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## SHANGHAI JEWRY SHOWS UNITY AND STRENGTH

By Leonia A. Gran

In these days when the courage of the Jewish people and perhaps its very right to exist have been challenged and questioned, when so many of us are throwing up our hands in despair, it is with great joy and hope in the future that one can point to definite examples of Jewish unity and strength.

I refer here particularly to the Jewry of Shanghai. The international character of that city's population is well reflected in its Jewry. In the main there are three Jewish groups: the Arabian, including such well known families as the Sassoons and the Kadoories; Russian; and European—from Portugal to Poland. However the communal cohesion and effort are not in the least affected by the above groupings. All are represented in the main Jewish organizations, the Maccabean Club and the Shanghai B'nai Brith. The former is a purely social club with a relatively small membership, while the B'nai Brith includes all known members of the community, who either by financial or actual support make the organization one of great value. There is not a Jew in Shanghai whom the organization will not help either with money or advice. A case in point is that of those Jews who fled to Shanghai from Germany. All of them have been warmly received into the community and many of them owe their present security to the B'nai Brith. Last spring the organization opened a polyclinic to which the best medicos of Shanghai offer their skill. At first the polyclinic was organized for visiting patients, but now it is able to receive a limited number of bed patients. While the polyclinic was organized for the

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## Old Organization Will Resume Its Activities

The League for Labor Palestine will resume its activities this year along the lines developed in the past two years. Regular bi-weekly meetings will be held at which the members will present and listen to discussions dealing with Labor Zionism and with world events as they concern it.

Numbers of new students have expressed an interest in the group, and together with last year's students the membership should reach a good total. Interest in Palestine is particularly high now with the very fortunate economic conditions in the country.

The group this year will be headed by Sidney Rudy, 32, who has been identified with it since its beginning. All interested are urged to leave their names with the Hillel office.



The Hillel Foundation

## WELCOME!

New life, filled with immeasurable opportunity, is open to new students entering the University of California. And it is a generally accepted fact that Jewish youth is equipped with excellent, if not superior mentality.

Here at California everyone may give full play to any capabilities or talents he may possess; the University is virtually a students' paradise. Jewish scholars, the world over, will always find a place for themselves: even Germany must ultimately regret losing them.

Nevertheless, facing conditions fairly, and that they must be faced we admit, the Jews are constantly facing discrimination and intolerance. It took the German situation to make Jews sensitive of such conditions.

Here at the University of California, we have an institution, where we are at home. We have a headquarters, a center of Jewish activity that every Jewish student should feel is particularly designed to meet his needs, and to provide opportunity for Jewish contacts, and for intellectual discussion.

It is with that in mind, that the B'nai Brith Hillel Foundation was formed, and with that in mind, that we bid you "welcome". Here at Hillel you may form congenial friendships, find both help and pleasure, and a Jewish consciousness. Each of us as Jews must feel a tie of common brotherhood, that is cemented in a material way by the Foundation. That is its chief function. Hillel is for you. It can only be what you make it. To the new students we say come to Hillel, and come often, for we want to know you. To the old students we say come often too; come and renew old friendships and make new ones. Build Hillel this year to a peak of activity. Facilities are here for everybody, in an abundance to satisfy all interests.

The student council has been designed to run the Foundation from a student standpoint. They stand ready at all times to serve you and Hillel. For this semester, we find on the council:

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## LAW PROFESSOR RETURNS AFTER SOJOURNING IN EUROPEAN STATES

Italy, Greece, Vienna, France, England, Scotland: such were the wanderings of Professor Max Radin of the California law department, during the past seven months.

The little "big" man has a very benign, friendly smile, and professorial air. He seemed to be immersed in work, but, with a kindness seldom found, gave enough of his time for an interview. An atmosphere of vital energy seemed to emanate from him.

In the course of studying criminology, Prof. Radin concentrated his work in Vienna. He was in that Austrian city during the Nazi agitation there. Concerning it, he said, "Much unrest and agitation could be felt in Vienna at that time, but no actual outbreak of violence occurred." With a friendly smile, he went on to add, "Jews in Vienna were, of course, in a condition of uncertainty. They were not sure of the possible success of Nazi activities. The majority of Jews in Vienna are socialists, although a great many are loyalists and conservatives. In fact, the Jews are represented in all the political parties.

"To alleviate to a certain extent the uncertainty of the Jewish situation. The government has assured the Jews friendliness and toleration. In carrying out this promise, the government has appointed a Jew, to a seat on the government council."

Hitler, according to Radin, is anathema to the continent. Even the Italian Fascists who tried to make a hero of him, and the Poles who had hopes about 'the corridor', have turned. Nothing but bitter opposition meets Germany's "little" man.

In answer to why he didn't visit Germany (Continued on Page 3, Col. 1)

## Dr. Paul Radin to Give Course on our Democracy

Early in September, Dr. Paul Radin will begin a second course of lectures on the general theme, "The Jewish Tradition of Democracy." Dr. Radin proposes to show that democracy was rooted in the earliest Jewish social institutions, and it is his purpose to show how that Jewish tradition has influenced the development of the democratic ideal down to our own time.

Last semester one of the most interesting of the cultural offerings of the Hillel Foundation was the course of lectures given by Dr. Radin on "The Jew in Contemporary History." Definite notice of the launching of this term's course will be given later.

## Holy Days To Be Observed By Hillel

The traditional Jewish Holy Days fall this year on Monday, September 10th, and on Wednesday, September 19th. The eve of Rosh Hashonah will be observed on Sunday, September 9th, and the eve of Yom Kippur will be observed on Tuesday, September 18th. The administration of the University has always cooperated in giving the Jewish students every opportunity to observe their traditional sacred days. Annually the University extends to Jewish students the privilege of absenting themselves from classrooms on the New Year and the Day of Atonement. The attention of Jewish students is called to the following letter from Dean Thomas M. Putman:

Dear Dr. Merritt:

I have your letter calling attention to the Jewish Holy Days that will fall within this semester, namely New Year on September 10th., and the Day of Atonement on September 19th. As has been the custom in the past, men students who wish to be excused from University exercises on these days should be advised to call at this office; women students at the office of the Dean of Women.

Sincerely yours,  
T. M. PUTMAN.

Arrangements have been made with the Reform and Orthodox congregations of Oakland to extend the guest privilege to all students who may wish to attend on the holy days. Students wishing seats for the Rosh Hashonah and Yom Kippur services will leave their names at the Hillel office and seats will be secured for them at Temple Sinai (Reform) or at the Perry Street Synagogue (Orthodox).

## Hillel To Observe Succoth

The annual Succoth celebration at the Hillel Foundation will be held at 8:30 p. m., Sunday, September 23. There will be a brief service dedicating the Succah, or Harvest Booth, which will be erected in the assembly room of Hillel House. As in past years, the Harvest Booth will be decorated with harvest products, fruits and flowers. The celebration will be concluded with a Harvest dance, with music provided by a four-piece orchestra.

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Zeta Beta Tau will give a dance September 14, honoring the new pledges, Robert Irving, Bill Goodman, Donald Goldine, Melville Frendley, Bob Sinai and Phil Allenberg.

Wednesday, September 12, Phi Sigma is entertaining in honor of the new pledges: Nadine Glickfeld, Jean Lewis, Bertille Morris, Dorothy Miller, Marjorie Nagen, Ruth Vinikow, and Sylvia Vinikow. No date has been set as yet for the open house which is to be given in the near future.

Sunday, September 2, the Phi Beta Delta Fraternity will initiate the following: Stanley Berland, Moe Firestone, Bob Hatfield, and Harold Silberstien. No date has been announced for the dance honoring the five new pledges.

Alpha Epsilon Phi will honor their pledges, Frances Collat, Phyllis Lesser, Florence Lippow, Polly Jane Cohn, Marian Newfield and Barbara Krifki on Wednesday, September 4. Three new members, Frieda Blum, Louise Snyder and Ruth Karski will be initiated Sunday, September 2.

September 15 is the date set for the dance honoring the nine Kappa Nu pledges, four of whom are All-City football stars.

## Hebrew Class Will Begin

A class in the study of Hebrew for beginners is being organized at Hillel. The class will meet two evenings a week, under the instruction of Ziporah Lullev. Those who are interested in the study of Hebrew are urged to register at the Hillel office as soon as possible.

The Hebrew class plans to begin work early in September.

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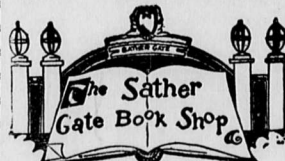
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## Radin Speaks on Education

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many, Radin answered, "My particular work did not necessitate my going to Germany, and as to conditions there, one does not have to be an eye witness to know what's going on. And," he added, "although the German government assures a welcome or at least toleration of Jewish visitors, the situation was bound to have unpleasant features that I saw no need for seeking."

Radin did some lecture work during his stay in Vienna. Questions with regard to students there and at Berkeley, eliciting the response that, "All European students are more broadly prepared in an educational way than those in America. But European education tends to be doctrinated, which results in a lack of critical thinking in its students."

Hillel will be fortunate on Wednesday, Sept. 26, to have Dr. Radin as guest speaker on a Forum evening. At that time he will take as his theme, "The European Scene", talking on the general situation of Jews in central Europe, from the stand point of an eye witness.

## Shanghai Jewry Aids Needy

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Jews, its doors are never closed to any needy patient, regardless of creed or nationality. Naturally all these achievements have originated within and are being successfully carried out by the Jewry of Shanghai—neither the Shanghai Municipal Council nor any of the local charities or philanthropic organizations have been approached.

The Jews of Shanghai form a powerful, independent entity, permeated with an unbounded enthusiasm, an enthusiasm wide awake to existing actualities and fully able to cope with them.

## California Alliance Wardrobe

The California Alliance of Jewish Women maintains a wardrobe of serviceable wearing apparel, shoes, and clothing, for both men and women, which is always at the disposal of the student group. The wardrobe is kept at the home of Mrs. Joseph Kay, 2301 Rose Terrace, who can be reached by telephone at ASHberry 1896.

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## Y-Z Wanderings

We see by the Monarch of All College Dailies that the K. N. Big Shot, Charlie Harband — well —

Little Man, you're sighing,  
We know why you're blue,  
Someone took your Kiddy Kar away.  
Whatcha gonna do now?  
Little Man, you've had a busy day.

A detailed account in our own E-Manuel describes the sumptuous rooms in the new Z. B. T. mansion. What! No baths?

What big silent man of the Phi B. D. House evidenced quite an interest in a certain blond Phi Sig pledge.

The philosophical atmosphere of Hillel is somewhat lacking since our assistant director has gone collegiate again. We like it — don't you?

Chicago is a sadder place since the pride of the Phi B. D. House Stanley (activities) Berland returned to the fold. Ask him, he'll tell you.

Al Weiler, Zebe and Daily Cal big-shot "Ex" is "carrying on" at Harvard!

Esther Friedman and Mark Miller are now living in a state of marital bliss in the windy city across the bay.

Where are Victor Kosman and Beatrice Raskin who jangled the melodious wedding bells during the summer? Now we know what's wrong with Berkeley.

The Phi Sigs seems to have started sompin as not one of the Jewish houses remain in their former locations since the initial move — which reminds us — how are the A. E. Phi's getting along with the Zebes so far away? After all, Y not Z it our way?

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## New Heads Chosen For "Hillel Players"

Two one-act plays to be given the same evening once a month, better plays, more training with larger groups, will all be featured in the policy for the Hillel Players this semester.

The dramatic group held their first meeting Tuesday afternoon, August 28, and Nathan Gilbert, chairman, and Thelma Samuely, co-chairman, decided on the heads for the various committees. Betty Chemnick will take charge of make-up; Harold Silberstein, stage; and Thelma Samuely, properties.

Louis Gonick, director of the Players, announced that students who are interested in writing are urged to hand in any original material and it would be given a fair trial. He further stated he would be glad to offer suggestions regarding literary work.

Persons desiring training in directing plays will be given an opportunity to do so by co-operating with the director, as his assistants.

Tryouts for the first presentation were held Tuesday, September 4, in the Library of the Hillel House. The names of those awarded the parts will be announced later.

Signup lists for contract bridge and ping-pong tournaments have been posted on the bulletin board according to Sylvia Dietz, chairman of the House committee.

Deadline for both signups are Sunday, September 16.

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## HAPPY NEW YEAR

A New Year, with the wealth of new year wishes and elastic resolutions is again facing the Jewish public. Hillel, as the center of Jewish activity at the University of California, extends to its Jewish student body, and their friends, a wish for happiness in the new year. Now is the time for each of us to get a fresh "grip", as it were, to forget the annoyances and troubles of the past, and look to a brighter future not only individually but for Judaism as a whole.

During the last year, the Jews have gone through such pogrom and slaughter as we felt could not happen in a modern, civilized world. Let us hope that all that is behind us. We face the coming year with the philosophic hopefulness of our people. Everywhere in our bible is the constant plea for peace and quiet; we may again, on this New Year send up a prayer to our God for the peace and quiet we have always hoped for.

We at the University have been comparatively sheltered, but with the interest of a student and a few we have watched awful things happen. Almost, we have felt what is this thing called civilization? And, is man a superior animal, after all?

But, with the New Year, such thoughts will be relegated to the dust heap. With confidence in the ultimate sanity of a sick nation, and in the binding of the Jews of the world more closely together, we face the Jewish New Year with Hope and Faith.

Happy New Year, Jews of the world, a brighter sun is dawning to light your path through the coming year.

## LIBRARY

Following is a list of the new books to be placed on the shelves this month: Louis Adamic, "The Natives Return"; Heinz Liepmann, "Murder Made in Germany"; Lewis Browne, "How Odd of God"; Mathew Josephson, "The Baron Robbers"; Leon Trotsky, "History of Russian Revolution," Vol. II. Lion Feuchtwanger, "The Oppermans"; Gertrude Stein, "The Making of Americans"

## HILLEL'S OPEN DOOR

Seven years is a brief period in the life of an institution. Seven years would commonly relegate an institution to the kindergarten period. The Hillel Foundation is entering on its eighth year on the California Campus. That it has rooted itself in the affections of the student body and that it has supplied a rich variety of needs is no longer a question that is open to debate.

Hillel stands for the policy of the "Open Door". It has extended a cordial welcome to native and foreigner, to organized and non-organized, to orthodox and reform, to men and women of every stripe and opinion within the extensive Jewish fold. Where Jewish students once lived to themselves on the Campus and, unaided, worked out their social, recreational and cultural problems as best they could, they now turn to Hillel where they can rub shoulders with the entire Jewish student body and where they can find facilities for every kind of interest calculated to enrich these decisive years that are all too short and will never be paralleled in life again. Tie up with your own! Identify yourself with your group. Enjoy the exhilaration of constructive team work. Let Hillel introduce you to extra-curricular activities that will make these university years richer and more satisfying.

## ... AND AGAIN

There is a certain persistent reiteration throughout this issue which may prove little short of obnoxious to our new readers. We refer to the many "Welcomes" and invitations to the new students to avail themselves of the extra-curricula opportunities afforded by the University and by the Hillel Foundation.

In extenuation of the zeal of our several contributors, let us say that we feel justified in our attitude of combined God-father and Dutch-uncle. We who have been here a long time know well what such a place as Hillel can offer, and what a gap it can fill in the otherwise uneventful daily life of the new student.

Activities at Hillel cover as diversified a field as students' interests demand. Dramatics and debating, chess and checkers, ping-pong and bridge are some few of the activities open to all. For the musically-inclined there will be both choral and instrumental work; for the more studious, lectures and discussion forums, and a well stocked library. For all there is waiting a hearty welcome. Come and get it!

## PARDON US, BUT...

With the opening of the Fall semester of 1934, the library of the Hillel Foundation will be operated under a new system. The growth of the library and the accompanying increase in the number of book borrowers makes the inauguration of a systematic supervision of the lending facilities and the check-up on borrowed books necessary. Under the old laissez-faire system, borrowers have been in the habit of helping themselves to volumes and in many instances have neglected to leave a record of their borrowing. The result has been the loss of several valuable books.

Ann Tilin has now been installed as librarian. During the morning hours the library will be closed. Miss Tilin will be in the library on Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 3:00 to 6:00 p. m., and on Tuesday and Thursday from 2:00 to 5:00 p. m. Books may be withdrawn from the library only at these stipulated hours. A careful record of every book loaned will in the future be assured. Book borrowers are advised to take note of the new order and are requested to call at the library at the hours stated.

## MUSIC FOR HILLEL

Hillel has not profited sufficiently in the past from the music within its ranks. 1934 introduces a new and interesting enterprise. The vocal and instrumental talent of our membership will make welcome addition to our resources for entertainment.

A chorus is being formed under the capable direction of Sylvain Bernstein, scholarship student in music. The sheet for appointments to try out will be found on the bulletin board.

"Grand opera stars are welcome," says Anne Gladstein, music chairman, "but we want YOUR voice." Sign up now.

In addition to modern choral work, traditional Jewish folk-songs will form a part of the chorus program.

Anne Gladstein is at the same time ferreting out instrumental talent. A register of everyone who plays a musical instrument is the goal. The resulting fortnightly Sunday evening musicales will introduce a colorful note into Hillel House activities. All who play are urged to leave their names at the Hillel office at the earliest opportunity.