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Sunday, 10:30 a. m.

RABBI JAMES G. HELLER
OF CINCINNATI

will lecture on

**"WHAT IS AT STAKE
IN PALESTINE"**

Written questions answered from the pulpit

Friday evening
Twilight Service
5:30 to 6:00

Sabbath Morning
Service
11:00 to 12:00

Rabbi Brickner speaks over Radio Station WHK
every Sunday from 4:00 to 4:30 p. m.

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Rabbi Heller on Sunday

Rabbi James G. Heller of the Plum St. Temple, Cincinnati, will occupy our pulpit on Sunday morning, and speak on the subject: "What is at Stake in Palestine?"

Rabbi Heller's lecture ought to prove extremely helpful, in the light of the recent development in Palestine and the controversy aroused by the pronouncement of Dr. J. L. Magnes, President of the Hebrew University, Jerusalem.

Dr. Heller is President of the National Executive Committee of the American Zionist Organization, and one of the leading thinkers and orators in the American Rabbinate. Those who had the privilege of hearing him two years ago at the Parent-Teachers meeting, know that a rare treat is in store for the congregation.

Rabbi Brickner will read the service and introduce the speaker. He hopes that a very large congregation will greet our guest.

MEN'S CLUB

Round Table on Tuesdays

A large group of men attended the Round Table last Tuesday noon and had the pleasure of personally meeting Mr. Maurice Hindus and Dr. Lothrop Stoddard who were luncheon guests of the Round Table.

The Round Table meets every Tuesday at 12 o'clock noon at the Statler Hotel, with Rabbi Brickner leading the discussion. Rabbi Solomon Goldman of Chicago, formerly of the Jewish Center, will be our luncheon guest next Tuesday.

SISTERHOOD

Aimé Palliere on Chanukah

Aime Palliere, author of "The Unknown Sanctuary" will be the guest speaker at the Sisterhood open meeting for Chanukah on Tuesday, December 17th at 2:30 P. M., and has chosen for his subject "How I Found My Way to Judaism."

RABBI SOLOMON GOLDMAN

Formerly of the Jewish Center

will speak on

"THE RELIGION OF THE MODERN MAN"

The fifth address of the Lecture Course

Tuesday, December 10th

8:30 p. m.

in the Auditorium

Single admissions are available at the door

Mr. Emanuel Rosenberg of the Cleveland Institute of Music, who has won a place in the hearts of the people of the community, will sing a group of Hebrew songs.

Rabbi Brickner will light the Chanukah candles, accompanied by appropriate incidental music. The Sisterhoods of Elyria, Lorain and Ashtabula will be the guests of the Sisterhood on that day.

Monsieur Palliere, the scion of a devout Catholic family, was born in Lyons, France. He was destined by his mother for the priesthood, and his childhood and youth were devoted to preparation for that career. Through a chance visit to a Jewish Synagogue, he began to study Judaism, and at the age of twenty, renounced Catholicism, and turned to the religion of Israel.

He has since become Rabbi of a liberal Synagogue of Paris, (Rue Copernic), and as President of the Universal Union of Jewish Youth, has been striving for a renaissance of Judaism in France. His book, "The Unknown Sanctuary," has created a profound impression in many countries.

Because of many requests, the Sisterhood has secured copies of the book which can be bought at two dollars each in the temple office. If you bring your book with you on the day of the Chanukah meeting, Monsieur Palliere will be glad to autograph it.

Wanted: Chanukah Menorahs

If you have an odd or old Chanukah Menorah in your possession, will you be good enough to let Mrs. Henry Sulka have it for our Chanukah meeting on December 17th? Mrs. Sulka plans to use them as table decorations at our Chanukah Tea.

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

About six hundred were present last Saturday evening at the eighty-third annual meeting of our temple held at the Statler Hotel. It was declared to be the most enjoyable gathering that the temple has had in years, and in many respects it resembled a large family get-together.

The evening began with a dinner and entertainment, followed by the regular annual business of the congregation, and reports of the various organizations, which showed the congregation to be in a flourishing and progressive condition. The evening's program was concluded with dancing.

Rabbi Brickner, in his address on "What Should be the Program of a Modern Temple," pointed to a comparison of the facilities and opportunities now offered to our people through the temple, to that which existed several generations ago.

"There are two theories," he said, concerning what the program of a modern temple should be. One theory holds that the temple should be confined to worship and religious education exclusively. At the other extreme is the theory that a complete institutional program, including recreation and athletics, should be promoted.

"Personally I hold that the true and worthwhile program is midway between the two extremes. The program of a congregation should not grow out of any academic formula fixed by a Rabbi, a Minister or committee, but out of the needs of the people in that congregation.

"We should not lose sight of this, that the Synagogue traditionally was always more than merely a house of worship, that it was through the ages, a Beth Hakeneseth—a house of meeting—where the social and cultural activities were carried on. That Judaism is more than merely a system of worship and personal salvation. Judaism is a great culture, and the modern Temple is its Center. By making the Temple merely an institution for worship, we mistakenly pattern it after a certain narrow conception of the Church, and this the Temple in America must avoid.

"It seems to me that our congregational family consisting of over 1300 families, aggregating more than 5000 individuals, have needs that include more than merely worship and religious education. These are and of course will remain the principal functions of the Temple, but as men and women we need to be contacting with all of these forces which contribute to the life of the spirit, and that have social and intellectual value.

"For this reason we carry on not only a Lecture Course that brings to our people and the community at large the leading spokesmen of different branches of thought, but also our more intensive cultural courses, and our social activities. The latter in particular have the effect of personalizing membership in a large temple which is apt to get lost.

"Touching on the activities with young people," Rabbi Brickner continued, "there comes a time in the life of young people, especially during the period of later adolescence when it is natural for them to manifest a sense of independence and freedom. This expresses itself through breaking with those institutions

which controlled them during childhood. It is a universal experience to find our young people after confirmation lose, as it were, interest in the temple and Religious School, and even in the home.

"The Temple, on the other hand, must not lose interest in its young people. During this period, the Temple must hold the young people by providing such activities, social and otherwise, as will continue for them the contacts which they formed in the temple.

"I for one, do not interpret the indifference of young people to religious worship as an indication of either atheism or loss of religion. It is a sort of plateau stage over which they rise later when they come back to religion. During this stage I do want to have my young people feel that the temple stands for something more than religious worship and religious education. And it is for this reason that I have favored a program of social, dramatic and intellectual activities, but such activities must not be offered to either young people or to adults, as a bait to get them to come to services. They must be offered for their own sake and for the value in terms of Jewish fellowship which they encourage.

"So far as temple attendance is concerned, if the religious worship and the discourse of the Rabbi cannot by themselves draw people to the temple, then we ought not to use other means as attractions.

"The greatest need for our people today is to cultivate a need of Jewish fellowship, and to make them not only congregationally-minded but communally-minded. It is unfortunate to find many Jews so parochial in their loyalty to the congregation that they lose sight of the larger community.

"We must not permit social and financial distinctions to divide us within the congregation or in the community. Social and financial class distinctions are as dangerous to the Jewish community today, as the former distinctions between Sephardic, German and Russian Jews were a generation ago.

"In the Euclid Avenue Temple" concluded Rabbi Brickner, "we endeavor to cultivate a democratic spirit."

A resolution of thanks for the services so loyally rendered in past years by Mr. David S. Kohn, our President, was moved and unanimously adopted.

The congregation also unanimously adopted the following amendment to the constitution: "To authorize the appropriation by the Board of Trustees of such sums of money as shall be necessary from time to time to meet and pay the regular operating expenses of the Temple, including such replacements and repairs to the buildings and property of the Temple as may be necessary."

A plan was adopted whereby our quota for the support of the Hebrew Union College and the Union of American Hebrew Congregations will take the form of a 10 percent tax on the annual dues of each member.

The budget of the congregation, it was announced, for next year will be about \$89,000, practically all of which will be

spent on the activities program including social, religious, cultural and educational undertakings.

The following trustees were elected: Messrs. Edwin Bamberger, Ed Blywise, Oscar J. Fishel, I. F. Freiburger, Samuel G. Kaufman and Max Rosenblum repre-

senting the congregation; Harry Warren, representing the Men's Club; Mesdames Ida Kornhauser, Joseph Laronge and J. O. Stein representing the Sisterhood.

It was reported that during the last year, close to 100 new members affiliated with the congregation, more than offsetting losses.

Dear Sisterhood Member:s

Now that the gift season is here, we urge you to visit our Workshop on Mondays. You will find many useful and beautiful articles that will make splendid gifts, such as all kinds of aprons and smocks, artificial flowers, babies' bonnets and jackets, kimonas, art bags, bath-room rug sets, silk underwear, woolen afghans, little wooly dogs, and many other novelties. We sell at a very small margin of profit.

Please show us the courtesy of your interest and patronage.

Hoping to see you next Monday or any Monday thereafter,

Sincerely,

RUTH B. STEIN, President.

Memory Book

A record of happy family events such as births, marriages, participation in the Simchath Torah celebration, etc., are kept in the "Memory Book."

At the Chanukah meeting of the Sisterhood, the book will be on display in the Parlor, where entries can be made.

"Trends in Social Thought"

Prof. Henry M. Busch will continue the fascinating evolution of contemporary social thought in his lecture Friday, December 6th at 10:00 A. M.

"Jewish Current Events"

The next session will be held Friday, December 13th, at 11:00 A. M. Rabbi Brickner, leader.

ALUMNI

Intercollegiate Frolic

A special dance is being arranged for Sunday evening, December 22nd, by the Alumni Association, to welcome out-of-town college students who return to the city for their Winter vacation. An excellent orchestra has been engaged, and a number of interesting novelties are being prepared.

Alumni and their friends will find this a fine opportunity for a grand reunion. Admission, one dollar a couple. Budget ticket holders are admitted free, and each budget ticket is good for a couple.

"The Patsy"

The Alumni Dramatic Group will give a performance of "The Patsy," a very popular play which had a long and successful run on Broadway, on Thursday evening, January 9th. Rehearsals have already begun under the direction of Miss Sylvia Stein.

Zionist State Conference

Rabbi Brickner will deliver the opening address at the Zionist State Conference to be held at the Statler Hotel Sunday, December 8th at 2:00 P. M. Delegates from all Jewish communities of Ohio will attend the Conference. Prominent among the addresses will be that of Louis Lipsky, President of the Zionist Organization of America, who will speak on the very important subject "What is the Jewish Agency Doing?"

A cordial invitation is extended to the members of our congregation to attend the public meeting at the Jewish Center on Monday evening, December 9th, when Mr. Lipsky will be the principal speaker. His subject, "The Crisis in Palestine—What Next?" is one of vital concern to every Jew.

We hope many of our members will attend.

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Prayer Book: Miss Regina F. Reinthal in memory of her aunt, Amy G. Fuld; Mrs. Jacob Newman in memory of her husband; Maurice Bernstein in honor of his son; Miss Ruth Friedman, in memory of her father, Anton Friedman.

Our heartfelt sympathy is extended to the bereaved families of

Emma Greenwald

Sam A. Scheuer