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RABBI BARNETT R. BRICKNER

will preach on

"THERE IS NO ROAD BACK"

Sunday Morning, November 8th, 10:30

Friday Evening Twilight Service, 5:30 to 6:00

Youth Temple Service at 7:45 P. M.

Sabbath Morning Children's Service, 11:00 to 12:00

Sunday Service

Rabbi Brickner will base his discourse next Sunday morning on two very remarkable recent books—REMARQUE'S "The Road Back" and CHLUMSKY'S Drama "The Miracle at Verdun."

Besides dealing with the problems presented in these books which concern themselves with the blighting effects of the war on human personality, he will treat of the devastating effects of the Economic and Spiritual conditions of our time. Here too "there is no road back" but only "roads out and forward."

It was gratifying to see the huge congregation which filled the Temple last Sunday morning.

Organ recital every Sunday morning from 10:15 to 10:30.

Youth Temple

Rabbi Charles E. Schulman will be the guest speaker at the opening service of the Youth Temple this Friday evening. This is a new venture undertaken by the Alumni Association in an effort to meet the religious needs of the young people of college age and over.

The service of worship has been composed and arranged by the committee consisting of Margery Bland, chairman, Jeannette Bialosky, Ruth Titchell, Allen Kendis and Victor Pollak.

The following will participate in the services: Ruth Sulka, Jerome Bigelson, Al Walders, Irving Pohl, and David Zahm.

Rabbi Schulman, who is the rabbi of the North Shore Congregation Israel of Glen-coe, Illinois, will speak on "Can Modern Youth Be Jewish?"

Rabbi Brickner will broadcast over Station WHK at 4:45 on Sunday Afternoon.

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Sisterhood

**"Books and Authors" Opens Friday,
November 6th**

Mr. Joseph Remenyi will open his series on "Books and Authors" Friday morning, November 6th at 11 A. M., to be given on alternate Fridays.

His subject the first week will be "How to Criticise Books." This will be followed by a discussion on "Important Contemporary Plays," "Recent War Literature," "Recent Books on Russia," "How Europe Looks at America Today" and "Men of Destiny—their Biographies."

Register with Mrs. Theo. Fishel—fee \$3.00.

**"Jewish Current Events" Opens
November 13th**

Conducted by Rabbi Brickner on alternate Friday mornings at 11 A. M. Register with Mrs. Manuel Reinthal—fee \$1.00.

Men's Club

Men's Club Round Table

Rabbi Brickner will lead the discussion at the Round Table this Friday, November 6th noon at the Statler Hotel. These Round Table meetings are now being conducted regularly on Fridays instead of the day hitherto announced.

Open Meeting—November 24th

The Men's Club will feature a symposium on "Sovietism and the World" at their Opening Meeting to be held Tuesday evening, November 24th.

Rabbi H. S. Davidowitz will speak on "The Effect on the World of Russia's Atheistic Program." Max Eisenstadt, assistant director of the Play House will talk on "Russian Art and the Theatre" and Emanuel Davidove, Cleveland attorney on "The International and Business Aspect of the U. S. S. R."

All of these speakers were in Russia this summer. The program is open to members of the Men's Club and their friends.

Alumni

Alumni Day—November 15th

The Alumni will open its season of social activity with an informal supper dance on Sunday evening, November 15th. A supper served by the Sisterhood, will be followed by a symposium on "Looking Back" in which past presidents of the Alumni will participate. The musical program will be rendered by Zerline Sulka, Irving Pohl and Bertram Kraus. The Alumni mantle will be passed on to the 1931 Confirmation Class. The evening will conclude with dancing to the music of one of the city's popular orchestras.

Admission is 75 cents per person or by budget ticket.

M-H Meeting—November 11th

Mr. Brilliant will give several readings from Jewish literature at the next meeting of the M-H to be held Wednesday evening, November 11th in the Alumni Room.

How to Kill a Church or Synagogue

1. Don't come—but if you do come, come late.
2. When you come, come with a grouch.
3. At every service ask yourself, "What do I get out of this?"
4. Never accept office, it is better to stay outside and criticize.
5. Let the minister earn his money and let him do all the work.
6. Sit pretty well back and never sing, and if you have to sing, sing out of tune.
7. Never encourage the minister; if you like a sermon keep mum about it.
8. It is good to tell your minister's failings to any stranger that may happen in. He may be a long time finding it out.
9. If your Church or Synagogue unfortunately happens to be harmonious, call it indifference or lack of zeal or anything under the sun, except what it is.
10. If there happens to be a few zealous workers in the church, make a tremendous protest against the church being run by a clique."

The Modern Way

Religious institutions, Jewish and non-Jewish, are established and maintained for the purpose of perpetuating moral values and ideals, yet it has been recognized always that economic self-sufficiency is necessary.

Each faith has its own method of seeking funds for the maintenance of its respective House of Worship. Some churches pass a collection box at each service; others have a system of tithes based upon a percentage of the donors' income; and others have various and sundry means of assessing their co-religionists on occasions of sorrow and joy.

Reform Judaism has established the custom of seeking members to the Temple. A budget is established by the financial committee based upon estimated expenditures for the coming year. This budget serves to set the cost of per capita membership. The responsibility then shifts to a small group of persons sufficiently interested in the welfare of the congregation to obtain members to the Temple. After the individuals are gathered and merged into a group, responsibilities are assumed.

It is sometimes far easier to agree to assist in the care and maintenance of the Temple than faithfully to fulfill the intentions expressed at the time membership is assumed.

It is a commonly accepted fact that the country is now passing through an economic crisis. This condition is being presented as an excuse by those who are lax in the performance of their duties and obligations to their religion. But those who are vitally interested in the perpetuation of the influence of religion in our civilization are of the opinion that economic independence is necessary for the welfare of a congregation, and that a strong financial policy is not inconsistent with the religious functioning of a House of Worship.

Those who have inadvertently forgotten their financial obligations to their respective congregations should pause and consider the dire effect that their negligence may have on the future. Adapted.

The Godly Man

If I see a man living out of an inner spring of inflexible right and pliant pity;

If he refuses the color of the low world around him;

If his eye flashes with scorn at mean and impure things which are a jest to others;

If high examples of honor and self-sacrifice bring the flush of sympathy upon his cheek;

If in his sphere of rule he plainly obeys a trust instead of enforcing an arbitrary will;

And in his service takes his yoke without a groan, and does his work with thought only that it be good—

I shall not pry into his closet or ask about his creed, but own him at once as the godly man.—James Martineau.



The Peace Stamp Campaign under the chairmanship of Mrs. J. O. Stein, has taken on a live significance in the community. The Peace stamp was originated by Mrs. Wm. Duilac of New York City and was subsidized by the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods.

The purpose of selling the stamp is that "Peace" may be advertised on a large scale—"advertising and publicity being today the foundation of our modern life." The National Sisterhoods are furthering this unlimited piece of work to their utmost.

Every piece of mail that goes out of your home or office should have a peace stamp on it. The stamps are 100 for one dollar. Each and every person vitally interested in any "peace" project should give their attention to the selling of Peace Stamps. Come to the Temple Office and buy Peace stamps for your mail and interest your friends in this new project.

The Course
presents



Stephen S. Wise

Rabbi of The Free Synagogue of
New York City

Tuesday evening, November 10th,
8:30 P. M.

Single Admissions for this evening only—
75 cents.

Space will be reserved for subscribers up
to 8:15 P. M.

We are happy to announce that the
Course is now over-subscribed, and that
no more subscription books are available.

A large proportion of the subscribers are
teachers and others engaged in education-
al work.

Patrons are kindly requested not to hold
seats for others. Our rule is "first come,
first served."

"It may be that the genius of the Jew-
ish race will again be able to give to the
world a brilliant and distinctive civiliza-
tion. The richness of mankind lies in its
diversity. The Jewish mind is a distinct-
ive thing. It combines in remarkable de-
gree the imaginative and the practical, the
ideal and the positive. This combination
of qualities enabled it for 1,500 years in
Palestine to produce an almost unbroken
series of statesmen and soldiers, judges
and poets, prophets and seers—thinkers
and leaders who have left for all time their
impress upon the world. The Jewish mind
is tenacious and persists, and now, when

all the powerful empires that over-ran that
land have been overthrown and almost for-
gotten, the Jewish people exist. Who
knows but that if again it finds a spiritual
centre of its own, soundly based on an in-
dustrious population, untrammelled, self-
contained, inspired by the memories of a
splendid past, it may again produce gold-
en fruits in the fields of intellect for the
enrichment of the whole world."

Herbert Samuel.

Funds

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Contributions:**

Scholarship Fund

From Mrs. Sam Brudno in memory of
Miss Ruth Brudno.

Altar Fund

From Miss Helen Korach in memory of
her mother;

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Mrs. Ed. Thalman in memory of Mrs. An-
nie Stein, William Schnurmacher and Mrs.
Hannah Klaus;

Mrs. Phil Lewis and Mrs. Jos. Spitz in
memory of Samuel Feldman;

Mrs. Cora Reinthal in memory of Rosa
Fishel;

Mrs. Isador Wolf in memory of her hus-
band and her daughter, Mrs. Linda Baer;

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in memory of their father;

Mrs. Rose Klein and Miss Irene Kur-
lander in memory of their mother;

Mrs. H. H. Emsheimer and Miss Sophie
Fishel in memory of Mrs. Jeannette
Rauh.

In Memoriam

We record in deep sorrow the passing
away of

Mrs. Bertha Bejack

and extend our sympathy to the bereaved.

Religious School

Confirmants Elect Officers

At the first session of the Confirmation Class last Friday morning the following were elected officers of the class: President, Edwin Geller; Vice President, Edwin Weiss; Secretary, Jeanne Newman and Treasurer, Norma Swirsky.

Thanks!

The Kindergarten Class was presented with two rugs by Mr. William S. Kohn.

The newly organized Kindergarten Rhythm Band was made possible through the gift of Mr. Maurice Bernon.

Club Leaders Course

In order to help our Club leaders in their work a series of lectures was arranged for them. The entire series concerns itself with specific skills.

Three of these lectures have already been given. One by Mr. Brilliant on "Club Work in the School"; the second by Miss Ida Mae Levin of Western Reserve University on "Games" and the third by Miss Edith Yeomans of Western Reserve University School of Applied Social Science on "Handwork."

The following are still to be given:

Thursday, November 12th—"Folk Dancing";

Wednesday, November 18th—"Social Music";

Thursday, December 3rd—"Story Telling."

Children's Service—November 7th

The season's first monthly Children's Service to be held this Saturday morning, November 7th at 11 o'clock, has been built around the subject of "Peace" in view of the fact that Armistice Day occurs during the coming week.

The following children will take part in the service: Jerome Mendelsohn, Ernest Roseman, Elva Grasgreen, Mildred Fried, Grace Gluckman, Mortimer Goodman, Lucille Jacobson, Herbert Bialosky and Hynda Busch.

The children from the fourth grade and up are required to attend. Mothers are strongly urged to accompany their children.

"The Parent and the School"

In order to make for a closer cooperation between parent and school, a series of three talks will be given for parents of the children in our Primary Department. This new venture undertaken by our Religious School strives to give the parent a better understanding of the work of our Religious School, so that our teachings here can more readily be carried over into the home.

The first of the series will be given on Wednesday morning, November 11th at 10:30 by Mr. Brilliant who will introduce the course.

The following week, Wednesday, November 18th, Mrs. Harry S. Rosewater, head of the Primary Department, will talk on "The Curriculum of the Primary School" and Mrs. Braverman will discuss "Ways of Celebrating Chanukah in the Home." On Wednesday, November 25th, Rabbi Brickner will discuss "The Role of the Parent as Teacher."

Mothers are strongly urged to attend these talks in order that a more intelligent relationship be established between school and the home.

The Cluster of Eternal Life

The soul of man is bound within
The cluster of eternal life.
His spirit is to Spirit kin
Wherewith our universe is rife.
From out eternity we come;
Within eternity we move;
Eternity becomes our home,
When God our inmost heart would prove.

Immortal place we gain on high,
When we remembrance win on earth;
If man forgets, God's Seeing Eye
Remarks the humblest being's worth.
Our influence for weal or woe
Is stamped upon eternity;
Reward or punishment must flow
In answer to the Lord's decree.

Undying life is ours through love,
That makes the generations one;
It links the soul with God above,
When mortal years below are done.
Within the bundle of all life,
Where God sees each amid the whole,
He gives and makes and rules our strife,
And twines for aye our deathless soul.

Louis I. Newman.

FROM JEWISH LITERATURE

Conception of Conduct by a German-Jewish Mystic

"Mention always the name of thy neighbor before thine own, and say: 'My friend and myself.'"

"Be not jealous of the man who is greater than thou and despise none who is smaller than thou."

"If thou hast a guest, never speak to him about learned matters unless thou knowest he is able to partake in the conversation."

"Never put to shame thy man-servant or thy maid-servant."

"The man who is cruel to animals will have to answer for it on the Day of Judgment, and the very drivers will be punished for applying the spur too often."

"Those who constantly fast are not in the good way. Scribes, teachers, and workmen are altogether forbidden to inflict penance upon themselves. If the Holy One, blessed be He, had any particular delight in much fasting, He would have commanded it to Israel, but He only asked of them that they should serve Him in humility."

"If a man should ask: 'Behold, I have money; shall I buy a Scroll of the Law for it or shall I distribute it to the destitute poor?' Answer him with the words of Isaiah: 'When thou seest the naked, that thou cover him, and hide not thyself from thine flesh.'"

"If a man sees a non-Jew committing sin, let him protest against it if he has the power to do so; for behold, did not the Holy One blessed be He, send the prophet Jonah to the people of Nineveh that they may do repentance?"

"The Holy One, blessed be He, executes the judgment of the oppressed, whether Jew or Christian, hence cheat not anybody."

"Book of Saints"
Rabbi Judah he-Hasid.
Died 1217.

Regarding the Hereafter

"For my part, I content myself with the conviction that I shall always remain under Divine protection; that a holy and just Providence rules in the future world as it does in this, and that my true happiness consists in the beauty and perfection of my soul. These are: temperance, justice, freedom, love, benevolence, knowledge of God, laboring in the service of His purpose and an entire surrender to His will. These are the beatitudes which I expect to find in the future life, and more I need not to know in order to go cheerfully on

the way that leads to it; thither you will all follow me when your hour shall come."

Moses Mendelssohn,
born 1729,—died 1876.

The First Commandment

What are the things that we Jews are commanded or forbidden? They are simple and well known. The first command is concerning God, and affirms that God is almighty and perfect, self-sufficient and sufficient for all other things; indeed, the beginning, the middle and the end of all things. He is manifest in His works and benefits, and more conspicuous than any other being whatever; but as to His essential nature, most obscure. All materials, let them be ever so costly, are unworthy to compose an image of Him, and all arts are in-artistic to express the idea of Him.

... All men ought to follow and worship Him in the exercise of virtue; for this way of worship is the most holy. And we ought first to pray for the common welfare of all, and after that for our own, since we are made for fellowship with one another, and he who prefers the common good to his own private good is especially acceptable to God. And let our prayers and supplications be made to God, not so much that He would give us what is good as that we may only receive and use it as good.

Flavius Josephus
Jewish General and Historian,
born 38, died 100 A. D.

Finding God

After a man has acquired the true knowledge of God, it must be his aim to surrender his whole being to Him and to have his heart constantly filled with longing after Him. . . . Our intellectual power, which emanates directly from God, joins us to Him. You have it in your power to strengthen that bond, or to weaken it until it breaks. It will be strengthened if you love God above all other things, and weakened if you prefer other things to Him. All religious acts, such as the reading of Scriptures, praying and performing of ordinances, are only means to fill our mind with the thought of God and free it from worldliness. If, however, we pray with the motion of our lips, and our face toward the wall, but think all the while of our business, read the Law and think of the building of our house, perform ceremonies with our limbs only, whilst our hearts are far from God, then there is no difference between these acts and the digging of the ground, or the hewing of wood.

Moses Maimonides,
Jewish Philosopher and Physician.
Born Cordova, Spain, 1135.
Died Cairo, 1205.