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SUNDAY, JANUARY 15TH, 10:30 P. M.

RABBI BRICKNER

will speak on

"DESIGN FOR LIVING"

A discussion based on Noel Coward's play which had its premiere last week

Rabbi Brickner will discuss the play with special reference to the following questions:

1. Are there any standards for sex?

2. Should people have the right to lead their own lives?

FRIDAY EVENING TWILIGHT SERVICE, 5:30 TO 6:00.

SABBATH MORNING CHILDREN'S SERVICE, 11:00 TO 12:00

Mothers are strongly urged to accompany their children to the regular monthly Children's service this Saturday morning. The following members of the Confirmation Class are participating: Allen Bondy, Pauline Federman, Jane Rittmaster, Alva Sapiro, Robert Schaffer, Mortimer Schwartz and Betty Unger.

Rabbi Brickner broadcasts over Station WHK every Sunday afternoon from 5:30 to 6:00

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RELIGION AND HAPPINESS

If we were to ask the question: "What is human life's chief concern?" one of the answers we should receive would be: "It is happiness." How to gain, how to keep, how to recover happiness, is in fact for most men at all times the secret motive of all they do and of all they are willing to endure. The hedonistic school in ethics deduces the moral life wholly from the experiences of happiness which different kinds of conduct bring; and, even more in the religious life than in the moral life, happiness and unhappiness seem to be the poles around which the interest revolves. We need not go so far as to say with a certain author that any persistent enthusiasm is, as such, religious, nor need we call mere laughter a religious exercise; but we must admit that any persistent enjoyment may produce the sort of religion which consists in a grateful admiration of the gift of so happy an existence; and we must also acknowledge that the more complex ways of experiencing religion are new manners of producing happiness, wonderful inner paths to a supernatural kind of happiness, when the first gift of natural existence is unhappy, as it so often proves itself to be.

With such relations between religion and happiness, it is perhaps not surprising that men come to regard the happiness which a religious belief affords as a proof of its truth. If a creed makes a man feel happy, he almost inevitably adopts it. Such a belief ought to be true; therefore it is true—such, rightly or wrongly, is one of the "immediate inferences" of the religious logic used by ordinary men.

Quoted from "The Varieties of Religious Experience." — by William James.

LECTURE COURSE

Walter B. Pitkin, eminent psychologist, editor and professor of Journalism, will appear on our course Tuesday evening, January 24th, at 8:30 p. m. He will speak on "Why Men Break."

SISTERHOOD

Cultural Courses

"Books and Authors"—Friday, January 13th at 11 A. M.—Mr. Joseph Remenyi—subject: Virginia Woolf and her works.

Jewish Current Events — Friday, January 20th at 11 A. M.—Rabbi Brickner.

Dr. Sachar Speaks at Federation Meeting

Dr. Abraham Leon Sachar, professor of History at the Unversity of Illinois will be the guest speaker at the annual open meeting of the Federation of Jewish Women's Organizations to be held on Monday afternoon, January 16th at 2:30 P. M., in the Auditorium of the Euclid Avenue Temple. He will speak on "The Jew in the Modern World."

Dr. Sachar is a frequent contributor to the New Republic, the Menorah Journal, the New York Times Book Supplement, and to numerous other magazines. His most recent book is the "History of the Jews."

The lecture will be followed by a tea with Mrs. Sol Friedman as hostess of the afternoon. The meeting is open to members of all the Sisterhoods in the city.

MEN'S CLUB

Round Table-Monday, January 16th

Dr. George E. Follansbee, chairman of the Judicial Council of the American Medical Association and member of the Executive Committee on Costs of Medical Care, will speak on "Costs of Medical Care" at the weekly Round Table, Monday, noon, January 16th at Allendorf's, 1111 Chester Avenue.

Please Note!

Whether you are celebrating an occasion of joy or memoralizing a beloved departed one, there is no better way than contributing in their honor or memory to any one of the Temple Funds.

Here are just a few: Library Fund which goes to the purchase of books for our Library; The Ceremonial Object Fund which goes to the purchase of such ceremonial objects that will be useful in the instruction in our Religious School; The Fund for Awards which goes to the purchase of prizes and awards for high scholarship and one hundred percent attendance in the Religious School.

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

Parent-Teachers' Meeting—Sunday, January 22nd.

Parents of children in all twelve grades of our Religious School are cordially invited to the annual Parent-Teachers' Meeting to be held on Sunday afternoon, January 22nd at 3 o'clock.

The program in the Auditorium will be selected so as to give some suggestion concerning the character of the work we are doing in the school. Directly after the program, teachers will be in their rooms to meet the parents and to discuss informally with them the welfare of their children.

An exhibition of the work done by the children will be prepared in the Recreation Hall and in the classrooms.

Report Cards

Next Sunday, January 15th, report cards will be distributed to all children in the Intermediate and Junior High Departments (Grades 4 to 9.) Please examine these cards carefully, sign them and return them to the teacher.

THE TEACHER'S TASK

By Lady Astor

(addressing a Student and Teacher Convocation at Teacher's College, Columbia University.)

I am one of the few people who really like teachers. I look upon them as members of a consecrated profession. If you teachers don't feel that way, don't go into the profession of teaching children.

We are passing through one of the most interesting periods in the history of the world. People do not realize how the world is changing. It is up to the teachers to train mankind, to develop the mind from the competitive one of today to a contemplative one.

I have watched communism grow and I don't believe for one minute that it will last on a materialistic basis. I have studied capitalism and unless the capitalistic system of society emerges to something better than it is at present, it will not continue to exist. It is necessary to introduce spirit, a spiritual something, into our competitive minds in order to remain. —From New York Times.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

By Herman H. Lehman,

(Governor of New York State, addressing the Jewish Educational Association.)

At this particular time courage and morale are sorely needed in our fight against conditions which must and will be overcome.

Spritual leadership certainly should include religious training and religious education. It must apply to adults and children alike. Many of those of us who have reached manhood or womanhood appreciate the importance of spiritual values and wish to supplement our lives with these values. That will not be true, however, in the case of the younger generation, unless we charge ourselves with the duty of providing them with a proper and adequate religious education.

Our children, in addition to the secular education they receive from the public schools, are entitled to the opportunity of securing religious education. The State and its subdivisions provide secular education. It is the duty of the various religious groups of our population to provide a religious training for these children.

A teacher was telling her Sunday School class the story of the Red Sea. She had reached the climax when Moses struck the Red Sea with his staff and the Israelites escaped from the Egyptians by crossing over on dry land and not even getting their stockings wet, when all of a sudden a sweet cherubic little voice piped up from the back of the room, "Vas you dere, Sharley?"

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From Mr. and Mrs. Charles A. Stone in memory of their daughter, Elizabeth.

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From Mrs. Walter Mayhall in memory of her sister, Elizabeth Stone.

AN INTERVIEW WITH MAURICE RAVEL

Ravel began with Meyerbeer. "Le Prophete"—for all its stained glass artificiality—was to him a classic of orchestration, the musical ideas here were worked out and developed magnificently.

"To me, 'Le Prophete' is really the first of the 'music dramas.' And to think that it was composed so many years before 'Rienzi!' I am quite sure that if it had not been for Meyerbeer, the character of Wagner's music would have been quite different-so marked was this Jew's influence upon the great German composer. I dismiss Mendelssohn because-although I have often been touched by the beauty of his style and the chaste simplicity of his music-he has never really influenced me, or any other great composer, very profoundly. From my point of view, it is Meyerbeer and not Mendelssohn who is the greatest of all Jewish composers of the past. And what about modern Jewish

composers?

Ravel hesitated a while, and when he spoke his words seemed to come reluctantly.

"I don't like to express myself very freely on modern composers because, being a modern composer myself, all praise and blame is bad tact. However, it is almost a truism that the Jew is a tremendous figure in modern music. How can any honest musician help but confess it? Schonberg with his 'Pierrot Lunaire,' which is the very peak of abstract polyphony; Milhaud of France, who was the most gifted of the younger French five; Ernest Bloch in America, who is a powerful and passionate nature, and one of the most electric figures in present-day music-these are only a few of the many Jews who are helping to fashion today the music of tomorrow."

-From the "Jewish Exponents"

TO END DEPORTATION EVILS

A bill to stamp out star-chamber practices in the deportation of aliens has been drafted for introduction in Congress. The authors of the measure are Reuben Oppenheimer and Howard E. Wahrenbrock, both members of the Wickersham commission investigating deportation. The bill would compel the swearing out of warrants before arresting aliens and create a board of appeals with wide powers.

-The World Tomorrow.

The Alumni Affair

This Sunday Evening

is the

Talk of the Town

Don't YOU Miss It!

BOBBY GELTMAN

and his Radio Stars will be there

Admission sixty cents per person Budget ticket admits one

PRAYER BOOKS NEEDED

The Temple is in need of Prayer Books. If you have any extra ones at home of the 1924 or later editions won't you please send them to the Temple office? Or you may contribute to the Prayer Book Fund which goes toward the purchase of additional copies.

It will also help if you will bring your own Prayer Book with you on Sunday morning so that we may have a sufficient number for the guests of our Congregation.

WAGES DROP 46%, LIVING 23%

Earnings of farm and manufacturing workers appear to have been cut in about the same proportion since 1929, and cut almost twice as much as the cost of living has fallen according to the Association Press reports on statistics revealed by a United States Survey of current business. Average weekly earnings in 24 manufacturing industries in 1929 were \$28.52; in August this year they were \$15.35. Over the same period average farm wages without board have fallen from \$49.08 to \$26.36. Industrial wages dropped 46.1 per cent; farm wages 46.9 per cent. In the same period the cost of living fell 23.2 per cent.