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RABBI BARNETT R. BRICKNER

will preach on

"WHY DO THE RIGHTEOUS SUFFER?"

Based on the recent novel "Job" by Josef Roth

Sunday Morning, December 13th, 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 discuss the age old theme which is ever new and most timely in these days—"Why Do the Righteous Suffer?"

This poignant human question was superbly dramatized in the Biblical book of Job.

Recently Josef Roth, a German Jewish author, has written a remarkable novel entitled "Job—The Story of a Simple Man," now available in English translation. This book has been enthusiastically received by many of the great literary figures of Europe.

Rabbi Brickner will make this novel the text of his discourse.

Rabbi Brickner broadcasts over Station WHK every Sunday afternoon from 4:30 to 5:00

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

Aiding War Aggressors

By Newton D. Baker,

Former Secretary of War, Addressing the
Chamber of Commerce of Boston.

For the moment I am not interested in the League, but more in the possibility of the future wars it is designed to circumvent. If another world war breaks out, with the consequent development of the hideous weapons of warfare we have been told and warned about, the dawn of the dominance of the yellow or black race will be in sight, for the dominance of the white race will be ended by suicide. * * *

Let me say that I am of the opinion that the United States, at the next session of Congress, ought to go into the World Court. * * * Such a court would pass on the question of national prestige, political questions and the surging overpopulation, which I regard as elements holding peril for the future of mankind. The union of the United States with the court would be of great help to the peace forces of the world.

I believe that the Senate should dig up the Capper resolutions stipulating that the United States shall not lend "benevolent neutrality" by extending its market places to an aggressor nation in the event of war between nations which have by treaty agreed to settle their disputes by arbitration. We should not be neutral toward a treaty-breaking State, and if the United States took that position it would pretty nearly put an end to the possibility of nations making war.

TRYOUTS

Wednesday, December 16th

7:30 p.m.

FOR THE FIRST

ALUMNI PLAY

TO BE GIVEN IN FEBRUARY

Miss Sylvia Stein, Coach

Men's Club Round Table

Ray T. Miller, County Prosecutor, will be the guest speaker at the Round Table, Friday, December 11th, noon at the Statler Hotel. His subject will be "The Job of the Prosecutor."

The Round Table is planning a series of studies of Jewish institutions. A number of committees have been appointed, each of which is undertaking to study at close range one institution. The head of that institution will be the guest speaker at one of the Round Table meetings when the Committee on that institution reports.

Mr. Sam Goldhamer, Executive Director of the Jewish Welfare Board will open the series on Friday, December 18th.

The first discussion of the series will be given early in January.

Those unable to come on time for lunch are invited to the discussion which begins at 12:45 P. M.

Religious School

Faculty at Rabbi's Home

The faculty of the Religious School and the club leaders will be the guests of Rabbi and Mrs. Brickner at their home this Friday evening, December 11th, the last day of Chanukah.

Book Review

Jewish Settings

The Other Cheek. By A. B. Shiffrin, 171 pp. New York: Newland Press.

Mr. Shiffrin's book maintains a level of mild interest without ever fully engrossing the reader. With the exception of one mystery story, "Nightmare," the settings are Jewish. There is a great variety of interesting characters: a prizefighter who cannot bear the sight of blood, a father who after twenty years finds his long-lost son in a synagogue and identifies him by his gruesome laughter, a black Jew who commits suicide rather than remain an outcast, and then the hero of the title story, a "different" boy who turns the other cheek. Characters such as these, handled in a more skillful manner, might have lent themselves to much stronger treatment, but it is with regret that one realizes that Mr. Shiffrin has been unable properly to exploit his material. He supplies the bare skeleton of a plot, the sketch of a background, but he has not sufficient narrative vigor to support so impressionistic a method. It is chiefly the almost embarrassing awkwardness of the dialogue which keeps most of the stories from coming alive and robs them of their potential effect.

About two-thirds of the book suffers under this handicap, but in "A Trickle of Red," "Hard Luck," "Morrison's Revenge" and "Nightmare" the author redeems himself completely. In "Nightmare" he is at his best. Here he creates a series of gruesome situations which leave both the reader and the narrator—the victim of these experiences—in doubt as to whether they actually occurred or were a sort of hallucination.

The title story is a fair example of the author's method. "The Other Cheek" concerns a young schoolboy who is regarded as peculiar by his playmates and his teacher. One day he remains after school to approach the teacher abruptly with the words, "It happened a year ago." A group of boys, among whom he was the only Jew, had been throwing snowballs at the town church. A man approached and every one ran away but the boy. The man slapped him on the cheek and he, although he had not been throwing any snowballs himself, simply turned the other cheek. The man dropped his hand and walked slowly back to the church. The story, the import of which is obvious, might have been more effectively treated. As it stands it is trivial.

In "A Trickle of Red" we meet David Spinoza, a pugilist, who has always avoided using headblows on his opponent because of his aversion for blood. On one occasion he draws blood from the nose of his adversary, goes limp, loses the fight and permanently quits the ring. This story is free from all the shortcomings which hamper a great number of the others included in this book.

The New Colossus

Recent improvements in the lighting of the Statue of Liberty in New York Harbor will recall the poem of Emma Lazarus which is engraved on the pedestal. This famous poem, entitled "The New Colossus" is quoted below:

"Not like the brazen giant of Greek fame,
With conquering limbs astride from land
to land:

Here at our sea-washed, sunset gates shall
stand

A mighty woman with a torch whose flame
Is the imprisoned lightning, and her name
Mother of exiles. From the beacon-hand
Blows world-wide welcome; her mild eyes
command

The air-bridged harbor that twin cities
frame.

'Keep ancient lands your stories pomp!'
cries she

With silent lips. 'Give me your tired, your
poor,

Your huddled masses yearning to breathe
free,

The wretched refuse of your teeming
shore.

Send these, the homeless, tempest-tossed,
to me;

I lift up my lamp beside the golden door!"

Annual Meeting Elections

The following is the Nomination Committee's report for Trustees to be voted on at the Annual Congregational Meeting to be held Sunday evening, December 20th.

Five-Year Term

B. B. Eisenberg, Fred Frankel, Clarence I. Goldsmith, B. H. Sinks, David G. Skall, Mrs. J. O. Stein.

One-Year Term

(Unexpired term of E. E. Schwartz), Mrs. Joseph Nagusky.

One-Year Term (Representing the Men's Club)

Otto Zinner.

One-Year Term (Representing the Sisterhood)

Mrs. Milton Halle, Mrs. Myron Rice, Mrs. William Rothenberg.

Mary Wigman at Severance Hall

Our Course committee has engaged Severance Hall for the appearance of Mary Wigman on January 5th.

In view of the fact that no one can be seated on the stage of our auditorium for that evening, it has been necessary to engage a larger hall in order to accommodate all of the subscribers to our Course. This will be the only event given outside of our own Auditorium.

Funds

We Gratefully Acknowledge the Following Contributions

Prayer Book Fund

From the Mendelson family in memory of their mother.

Amelia Beer in memory of her mother, Mina Beer.

Altar Fund

From the Temple Girls' Y. J. Club in memory of Robert Tauber.

Scholarship Fund

From Mrs. Leon Strauss in memory of her mother, Sarah Weil.

Resolution on the Observance of the Sabbath

(A suggestion for Sisterhood, Council of Jewish Women and other kindred groups, male or female, not excluding all Jewish individuals especially those officially identified with Jewish institutions.)

"We recognize in Judaism the glory, the purpose and the hope of the Jewish people. For Judaism our ancestors nobly lived and bravely died. By their unquestioned loyalty the faithful preserved our religion for our present generation. To Judaism it is our duty, our privilege and our opportunity to give our thought, our love and our service, in order that it may be transmitted as an inspiration to coming generations.

"Through Judaism, Israel has rendered a conspicuous service to the human family, by furnishing the ideals, by interpreting the purpose, by exemplifying the motives that exalt man to a position of honor, happiness and sanctity.

"To our Temple as the House of Prayer, the House of Study and the House of Assembly we look as our chief source of inspiration and guidance. To our homes and hearts and to our different Jewish institutions, our Temple radiates the light of courage, hope and duty that directs our steps aright on the path of righteousness.

"Whereas it is our deliberate judgment that the distractions often indulged in at the very hour of public worship on Sabbaths and Holy Days such as entertainments, rehearsals, receptions, sports, parties, meetings, visits, etc., interfere with our spiritual welfare, break our religious progress and disturb the unity of our people in the cause of establishing righteousness on earth,

"Therefore, be it resolved that we unite individually and collectively to express the opinion that it is unwise, unnecessary and undesirable for Jewish people to permit any interference with the hours of public worship on Sabbath and Holy Days.

"We urge all Jewish mothers and fathers to concern themselves most zealously with the religious education and spiritual habits of their children and to accustom them to participate in both public and private prayer as the best means of keeping them in sympathy with the life and work and service of our people.

"Be it further resolved, that we urge all our members individually to aid in preserving the sanctity of our Sabbaths and Holy Days and through an active and enlightened Jewish consciousness to guarantee the preservation of Judaism as our most precious heritage to coming generations of Jews." (Adapted.)

Sisterhood

Cultural Courses

Friday, December 11th—11 A. M.

Rabbi Brickner on Jewish Current Events.

Friday, December 18th—11 A. M.

Mr. Joseph Remenyi on "Two Recent Novels"—"Quiet Street" by Michael Osgorin; "Shadows on the Rock" by Willa Cather.

Sisterhood Helps Needy

More than 1200 pieces of clothing reconditioned and made wearable by our Sisterhood was sent to the Jewish Social Service Bureau during the month of November.

Mrs. Myron Rice, chairman of the committee, is very much gratified with the response to her appeal for clothes to be reconditioned.

Further articles of clothing may be brought to the Temple at any time and left with our custodian.

Memory Book

Mr. and Mrs. Milton Guttnawer of Detroit, Michigan in memory of Mr. Joe Goodman;

Mrs. A. Mendelson in memory of Mrs. Mary Metzenbaum.

Contributions in memory of Mr. Joseph Kornfeld may be sent to Mrs. William Antel, 3205 Meadowbrook Blvd.

Dramatic Reading—Tuesday, December 22nd

Mrs. S. S. Rosenberg, Chairman of Dramatic Reading will produce "Michael and Mary" by Milne, Tuesday, December 22nd in the Auditorium of the Temple House.

Mrs. Max Kalish is coaching the reading and will take the part of Mary and Miss Beatrice Soltz will take the part of Michael.

Others taking part are as follows: Mrs. Arthur Haas, Mrs. Arthur Dettelbach, Mrs. Sol Gitson, Mrs. Ludwig Teller, Mrs. Marvin Laronge and Mrs. Ralph Wertheimer.

New Jewish Weekly Appears

"Opinion," a journal of Jewish life and letters, edited by James Waterman Wise, has just made its appearance.

The editorial board of OPINION consists of Ludwig Lewisohn, Professor Irwin Edman, Dr. George Alexander Kohut, John Haynes Holmes, Maurice Samuel, Professor Mordecai M. Kaplan and Dr. Stephen S. Wise. Contributing editors are drawn from the outstanding writers of America who deal with questions of Jewish significance.

"What We Jews Believe"

The Rabbi is often asked for some handy book which will give in easy flowing style the answer to the question of our system of belief. Such a book has just appeared, issuing from the offices of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations. This little volume is called "What We Jews Believe," and it is written by Professor Samuel S. Cohon, Professor at the Hebrew Union College. It will answer the queries of hundreds of our people who are at a loss when asked the fundamental tenets of Judaism. Written in simple non-technical language, it sets forth the fundamentals of Reform. You can obtain a copy by writing to the office of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, Merchants Building, Cincinnati, Ohio. The price is only \$1.25.

Who's Who

The Who's Who Roster of American Jews selected by "The American Hebrew," a weekly publication of New York and in which appear the names of men and women who have achieved notably in their widely diversified fields of activities during 1931, contains the names of two Euclid Avenue Templites, that of Judge Manuel Levine, Prosecuting Judge of the Court of Appeals under the classification of "Bench and Bar" and Rabbi B. R. Brickner under the classification "Christians and Jews in Mutual Endeavors."

The Eighty-fifth Annual Congregational Dinner and Meeting

Sunday, December 20th

in the
Temple House

Programme

6:30—Dinner

8:15—Violin Recital by Mr. Herman Rosen, gifted Cleveland artist and a former pupil of the famous Auer, teacher of violin virtuosos.

8:45—Business Meeting

Tables to accommodate parties of 10 can be arranged.

Members who do not attend the dinner are most cordially invited to come at 8:15 for the Recital and the Meeting.

Full chicken dinner will be served at \$1.00 per person.

Number of reservations for dinner is limited. Send in your reservation at once.

Program for Violin Recital

I

- a. Romance _____ d'Ambrosio
- b. Danse Tzigane _____ Nachez
- c. Hebrew Melody _____ Achron
- d. Tambourin Chinois _____ Kreisler

II

- a. Midnight Bells _____ Heuberger-Kreisler
- b. Perpetual Motion _____ Novacek
- c. Nigun (From Baal Shem Suite) _____ Block
- d. Caprice Basque _____ Sarasate

At the Piano — Leon Machan

Please detach and mail at once

Date _____

Euclid Avenue Temple,
8206 Euclid Ave.

Please make _____ reservations at \$1.00 each, for the Annual Congregational Dinner to be held Sunday, December 20th, for which I enclose my check for \$_____.

Name _____

Address _____