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# B'nai B'rith Hillel Call

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No. 1

## HILLEL STUDENT COUNCIL ANNOUNCED; THREE NEW COMMITTEES FORMED

The new Hillel Student Council went into action with the opening of the semester, and have already held two heated meetings in which plans and policies were formulated. On the council for this semester are:

President — Irving Moss.  
Vice-President — Heralaine Cohn.  
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Art Hoffman, Sub-Chairman.

Three new committees have been formed: an intra-mural Sports committee, Publicity committee, and a Fireside Forum committee. These will occupy heretofore unexploited fields for the betterment of Hillel.

## Thespians Introduce New Policy in Plays

Introducing a unique theme in the Dramatics policy of Hillel Dramatics, the players will attempt to present plays of social interest rather than the usual farces and light comedies. This theme will offer many students an opportunity to acquaint themselves with current problems as well as enlarge their acting abilities.

"Waiting For Lefty", one of the most outstanding hits of the season, is one of the plays under consideration. This is a play of a more radical nature than heretofore attempted by Hillel players but, if chosen, it will give an opportunity to students who are not interested in "nonsensical" acting.

"Judge Lynch" is another play with a like theme. It is a play of the South dealing with race prejudices.

The third play under consideration is "The Dead Cow", a lively and forceful anti-Hearst propaganda curtain raiser.

Tryouts for these outstanding plays were held last Thursday afternoon from 4 to 6 p. m. The results will be announced at an early date.

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Rabbi Jacob Weinstein, formerly director of the Hillel Foundation at the University of Texas.

## Rabbi Jacob Weinstein To Give Lecture Series

The Educational Committee of the Hillel Foundation announces the first series of lectures during the fall semester, which will feature Rabbi Jacob Weinstein, formerly director of the Hillel Foundation at the University of Texas and more recently rabbi of Sherith Israel Congregation of San Francisco. Since leaving San Francisco Rabbi Weinstein has entered the ranks of the journalists and identified himself also with Jewish adult education. He is the editor of the new "Jewish Frontier", and helped to organize and supervise the teaching staff of the new school for Jewish adult education in New York City.

Rabbi Weinstein is known as a keen, incisive and original thinker. He is a progressive. His preoccupation with the Jewish problem qualifies him to speak with authority on the present day aspects of the Jewish problem. The Jewish problem will be the central theme of his series to be given at the Hillel Foundation on successive Wednesday evenings in September — Sept. 11th, Sept. 18th, and Sept. 25th, at 8 p. m. The theme of the first lecture will be "The Jews as a Minority". The second lecture will deal with "The Assimilationist Way Out". The third lecture will deal with "The Nationalist Solution".

Weinstein's reputation as a thoughtful and provocative speaker insures him a large campus following.

## Hillel To Debate Congress

Debating is to hold a prominent place among the Hillel activities this semester. The first of a series of debates is to be held in the latter part of September with the Congress Debating Society, men's honor debating society on the campus, under the auspices of the Hillel Forum committee. Hillel is to be represented by Melvin Rader and Arnold Abrams, with Roger Anderson and our own President, Irving Moss representing Congress. The question for debate is — Resolved: That the United States shall not participate in the Berlin Olympics. Hillel is upholding the affirmative side of the question. The meeting will be open to the public.

## HILLEL FORUM TO HEAR DR. GEORGE HEDLEY ON CONSTITUTION

The Hillel Open Forum will present its first guest speaker at the Hillel Foundation Tuesday evening, Sept. 17th at 8 p. m. Tuesday, Sept. 17th has been officially designated "Constitution Day", marking as it does the 158th anniversary of the adoption of our fundamental document.

Dr. George Hedley will be the Hillel Forum guest speaker for the evening of Constitution Day, at 8 p. m. He will take as his theme, "Is the Constitution Sacred?" Dr. Hedley served for a period of years as the western representative of the American Civil Liberties Union and will be remembered for his defense of the radicals in the widely publicized trial at Sacramento. Dr. Hedley's appraisal of the Constitution will certainly not be in accord with conventional appraisals in the newspapers.

### Professor Kerner to Lecture

"My Soviet Journey" is the topic to be discussed by Professor Robert Kerner of the History department, on Wednesday evening, October 2, at 8 p. m. Professor Kerner has just returned from a sabbatic leave spent in Central Europe and Russia, and his previous appearances at Hillel have proved that his thought-provoking judgment on contemporary history, together with his sense of humor, draw capacity audiences.

### Visiting Professor Also on List of Speakers

On Tuesday, October 15, at 8 p. m., Professor Harold Laswell, exchange professor from the University of Chicago, will address the Forum on the subject "Exposing the Nazi Mind". Professor Laswell is giving the course on Politics and Propaganda, which deals with an entirely new approach in political science and is being enthusiastically received by the students of that department.

## Get Acquainted Night Theme for First Social

"Get Acquainted Nite" is the theme for the first Hillel Sunday night house dance to be held next Sunday evening, September 15, from 8:30 to 12:00.

Promising to parallel the Opening Reception at the International House, plans for a novelty means of acquainting students with one another will be introduced.

There will be an orchestra and entertainment, and refreshments will be served.

All Jewish students are cordially invited to attend this first dance and help make the dances of this semester a tradition rather than "the usual thing". A remodeled Hillel Foundation is a good start for a series of outstanding dances and affairs.

## Y-Z Wanderings

May we, the campus gossips, introduce ourselves. We hope you won't judge us by this our first attempt because we expect to give you bigger and better scandal as the semester progresses.

It seems that the prexies of Phi Sigma Sigma and E.E. Phi are both sporting fraternity pins. Who are the lucky men?

Mel Friendly ZBT, the boy with the brief-case, upon being informed of the KN successful rush season glarily said, "we prefer a balanced house" (we say, so what?). But anyhow we rather hope that the ZBT have managed to maintain their equilibrium.

The PhiBD pledge Al Tieburg is yodeling every Saturday night at the Hotel Oakland.

Regarding hatches and matches, we beg to inform you in chronological order of:

### Engagements

Sybil Goldstein, AEPi and Jack Lansen, Phi B.D.

Bernice Abrams, AEPi, and Dave Monash.

Lillian Siegal and Gorman Silen, K.N. Sylvia Dietz and Jack Kramer.

PhiBD won't disclose the names in a recent engagement of one of the "boys", we wonder who?

### Marriages

Malvina Young, Phi Sig, and Edward Cornblum, law man from Cornell. Ruth Finegold '37, and Ben Kaplan '35.

### Hatches

Anything for the old college fraternity, therefore Frank Applebaum '28, and Hubert Leland present the Phi B.D. house with two bouncing pledges and K.N. wants the world to know that PEP the pest, otherwise known as the house mascot, has been replaced with Cap "the man-eating wolf", cause Joe Kane took the other dog with him. Here's hoping they don't replace Joe Kane. But really now, isn't that rather impossible?

### Deaths

Your correspondents — 'cause we say curtain — unless you say encore.

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## New Sports Committee Staff Heads Chosen

Managers of the recently formed Sport's Committee were announced by Chairman Edwin Loeffler.

Sub-Chairman Art Hoffman will handle Tennis in both intra-mural and Foundation tournaments. Harvey Thal and Irving Kahn will be in charge of intra-mural competition in touch football, while Arthur Sarna will oversee Ping-Pong activities. Theresa Goldner, general secretary will also aid with women's sport activities.

### PING-PONG TOURNNEY

The Men's Hillel Ping-Pong tournament, semestery gathering of Jewish Ping-Pong elite, is off to an auspicious start with one of the largest sign-ups in history.

Following the practice inaugurated in the Spring semester the winner will be awarded a silver loving cup, and have his name inscribed on a large permanent trophy at Hillel.

The tournament will serve to name the number one player of the Foundation and indicate what material will be available for the intra-mural team competition. Hillel, winners of both the American and National league trophies last semester is planning on getting a second leg on the perpetual trophy, symbolic of All University Champions, now in their possession, by repeating their success of last season.

The Calendar of all Hillel sport activities will be posted on the new Bulletin board for sports in Ping-Pong room.

### DRAMATICS

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The officers of the Hillel Dramatics Committee this semester are Thelma Samuely and Betty Chemnick, chairmen, and Jeanette Lubliner, secretary. Such old veterans as Irving Moss, Nathan Gilbert and Yale Rosenfeld will again support Hillel Dramatics. Louis Gonick will supervise the directing and producing.

The Hillel Players are giving their hearty support to the propaganda play "Peace on Earth", to be produced in the Campus Theatre, on the 27th and 28th of September. The play is worthy of the consideration of college students interested in timely problems. Tickets are on sale in the office — priced at 25c, 50c, and 75c.

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## What's What

The fall semester has started off with the proverbial "bang" for all the fraternities and sororities. With rushing over, everyone can now settle down to a semester of study (?). A full social calendar, is prepared, honoring the "nuggets" received as a result of a successful rush season.

Alpha Epsilon Phi and Phi Sigma Sigma are honoring their pledges, Sept. 11 and 12 respectively, at open houses to introduce them to all the "young eligibles".

Phi Sigma Sigma had a scholarship dinner Sept. 2. The newly acquired Scholarship cup was awarded to Jeanne Lewis, '36.

Sigma Delta entertained their pledges at a Chinese Tea Sept. 7.

Kappa Nu, after a very successful rush season, is having their pledge dance at the Chapter House, Sept. 21, honoring their "catches". They gave a very swanky initiation at the St. Francis Hotel, Sept. 7. The initiates were: Edgar Krieger, Reynold Cohn, Herman Wiener, Simeon Levinson, Ellis Jacobs and Lloyd Wertheimer. A new policy is being inaugurated, that of having phonograph dances every Saturday night. So, girls, there's still a chance for a KN dance, because you can try, try again.

The Phi Beta Delta's are giving their pledge dance at the Chapter House Sept. 28. It is expected to be a big success. Their initiation was held at the Chapter House Sept. 9. Those honored were: Milt Pollock, and Morris Fishkis. The Mother's Club are having a luncheon and meeting on Sept. 18.

The Zeta Beta Tau are holding their pledge dance Sept. 28. On Sept. 15, initiation will take place. The neophytes being Al Baer, Joe Newfield, Bill Goodman, and Frank Morris.

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## The Month in Brief

Sept. 11, Wednesday, 8 p. m. — First of Weinstein lecture series on "The Jewish Problem".  
 Theme — "The Statement of the Problem".  
 Sept. 13, Friday, 8:30 p. m. — Friday Evening Fireside Discussion.  
 Theme — "Life in Soviet Russia".  
 Speaker — Emanuel Gonick, just returned after 4½ years in Moscow.  
 Sept. 15, Sunday, 8:30 p. m. — Sunday evening social.  
 Sept. 16, Monday, 4:15 p. m. — Student Council Meeting.  
 Sept. 17, Tuesday, 8 p. m. — Hillel Open Forum. Constitution Day.  
 Theme — "Is the Constitution Sacred?"  
 Speaker — Dr. Geo. P. Hedley.  
 Sept. 18, Wednesday, 8 p. m. — Second of the Weinstein lectures.  
 Theme — "The Assimilationist Way Out".  
 Sept. 20, Friday, 8:30 p. m. — Friday Evening Fireside Discussion.  
 Theme — "Jews in Germany".  
 Sept. 24, Tuesday, 4 to 6 p. m. — Open House.  
 Sept. 24, Tuesday, 8 p. m. — Debate — Congress vs. Hillel.  
 Theme — "Resolved: That the U. S. shall not participate in the Berlin Olympics."  
 Sept. 25, Wednesday, 8 p. m. — Third of the Weinstein lecture series.  
 Theme — "The Nationalist Solution."  
 Sept. 27, Friday, 8 p. m. — New Year services at Temples Sinai and Beth Abraham, Oakland.  
 Sept. 28, Saturday, 10 a. m. — New Year services at Temples Sinai and Beth Abraham, Oakland.  
 Sept. 29, Sunday, 8:30 p. m. — Sunday evening social.  
 Sept. 30, Monday, 4:15 p. m. — Student Council Meeting.

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## Students To Be Admitted To Oakland Synagogues During High Holy Days

Following the procedure of last year, the Hillel Foundation has arranged with the liberal congregation of Oakland, Temple Sinai and the conservative congregation Temple Beth Abraham, to extend the courtesies of their houses of worship to the Jewish students registered on the Berkeley Campus. Rabbi William Stern of Temple Sinia and Rabbi David Cohen of Beth Abraham have been most cordial in their cooperation with the Hillel Foundation in the plan to accommodate Jewish students on the forthcoming holy days. Rosh Hashanah service begins Friday evening, Sept. 27th. There will be a Saturday morning service Sept. 28th, and the observance of a second day service on Sunday, Sept. 29th.

Service for the eve of Yom Kippur will be held Sunday evening, Oct. 6th, and Monday Oct. 7th.

Students applying at the office of the Foundation will be given tickets admitting them either to the services at Temple Sinai or Temple Beth Abraham. These attractive houses of worship with specially augmented choirs and holiday messages calculated to stimulate hope and courage in a trying time, ought to make an extraordinary appeal to the Jewish student group.

### "Students To Be Excused"

Dear Dr. Merritt:

Referring to the Jewish Holy Days that will fall within this semester, 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.

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## Hillel House Committee Bitten By Amateur Bug

The Amateur Nite Bug has at last bitten Hillel. Under the leadership of Joseph Krinsky, '37, the Hillel House Committee will present its first Amateur Nite on Sunday, Sept. 29th. To insure keen competition the committee is offering a \$2.50 cash award as first prize, not to mention very valuable second and third prizes. Competition open to singers, dancers, crooners, dramatists, and Yo-Yo artists; as individual or group acts. All wishing to participate please get in touch with Joseph Krinsky by phoning Glencourt 9903 or Berkeley 7793 or by leaving their names at the office at Hillel Foundation.

Music for dancing will be furnished by the Hillel orchestra. Refreshments will be served. Everybody is invited either as a participant or spectator. Remember the date — Sept. 29th, 8:30 p. m. to 12:00 p. m.

## Hillel Chorus

The Hillel Chorus is in its second year, under the direction of Sylvain Bernstein, '35.

Last year the Chorus functioned very efficiently, especially at the religious services. Its members attended the opera in a body, and were the guests of the Student Council at its annual banquet. More varied activities are being planned for this semester. It is hoped that all those who are interested will immediately get in touch with Sylvain Bernstein.

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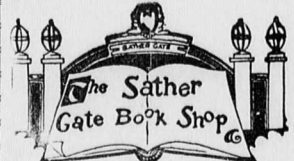
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## B'nai Brith Hillel Call

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## The New Hillel House

Hillel House presents an inviting and refreshing appearance to the Jewish student body. As a student has well expressed it, "Hillel has had its face lifted." Advantage was taken of the summer months to completely renovate and rehabilitate the interior of Hillel House. To the increasing number of visitors who come to Hillel from California and beyond its borders we shall be able to show this rehabilitated Hillel without the necessity of indulging in apologies. And to the increasing number of Hillelites for whom Hillel has become the favorite gathering place, it is our hope that the new outfitting will bring pleasure and satisfaction.

Generous friends of Hillel have made possible this transformation. The B'nai Brith Grand Lodge of District No. 4, the San Francisco Auxiliary of the Women's Grand Lodge, the San Francisco, Unity, California and Oakland Lodges of the B'nai Brith, the Committee of Fifty of the San Francisco Lodge and the California Alliance of Jewish Women all contributed to the Renovation Fund.

Dingy rooms have given place to smooth, harmoniously decorated walls. The dark woodwork with its dingy note gleams with silver gray. The floors have been sanded, refinished and polished. Attractive shades and colorful drapes decorate the windows. Fireplace, library and game rooms boast new equipment. Hillel House through the generosity of its friends has been made a genuinely attractive centre.

Dingy surroundings and shabby quarters are not calculated to foster house pride. But a rehabilitated centre with an aesthetic appeal calls for a New Deal. We ask for student co-operation to keep Hillel House in its present satisfying condition. We feel that there will be no patience with the few students who in the past have indulged themselves in playful house wrecking habits. We have a right to ask that the student group shall show the same consideration for everything within Hillel's walls as would be shown to the furnishings within one's own house.

## Looking Back on Germany

By Dr. Lebovosky

History will record the heroic attempt of the German Jew to meet his fate and conquer it mainly by his own forces. Being made out by his enemy as a parasite, coward, traitor, swindler and exploiter, he has had the courage to submit himself to a most searching self-analysis, unmercifully trying to bring to his own light all faults and shortcomings which may have given his enemy a basis in fact for his assaults.

It is therefore a most refreshing spectacle to see in this Germany of today, where the voice of reason and truth is submerged by tumultuous militarism, one element — the Jew — seriously searching for the truth and accepting it, even though it may be most painful to him. The days and evenings are filled with the powerful sermons of the famous rabbi, Dr. Joachim Prinz, throughout the country, and with the speeches of the Zionist and Non-Zionist leaders who tell their fellow people to turn on themselves in this important and dangerous hour. And thousands are listening to them pensively and composed.

The new order has closed to the Jew many avenues leading to his accustomed vocations and professions. It is almost impossible for the population of the Western Democracies, even with their best will, to visualize the tremendous mental difficulties resulting from this situation in Germany, where class conventions and restrictions and social prejudices had always exerted an overwhelming influence. It needs a superhuman will power of this Jewish generation, who once knew prosperity, to overthrow the local traditions, and to turn courageously and joyfully, without long bemoaning its lost opportunities, to other endeavors, often physical labor and handicraft. The youngest people call themselves pioneers and express by this word their willingness to subordinate themselves to the welfare and solidarity of the whole. They want to prove by their example that the highest satisfactions of human life, true service and independence, may be found everywhere, even in the role of a gardener, a cow milker or an artisan.

Now the reasons will be obvious, why the anti-semitic delirium of Julius Streicher, von Leers and others rises to such heights as the last, almost senseless phantastic accusations. They promulgate a pamphlet which says that the Jewish doctors, beginning from the late Professor Ehrlich, are poisoning on purpose the German population. By this horrible campaign, which even brought forward a public protest of the German Medical Association, they want to counteract the combined result of the heroic good will of the Jews and the untroubled common sense of a German minority.

There is no doubt: if self-criticism and solidarity will continue among the German Jews, help from outward will join their self-help, and they will come out of their present distress, however large will be their sacrifices not only in property, but in lives, and however terrible will be their moral conflict and dilemma during a possible future war.

### Scholarship Standards

We register a deep sense of satisfaction at the publication of the University's scholarship records for the organized houses. For the first time a Jewish fraternity leads all the fraternities on the campus in scholarship average while a Jewish sorority likewise leads all the women's groups. That is a joint distinction of which we have reason to be properly proud.

This fine showing goes far to disprove the charges of the present day critics of collegians that organized houses are mainly concerned with providing their members with social diversion and are instituted with a view to making the University course a pleasant four years' loaf. It is gratifying to note the deepening seriousness that is animating our Jewish student groups. Excellence in Scholarship and high rating in University courses is another way of earning the right to carry the old title, "The People of the Book".

### Library

Library hours: 2 to 5 daily.  
The following new books have been added to the Hillel library:  
Bergson, Henri — "Morality and Religion."  
Cinchy, Everett — "All in the Name of God."  
Davenport, Guiles — "Zaharoff."  
Fechtwanger, Lion — "Marianne in India and seven other Tales."  
Frank, Bruno — "A Man Called Cervantes."  
Goldberg, David — "Sussman Sees It Through."  
Graves, Robert — "Claudius the God."

### Fireside Forum

Toward the end of last semester, there was organized at Hillel a student discussion group meeting on Friday nights. This was so successful that it has been decided to continue them this semester. Nathan Gilbert has been named chairman and discussion leader, and he asks the cooperation and participation of all students who are interested in the discussion of topics of current import.

The first meeting was held on Friday evening, September 13th. "Social Life in Russia" was the theme for discussion. The next meeting will be held on Friday, September 20th, at 8:30 p. m. The topic for discussion has not yet been announced.

Hardy, W. G. — "Abraham Prince of Ur."  
Lania, Leo — "Land of Promise."  
Laski, Harold J. — "The State in Theory and Practice."  
Loeb, Harold — "The Chart of Plenty."  
Ludwig, Emil — "Hindenburg."  
Lyons, Eugene — "Moscow Carroussel."  
Mann, Thomas — "Young Joseph."  
Nardi, Noah — "Zionism and Education in Palestine."  
Neumann, Alfred — "Another Caesar."  
Petrie, Flinders — "Palestine and Israel."  
Reichinstein, David — "Albert Einstein."  
Revusky, A. — "Jews in Palestine."  
Saminsky, Lazare — "Music of the Ghetto and the Bible."  
Sanger, Margaret — "Happiness in Marriage."  
Tenenbaum, Joseph — "Races, Nations and Jews."  
Zweig, Stefan — "Mary Queen of Scotland and the Isles."