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IDEAS ON PROBLEM OF
JEWS AT UNIVERSITY**

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Nathan J. Gould,
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Dear Sir:

In reference to your editorial of January 4, 1924, on "Bringing Judaism to the College Student," you have struck a chord of interest to me as I am one of the mass of students at the university.

First, in behalf of the students here and personally I wish to congratulate the broad-minded people of Illinois for their interest in the students and their institution of the Hillel Foundation. Let us hope it will be a success, as it will.

Second, I believe you are a bit hard on the students themselves. The young folks at college might appear to shun any attempts to arouse Jewish consciousness simply because that stimulus was administered in the wrong way. There are certain things which appeal to the young Jew of today and these things are necessary to hold his attention. It would be absolutely impracticable to expect a group of young people to meet for discussion in an orthodox temple. These young people would feel out of place there, and the people of that institution usually do not understand these young folks well enough to come half way on the things they would want to do. To be specific, it would be almost useless to ask for the vestry rooms of the orthodox temple for a dance or party—could you imagine a group of young students enjoying themselves with their caps and hats on; and that is the rule which would be set down by the congregation. That is a very insignificant matter, but it will serve to bring out the point. To hold the student's attention the welfare worker must put himself in the student's place and look out of the window besides looking in.

Thirdly, I am not a fraternity man, but I do believe you are wrong about the "Jewish fraternity," as you put it. The young men in these groups do not develop a type of snobbery toward anything Jewish. It is not true, their fraternity is based on the idea of union for the strengthening of the people, Our People. It is only through organized groups as the fraternity could one accomplish anything of good for the advancement of the knowledge of the Jewish people. These groups are already organized and it would be very easy to get literature to them and at the same time

get in touch with more students. These young men and women who belong to these groups are of the same nature as the rest, and the whole mass of students do not shun any extra campus activity which would identify them as Jews.

Last, when you say that "we in Milwaukee and the rest of the state have forgotten them completely as Jews," you have hit the nail on the head. It is the most disgusting feeling that the people of the state have for the students. They forget all about them, but have time enough

to contribute for a dormitory fund for the students at Cincinnati. As I understand it there are seventy students there and about seven fraternities. Each fraternity has its own house and every man is provided for. Here at Madison when the students wish to meet on a Sunday morning or an evening during the week they must go through a lot of red tape incorporated with this institution to procure such a place. Now that the people of the state are through giving for the boys at the college, let them launch a state-wide campaign for a community house for the Jewish students at the university.

I hope that the Chronicle will investigate the conditions as they exist and be a leader in their rectification.

Very truly yours,
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