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RABBI BARNETT R. BRICKNER

will preach on

"PROPOSED ROADS OUT"

"Are We Headed Towards Socialism?"

Sunday Morning, November 15th, 10:30

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

Sabbath Morning Service, 11:00 to 12:00

Next Sunday morning Rabbi Brickner will deal with the proposed plans and methods which have been suggested by thinkers and leaders in various fields, the Economic, Religious and Political, to free the world from its present impasse.

It was again gratifying to see the large congregation that filled the Temple last Sunday.

Because of the Concert and Festival that will open the 1931 Annual Community Fund Campaign, Rabbi Brickner will devote his radio time this Sunday, the 15th, to the Community Fund. He will resume his broadcasts on Sunday, November 22nd at 4:30 P. M.

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Sisterhood

"Jewish Current Events" Opens Friday, November 13th

Rabbi Brickner will open his sixth year
of lectures on Jewish Current Events on
alternate Friday mornings commencing
with Friday morning, November 13th at
11 A. M.

Because of the large attendance at this
series of lectures in the past, registration
is limited to those applying first. The
dollar registration fee goes to subscrip-
tions to magazines from all over the world.
Register with Mrs. Manuel Reinthal,
chairman.

"Books and Authors"

Conducted by Mr. Joseph Remenyi—
subject for Friday morning, November
20th, "Important Contemporary Plays."

You Can Help

Mrs. Myron Rice as chairman of her
committee issues an appeal for old clothes
which will be turned over to the Jewish
Social Service Bureau for rehabilitation.
Clothes may be brought at any time and
left with our custodian.

Men's Club

Round Table

Mr. I. L. Kenen, Political Editor of the
Cleveland News will speak next Friday,
November 13th at the Round Table on the
subject "An Answer to Rabbi Brickner."

On the following Friday, November
20th, Mr. Lewis Drucker will speak on
"Psychiatry—Or A New Cure for Crime."

The Round Table meetings are held
every Friday noon at the Statler Hotel.
Come and bring your friends. Your out-
of-town guest would appreciate this ses-
sion.

"Sovietism and the World"

November 24th

A symposium in which three prominent
Clevelanders, who spent the major por-
tion of their summer in Russia, will par-
ticipate, will be featured at the Opening
Meeting of the Men's Club to be held
Tuesday evening, November 24th at 8
o'clock.

The program is as follows:

"The Effect on the World of Russia's
Atheistic Program" by Rabbi Harry S.
Davidowitz of the Jewish Center.

"Russian Art and the Theatre" by Max
Eisenstadt, assistant director of the Play
House.

"The International and Business Aspect
of the U. S. S. R." by Emanuel Davidove,
Cleveland attorney.

The meeting is open to members of the
Men's Club and their friends.

The Way to Happiness

I met a man the other day
Whose sunny manner seemed to say
That he had found the Happy Way.

I asked the secret of his smile,
He gave a thoughtful look the while
And answered somewhat in this style.

Six things have I that spell content,
Six things that mean a life well spent,
That make for real accomplishment:

A Peaceful Mind,
A Grateful Heart,
A Love for all that's true
A Helping Hand,
Real Tolerance
And Lots of Things to Do.

I took my way with courage new
With kindlier feelings, broader view,
Trying to think his answer through.

That man had found the secret key
Of how to live and what to be,
And passed it on to you and me.

Then let us try his simple plan
Of Faith in God and Love to man,
And imitate him if we can.

—S. W. Graffin.

The Course
presents



Nikolai Sokoloff

Director of the Cleveland Symphony
Orchestra

Tuesday evening, November 17th,
8:30 P. M.

Subject: "Russian Life as I Saw It."

Mr. Sokoloff is replacing Professor
Herbert A. Miller due to a cancella-
tion.

*He is a fine orator with a keen sense
for the dramatic. His Russian birth
coupled with the fact that he spent the
summer of 1930 conducting an orchestra
in Baku, Russia, make his appearance
on our Course a timely and distinguished
event.*

Single Admission—75 cents

Space will be reserved for sub-
scribers up to 8:15 P. M.

Please note date of this lecture
very carefully—Tuesday, Novem-
ber 17th.

A Quotation

"Are we a people? At least eight mil-
lion Jews will say, 'Yes, we are a people.'
That is decisive. I grant that the Jewish
consciousness is very weak in some Jews;
that, except for traces, it has almost dis-
appeared in other Jews, and that in a few
others it is transformed into a passionate
and ignoble hatred of everything Jewish."

—Max Nordau.

Patrons to Our Course

The following is a continuation of the
list of patrons to our Course, i. e., those
who have purchased or disposed of ten or
more Course books.

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of Bertha Kraus;
From Mrs. Benj. D. Kendis in memory
of Bertha Kraus.

Library Fund

From the Stern Family in memory of
Robert Stern.

In Memoriam

We record in deep sorrow the passing
away of

Alex Bernstein
and extend our sympathy to the bereaved.

BOOK REVIEW

Bondy Jr. Translated from the German of Ludwig Hatvany by Hannah Waller. 373 pp. New York: Alfred A. Knopf. \$3.

What Hatvany appears to have done is to present, on the grand scale, the history of a Continental Jewish family. He has not, like G. B. Stern in "The Matriarch," sought pre-eminently to convey breadth, treating all the branches of a family tree with equal detail, but has chosen instead to present the leader of each succeeding generation as he stands out against the family background and as he stands opposed to the leader before him. Thus we are shown how Hermann Bondy, in the third generation, rejecting the cautious methods of his father, Max, tripled the family fortunes and prestige, and moved its seat of operations from the obscure city of Miskolcz to Budapest; and thus, for fully two-thirds of this novel, we witness the fluctuating relations between the affluent, hard-headed Hermann and his youngest and favorite child Sigi—the Bondy Jr. of the book.

The background for these relationships is richly painted in. We move through the Hungary of the middle part of the nineteenth century when, following the Kossuth revolution, nationalism is at its height, and when, simultaneously, the power and wealth of the new bourgeoisie are multiplying overnight.

Hermann Bondy, the fortune-maker, is still the older type of Jew, who, with racial traditions strong in him, and the knowledge that he is socially rejected equally strong, decides that money must be, and should be, the centre of his universe. He may have a sentimental feeling for Schiller and Heine, he may be enlightened in a way that his provincial father never was, but there is no urge in him half strong enough to combat his urge to prosper; and doggedly, restlessly, militantly he keeps his eye on his ledger, buys all he can when prices are down and unloads when more stupid men are buying. He is never generous, never soft-hearted, never foolish; not a kreutzer is wasted in his business or his household, not a gulden gambled away quixotically. He is good to his family, but never indulgent; half-aware of the world's intellectual and artistic interests, but never affected by them. In him Baron Hatvany has created the mercenary Jew in heroic proportions—the testy, purposeful, half-humorously querulous master of business whose very praise and blame, affections and dislikes are governed by practicality.

His son Sigi is born into a different world from Hermann. City-bred, the son of a very wealthy father, and racially rather than religiously a Jew, he is naturally interested in the life about him. His country excites him rather than his race; the arts as well as business seem alluring; leadership among men, rather than solitary power, attracts him; and instead of his father's self-sufficient arrogance, Sigi is born with a tremendous amount of vanity. But, without knowing it, he has a great deal of his father in him, and he has, besides, a great deal of Jewish adaptability. He is the sort of clever, precocious boy whose life might take any of several directions: with a different sort of father, or even with more successful contacts among his schoolmates, Sigi might have turned into anything but a business man. But he was unpopular at school, and his father's vigilant eye, seeking qualities of business leadership in Sigi, never relaxed, so that the boy, shrewd to begin with, took a mold that heredity made possible and that environment insisted upon. Patriotism, friendship, art, scholarship were reluctantly but painlessly dropped out of mind when old Hermann died and in his will flattered Sigi with the inference that he alone could capably conduct the family business; Sigi's vanity jumped at the idea, and thereafter he was never torn two ways.

"Bondy Jr." ends when Sigi is 18 years old and trying to keep his two brothers-in-law from having their way in the business even before he is legally old enough to interfere. His relations with his father, from babyhood until the old man's death, are presented in minute detail. They carry conviction. Hatvany knows Hermann inside out, has penetrated the fellow to his roots, his highly significant racial roots; and knows him, too, in terms of his own transitional generation. And he understands Sigi also—how expressive are all the fluctuating enthusiasms of his boyhood, how plausibly the long way round to a business career comes to be the right way. Hermann, of the two, is much the more vivid; but that is because, of course, he is so much more robust, so much more purposeful, so much more simply formed, and in a sense so much more one-dimensional. But in terms of character father and son are equally well understood.

(New York Times.)

Religious School

Parent's Course—Wednesday, November 18th

To make for closer cooperation between parent and school, this series of three talks was inaugurated last Wednesday morning for parents of children in our Primary Department.

This Wednesday, November 18th at 10:30 A. M., Mrs. Harry S. Rosewater, head of our Primary Department will talk on "The Curriculum of the Primary School." Mrs. Sigmund Braverman, Director of Extension Activity, will discuss "Ways of Celebrating Chanukah in the Home."

On Wednesday, November 25th, Rabbi Brickner will discuss "The Role of the Parent as Teacher."

Banner Classes

The following classes have achieved an attendance of 95 per cent and over for the month of October.

- IB — Mrs. B. Dorfman
- IC — Miss A. Barth
- IIA — Miss M. Levin
- IIC — Miss M. Wolfenstein
- IIIB — Miss E. Newman
- VA — Mrs. S. Makman
- VB — Miss A. Zaas
- VC — Miss S. Paikoff
- VD — Miss S. Rosenzweig
- VIA — Miss G. Dorfman
- VIB — Miss D. Hershenow
- VIC — Mr. D. Zahm
- VIIA — Miss H. Englander
- IXA — Mrs. M. Rehmar
- IXC — Miss E. Boman

Attendance for the school thus far has been an average of 93%. For the High School Department it has been 85%.

Leader's Course

Wednesday, November 18th—"Social Music." For club leaders and for members of the senior class in "Club Leadership."

Quotations

"The main reason for the indestructibility of the Jews is that they early embraced certain invaluable ideals, and have struggled toward them indomitably for thousands of years . . . Will the race bear liberty as well as it has borne oppression? . . . If the race is to meet successfully the test of liberty, it will hold fast to its social idealism and press steadily toward its intellectual and religious ideals."

—Charles W. Eliot.

"It is a tragedy to see a great, ancient people, distinguished for its loyalty to its religion, and its devotion to its sacred Law, losing thousands every day by the mere process of attrition. It is a tragedy to see a language held sacred by all the world, in which Holy Writ was composed, which served as the depository of Israel's greatest and best thoughts, doomed to oblivion. It is a tragedy to see the descendants of those who revealed religion to the world, and who developed the greatest religious literature in existence, so little familiar with real Jewish thought."

—Solomon Schechter.

"With the people of the new Jewish commonwealth, the American Jews will co-operate with a zeal born of a common inheritance, to aid them in developing in Palestine a Jewish civilization and to bring its beneficial fruits to all the peoples of the world. But with the commonwealth itself, they will have no political connection whatsoever; it will not be their country; it will give them no political rights or protection; they will yield to it no political allegiance; their citizenship in and their loyalty to the United States will remain single and undivided."

—Julian W. Mack.

"Zionism has blown over the dry bones of Judaism, and once again the faces and the feet of many Jews are turned to Zion. Palestine and the Jew can never be separated. No power on earth can take from this land its magic attractions for its people. In the Jews' mind there is a quest, which he will pursue in the face of all obstacles and through wearily long generations, until the prophecies of his ancient teachers and of his own heart have been fulfilled."

—J. Ramsay MacDonald.

Alumni Day

An Informal Supper Dance

Sunday, November 15th

6:00 P. M.—Supper

7:30 P. M.—Program

"Looking Back," a Symposium by Elmer Babin and Maurice Bernstein, past presidents of the Alumni Association.

Vocal solo by Zerline Sulka.

Violin selection by Irving Pohl, accompanied by Bertram Kraus.

A few words by Rabbi Brickner.

8:30 P. M.—Dancing

Admission 75 cents or by budget tickets.

Self-Communion

A man should commune with himself in reference to the desires of his heart and his worldly tastes; and a careful consideration of the ends they serve will lead him to look with contempt on ephemeral possessions; and his thoughts and desires will be fixed on the highest good, and on what is of eternal value to his mind and soul; and he will learn to strive only for what is barely necessary of the things of this world. He will desire to be kept from both poverty and riches, so that he may have enough for a simple, healthy life; and he will yearn after wisdom and spiritual possessions, of which no one can rob him.

One should also consider well, in communing with his soul, whether he has made the best use of any wealth that he may possess, doing good with it. And he should meditate also on the many ways in which one man can help another; and consider that he should love for others what he loves for himself, and hate for others what he hates for himself, rejoicing in their joy and grieving in their sorrow. And he should be full of compassion for them, and ward off from them, to the utmost of his power, anything that may injure them; as it is said, "And thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself."

FROM JEWISH LITERATURE

The Whisperer

Abhor the whisperer and double-tongued, for he hath destroyed many that were at peace. The slanderous tongue hath shaken many and dispersed them from nation to nation; and it hath pulled down cities and overthrown the houses of great men. It hath cast out brave women and deprived them of the fruits of their labors. He that hearkeneth unto it shall not find rest nor shall he dwell quietly; the stroke of the whip maketh a mark in the flesh, but the stroke of the tongue will break bones. Many have fallen by the stroke of the sword, yet not so many as they that have fallen because of the tongue. Happy is he that is sheltered from it, that hath not passed through the wrath thereof; that hath not drawn its yoke, and hath not been bound with its bands; for the yoke thereof is yoke of iron, and the bands thereof are bands of brass. The death thereof is an evil death and Hades were better than it.

Jesus Ben Sirah,
Author of Ecclesiasticus.

Bachya ib'n Pakudah,
Spanish Rabbi and Philosopher,
First half of 11th Century.

True Excellency

No crown carries such royalty with it as doth humility; no monument gives such glory as an unsullied name; no worldly gain can equal that which comes from observing God's laws. The highest sacrifice is a contrite heart; the most beautiful of all things man can do is to forgive wrong. Cherish a good heart when thou findest it in any one; hate, for thou mayest hate it, the haughtiness of the overbearing man, and keep the boaster at a distance. There is no skill or cleverness to be compared to that which avoids temptation; there is no strength that can equal piety. All honor to him who prays, reads, learns—all with a passionate yearning for his Maker's grace.

Eleazar Ben Yehudah,
French Rabbi and Author.
Born: Mayence, 1176.
Died: Worms, 1238.