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First members of Zeta Beta Tau at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in 1911. The chapter was declared “inactive” in 1927. *Left to right, front row:* Charles L. Gabriel ’11, Isidore Spector ’11, Ben Munch ’11. *Top row:* Jacob S. Wise ’12, A. J. “Buck” Freedman ’12, Nathan Levy ’11. (Zeta Beta Tau Archives)
At McGill University in Montreal in 1913, members of the founding chapter of the Greek-letter Zeta Beta Tau fraternity pose with their mentor, Rabbi Herman Abramowitz (with mustache, seated sixth from left). Abramowitz, one of the founders of the original Zionist-oriented ZBT Society in New York in 1898, served as president of the United Synagogue of America and was honorary vice-president of the Zionist Organization of Canada. (Zeta Beta Tau Archives)

Members of Phi Epsilon Pi fraternity at the University of Maine pose on the porch of their chapter house in the late fall of 1919. Maurice Jacobs '17 of this chapter went on to become the executive head of the fraternity for over forty years, a part of his life as a major figure in the American Jewish communal and cultural world and head of the Jewish Publication Society. (Zeta Beta Tau Archives)
The eight of twelve invited City College friends who came to the home of Hyman "Hij" Jacobson in New York the night of November 26, 1909, and founded Sigma Alpha Mu. Seizing upon the symbolism of eight, the young men decided to call their governing body and their publication "the Octagon." (Sigma Alpha Mu Archives)
"The Founders' Bench" from City College of New York's Lincoln Corridor. Fraternities and student organizations of all kinds would gather at benches such as these during lunch hour to hold their meetings. SAM's earliest members gathered at this one from 1909 onward. It was a gift from the college on the occasion of the fraternity's fiftieth anniversary in 1959 and is now on permanent display at the SAM national office in Carmel, Indiana. (Sigma Alpha Mu Archives)

The founders and first pledge class of Phi Sigma Delta at the University of Denver in 1921. (Zeta Beta Tau Archives)
The founders of Sigma Delta Tau at Cornell University in 1917. Counterclockwise from top right: Regene Freund Cohane, Grace Srenco Grossman, Lenore Rubinow, Inez Dane Ross, Marian Gerber Greenberg, Dora Bloom Turteltaub, and Amy Apfel Tishman. (Sigma Delta Tau Archives)

Banquet to mark the installation of Zeta Beta Tau’s new chapter at the University of California at Los Angeles, April 1, 1927. (Zeta Beta Tau Archives)
The founders of Alpha Epsilon Phi at Barnard College in 1909. The group's first meeting was held in the dormitory room of Helen Phillips. Tina Hess, a history major, was elected the first president, with Ida Beck as treasurer and Stella Strauss as secretary. Rose Salmowitz, the Greek scholar of the group, proposed the name of the sorority, from the Greek *Aei Esto Philia*: “may friendship be everlasting.” (Alpha Epsilon Phi Archives)
At the University of Washington in Seattle in 1921. Here the local Jewish fraternity Alpha Mu Sigma has just petitioned to join Zeta Beta Tau and is hosting the national representative at dinner. Many chapters of national Jewish fraternities were formed from such pre-existing “locals” that had already operated for years with their own houses and board plans. This group was accepted into ZBT the following year. 
Pictured from left to right: Harry Weinstein ’24, unidentified, Herbert Shafer ’25, Leon D. Dover ’25, Hyman O. Solomon ’23, Ben Z. Levin ’21, Samuel L. Fendel ’22, Arthur L. Sigmond ’22, Milton S. Malakoff’23, unidentified, Norman M. Burnett. “Lee” Dover did not stay with this chapter. He moved from Seattle to Los Angeles and graduated from the University of Southern California, eventually moving to New York, where he served as ZBT’s executive head for over thirty years. (Zeta Beta Tau Archives)
Chapter photo of Phi Sigma Delta at the University of Wisconsin, 1921–1922. (Zeta Beta Tau Archives)
At the University of Michigan in 1927, nine of ten graduating seniors pose by the Zeta Beta Tau chapter house in Ann Arbor. Those pictured include, far left, Mentor A. Krauss; second from left, Henry P. Bitker; far right, Robert Ullman; third from right, Richard Weil. Also in that class were Normal Freehling, Harold Newman, Mark Rolfe Jr., Ray Rosengarten, Julius Weinberg, and Stanton N. Meyer, who saved and probably took this picture.

At Western Reserve University in Cleveland in 1921, the founding chapter of Phi Sigma Delta fraternity. At center of bottom row sits Harry L. Wolpaw, the first chapter president, who became PSD's national president in October 1944. Harry's three brothers—Meyer, Benjamin, and Sidney—all attended Western Reserve and joined the fraternity also. The school federated with the Case Institute of Technology in 1967 to form today's Case Western Reserve University. (Zeta Beta Tau Archives)


Not only intercollegiate but also intramural sports were a way for Jewish students to win glory on the playing fields of their schools. Here at Syracuse University in 1921 the Sigma Alpha Mu basketball team is ready to participate in the Interfraternity League championships. Top row, left to right: Walter Rose '22, manager; John S. Barsha '20, coach; Fuchs, substitute; S. Polk Waskowitz '21. Bottom row: William R. Weinrib '21, guard; Samuel C. Suisman '21, forward; Captain Robert H. Esken '22, forward; Harry Herbert '27, guard. (Sigma Alpha Mu Archives)
The Sigma Alpha Mu chapter at Harvard University in 1921, one year before President A. Lawrence Lowell openly announced the possibility of setting a ten percent quota on Jewish enrollment there. The resulting scandal, in the words of one SAM member, would become "the bomb that shook American colleges." Top row, left to right: Henry J. Friendly '23, Julius M. Collins '23, Meyer Kestenbaum '21 (he eventually became a member of the Harvard Board of Overseers). Third row: Manuel Weisbuch '23, Gustave P. Heller '21, Samuel J. Rose '23, Fletcher G. Cohn '23, Russell P. Kantor '24, S. David Coleman '21. Second row: Sol A. Rosenblatt '22, A. Martin Sonnabend '17, James M. Arnstine '22, Emanuel J. Rosenberg '22, Paul R. Harmel '24, Samuel H. Maslon '20, S. Leo Solomont '18. Bottom row: Lawrence E. Spivak '21. (Sigma Alpha Mu Archives)
Sigma Alpha Mu at the City College of New York in 1925. While this group and several others among the Jewish fraternities enjoyed a place of honor as the “Alpha” or mother chapter of the national organization, over time income and class differences tended to widen between undergraduates attending CCNY and members and alumni from other universities. In 1934, during the Great Depression, a group of SAM alumni had to take up a collection in order to pay the initiation fees of the four men accepted into the City College chapter that year; the young men would have unable to join otherwise. (Sigma Alpha Mu Archives)

Members, friends, and relatives of Alpha Epsilon Pi's New York University Washington Square campus chapter frolic at the beach in the summer of 1921. (Alpha Epsilon Pi Archives)
Beginning in 1920 Alpha Epsilon Pi's New York University undergraduates and alumni pooled their resources to rent a summer bungalow at Beach 46th Street in the town of Edgemere in the Far Rockaway section of Long Island. Here members of the chapter are pictured in 1921 at the beach with their wives and girlfriends. Despite the casualness of the setting and the summer heat, most of the men have given no thought to removing their coats and ties. (Alpha Epsilon Pi Archives)

At first, the small and new Alpha Epsilon Pi fraternity was unable to afford lavish annual convention weekends at major hotels. They made do with no banquet at all or a single night at a restaurant. In time, however, AEPi moved up to the point that it, too, could hold its social events in hotels. Here the fraternity holds its convention dinner at the Hotel Martinique in New York, December 30, 1922. At the head table sit Milton Adler (Supreme Master), L. Siemon, L. Hamburger, Sidney Picker, Herman Rolnick, Maxwell Farber, Samuel Kahn, Philip Sohmer, Theodore R. Racoosin, Joseph Corin, and Jesse Safir. Also in the picture are Nathan Wolf and Isadore M. Glazer. (Alpha Epsilon Pi Archives)
Charter for the “Pi” or Harvard chapter of Sigma Omega Psi fraternity, signed by chapter president Frederick Katz on May 26, 1923. Charter members’ names appearing on the certificate include Joseph A. Cohen, Henry Levy, Lincoln Mekelburg, Lawrence Oppenheim, Benjamin Arthur Trustman, Alexander Ulin, and Robert Ulin. Founded at CCNY in 1914, Sigma Omega Psi as a national organization did not survive the Depression and merged with Alpha Epsilon Pi in 1940. Frederick Katz went on to become the Supreme Master of national AEPi. (Alpha Epsilon Pi Archives)
Phi Epsilon Pi's chapter "Alpha Zeta," or Harvard University chapter, in 1926. (Zeta Beta Tau Archives)

Members of Phi Epsilon Pi's Pennsylvania State College chapter at an outdoor gathering in September 1922. When the fraternity began its chapter there in 1915 with only four men taking agricultural courses, a national officer referred to Penn State as a "rough, uncouth, back-woods school" which nevertheless "has splendid possibilities." By 1925 the College had welcomed over 100 Jewish students, a number that swelled to 350 young men and women by 1939. (Zeta Beta Tau Archives)
Antisemitic leaflet that appeared on the NYU uptown campus the morning of March 20, 1923, when Menorah Society president Mitchell Salem Fisher '23 challenged Gentile fraternity control of the Junior Prom that effectively barred Jews from attending. Two more years of political work and the intervention of national Jewish defense agencies was necessary before Jewish students were able to dance at the NYU Prom. (New York University Archives)
At Syracuse University in 1920, the members of the “Iota” chapter of the Alpha Epsilon Phi sorority. (Alpha Epsilon Phi Archives)

The first national convention of Alpha Epsilon Phi, held in Charlevoix, Michigan, July 1924. More than 250 women attended. (Alpha Epsilon Phi Archives)