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Sabbath Services

Friday Evening, April 8, at 8 o'clock

RABBI HERBERT A. FRIEDMAN

will speak on:

"FREEDOM LEADS TO TORAH"

A Passover Sermon

Friday Evening, April 15, at 8 o'clock

RABBI IRVING MELAMED

Chief Chaplain of Chicago Jewish Federation

will speak on:

"THE LIFE AND TIMES OF FRANZ ROSENZWEIG"

Passover Services

Thursday, April 7, 10:30 a.m.

First Day of Passover

Wednesday, April 13, 10:30 a.m.

Yizkor Service

Sabbath Morning Services

11:15 a.m.

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April 8

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SERMON NOTES

"FREEDOM LEADS TO TORAH"

April 8

Every stage of achievement in life has certain prerequisites. Maturity requires growth. Wisdom is based upon experience and observation. This is as true for nations as for individuals. In order for the Jewish people to have received Torah it must first have obtained freedom. The precedent condition was indispensable. Without at least the first faltering steps toward emancipation from brutality, superstition and slavery, there would have been no environment in which to project morality, civilization and God.

Conversely, every stage of achievement contains the seed for still further advance. In itself it becomes the antecedent of still higher development. Just as freedom was necessary in order for Torah to be given, so Torah can lead to the complete emancipation of the human race. This is the universal message of Passover, which is a particular holiday for us, but which will someday be understood also as a holiday for all mankind.

H.A.F.

"THE LIFE AND TIMES OF FRANZ ROSENZWEIG"

April 15

One of the authentic religious voices of modern Jewish times is that of a man who died in 1929. Out of the maelstrom, confusion and conflict which marked both his inner and outer existence, there came a philosophy of Judaism to inspire the Jew of our century.

Franz Rosenzweig, born and raised in Germany, was in search of a faith and thought he had finally found it in Christianity. He paid his last visit to the Synagogue on Yom Kippur 1913, in order to take leave of Judaism. Caught in the beauty and mystic feeling of that Yom Kippur service he turned painfully back into the faith of his fathers to search there for the truths he sought.

As a soldier in the German Army, he fought on the Eastern Front. There he met Polish Jews for the first time in his life. They helped open his mind to the inner meaning of Judaism.

I.M.

YIZKOR SERVICE --- LAST DAY OF PASSOVER

Wednesday morning, April 13, 1955, 10:30 o'clock

The Yizkor list includes the names of all who have passed away since last Passover. If you wish to have any names added to this list, please call the Temple Office by Tuesday noon, April 12.

OUR NEW RABBI



RABBI DUDLEY WEINBERG

ACCEPTANCE MESSAGE FROM RABBI WEINBERG

"I have accepted the call to the rabbinic leadership of Temple Emanu-El B'ne Jeshurun, prayerfully, hopefully, and humbly. Together, and with God's help, we shall strive to carry on, and to enrich the splendid spiritual tradition which you and my distinguished predecessors in your pulpit have so nobly established.

My family and I look forward with joyous eagerness to our new life and our new work in Milwaukee.

We hope to be taken to your hearts as we shall take you to ours. May our shared endeavors be worthy of God's blessings, and may they redound to the glory of Israel and of mankind."

RABBI DUDLEY WEINBERG

WELCOME MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT

"We of Temple Emanu-El B'ne Jeshurun are very fortunate to have Rabbi Weinberg answer our call to be our spiritual leader. He is one of the great young leaders of Reform Judaism, and will bring to Milwaukee an inspiring pulpit presence, a rich background of culture and teaching, and a deep devotion to the needs of his congregation and his community."

E. R. PRINCE

RABBI IRVING MELAMED GUEST SPEAKER — April 15

The guest speaker at Sabbath services April 15 will be Rabbi Irving Melamed, who is the chief chaplain of the Chicago Jewish Federation. Author of the recently published book "The Jewish Prisoner", Rabbi Melamed visits and counsels with individuals in the many agencies connected with the Federation. His congregation thus consists of hospitals, old folks' homes, prisons and other institutions.

MEN'S CLUB ANNUAL MEETING

Wednesday Evening, April 20, 1955, at 8 o'clock

ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

followed by an

"ASK THE RABBI" SESSION

with

RABBI HERBERT A. FRIEDMAN

Movies will be shown of the year's activities
Come and see yourself in action pictures!

Women of the Congregation are cordially invited to attend.

Refreshments

SCHOOL SPRING RECESS

Classes in all departments of our Religious School will not meet Saturday and Sunday, April 9-10 and 16-17.

SEND UNIONGRAMS TODAY!

Call Mrs. Claire Krom, WO 2-7573 or Mrs. Robert Mann, WO 4-1038. Remember someone, somewhere today.

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FREEDOM LEADS TO TORAH

I. Pesach theme - from slavery to freedom.

"Therefore it is our duty to thank and praise Him who did all these miracles for our fathers and for ourselves. He has brought us forth from slavery to freedom, from sorrow to joy, from mourning to festive day, from darkness to a great light, and from subjection to redemption. Let us then recite before Him a new song - Hallelujah!

II. But it is not enough to talk merely of freedom and escape. Escape from what - and for what?

III. Sifre Deut. 32:

EXODUS leads to SINAI

FREEDOM leads to TORAH.

IV. Freedom can be simply license - the way it often is for children.

Freedom can result in waste of time, resources and talent - all of which can be frittered away.

Freedom must always be channelled to some end. It must lead to something, and must be accompanied by a sense of responsibility.

V. Theodore Gaster in his book on Pesach:

"Judaism does not believe in a passive freedom, but in an active redemption. A man is not free simply because he is not a slave. A man is free when he assumes responsibility for himself and when he fights for self-realization.

It is not because they went out of Egypt that Israel became a free people; it is because they set their faces toward Sinai.

It is important to remind ourselves that freedom is not to be won by the easy road of escape, but that it implies an active struggle for the realization of spiritual ideals and the mobilization of spiritual consciousness.

GERMAN PEOPLE as an example. They might have thought themselves to be free.

The answer to slavery is not absence of slavery, but militant struggle for independence. Men must be prepared to fight for their freedom without compromise and without capitulation. They must look not backward to Egypt but forward to the Promised Land, and they must be prepared to wander for 40 years in order to reach it."

VI. The Jew today is not in slavery anywhere - except in the Soviet Union. There he must still seek his Exodus.

Everywhere else, the Jew must face Sinai and beyond. Exodus, sheer physical escape, is behind him. This has been achieved.

VII. What use does the Jew make of his freedom?

What is the true freedom?

If freedom leads to Torah, what is the Torah for our day?

1. to continue to search for God, even though the way is dark.
2. to continue to believe in man, even though he seems to give no promise.
3. to continue to hold ethical ideals, even when these appear "impractical."
4. to continue to struggle for a just social order, even when this is unpopular.
5. to continue to rely on reason, even though it is often engulfed by passions.

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VIII. Custom of reading Hallel in two parts -

first part before the meal, and second part afterward. Why?

First part deals with the Exodus and second part deals with Future

Redemption. (Psalm 136 - Great Hallel)

