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Sunday Morning, February 7th, 10:30

MR. CHANNING POLLOCK

Noted Lecturer and Dramatist

will speak on

"DOES MODERN LITERATURE REPRESENT LIFE"

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

Sabbath Morning Service, 11:00 to 12:00

Rabbi Brickner has invited Mr. Channing Pollock, who was heard several seasons ago on our Lecture Course, and who is the author of many stage successes, such as "The Fool," "The Enemy," and "The House Beautiful" to occupy the pulpit next Sunday morning.

Rabbi Brickner will read the services.

Despite the inclement weather last Sunday morning, the Temple and balcony were again filled with a large congregation.

A huge attendance will, no doubt, greet Mr. Pollock on his appearance in our pulpit.

Congratulations, Mr. James H. Rogers!

This Sunday, February 7, 1932, Mr. James H. Rogers, our beloved organist and choir director Emeritus, will be 75 years old. We extend to him our heartiest congratulations, and wish him continued good health.

In honor of his birthday, the full musical service next Sunday will be selected from Mr. Rogers' own compositions. Mr. Rogers is one of the most noted of American composers.

On his retirement last year, he had served the Euclid Avenue Temple and the congregation for 50 years. This is the longest record of such a relationship in America.

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

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The Synagogue

Like a haven to the weary,
Like a shelter to the spent,
Like a soothing spell of solace,
To the soul in sadness bent,
To the weary, downcast, grievous,
To the sad and sore oppressed,
And to those who are disheartened,
So in need of peace and rest.

There's a place to conquer sorrow,
Silence sighs and banish pain,
Lift one's soul among its brethren,
Smile with faith and hope again.
Where a sweet and calmer being,
From its friendly doors depart,
Where one turns with soul uplifted,
With a purer, lighter heart.

—Jeannette S. Friedman.

From Union Temple Bulletin,
Brooklyn, N. Y.

Jewish Suffering

Break forth in lamentation,
My agonizing song,
That like a lava-torrent
Has boiled within me long.
My song shall thrill each hearer,
And none so deaf but hears,
For the burden of my ditty
Is the pain of a thousand years.
It melts both gentle and simple,
Even hearts of stone are riven—
Sets women and flowers weeping;
They weep, the stars of heaven.
And all these tears are flowing
By channels still and wide,
Homeward they are all flowing
To meet in Jordan's tide.

H. HEINE, 1824.

Men's Club Round Table

Mr. Walter Leo Solomon, Director of the Council Educational Alliance, will be the guest speaker at the Round Table this Friday, February 5th noon at the Statler Hotel. His talk will be the second in the series on Jewish Institutions in connection with which a series of studies have been made by committees appointed for this purpose.

The Institution of which Mr. Solomon is the head is probably one of the most important agencies that plays a vital part in the character training of our Jewish youth. This discussion will be one well worth attending.

Rabbi Brickner will lead the discussion on Friday, February 12th.

Sisterhood

"Whither Religion"—Friday, February 5th

Dr. Miles H. Krumbine of The Plymouth Church of Shaker Heights will deliver the second talk in the series on "Whither Religion" Friday morning, February 5th at 11 o'clock.

"Jewish Current Events"—Friday,

February 12th

Speaker: Rabbi Brickner.

Alumni

Rabbi Bernstein to Speak at Youth Temple

Rabbi Phillip Bernstein of Rochester, New York, will be the speaker at the Youth Temple Service, Friday evening, February 19th.

Rabbi Bernstein is a graduate of the Jewish Institute of Religion in New York and has pursued graduate studies at Columbia University, the University of Cambridge in England and the Hebrew University in Palestine. He has been rabbi for the past five years of the Rochester Reform Congregation.

Rabbi Bernstein has made considerable contributions to some of America's leading periodicals including Harper's, The Nation, The Menorah Journal and others. With all these accomplishments he is but a young man 30 years of age and is ideally fitted to speak for our young people. His subject will be announced in the next issue of the bulletin.

Religious School

Parent-Teachers' Meeting is Huge Success

A genuine tribute was paid our Religious School last Sunday afternoon when about 800 parents braved the storm to attend the annual Parent-Teachers' Meeting. It was the consensus of opinion that the program in the Auditorium was one of the finest presented in years and intensely interesting.

The most important fact was that none of the numbers were especially prepared for the occasion but were selected instead from the regular work done in classroom and in assembly. It was indeed a representative demonstration of what our school is achieving.

Toscha Seidel Appears on Course

Toscha Seidel, one of the most brilliant of that long line of marvelous violinists who studied with the master, Leopold Auer, will appear in a concert on our Course, Tuesday, February 16th at 8:30 P. M.

Toscha Seidel has endeared himself to millions of people not only through his platform concerts but through his national radio broadcasts. His appearance in our Auditorium is indeed a significant event.

Holds Philosophy Is Not For Masses

NEW HAVEN.—Philosophy, "that sweet delight," is not for the man in the street, said Professor Morris Cohen of the Department of Philosophy of C. C. N. Y., in addressing the annual meeting of the American Philosophical Society.

"God forbid," said Professor Cohen, "that it should ever become utilitarian. That would degrade it as utilitarianism degrades love or music or a beautiful sunset. It is the chef d'oeuvre, the piece de resistance of the mental board, a delight, to be tasted by the few elect only."

"Why do men, and women, too, for the convention is redolent with the specious mental divagations of members of the fair sex, study philosophy?" he went on. "Well, why do men study music? Why does another man take delight in the sunset?"

"It is just a matter of temperament. Some like caviar, some like philosophy."

Philosophy, Professor Cohen said, is not

a solace for living, unless you specifically design it to be so, and it etches no pattern of life upon the mundane sky. But, he added, at any rate, it is more profitable than chess or bridge, or other such "silly diversions," for, while it "may be just as useless," the hypothetical interpretation of the unknown gives zest to life and stimulation to the intellect.

Rabbi Broadcasts New Series

Last Sunday evening Rabbi Brickner commenced a series of radio addresses as part of his regular broadcasts over Station WHK on the subject "What Can We Believe?" in which he deals with the question of religion afresh from the modern and scientific outlook.

The series consists of the following addresses:

- Is Religion Necessary?
- Our Changing Ideas About God.
- Why Pray?
- Can We Still Believe in the Bible?
- Is Death the End?

Funds

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In Memoriam

Our heartfelt sympathy is extended to the bereaved family of

Benjamin Verstein

The New Spain

Recently I was granted the opportunity of speaking about Spain and the Jews with a type of man whom I have always preferred to the governmental spokesman. This man, C. Cabalero, told me freely and outspokenly the truth about the new Spain.

"Can you tell me anything about the Jews now residing in Spain?" I inquired.

"Of course," he replied, "'to know about Jews is a fad nowadays. Jews now live in three cities: Madrid, Barcelona and Seville. All told they total up to a maximum of three thousand souls. The poorest among them live in the ancient Catholic city of Seville apart from the rest of the inhabitants, in a sort of ghetto of their own. They came to Seville from Morocco and Italy, and here they engage in confectionery work. They are leaderless; all they have is a synagogue but no outside Jewish force has come to their rescue and so their physical and spiritual poverty is considerable.

"The lot of the 800 Jews in Barcelona is very different. The community consists in the main of Polish and Lithuanian Jews. Many are well off economically as heads of industrial enterprises.

"Until the establishment of the republic they were unable to hold marriage or birth ceremonies within the city limits. They had to go to Morocco or to the border instead. But in other ways they lived openly as Jews and earned a distinction for the Jews throughout the city.

"The word Jew has a complimentary connotation in Madrid where it signifies astuteness and enterprise. There are three Madrid Jews of whom all Spain is proud: Ignatz Bauer, the head of the Madrid Jewish community and a publisher-Maeceans; Professor Rozenas, a member of the Scientific Academy of Spain and Portugal; and S. Noah whose theories have been made the basis of the Spanish republic."

"Are there any demands you have upon the Jews?"

"None, none whatsoever. We want nothing at all from the Jews. But we are concerned about the million Sephardic Jews who still go by the name of 'Spanish Jews.'"

"What is your attitude to Zionism?"

"Little is known here about Zionism.

But the cultured Spaniards are familiar with and sympathetic to Zionism. To my mind Zionism is one of the highest ideals man has witnessed. Spain has no political ambitions in Palestine and her sympathy to the Zionist cause is therefor a genuine one."

"One last question," I ventured. "It is said that the president and two members of his cabinet are marranos. How is that looked upon in Spain?"

"Perhaps," he answered, "Perhaps we are all maranos. But the Spanish people know nothing at all about it."—S. Itzhaki in *The Jewish Morning Journal*. (From the *Current Jewish Record*.)

Philosopher's Subtle Rapture

Oliver Wendell Holmes, in an address to the undergraduates of Harvard College.

Your education begins when you . . . have begun yourselves to work upon the raw material for results which you do not see, cannot predict, and which may be long in coming—when you take the fact which life offers you for your appointed task.

No man has earned the right to intellectual ambition until he has learned to lay his course by a star which he has never seen—to dig by the divining rod for springs which he may never reach.

In saying this, I point to that which will make your study heroic. For I say to you in all sadness of conviction that to think great thoughts you must be heroes as well as idealists. Only when you have worked alone—when you have felt around you a black gulf of solitude more isolating than that which surrounds the dying man, and in hope and in despair have trusted to your own unshaken will—then only will you have achieved.

Thus only can you gain the secret isolated joy of the thinker, who knows that, one hundred years after he is dead and forgotten, men who never heard of him will be moving to the measure of his thought—the subtle rapture of a postponed power, which the world knows not because it has no external trappings, but which to his prophetic vision is more real than that which commands an army.

And if this joy should not be yours, still it is only thus that you can know that you have done what it lay in you to do—can say that you have lived and be ready for the end.