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## Friday Evening Twilight Service

5:30 to 6:00

## Sabbath Morning Service

11:00 to 12:00

Sunday Morning Lecture Services will commence October 18th

10:30 to 12:00

### Sabbath Services

Many members have enjoyed stopping at the Temple on the way home from their business, to spend a half hour in meditation and prayer at the services which are conducted every Friday evening at 5:30. These services, with beautiful musical program, are soul-comforting to all, and are not intended for mourners alone. Why not acquire the habit of meeting your family at Temple every Friday at 5:30?

The full choir of sixteen voices, under the direction of Mr. Griffith Jones, will render the musical part of the service.

### Who Said This Was a Selfish World?

Response to the request of the Sisterhood that each member attending the opening meeting, September 29th bring a can of food, was characterized by someone as "thrilling." To see hundreds of cans, with their rich harvest coloring, piled high, was just that. Several cans was

the rule, and cases of goods were not the exception.

Our entire gratitude goes to the generosity of our members.

### Clubs Open Season

The week of October 11th will mark the opening of the season of the Club Department. During this week all clubs will hold their first meetings. Those desiring to join some group will have an opportunity of doing so this Saturday and Sunday mornings. Mrs. Braverman will be prepared to supply any information for group membership.

The following is a list of clubs that will meet during the coming week: Marionette Club, Photography Club, Girl Scouts, Junior Boy Scouts, Senior Boy Scouts, Boys' Social, Girls' Social, Apex Club, Junior Drama, Inter Drama, High School Players, Art Club, Y. J. Boys, Y. J. Girls and Hebrew Clubs.

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### Start the Religious Year Right

"Train up a child in the way he should go," spoke the writer in Proverbs, "And even when he is old, he will not depart from it." Modern psychologists confirm the wisdom of our sages. The home, the synagogue and the school are three great influences molding the plastic character and conduct of youth. All three should work in harmony to build a generation of self-reliant and loyal Jewish men and women.

What finer way of starting the religious year right can we urge upon our parents than that they resolve to be regular attendants at the house of worship on the Sabbath. Come with your children. Let them find in your example an incentive for loyalty and love of their religious heritage. The Synagogue is the symbol in the community of religious and moral Jewish values. In the words of the great Hillel: "Do not separate thyself from the Congregation." Come with your children to Temple!

### Man-Made Things

I gaze with awe at tall spires,  
And deep respect fills my very soul  
For the staunch columns that meet my  
glance.  
And here—a long winding avenue,  
Filled with houses supreme,  
And slow-moving cars of make and origin  
well known;  
I am impressed with man's cunning and  
achievement.  
But o'er all I feel a peace not felt before,  
My glance has strayed to heaven—  
And lo—a rainbow of colors that  
Surpass my wildest dreams of man-made  
things!  
Purple, Blue, Green, Yellow, Red—  
I am speechless with delight!  
The highest praise for such heavenly  
creations!  
'Tis the spell of God felt o'er the earth.

Frances Kurland.

### Sisterhood

#### "Children and the New Education"

For his second lecture to be given Friday, October 9th at 10:30 A. M., in a series on "Education and the Changing World," Professor Henry M. Busch will speak on "Children and the New Education."

Mrs. J. C. Newman, chairman of the group wishes to call to the attention of the members that the lecture begins at 10:30 promptly and that the doors will be closed at that time.

Registration for this course is \$2.00 which includes admission to a series of lectures on "Whither Religion."

#### Other Cultural Courses

The Sisterhood also offers to its members the following courses to be given on Friday mornings. Enroll now.

Jewish Current Events—Rabbi Brickner—register with Mrs. Manuel Reinthal—fee \$1.00. Opening lecture November 13th.

"Books and Authors"—Mr. Joseph Remenyi—register with Mrs. Theo. Fishel—fee \$3.00. Opening lecture November 6th.

#### Community Sewing

Sisterhood sewing—Tuesday—9 A. M., in the Recreation Hall—luncheon is served—ladies are cordially invited.

### Men's Club

#### The Round Table

The fifth season of the Round Table conducted by the Men's Club of our Temple will open its season on Wednesday noon, October 21st with Sam Horwitz presiding, and Rabbi B. R. Brickner, the speaker. Please note the change from Tuesday to Wednesday.

The plans of the Round Table this year will include visiting speakers and discussions led by members of the Men's Club.

#### Quotations

All that is distinctive in man, marking him off from the clay he walks upon or the potatoes he eats, occurs in his thoughts and emotions.—John Dewey.

I'm afraid there's no charter which could be devised by the wit of man which would prevent a fool and his money being parted.—Stanley Baldwin.

DON'T DELAY—SECURE YOUR

## Religious School

### Marionettes Present Play

This Saturday morning at the assembly of the Junior High Department and Sunday morning at the assemblies of both the Intermediate and Primary Departments, the Marionette Club, under the direction of Mrs. S. H. Makman, will give a performance in the form of an original revue.

### Hebrew Classes Meet

Last Wednesday afternoon at 4:20 P. M., the Rabbi personally greeted the children who attended the first session of the Advanced Hebrew Classes. More than 100 children attended the opening session. These have been selected very carefully from those who have shown an aptitude for language study.

Although the first session was held on Wednesday the Advanced Hebrew Classes will meet regularly on Saturday, Sunday and Thursday.

### Junior Club Outing

Members of the Junior Clubs (ages 10, 11 and 12) will hold their second annual outing on Sunday afternoon, October 18th. Plans for the Outing are being prepared by Mr. Norman Gutfeld, chairman of the Outing Committee which consists of the leaders of the Junior clubs.

The text of the first Palestinian Jewish opera, "The Pioneers," is published this week in English, Hebrew and Yiddish by J. Fischer & Co., New York.

The libretto and the music of this opera which is based on Jewish folk-life have been composed by Jacob Weinberg, who won first prize of \$1,000 at the Sesqui-Centennial Exhibition in Philadelphia for this opera. Mr. Weinberg is now in the United States in connection with the publication of this works.

"The Pioneers" presents scenes from Jewish life in Palestine. The opera deals with the new life which has developed in Palestine and has been lauded by leading musical authorities in various countries where it has been produced.

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## A New Era

of

## Alumni Activity

Six Red-Letter Events

The Alumni Budget

\$3.00

## Ceremonial Object Fund

To express his appreciation for having participated in the Simchath Torah celebration together with his son and grandson, Mr. S. Bondy contributed to a fund recently established for the purchase of ceremonial objects to be used in our Religious School.

## Named in Temple

On Sabbath morning, September 26th, Barbara Ann Less, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Norman Less, was blessed in Temple.

## Funds

We gratefully acknowledge the following contributions:

Prayer Book Fund: From Faith Deutsch in memory of her grandmother, Fanny Haiman.

Scholarship Fund: From Mr. M. Berger in memory of Samuel J. Feldman of New York.

Adele Louise Lazarus Book Shelf: From Mrs. A. Schwarz, Mrs. Jos. Firth, Hilda Laronge, Mrs. B. J. Lazar and Selma Schwarz in memory of Adele Louise Lazarus' birthday.

## In Memoriam

We record in deep sorrow the passing of

Sam Z. Brown

Arthur Fox

Bertha Stern

and extend our sympathy to the bereaved.

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## BOOK REVIEW

## Following a False Messiah

The Messiah of Ismir, Sabbatazevi.

By Joseph Kastein . . . Translated by  
Huntley Paterson . . . New York: The  
Viking Press . . . \$3.50.

Reviewed by

BABETTE DEUTSCH

Suffering so horrible, so general, so hopeless, as to seem the prelude to the end of the world, or—its concomitant to the faithful—the beginning of the Kingdom of Heaven; a religion which was a way of life, and that way leading to the ultimate expectation of a Saviour—these set the stage for the man whose life is written down in this book. The author rightly devotes his first chapters to a brief description of the position of Jewry in the seventeenth century—the Messiah of Ismir was born on the Ninth of Ab, 1626—with especial emphasis on the Polish massacres, in which hundreds of thousands were martyred under circumstances that might have revolted even the Marquis de Sade. The remainder of the book is given over to the history of the precocious son of a poor Jewish poulterer of Smyrna and his not implausible response to the temper of the times.

As a boy of fifteen Sabbatai Zevi, whose father was intent on making him the scholar of the family, had mastered the whole of the Talmudic and rabbinical literature. At eighteen he had earned from the rabbis of his native town the title of "Chacham," Wise Man, and was widely known as instructed not merely in the body of the law, but in the mystic doctrines of the Kabala as well. Learned, pious, handsome, with a powerfully moving voice and an extraordinarily magnetic personality, the youth attracted a band of disciples who confirmed his overweening faith in himself. The sudden economic development of Smyrna at this juncture, and the rise of his father's fortunes, were attributed by his friends and followers to the singular piety of Sabbatai and helped to clarify his vague conception of his mission. Finally, the terrible events in Poland cried aloud that the time was come

for the appearance of God's anointed. Slowly but unmistakably Messianism took hold upon this haughty dreamer, nourished on mystical lore, surrounded by devout admirers, and feeling that it was he and no other who must respond to the thousand-throated wail of agony that rocked Jewry; how long O Lord, how long?

There is tense and passionate drama in the story of Sabbatai's fearful acceptance of his mission, his gradual discovery of it to the chosen, his excommunication by the rabbinate upon the motion of his former teacher, who knew better than most with whom they had to deal, the curious conversion of his enemies, the growth of his following, the efforts of his intimates, all of them apparently shrewder and more courageous than himself, to make him take on the full burden of Messiah, his several marriages, one of them with a beautiful convent-bred Jewish whore, and none of them ever consummated; his conquests, his defeats, his unwilling and frustrated attempt upon the Sultan's throne, his final recantation and embracing of Islam, his miserable death. The story moves rapidly, and has all the fascination of a modern epic, but an epic, alas, with a coward for a hero and a God-intoxicated people for his dupes.

Not the least curious element of the tale is the fact that Sabbatai was fundamentally an ineffectual character, whose triumphs, like his ultimate failure, depended upon the activities of his cleverer followers and the religious emotionalism of the mob rather than upon any plan of his own. One of the virtues of Mr. Kastein's biography is to make this plain. The simplicity of his recital gives it more than half its charm and forcefulness. If he errs, it is in taking for granted on the reader's part too close a knowledge of Jewish history and the Jewish faith, but that fault is perhaps confined to the opening chapter. Elsewhere his account is clear, straightforward and absorbing to a degree.