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RABBI BARNETT R. BRICKNER

will preach on

"HITLER - EUROPE'S MADNESS INCARNATE"

Sunday Morning, November 29th, 10:30

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

Sabbath Morning Service, 11:00 to 12:00

Sunday Service

Next Sunday morning, Rabbi Brickner will speak on the relation of Adolph Hitler and the Nazis Movement in Germany of which he is the leader, with the crisis in Germany and Europe. He will discuss what are likely to be the effects on all of Europe and on the Jews if Hitler and his movement are successful in Germany.

This is a most vital and much talked of subject.

The second service of the Youth Temple conducted by our Alumni Association, will be held Friday evening, December 4th at 8 P. M., in the Sisterhood Parlor.

Marvin Lowenthal Guest of Youth Temple

Marvin Lowenthal, noted author and contributing editor of the Menorah Journal, will be the guest speaker. He has travelled extensively and is a close observer of Jewish life. He possesses a magnetic personality and a keen interest in the problems facing Jewish youth particularly since he himself is still a young man.

The service of worship arranged by the young people themselves uses Chanukah as the central theme. The candles will be lit and the blessings chanted by David Zahm, who will also sing the Kiddush. Lois Schwartz will read the service and Victor Pollak will introduce the speaker.

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Office, Cleveland, Ohio, under the Act of March 3rd 1879.

Men's Club Round Table

Mr. Lewis Drucker will speak at the
Round Table on Friday, November 27th
on "Psychiatry—a New Cure for Crime."

Rabbi Brickner will lead the discussion
on Friday, December 4th.

Nation-wide Acknowledgment of Unemployment Broadcast

Rabbi Brickner is in receipt of a stack
of letters and telegrams from all parts of
the country congratulating him upon the
message that he delivered at the opening
of the Cleveland Community Fund Cam-
paign at the Music Hall on Sunday, No-
vember 15th.

The program was part of President
Hoover's Unemployment Relief Campaign
and was sent over a nation-wide hook-up
through the stations of the National
Broadcasting System and the Columbia
Broadcasting System.

The messages came from widely distrib-
uted points such as California, Vermont,
New York, Texas, North Carolina, Ten-
nessee, Michigan and Canadian cities. The
following is typical of the letters received:

"My dear Rabbi Brickner:

I cannot resist writing you today,
after listening to your marvelous in-
troduction of Newton D. Baker yester-
day in the President's Program. It
was a masterpiece and so thrilling
that it moved me to tears.

Would it be possible for you to send
me a copy of it? I venture to ask
this only because I assume it was
already written for the Radio. In
any case, let me thank you again and
send my kindest greetings."

Chanukah Meeting—December 9th

"Chanukah in Music" will be featured
at the Sisterhood Chanukah Meeting,
Wednesday, December 9th.

This original compilation of Chanukah
music has been prepared by Mrs. Sigmund
Braverman and Mr. Nathan Brilliant.

Three distinct groups are participating
in the program—the Temple choir and a
children's choir, both under the direction
of Mr. Griffith Jones and a junior choir of
boys and girls of high school age, under
the direction of Mr. Morris Goldman.

Mrs. Charles Rosenblatt is the chairman
of the Sisterhood committee, which is pre-
paring this unusual vocal pageant of a
people singing. The other members of the
committee are Mesdames M. E. Blahd,
Sol Gitson, Roy Pepperberg and Ralph
Wertheimer.

Sisterhood

Jewish Current Events

Friday, November 27th—11 A. M., con-
ducted by Rabbi Brickner.

Books and Authors

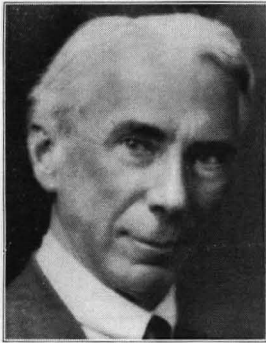
Friday, December 4th—11 A. M., con-
ducted by Mr. Joseph Remenyi. Subject:
"Recent War Literature."

Religious School

Chanukah Celebration

Children of our Religious School will
celebrate Chanukah with a program to be
given on Saturday morning, December 5th
at 9:30 A. M. This will be followed by a
Shabbos Chanukah Children's Service at
11 o'clock.

The following children of the 9th grade
will participate: Suzanne Brody, Dorothy
Frankel, Robert Fromson, Edwin Geller,
Robert Landau, Miriam Laronge and
Charlotte Teller.



Bertrand Russell

Philosopher and Author of World
Wide Note

Tuesday Evening, December 1st
8:30 P. M.

Subject: "The Outlook for
Civilization."

Single Admission—75 cents
(If seats are available)

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

For Parents, Teachers and Club Leaders

A Chanukah pamphlet, containing sug-
gestions for the celebration of Chanukah
in school, club and particularly in the
home, have been compiled in a pamphlet
by Mrs. Sigmund Braverman and Mr.
Nathan Brilliant. These are on sale at
the Temple Office at 25 cents each.

There will also be on exhibition sugges-
tions for Chanukah gifts as well as an
assortment of Chanukah Menorahs.

School Aids Community Fund

Our Religious School has pledged \$250
to the Cleveland Community Fund. This
is an increase of \$100 over what the
School contributed last year.

A Quotation

"Great as are the changes wrought by
this war, I doubt whether any of these
changes surpass in interest the liberation
of Palestine and its recognition as the
home of Israel. The greatest, most an-
cient historic wrong has at last been un-
done, and the prophecies of restoration en-
shrined in the world's great poetry have
come true. And we Christians, who have
received from Israel the treasures of the
noblest literature, are at last in a position
to make some small return for these price-
less blessings, and to restore Israel to its
ancient homeland. For the future our
most fervent good wishes accompany the
land and the people. We pray for the
peace of Jerusalem. We trust that she
may once more raise aloft the torch of the
spiritual over a whole world laid waste by
the false worship of brute force."

—Jan. C. Smuts.

New Members

A hearty welcome is extended to the
following who have recently affiliated
themselves with our membership. It is
earnestly hoped that they will avail them-
selves of every opportunity offered them
through our Temple.

Charles Bialosky
David Cohen
S. G. Glick
J. B. Goldston
Jack A. Persky
Nathan Starr
Harry Weiss
M. J. Zinner

Scholarship Fund

The Scholarship Fund gratefully ac-
knowledge receipt of a donation from
Mr. and Mrs. Max Goldman in memory of
Abe C. Goldman.

In Memoriam

We record in deep sorrow the passing
away of

Phillip Oppenheimer

Louis Alexander

and extend our sympathy to the bereaved.

CHANGED TO DECEMBER 20th

Job: The Story of a Simple Man

By Joseph Roth. Translated by Dorothy Thompson . . . New York: The Viking Press . . . \$2.50.

Reviewed by Isidor Schneider

"Many years ago there lived in Zuchnow, in Russia, a man named Mendel Singer. He was pious, God-fearing and ordinary, an entirely commonplace Jew." So begins this modern paraphrase of "The Book of Job," which opens: "There was a man in the land of Uz whose name was Job; and that man was perfect and upright, and one that feared God and eschewed evil." And the difference discernible in these two openings holds good for the two books in their entirety. The sentiment we feel for the tragedy and recompense of "the entirely commonplace" Mendel Singer is gentle, pitying, and touches us to tears. The sentiment we feel for the man "that was perfect" touches us with awe. It is almost as if the author felt that it would be sacrilege to evoke, in our time, a heroic figure and to speak of him with the mighty invective and the vast agony of those days. And this, it may be, is a measure of the decline in all our faiths.

For Mendel Singer in Zuchnow life went on in a passive endurance of the sorrows that came to most Jews in Russia, poverty and its mischances, humility and its defeats, and the never ending fear of officials who for the Jews were symbols of organized enmity as well as organized power. Two healthy sons, Jonas and Shemariah, and a dainty daughter, Miriam, were given to him, but the fourth child, Menuchim, was born a weakling, crippled and mute. Time brought further troubles. As the two healthy sons came of age Jonas was conscripted: Shemariah at great sacrifice was bribed across the border and found his way to America. The daughter grew beautifully but errantly into womanhood. Mendel saw her in the embraces of one of the soldiers quartered in the village, and knew that she must be taken away to be saved. They make preparations to emigrate to America, where Shemariah has prospered and become Sam.

They leave Menuchim behind in the care of a newly married couple who are given the house of the Singers in payment. But they leave him with misgivings, for they have still clung to the hope that God would be capable of one more miracle and heal their son. So, indeed, a wonder-working rabbi had promised the mother if she would not abandon the helpless one.

In America they have security, but to overbalance it the discomforts of alieny, homesickness and longings for the son they cannot quite forgive themselves for abandoning. But the news comes that the cripple has walked, the mute has uttered words, and a year of peace comes graciously to Mendel in his old age.

Then the World War that brought tragedy to so many comes to test his patience with a holocaust of disasters. Jonas is reported "missing"; America is drawn into the war, and Sam, the prosperous, marches to the front in the uniform of the new fatherland. In time the horrible news comes: Sam alone, of all the many sons of the neighborhood, is sacrificed; grief kills the mother; and soon afterward the fleshly Miriam, tormented by her passions and her conscience, goes insane. And now the pious and God-fearing Jew has no heart left for faith. God, like a master who has driven his slave beyond endurance, is confronted by a man who at last has lost fear of Him, has become strong and lonely and can deny God while in cold patience he waits to die. And the years pass. He has become, in his loneliness, a servant in a household where he has been taken in, in kindness, but has outlived the kindness. At a Passover service where, humbly, he has been the first to arrive and the last to sit down, his compensation comes, not too late. Menuchim, as the rabbi promised, made wise by pain, good by ugliness, mild by bitterness and strong by sickness, appears a world-famous musician with a new, professional name. The miracle long promised has been granted.

This moving story is written with a quiet, lyrical and touching beauty. It is impossible, while reading it, not to surrender to its gentle and sensitive persuasion, to its pity that is without indignation. And yet, after reading it, the impression one has is of something exquisite but evanescent. It is like Mendel himself, shy, unaggressive, ready, indeed almost willing, to escape attention. Its characters are not built up in the mind by that accumulation of particulars that give dimension and weight. It has the quality of a graceful, softly glowing commentary that illuminates but does not create. Certainly, however, it is a distinguished book and one whose reading gives a strong and delicate pleasure.

(From the New York-Herald Tribune)