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## Hillel Widens Scope as Club Begins Year

### Interests of Organization Branch Out in New Directions

With its aim to make the Jewish students of the University of Iowa one coherent, organized group, the Hillel club is beginning its seventh year on the campus with a wider scope of activities than ever before.

Formerly the club functioned only as a social organization. Now, under the direction of Dr. Moses Jung of the School of Religion, it is attempting to go further and in all its work will try to submerge the individual groups that have composed it into one unified enterprise seeking to establish a Jewish consciousness on the campus.

One mixer has already been held and another is being planned for Dad's Day. During the year other parties will be held, speakers will address the club, and programs will be given—all with the ultimate aim in view.

For the first time in the history of the club, a newspaper "The Hillel Forum," has been published. The paper, which records all phases of Jewish activities on the campus as well as current Jewish events outside of the college, is issued under the direction of an editorial board composed of Herman Smith of Des Moines, Harry Druker of Marshalltown, and Louise E. Wolk of Des Moines.

Dr. Jung has put at the disposal of the students a library made up of fiction, biography, and history of Jewish and general interest. The books will be available in his office and a librarian will check them out to the students.

A speaker's bureau has been organized and will supervise sending students of the university to various temples and synagogues to speak during the Christmas holidays.

Officers of the club for this year include Harry Druker of Marshalltown, president; Stanley Swartzman of Des Moines, vice president; Alfred Ziffren of

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### Welcome Dads

It is a pleasure to welcome you to the campus of the University of Iowa.

We shall be glad for you to accompany your sons and daughters to the classroom, the stadium and also to Hillel activities.

It is becoming more and more recognized that a University education needs the rich background that is afforded by home traditions and a religious life.

We are attempting to provide for the Jewish students by our Hillel activities, which at present are not as frequent and varied as the growing student body on this campus would require, a complement to the university education.

Our main trouble is lack of accommodation.

We hope you will be able to accept our invitation and be with us next Sunday at the special Hillel Dad's Day program.

We are anxious to take counsel with you and to get your cooperation in our endeavor to establish a Jewish Student center on our campus.

Shalom!

## Hillel Club Plans Party to Observe Annual Dad's Day

Dad's Day at the University of Iowa will be observed by the Jewish students when the Hillel club honors its Dads with a mixer in the Liberal Arts drawing room Sunday afternoon, Nov. 10 at 2:00.

Dr. Moses Jung of the School of Religion and Harry Druker, president of the club, will give informal talks and a program by members of the club will follow.

Those who will take part in the program are Lester Goldman and William Rozen who will give a banjo and singing act, Robert Fishbein, who will play several violin solos, Clarence Ossen, who will play the piano, Joe Alter who will tap dance, and Lazar Kaplan who will give a reading.

Members of the social committee of the Hillel club will be hosts at the affair and all guests of Hillel members are invited.

## Famous Rabbi Urges Jewish Student Center

### Philipson Believes This Will Make for Better Understanding

Advocating centralization as a requisite of strength, Rabbi David Philipson of the Rockdale Avenue Temple of Cincinnati, who spoke at university vespers, Oct. 27, declared himself strongly in favor of a Jewish student center on this campus to foster friendship as well as understanding.

"The University of Iowa campus would be greatly helped by the establishment of a Jewish center," he said.

"Such an institution Rabbi Philipson should provide opportunity of all kinds for religious and social activities. I have no doubt that it will contribute powerfully to the promotion of fine Jewish spirit on the campus."

In his vespers address Rabbi Philipson, speaking on "Up From Nature" discussed primitive nature religion and contrasted it with the Bible's emphasis on Ethical monotheism and its urge to subdue nature in the interests of a higher form of life.

The present tendency to unbridled license observed in certain literary and moral circles he branded as a return to primitive religion, to nature worship and declared that an equal measure of joyousness and self denial will help the individual in his trend "up from nature."

Following the vesper service Prof. and Mrs. Jung were hosts at a reception in honor of Rabbi Philipson where students, faculty members, and townspeople were given the opportunity to meet and talk to the man who is one of the best known rabbis in the country. He has been a rabbi for 45 years and is the author of numerous books as well as being co-writer of the Jewish Encyclopedia.



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## HILLEL COMES OF AGE

Hillel at Iowa is no longer merely a promise; it is a fact.

Hillel has thrown off its swaddling clothes; it stands now at the threshold of a career of service.

Scarcely a half-decade old, Hillel, fired with the enthusiasm of youth, embarks this fall on a program which, by whatever standards one cares to measure, is designed to meet to the fullest its obligation as a means of furthering the interests of Jewish students on the Iowa campus.

Is it in things social that the need lies? Hillel's first mixer of the season is scarcely a taste of what is in store. Our far-sighted and energetic representative on the school of religion faculty, Dr. Moses Jung, is already actively interested in establishing for the Jewish group on the campus a student center similar to those which have long been available for various other denominational groups. Dad's Day, Nov. 9, will find the club in the role of host to the fathers of its members, and a special effort is already being put forth to bring the parents of Jewish students to the university for the event.

Is it in furthering the acquaintance of Jewish students with the cultural achievements of their race, that Hillel is to find its most important role? Programs are in preparation; speakers will be brought to Iowa City; and in this same student center which is already much nearer to reality than to vision, there will be a most effective agency. A library of books with a particular appeal to Jewish students is to be established at the school of religion offices until such time as it can be housed in the student center. For the religious holidays of the Jewish calendar, special services are planned for those students unable to return to their homes.

Is an agency of material help most needed? Hillel is to co-operate this year in the Y. M. C. A. campaign, and a student loan fund is to be administered under its supervision.

Is it to help the Jewish student fit into the campus life of which he is a part

that Hillel is to be of greatest service? It is farthest from the club's aim to bring about a segregation and an isolation of the Jewish group, but how can these students better find representation in the university's activities, how more effectively win for themselves recognition as a vital and constructive unit of campus life, than through the united force which is theirs to command in Hillel.

## The Jewish Student

As students we are interested in any and all forms of culture. As Jews we are more or less interested in matters that concern us. As Jewish students, it is our intellectual and moral obligation to concern ourselves with the manifestations of the human spirit in Jewish garb. We are not to consider ourselves either as students or as Jews unless we maintain a positive attitude toward Jewish culture which has its niche in the Parthenon of the world's civilization.

Too often has Jewish "culture" been associated exclusively with the elementary tract and the temporary life and business insurance taken out for a whole year on Rosh Hoshanah and Yom Kippur. Jewish culture embraces the Hebrew language and its literature; the social customs, traditions, and ideals, and the religion of the Jewish people.

Up to a few years ago the interests of the Jewish student lay in all fields excepting his own. Whereas, every Frenchman, Englishman, German and the like, steep himself first of all in his own culture—and then branches out into world culture. At last, the Jewish student has awakened to his self-respect and his Jewish culture at the same time. The awakening was brought about as a result of the post-war nationalism; a renewed anti-semitism; the romantic and adventurous appeal of Zionism; the granting of minority rights to cultural groups and other causes.

Those who have found themselves and their place once more in the midst of the Jewish people have emphasized one thing—that the Jews of the world can obtain self-preservation only by maintaining themselves as a cultural entity among the larger groups among whom they live. It, therefore, devolves upon the Jewish student to take upon his shoulders the burden of preserving his people.

A thorough study of, and the steeping oneself in, the Hebrew language, literature, customs, and ideals will bring about not a miraculous but the expected renaissance and survival of the Jewish people. This opportunity is now offered to Jewish students as an accredited part of their course of study in such Ameri-

# Moses Jung Is New Hillel Club Advisor

## Former Illinois Faculty Man on Religion School Staff

The school of religion has gained a new Jewish representative and the Jewish students have gained a new friend and advisor with the addition of Prof. Moses Jung to the faculty at the beginning of this year. Prof. Jung represents the Jews in the school of religion and teaches several courses in Old Testament history, Hebrew, and Jewish problems. He is the



Prof. Moses Jung  
faculty advisor for the Hillel club.

Coming from the Hillel Foundation at the University of Illinois where he was professor of religious education for five years, Professor Jung was educated at London university, Cambridge university, the University of Vienna, the University of Berlin, and Dropsie college in Philadelphia. During the summer of 1928 he was director of the Hillel summer school at the University of Wisconsin.

He is the American contributing editor to the Jewish Encyclopedia and has been the examiner in Hebrew at the University of Illinois. He is a former executive member of the American Oriental society, a member of the American Academy for Jewish research and the author of "The Principles of Jewish Law," a comparative study in social legislation.

can universities as Iowa, Harvard, Yale, and Pennsylvania. Within time we look forward to seeing such courses as a regular part of the curricula of all American high schools and colleges. The movement to introduce these courses is now on foot sponsored by a national Jewish student youth organization.

Your path is clear and undeniably! Your place is side by side with the pioneer Jewish student who has heard the call and has seen the light.

With greetings of Mazeltov in your task of carving out a glorious future for our people and with best wishes for the continued publication of your new organ, The Hillel Forum.

Rabbi Max Schenk,  
Temple Judah,  
Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

## First Hillel Mixer Draws Large Group of Students, Friends

An unusually large attendance marked the first get-together of all the Jewish students on the campus Sunday, Oct. 10 in the River room of Iowa Union. Organized and unorganized students, freshmen and old hands, members of the faculty and representative out of town guests made up the gathering. It was a splendid inauguration of what promises to be a valuable Hillel activity during the coming year.

Harry Druker, president of the club, introduced Dr. Moses Jung, the new professor of religion, who emphasized the importance of the organization and appealed to the students for co-operation in making it a useful and forceful unit on the campus.

A. Adelman gave piano numbers, H. Bromberg played the banjo, and Lazar Kaplan entertained with tap dancing. Refreshments were served at the close of the evening.

The mixer was in charge of the executive council of the Hillel club which includes Harry Druker, Stanley Swartzman, Alfred Ziffren, Helen Whitebook, Natalie Schoen, Herman Smith, Louise Wolk, Sylvia Fox, Anne Kimmel, and Herbert Lieberman.

## Sorority Gives Tea for Girls

The committee in charge of organizing Gamma Theta Phi, the Jewish sorority, entertained the Jewish women on the campus at tea at Iowa Union Oct. 6.

Mrs. Nate Chapman, sponsor, poured, and Natalie Schoen, president, Cecille Schwartz, vice president, Helen Whitebook, secretary, and Anne Kimmel assisted as hostesses. Beside the thirty students who were present, Mrs. Moses Jung, Miss Emma Felsenthal, Mrs. Herman Smith, Mrs. Charles Schoen of Cedar Rapids, and Irene Brady were guests.

Harold Friedman, Phi Epsilon Pi, won second place in the interfraternity cross country meet Oct. 29.

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Rock Island, Ill., secretary; and Helen Whitebook of Council Bluffs, treasurer.

The social committee is made up of Stanley Swartzman, chairman; Cecille Schwartz of Chicago, Max Gralnek of Newton, Cornelia Oransky of Cedar Rapids, and Maurice Cliffer of Cedar Rapids.

The library committee, in charge of the books in the circulating library, includes Natalie Schoen of Cedar Rapids, chairman; Tillie Spiwak of Ottumwa, Rose Worton of Iowa City, and Cornelia Oransky of Cedar Rapids.

The publications committee, which takes charge of clerical work in connection with the Hillel Forum, is composed of Johanna Schenk of Cedar Rapids, chairman; Eugenie and Natalie Schoen of Cedar Rapids, Ethel Estherman of Waterloo, Esther Gralnek of Marshalltown, Rose Worton of Iowa City, and Sylvia Fox of New York, N. Y.

Appointments to the committee on the speaker's bureau have not yet been completed but Sylvia Fox and Harold Saks of Council Bluffs will serve in this connection.

## Schwartz Out for Team

Joseph Schwartz of Chicago, is one of the most promising candidates for the varsity basketball squad. Schwartz, who won his freshmen numerals last year, is out for a guard position.

## Iowa Men Entertain

Russell Goldman and Lazar Kaplan, who attended the Iowa-Wisconsin football game two weeks ago, took part in the vaudeville show sponsored by the Hillel Foundation of the University of Wisconsin while they were in Madison.

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## Rosenwald to Offer Prizes

Prizes totaling \$15,000 have been offered by Julius Rosenwald, outstanding Jewish philanthropist, for the best essay on "The Future Of American Judaism," written by an undergraduate student in any college or seminary in the country. The essays must range in length from 15,000 to 35,000 words.

Mr. Rosenwald is also sponsoring another essay contest for the general public. This contest, which will be on the same subject, calls for essays of from 15,000 to 100,000 words, and will be awarded a prize of \$10,000.

Judges for both contests include Dr. Lee Frankel of New York, Elisha M. Friedman of New York, Prof. Nathan Isaacs of Harvard, Judge Irving Lehman of New York, and Judge Horace Stern of Philadelphia.

Headquarters for the Julius Rosenwald Prize Essays committee is in the Federation building, 71 West 47th street, New York. The essays in both contests must be in the hands of the committee by Dec. 31, 1930.

Anyone who is interested in obtaining more detailed information regarding the contest may do so by seeing Dr. Jung in the school of religion.

## Goldman Is Injured

Lester Goldman of Des Moines, captain of the university tennis team, fractured his elbow last week playing touch football.

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## Currier Girls Plan Work of Several Kinds

A wide variety of subjects attract the 13 Jewish girls who are living at Currier Hall, university residence for women, this year. Although eight of them are freshmen they all have definitely decided what they will major in.

Two of the girls plan to take commerce, one is a junior in the college of medicine, and one is a pre-medic. Several are planning to teach, one will do personnel work, and two are interested in art.

## Phi Beta Delta Wins Honors in Intramurals

Rivalry between fraternities, comparable only to that of rush week, arose in athletics last year. All teams entered in the intramural meets worked to gain possession of the trophies offered to the winners.

Phi Beta Delta alone, of all the other Greek letter organizations, enjoyed more than a fair degree of success. To it is credited the winning of the basketball, soccer, and tennis championships. Besides the acquisition of these three major titles, it placed third in the cross-country run, second in volley ball, and fourth in swimming. Lack of numbers was its only obstacle in obtaining the Participation Point trophy.

Outstanding men of the various teams were Benjamin Abramowitz, Ben Steinberg, Milton Silon, Louis Williams, Morris Margolin, Sam Bernson, and Edwin Friedman.

## Phi Epsilon Pi Hosts to Girls at Dinner

Phi Epsilon Pi entertained the Iowa Jewish co-eds at a dinner at the Phi Ep chapter house Friday, October 11. Approximately thirty-five girls attended. Chaperons for the affair were Dr. and Mrs. Arthur Steindler, and Mrs. Nate Chapman.

It has been the custom of the fraternity to entertain the women of the campus at a dinner every year, in an effort to create a means of acquaintanceship and better understanding among the new students of the university. Stanley G. Swartzman and Ben Hochenberg were in charge of the affair.

### Contributions Invited

All members of the Hillel club are urged to contribute to The Hillel Forum. Personal items, society items, news of Jewish activities on the campus, interesting extra-curricular activities and book reviews of club members are welcomed. Bring or send all contributions to room 108, Natural Science building.

## Hillel Library Receives Books

Twelve new books have been added to the Hillel library this week and are available to the members of the club. The books include "The Island Within" by Ludwig Lewisohn; "Words That Passed" by Sachs; "Now It Can Be Told," by Philip Gibbs; "Dodsworth," by Sinclair Lewis; "Travels in North Africa" by Slonschz; "Joseph Pulitzer" by Don C. Seitz; "The Jew in Drama," by Landa; "The Jew in English Fiction," by David Philipson; "The House with the Green Shutters," by Brown; "Why I Am a Jew," by Edmund Fleg; "Mohammed" by R. F. Dibble; "The Foundations of Jewish Ethics," by A. H. Heller.

The library is temporarily located in the School of Religion seminar. Library hours will be posted in the official bulletin in The Daily Iowan.

## Rose Cohen to Act as Assistant to Prof. Jung in Hillel Club

Rose Cohen of Des Moines has been selected by Professor Jung as his assistant in the organization of the Hillel work.

She will keep in touch with the various committees, she will coordinate their work, and will take charge of the miscellaneous duties in connection with the Hillel program for the year.

Miss Cohen has had experience in this sort of work at the University of Minnesota and the University of Pittsburgh.

## Enrollment of Jewish Group Shows Growth

The number of Jewish students on the campus this year has surpassed all previous records. We now have about 230 men and women who are enrolled in colleges ranging from medicine to liberal arts. From as far east as New York and Massachusetts and from as far west as Nebraska, to say nothing of the numerous native sons, students have come to the University of Iowa for their college work.

Two fraternities, one medical fraternity, and a sorority, which is now being organized, help make a richer social life for the students.

On the faculty we are represented by Emma Felsenthal, the medical librarian, Dr. Arthur Steindler, head of the children's hospital, and Prof. Moses Jung, of the school of religion.

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