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THE HOLY DAYS SERVICES

THE NEW YEAR

Friday, September 11th, 7:45 P. M.

Saturday, September 12th, 9:30 A. M.

(Children's Service, 2:15 P. M.)

THE DAY OF ATONEMENT

Sunday, September 20th, 7:45 P. M.

Monday, September 21st, 9:30 A. M.

(Children's Service, 1:00 P. M.)

(Memorial Services, 3:30 P. M.)

RABBI BRICKNER and Prof. SAMUEL S. COHON of the Hebrew Union College, will alternate in conducting the services in the Temple and Auditorium.

OPENING OF RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

Saturday, September 19th, 9:00 A. M.

JUNIOR HIGH DEPARTMENT

(VII, VIII, IX Grades)

Sunday, September 20th, 9:30 A. M.

PRIMARY AND INTERMEDIATE DEPARTMENTS

(Kindergarten Through VI Grades)

Sunday, October 4th, 10:15 A. M.

SENIOR HIGH AND COLLEGE DEPARTMENT

(X Through XII Grades)

Friday Evening Twilight Service 5:30 to 6:00

Sabbath Morning Service 11:00 to 12:00

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Entered as second-class matter April 9th, 1926 at the Post Office, Cleveland, Ohio, under the Act of March 3rd 1879.

Rabbi and Mrs. Barnett R. Brickner extend their hearty good wishes for a happy New Year to all families of the Euclid Avenue Temple.

They will be at home on New Year afternoon, Saturday, September 12th from four to six o'clock, at 2724 Coventry Road.

A New Year's Troth

The old year has slipped through the glass of time, taking with it a portion of my life.

For me a face has faded, a voice is stilled, a chair is empty; precious ambitions lie scattered like broken alabaster boxes, and my sky is oft tarnished by the long-hanging clouds of failure.

But I stand again at the threshold of eternity—the Land of Beginning again—, where the New Year woos with an enchanting hope.

So I plight my troth to the Mystic Comrade by my side, who teaches me to read the meaning of life in the light of its high-hours:

Each morn the world wrapped in win-some smiles unfolds, and I know the best is yet to be.

All through the year I shall work and play, sing and pray, dream and hope, suffer and love; for I was as one lonely and have found a new friend who walketh ever by my side.

And since I have come out of the Silence, and shall return again into the Silence, as a pilgrim of time I will walk with faith the street of years.

My Creed

To live as gently as I can;
To be, no matter where, a man;
To take what comes of good or ill
And cling to faith and honor still;
To do my best, and let that stand
The record of my brain and hand;
And then, should failure come to me,
Still work and hope for victory.

To have no secret place wherein
I stoop unseen to shame or sin;
To be the same when I'm alone
As when my every deed is known;
To live undaunted, unafraid
Of any step that I have made;
To be without pretense or sham
Exactly what men think I am.

Welcome

We are happy to welcome you all back again. We trust that you have had a restful and healthful summer.

As the new year dawns, let us renew our intimate ties and give ourselves to our congregational program whole-heartedly and with a sense of consecration. May the New Year bring with it happiness and a more cheerful outlook and may it find us all inscribed in the Book of Life!

Our Appreciation

We want to express our appreciation here to Rabbi Irving M. Levey for the very able manner in which he conducted the services during the absence of Rabbi Brickner.

High Holy Days

Associate Rabbi

Samuel S. Cohon, Professor of Jewish Theology at the Hebrew Union College, will again be associated with Rabbi Brickner this year in conducting the High Holy Days services.

Prof. Cohon was for ten years the spiritual leader of Zion and Mizpah Temples in Chicago, and for the past seven years has taught Theology at the Hebrew Union College.

We look forward with pleasure to the privilege of having Rabbi Cohon with us again.

High Holy Day Notes

Tickets of admission for the High Holy Day Services have been mailed to all members in good standing.

Members are expected to present their cards of admission at each service. There will be no admission without a card.

Members are also requested to bring with them the Union Prayer Book, Vol. II revised edition. No prayer books will be distributed or sold on the holy days. Prayer books may be purchased at the Temple Office.

Sparks From Great Minds

Ramsay MacDonald: Prime Minister of Great Britain.

"People seeking peace by arms are like people seeking shelter under trees during a thunder storm. Instead of being secure they are in the greatest danger."

Aristide Briand: Foreign Minister of France, reassures American mothers.

"Americans invent everything, but don't profit by them. They invented the League of Nations but are not in it and cocktails, but do not drink them."

Professor Albert Einstein:

"If I am right the Germans will say I was a German, and the French will say I was a Jew; if I am wrong the Germans will say I was a Jew and the French will say I was a German."

Deems Taylor: American composer, gives to Juniata College students the Gospel not according to Babitt.

"Be discontented; it is another name for ambition. Be selfish; don't work for the professors. Be disobedient; do not believe everything you are told. Be lazy and fond of music, books, impracticable flowers and the birds that sing, although there be no ear to hear."

John Dewey: philosopher.

"The chief danger to religion lies in the fact that it has become so respectable."

Field Marshall Sir William Robertson: of Great Britain.

"I prefer to believe that the majority of people in the world these days think that war hurts everybody, benefits nobody but the profiteers, and settles nothing."

Benjamin N. Cardozo: Chief Judge, Court of Appeals of New York, defines religion.

"The submergence of self in the pursuit of an ideal, the readiness to spend oneself

without measure, prodigally, almost ecstatically, for something intuitively apprehended as great and noble, spend oneself knowing not why—some of us like to believe that this is what religion means."

Benito Mussolini: who is privileged to be trite very loud.

"Democracy is the form of government which gives or tries to give the people the illusion that they are sovereign."

Ted Cook: columnist.

"One of the sadder facts of life is that an education which prepares you to enjoy leisure doesn't prepare you to get it."

Ten Reasons for Joining a Temple

1. The Temple is the heart of Jewish life. The continuity of our people depends upon its effectiveness.
2. It provides religious sustenance by interpreting our traditions and our history.
3. It administers to the moral and spiritual welfare of the family and community.
4. It gives instruction to your children through its religious school.
5. It provides adult education through the message of the rabbi.
6. It is a civic institution which it is a civic duty for the members of our faith to support.
7. It is a social organization, through which lasting friendships are formed.
8. It provides a cultural background, against which modern problems are viewed in their true perspective.
9. It conveys the message of Judaism to the world.
10. In its affiliated organizations, it provides a Religious School, a sisterhood, a Brotherhood, and a Junior Auxiliary, thus reaching every member of your family. (Adapted.)

Men's Club

Plans

In a forthcoming issue of the Bulletin, announcement will be made of the complete program of activities which the Men's Club is planning for the coming season.

The new program is in many ways superior to the excellent one which the Men's Club presented last year.

We suggest that you read the announcement carefully, and that you follow up the reading with a check for five dollars to the Treasurer, Mr. Al Siegel.

Alumni

Budget Plan Enters Third Year

For the third consecutive year the Alumni Association continues to offer its members the opportunity of participating in all of its affairs for the initial fee of \$3.00. Seats for the holidays will be assigned to those who have sent in their reservation and there will positively be no admission without a ticket.

Under the Budget plan, every Alumni member is entitled to a seat for the High Holy Days and admission to all the affairs conducted by the Alumni. This includes Alumni Day Informal Supper Dance, Sunday Morning Alumni Service, Winter Dramatics, Forum Supper Dance, Annual Spring Formal Dance, Spring Dramatics and Annual Meeting.

Get your Budget ticket now at the Temple Office.

Personals

Rabbi Brickner and his family spent most of the summer in the beautiful White Mountains of New Hampshire. In addition to recreation, Rabbi Brickner devoted much of his time to writing and study.

Mr. Brilliant spent the major portion of the summer in Cleveland working on a new curriculum and gathering new material to be used in the Religious School.

Mrs. S. Braverman was abroad this summer. She attended the Zionist Congress at Basle and from there went directly to Palestine where she spent about four weeks.

Religious School

Registration and Opening Sessions

Pupils entering the Religious School this year for the first time, may register on Sunday mornings, September 6th and 13th from 9:30 to 12:00. Children must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.

The cover page of the Bulletin gives the dates for the opening sessions of the Religious School.

College Course Organized

A College Course for those who have completed our three-year High School course will be conducted on Sunday mornings beginning with October 4th. It will be organized in a series of two and three week units to be given by men prominent in our community.

Registration will be held on Sunday morning, September 20th at 11 o'clock. For full details apply to Mr. William S. Cohen, Registrar.

Confirmation Pictures

Members of the 1931 Confirmation Class will please call for their confirmation pictures at the Temple Office as soon as possible.

Children's Services

All children of the Religious School are expected to attend Children's Services, announcement of which is made on the cover page of the Bulletin.

Another very beautiful service in keeping with the traditional spirit of Rosh Hashonah, has been prepared by Mr. Brilliant. Parents are strongly urged to accompany their children.

In Memoriam

Our heartfelt sympathy is extended to the bereaved families of these dear ones who passed away during the summer:

Sadie Jacobs
 William R. Loveman
 Louise E. Emsheimer
 Josie Scheuer Straus
 Ruth Brudno
 Florence Shapiro
 Harry Marks
 Lexi Marx
 Bernard Jacobson
 Lillian Hershey Miller
 Samuel Feldman
 Harry Rothman
 Jacob K. Hershey
 Rosa Zucker Fishel

In Memoriam

The names of dear ones who have passed away since last Yom Kippur, which are to be read at the Memorial Service on Yom Kippur afternoon, must be sent to the Temple Office no later than Friday, September 17th.

New Choir

We are pleased to announce that Mr. Rogers, our organist emeritus, will be at the console in the Auditorium for the High Holy Days. A quartet will render the musical portions of the service.

The Temple will have Mr. Griffith Jones, our newly elected choir director with a new choir of sixteen voices.

The Only Way to Win

It takes a little courage
 And a little self-control
 And some grim determination
 If you want to reach the goal.
 It takes a deal of striving
 And a firm and stern-set chin,
 No matter what the battle,
 If you're really out to win.
 There's no easy path to glory,
 There's no rosy road to fame;
 Life, however we may view it,
 Is no simple parlor game;
 But its prizes call for fighting,
 For endurance and for grit,
 For a rugged disposition
 And a "don't-know-when-to-quit."
 You must take a blow, or give one,
 You must risk and you must lose,
 And expect that in the struggle
 You will suffer from a bruise.
 But you mustn't wince or falter
 If a fight you once begin.
 Be a man and face the battle;
 That's the only way to win.

—Author Unknown.

Sisterhood

Cultural Courses

Four series of courses will this year be conducted on Friday mornings as part of our Sisterhood's cultural activities.

For five consecutive Friday mornings beginning with October 2nd, Prof. Henry M. Busch, who will be with us now for the third year, will give a series of lectures on "Education and the Changing World." This will include the following subjects: "Social Change and Educational Principles," "Children and the New Education," "The New Education in College and Beyond," "Major Forces in Present-Day International Affairs" and "Education—The Race between Civilization and Catastrophe."

The rest of the year will be devoted to an alternating series, as in the past.

Mr. Remenyi will continue his fascinating discussions of "Books and Authors"; Rabbi Brickner will give his inimitable summary and analysis of Current Events; and there will be a new series on "Whither Religion" to be given by eminent Cleveland authorities.

Early registration is strongly urged for past experience has shown that these courses fill up very rapidly. There is a limited enrollment and first come—first served.

Registration is as follows:

For "Social Change and Educational Principles" register with Mrs. J. C. Newman—fee \$2.00; for "Current Events" register with Mrs. Manuel Reinthal—fee \$1.00; for "Books and Authors" register with Mrs. Theo. Fishel—fee \$3.00.

College Students

A record of the names and college addresses of the young people of our members who leave to attend colleges out of town, is kept in our files, so that the Rabbi and Congregation may keep in close touch with them. If we do not yet have your name and the College which you attend, kindly mail it to our office immediately, in order that our files may be complete.

ROSH HASHANAH

In The Bible

The Jewish religious year starts with the first day of the Jewish month Tishri, which as a rule falls between the middle of September and the beginning of October.

Leviticus 23:24 says: "In the seventh month, in the first day of the month, shall be a solemn rest unto you, a memorial proclaimed with the blast of horns, a holy convocation." The Bible does not explain what is meant by memorial, and what the contents of that holiday were.

In Numbers 29:1-6 the day is called a day of the blowing of the horn. We presume that since the Jewish religious calendar started with the month of Tishri, the idea of the "day of blowing the horn" can be understood as the announcement of the New Year.

A Universal God

The religious idea attached to the day was that of memorial, that is, on that day God considers every individual in the world, carefully weighing the merits and shortcomings of his deeds. Later the idea of Judgment was increasingly emphasized, until Rosh Hashanah became a day of awe. On it each person sought to set himself right before God.

If God is the Judge in whose hand is life and death, He is thus the Ruler of the world. Therefore much stress was laid upon the proclamation of God as the only Ruler of the world—an idea which was worked out in most beautiful language and style in the Hebrew prayers for the day.

Rosh Hashanah is one of those Jewish holidays in which the idea of the individual is emphasized. As Ruler and Judge, God makes no distinction between nations and religious groups. On that day He considers every human being regardless of his nationality. Rosh Hashanah is bound to neither nation nor locality.

The idea of the Day of Judgment produced a special liturgy and special customs. The nucleus of this liturgy was cre-

ated already at the time when the Second Temple still existed in Jerusalem.

The Shofar

A mystic significance was attached to the custom of Blowing the Shofar. In ancient times the blasts of the horn were believed to have the power of driving away evil spirits. To convert this pagan notion into a higher religious idea, the Jewish sages said that the Shofar is blown to remind us of the intended sacrifice of Isaac, for—according to tradition—Abraham attempted to sacrifice Isaac on that very day on the spot where the Jerusalem Temple was later erected. Since by the command of God, a ram was substituted for Isaac (see Genesis 22), the sages explained that the blowing of a ram's horn would remind us of God's providence.

Later the Jewish philosophers Saadia and Maimonides introduced the still loftier concept that the sound of the Shofar has the unique quality of penetrating into the human soul and causing the heart to tremble.

For the construction of a Shofar, a ram's horn is first softened by boiling; then scraped inside, that its hollow may be smooth; and finally well hardened that it may be vibrant. Frequently it is beautified with surface carvings. At best, it can produce but a few tones—these not of musical quality but of the nature of signals.

Additional Features

The special greeting of Jew to Jew on Rosh Hashanah is the formula: "May you be inscribed for a good year." (Leshonoh Tovoh Tikosev, plural: tikosevu).

Special items of diet became associated with the Rosh Hashanah meal. Honey was set onto the table, and the bread was dipped into it, while the head of the house pronounced the words: "May it be His will that this year be a sweet one." The special loaves of white bread were formed round and smooth, as a symbol of the desire that the year too be smooth and round.