrence Strauss, famous tenor; and Rivka Iventosch, left-handed violinist, will be heard. "Sham", a Tompkins play, will be presented by the Hillel players including in its cast, Nathan Gilbert, Thelma Samuely, Gorman Silen and Stanley Berland.

The production is under the professional direction of Louis Gonick, who has just returned from a year in Russia where he studied dramatic technique at the Moscow theatre.

Everything is being done to make this the most memorable of Hillel presentations. Dr. Merritt, Director of Hillel; and Jay De Roy, Foundation president, are sparing no effort. Committee Chairmen who have been working for the past month on the elaborate plans for the affair include: Nathan Gilbert, electrician; Thelma Kahn, publicity; Victor Kosman, props; Beatrice Raskin, posters; Marcus Shimooff, ushers; Ann Tillin, patrons; Jean Wise, tickets; and Bessie Yellin, makeup.

Leading members of the East Bay Jewry are sponsoring the affair and are expected to attend "en masse".

Each year the programs have become more ambitious. It is the one time that Hillel presents itself before the public. This year's offering with its assemblage of artists promises to be a brilliant affair. It is the gala event of the Hillel year. The general admission will be forty-five cents, and reserved seats, one dollar ten cents.

Student Council to Honor New Officers at Dinner

The Student Council Dinner will be held at 6:15 p. m. on Wednesday evening, April 25.

The retiring president of the Council, Jay De Roy, will preside, and in accordance with tradition of the past, the speakers will be the outgoing and incoming officers.

While the retiring officers survey achievements and accomplishments of the past year, the new officers will offer new policies and suggestions for adoption, foreshadowing the program of the coming year when they become the active heads of the Hillel student council. Other speakers will be Dr. Merritt and Sanford Goldner.

The Month in Brief

Sunday, April 8th, 8:30 p. m. — Sunday Evening Social.

Tuesday, April 10th—Annual Election of Officers, 9 a. m. to 5:30 p. m.

Friday, April 13th, 8 p. m. — Religious Service, Temple Sinai, Oakland. Rabbi Stern.

Monday, April 16th, 4:30 p. m. — Student Council Meeting.

Tuesday, April 17th, 4 to 6 p. m. — Open House.

Wednesday, April 18th, 8:30 p. m. — Hillel at International House. Hillel Players in "Sham". Recital, featuring Marcus Gordon, Lawrence Strauss and Rivka Iventosch.

Friday, April 20th, 8 p. m. — Installation of Rabbi Stern, Temple Sinai, Oakland.

Sunday, April 22nd, 8:30 p. m. — Sunday Evening Social.

Tuesday, April 24th, 4 to 6 p. m. — Open House.

Wednesday, April 25th, 6:15 p. m. — Student Council Dinner.

Revival of Debating at Hillel Deserves Praise

After a three year period of inactivity, the Hillel debaters again came into being when they debated before the B'nai B'rith on March 26.

During a Hillel night sponsored by the Men's auxiliary, two teams from the Foundation presented a debate on the question: Resolved that the policies of the N. R. A. are justifiable. The negative side of the question was supported by Mort Gaba and Meyer Kahn. Dan Freudenthal and Arnold Abrams upheld the affirmative.

The forensics encounter proved to be very successful, and Sanford Goldner, in charge of Hillel debating, expects many such events in the future.

In spite of the comparative lethargy of Hillel in the field of debating, Jewish students on Campus are well represented in that activity. Not only are there a large number of Jewish students in Freshman debating, but some of the most prominent members of the varsity squad are Jewish. They include: Don Breyer, Dan Freudenthal, Mort Gaba, Max Kahn, and Walter Lehman.

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Hillel's Celebrities Given Just Reward

By The Snob-server

STAN BERLAND, Phi B. D.'s beau brummel, and RED WEIDLER—Congress debaters—let a woman "talk" them out of "a gold medal." * * * Silent DOT MARCUSE, Phi Sig, who just made Senior Women's Tennis team—She still claims she can't play—well. * * * BOB BERNSTEIN, or Kappa Nu's explanation of Cal's winning Baseball team * * * JANETTE STAMER, A. E. Phi, who heckles with "those little theatre tickets." * * * AL WEILER and ART ISRAEL, pride of the Z. B. T. house, who run the Daily Cal. Between them—Nice, huh! * * * LARRY RESNER and MORRIS LANDSBERG, K. N.'s—all set for senior appointments on the "Cal" I!—Page the Zebe big shots! * * * LORRAINE BAKER, bright pledge of the Phi "Stigma" house who goes on W. A. A. Weenie roasts in the rain! * * * BEN NORDMAN, Z. B. T., so messed up with gravy, he won't ever be clean. * * * MILT STANSKY, the big Phi B. D. with the little head, who plays basketball—ART NIGHTINGALE, his varsity team mate. * * * VERA SHIMOFF, the little Phi Sig girl from Gawgia—vice-president of the peerless (?) Philorthian debating society. * * * DOROTHY ANN RUDMAN and LOUISE SCHNEIDER, A. E. Phooey sisters who worry about "Your Pelly." * * * Varsity debating has still left MORT GABA, Phi B. D., with enough "head" to make the Poly Sci honor society. * * * HAROLD SILBERSTEIN, dramatic genius of the Phi B. D. house—who, (so we are told) has a passion for onion sandwiches—As has AL WEILER Z. B. T.

Campus Star in Violin Solo

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University of California. She has played before such artists as Hertz, Persinger, and Zimbalist. Miss Iventosch made her professional debut last year, and has since appeared on programs with Martinelli and Marie Chamlee. She has played with the San Rafael symphony orchestra as guest soloist.

With such a galaxy of stars appearing, Hillel expects to hang out the S. R. O. sign.

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Book Reviews

Dr. Paul Radin has written a timely volume in his book "The Racial Myth." Dr. Radin is admirably qualified, not only by virtue of his scientific equipment as a recognized authority in anthropology but by virtue of his wide cultural range, to expose the rank absurdity of the race theory that has been made the foundation of the Nazi philosophy in the New Germany. Dr. Radin demonstrates in his volume that there is no such thing as an Aryan race. Further he points out that if the distinguishing marks of the pure Nordic are blonde hair, blue eyes and long heads, great numbers of the German people fail to qualify as Nordics.

Dr. Radin ridicules the idea of the pure race. All people are mixed and the Germans are a hopelessly mixed race. The vain boast of the Nazis that the Germans are a Chosen People, Dr. Radin shows is a delusion that has been held by numerous peoples dating back to most ancient days. The claim of Germans to unique triumphs in the field of science the author shows to be achievements that are based in the last instance on the spade work of men of other nationalities. Radin makes illuminating comments on the cooperative society that is in the making and predicts that three peoples will lead in the building of that cooperative society—the Russians, the Americans, and the Jews.

Mrs. M. S. Cohn Heads Club

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The Dinner was further enlivened by a host of Oakland and Berkeley coreligionists who joined in with the college students and professors. Among the guests of honor were Professor and Mrs. Alexander Kaun.

Rabbi Merritt, director of the Foundation, presided at the supper and read the service. Mrs. Max Cohen headed the committee of Alliance members who took charge of arrangements.

Despite the fact that the majority of students celebrated the Seder with their families due to the spring recess, those remaining on the campus enjoyed the festive evening.

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Hillel Team Enters Ping Pong Tourney

Play will start this Sunday evening, April 7, in the first inter-foundation Ping-Pong tournament with representatives of the University Y. M. C. A. meeting Hillel's team at Hillel, and Wesley Foundation tackling Newman Hall at Newman.

A round robin tourney will be conducted with Hillel playing Wesley and Newman on successive week-ends. The present plan is for the foundations to jointly contribute towards the purchase of a trophy which will become the property of the winning foundation.

Hillel's tentative team includes Dave Oppenheim, Irving Moss, Aaron Ostash, Harold Loeffler, and Al Miller, with Erwin Loeffler as first alternate and Al Herman as second. This team is tentative and is open to challenge and replacement if defeated by other Hillel players.

One Act Plays Reach New High in Production

Hillel Foundation brings to a close a season of many activities with the presentation of "Sham" a one-act play, written, by Tompkins to be presented on April 18 at International House.

"Sham" is very apropos of the present time as it satirizes social climbers. Gorman Silen portrays the thief, Thelma Samuely, Clara; Nathan Gilbert, a reporter; and Stanley Berland, the husband.

"The Constant Lover" a light and very delightful comedy is to be presented at the Alliance Luncheon to be held April 12, at International House. Beulah Levine and Irving Moss have the principal roles.

Louis Gonick, under the auspices of the California Alliance of Jewish Women, is the director of the plays. He graduated from the University in 1931 and has just returned from Russia where he has been studying the dramatic arts.

Mr. Gonick's Hillel debut took place when the play "Phipps" was presented to an enthusiastic audience on March 25. The play was presented with a splendid cast including Sybil Goldstein, Harold Silberstein and Irving Moss. Betty Chemnick was the student director assisting in the production.

The outlook for dramatics in Hillel is especially bright for the next two years. Such veterans as Irving Moss, Betty Chemnick, Esther Freidman, Harold Silberstein, Thelma Samuely, Sybil Goldstein, Fred Carash and a host of new talent insure Hillel followers of expert productions.

What's What

The Zebe brethren are holding their formal at the Oak Knoll Country Club, April 7. Billy Keene's orchestra will play.

An annual reunion is planned for April 15. On March 18, the Chapter was host to its parents.

Officers for the coming year are: President, Benjamin E. Nordman; vice-president, Arthur Brown, Jr.; Secretary, Harold E. Brown; Treasurer, David C. Mayers.

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Phi Sigma Sigma's semi-formal supper dance will take place tomorrow night at the Palace Hotel.

Plans for a parents' night, and an elaborate senior dinner are under way.

New House officers are: President, Henrietta Heiman; Vice-president, Dorothy Marcuse; Secretary, Rose Miller; Treasurer, Thelma Kahn.

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Members of Phi Beta Delta entertained their parents at a dinner recently.

Friday, the 13th, the brothers are holding their formal at the Edgewater Beach.

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Alpha Epsilon Phi is holding an informal dance at the chapter house on April 14.

A senior women's breakfast has been planned for April 22.

Officers for the coming year are: President, Harriet Tieburg; Vice-president, Josephine Wein; Secretary, Jean Wise; Treasurer, Ann Louise Levy.

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Kappa Nu's are holding a sports dance at the chapter house on April 14. On the 13th, the Mother's Club will be honored at a tea at the chapter house.

The fraternity indulged recently in a beer bust.

Return Borrowed Books Immediately

The following books are missing from the Hillel Library shelves. Please return these before the end of the term.

Andreyev: Samson in Chains; Ashton: Race; Baldwin: Our Modern Debt to Israel; Bergson: Creative Evolution, Laughter; Browne: Since Calvary, Blessed Spinoza; Cahan: Rise of David Levinsky; Levin: Childhood in Exile; Diehl: Sardonic Smile; Eastman: The Literary Mind; Eddy: The Challenge of the East; Feuchtwanger: Success; Fischer: Soviet in World Affairs, Vol. 2; Flexner: Universities; Frazer: The Golden Bough; Ghandi: An Autobiography; Gold: Jews Without Money; Golding: Magnolia Street; Goldman: My Further Disillusionment in Russia; Morgenthau: I Was Sent To Athens; Raisin: Haskalah Movement; Hecht: Jew in Love; Hindus: Humanity Uprooted; Kellogg: Houdini; Hudson: Green Mansions; Klausner: Jesus; Zunz: Suffering of the Jews in the Middle Ages; Kallinikov: Women and Monks; Komroff: Two Thieves; Don Levine: Stalin; Lewisohn: Adam, Upstream, Roman Summer; Ludwig: Diana, Vol. 1; Maurois: Family Circle, Weigher of Souls; Munthe: Story of San Michele; Neumann: The Devil; O'Neill: Lazarus Laughed; Parkes: The Jew and His Neighbor; Pilyak: The Volga Flows to the Caspian; Raskin: Anthology of Jewish Poetry; Rice: Counselor-at-law; Street Scene; Samuels: What Happened in Palestine; Silver: The Messiah in Medieval Jewish Thought; Thaddeus: Voltaire; Undset: The Snake Pit; Untermeyer: Anthology of American Poetry, Poems of Heinrich Heine; Vierick: The Invincible Adam; Walter: Moses Mendelson; Wasserman: Caspar Hauser, Worlds Illusion, Gold, Dr. Kherkoven; Werfl: The Man Who Conquered Death; Zweig: Joseph Fouche, Three Masters.

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OPEN LETTER

Mrs. M. Lando,
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Dear Mrs. Lando:

It is indeed hard to bid goodbye to one who has been so instrumental in making my term of office here in Hillel so much more successful than it had any right to be. It is even harder to hand the reins of my office to one who will not know your loyal support for you, too, are concluding your incumbency as the head of the California Alliance of Jewish Women.

Your friends in the Alliance must realize even more than I, the great vacancy that you leave in their organization. I carry to you my own thanks and those of the entire Hillel foundation for all that you have done. It is my fondest hope that the coming years will bring you the much needed rest and health that has been so long denied you by your gracious activities.

Would you be so kind as to convey to Mrs. Cohn and her assistants, Hillel's very best wishes for a successful administration. I have every reason to believe that their term will result in as close coordination with future Hillel administrations as has yours been with mine.

With best regards to you and Doctor Lando, I am

Very truly yours,

ADIEU

As the semester fast draws to a close, many of us are reminiscing of our early campus days. We recall with smiles, the auspicious entrance we made through Sather Gate where a great, enthusiastic group of "blue jeaned" men greeted us. We smile as we recall those antics we went through to entertain the spectators and release ourselves from the "mighty" sophomores.

A year passed all too quickly. Came August and we became the "blue jeaned wielders of school spirit." We inwardly go into convulsions as we remember the bedinked frosh bashfully proposing to a beautiful (?)

THE DIRECTOR COMMENTS

MUSICALE

Wednesday, April 18th is Hillel's evening at International House! That evening schedules Hillel's annual offering and Hillel calls on its members, supporters and friends to join in making that evening a success long to be remembered. Throughout the year Hillel dispenses service to the rank and file of the Jewish student body. It makes no demands. It gives with a free hand. It satisfies a multitude of needs. Once a year it asks its members for a manifestation of loyalty.

In the past, team work has been the secret of our success in our public offerings. The Hillel machine is going into action again. A dozen committees are actively cooperating to make this evening the success that it deserves to be. But these committees must be backed by the support of the rank and file of the Jewish student body. We look to the student body to prove their loyalty and show their appreciation by filling the house. The programme offered is one of unusual excellence. The Hillel Players under professional direction promise to be at their best. Professional artists of the first water are giving us their services. We aim with your support to make this evening an outstanding financial, social and artistic success.

FINALE

We are rapidly swinging toward the close of another year. This marks the last issue of the Call for the present year. The old administration is folding its tents. The Campus is pointing toward the finals and the crowded colorful weeks that reach their climax in the pomp and panoply of commencement.

Another class will soon march from the Campus to merge with the burly-burly of the life outside. Close-knit ties will be broken and fine friendships that the years have cemented will become precious memories. Hillel will lose some of its most ardent and effective spirits. There will be breaks in our ranks. We regret to see them go but we hope that a happy life and successful career will be their portion.

coed. Here, a strange note seems to eject itself into our memory. There was no gauntlet running — the vigilance committee contracted ptomaine poisoning and died — dinks were forgotten — lethargy swept the campus.

A third year commenced. We wondered if everyone had become seniors. No longer was there class rivalry. Senior circle became a quilting club. The lethargy became enthusiastic hibernation. The campus traditions slept. Spirit, campus spirit, was embalmed in an eighteenth amendment only to be used on the sly.

Then came the great awakening. There was a great rebirth of spirit. The depression that engulfed the school spirit lifted. More and more we heard the clamor for the revival of that "good old spirit". More and more came that ever loudening cry, "Wake up—get up and support California." Four years—a college cycle had run its course and again that healthy frame of mind that we once knew was on its way back. "Hail to California."

That same cycle has run its course thru the Foundation.

We all have seen the change that

has taken place in the past two years. The lethargy that the campus felt was reflected doubly in the student interests in Hillel. It can safely be stated that Hillel has suffered a re-awakening and is headed to new heights. The increased activity and the cry for more—more—and still more activities has shown the new spirit that prevails today over this community we call the University of California.

As this issue of the Call goes to press, my activity in Hillel is just about closed. Let me urge you to continue this new life interest in Hillel throughout the remaining month of this term and continue it during the next administration. To my successor, I want to wish him that same loyal cooperation you members have accorded me. I want to wish him the enjoyment of that same spirit that I have known this semester for it has meant much to me.

As a closing message, I want to thank all those friends of Hillel who have made my term of office one that I will long remember and cherish as one of the bright spots of the four college years at California. Thanks again and best wishes for the future.