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Sunday Morning, March 20th, 10:30

RABBI BARNETT R. BRICKNER

will preach on

"EMPLOYING THE UNDERWORLD"

The Roots of Lawlessness and Racketeering

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

Sabbath Morning Service, 11:00 to 12:00

MOTHER - DAUGHTER DAY

Saturday, March 19th

11:00 A. M.—Service in the Temple with a special dramatization "Queen Sabbath"

Participating in the service are the following mothers and daughters:

Mrs. Blanche Falk and Suzanne

Mrs. Oscar Fishel and Suzanne

Mrs. Ed. Thalman and Audrey Jane

Torah Reading—Mrs. B. R. Brickner and Joy Marion

Megillah Reading—Mrs. Sol Moses

Sermon—Mrs. J. C. Newman

Participating in the "Queen Sabbath" Pageant are:

Louise Fishel

Lois Goldberg

Suzanne Kurlander

Vivienne Dworkin

Richard Goldberger

Betty Zipkin

12:30 P. M.—Luncheon in the Recreation Hall.

1:30 P. M.—Entertainment Extraordinaire.

LISTEN IN

Our High School Choir broadcasts a program of Purim Music over WHK, Tuesday, March 22nd, at 7 P. M. Write us how you liked it.

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

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"Employing the Underworld"

The subject for next Sunday morning was suggested by the announcement of Col. and Mrs. Lindbergh, which appeared recently, that they had authorized two characters known in the underworld as their representatives to deal directly with the kidnapers of their child.

Appreciating the agony and the helplessness of the stricken parents and praying for the child's return, Rabbi Brickner sees in this appeal an indictment of something very fundamental in the life of our country, which is indicated by the fact that the constituted authorities of law and order must be set aside and the underworld employed.

In his sermon next Sunday, he will deal with causes that make for racketeering and lawlessness and will suggest certain remedies.

Rabbi to Speak at Church

A very unique invitation has come to Rabbi Brickner from The Pilgrim Church of Cleveland of which Drs. Dan Bradley and Walter H. Stark are pastors.

He has been asked to give an address on Good Friday on "A Rabbi's Good Friday Message to Christians."

Sisterhood

Friday, March 18th at 11 A. M.

"Whither Religion"—Speaker: Dr. L. C. Wright of the Congregational Church at University Circle and member of the City Conference of Ministers.

Friday, March 25th at 11 A. M.

"Jewish Current Events"—Speaker: Rabbi Barnett R. Brickner. This will be the concluding session of the season for the "Jewish Current Events" Group.

Alumni

Dr. Sachar Speaks Friday, March 25th

On Friday evening, March 25th, Dr. A. L. Sachar, Director of the Hillel Foundation of the University of Illinois, will be the guest speaker at the Youth Temple Service.

Dr. Sachar, who has spoken in our Temple before, captivates his audiences with his charming personality and with his unusual ability as an orator. He has selected the intriguing subject "The Romance of Jewish History."

The service is open to the public.

Men's Club

Round Table—Monday, March 21st

What's happening in the world today and the interpretation of these events will be discussed by Rabbi Brickner at the Round Table, Monday, March 21st—noon, at Allendorf's—1111 Chester Avenue.

Come and bring a guest.

ALUMNI FORMAL - GUILD

PURIM CARNIVAL AND DANCE

for members

of

SENIOR and JUNIOR
HIGH SCHOOL

will be held on

SUNDAY, MARCH 20th
3:00 to 5:00 P. M.

DANCING BOOTHS FUN

ADDMISSION 10 CENTS

Parents Are Invited

Religious School

The School Celebrates Purim

The entire school from the Kindergarten through the High School has participated in the Social Service Project whereby each class is sending a Shalach Monos Box to a family supplied by the Jewish Social Service Bureau.

The Primary and Intermediate Departments will hold a combined assembly this Sunday morning. A varied program has been prepared in which a large number of children are participating. Following the assembly each class will return to its own room for a Purim party.

The Junior High Department will have a combined assembly program and party in the Auditorium. Several games are being planned.

The Senior High School Department will hold its Purim assembly on Sunday, March 27th. The program will be supplied by the High School Choir under the direction of Maurice Goldman.

The members of the High School Clubs are conducting a Purim Carnival and Dance for members of the Junior and Senior High Schools this Sunday afternoon, March 20th.

Bon Voyage!

Mrs. B. R. Brickner and the children, Joy and Balfour are sailing for Palestine on Thursday, March 24th on the S. S. Saturnia from New York.

We know that we voice the sentiments of the whole congregation and of all the friends of the Rabbi's family in wishing them Bon Voyage and a safe return next September. The children will attend school to learn the Hebrew language.

Tzeschem l'sholom uboachem l'sholom.

Funds

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Scholarship Fund

From Mr. and Mrs. J. Engelman, Mr. and Mrs. S. L. Haas, Mr. and Mrs. E. Altschul, Mr. and Mrs. J. Weil, Mrs. William Pollak, Mr. and Mrs. M. W. Geiger of Canton, Ohio, Mr. Herman Geiger of Canton, Ohio and Mr. Milton Geiger of Canton, Ohio, in memory of William Sinek.

March 22nd, 1144

First ritual murder libel, at Norwich.

A boy of twelve or thirteen, named William, apprenticed to a skinner at Norwich, was found dead on Easter Eve in a wood near the city. According to a story afterwards recounted, he had been enticed away by the Jews on the previous Monday and was crucified by them in mockery of the Passion after their service in the Synagogue, on Wednesday, the second day of the Passover (March 22nd, 1144). This was the first instance in Europe of the infamous Ritual Murder accusation: and the long series which succeeded it has continued down to the present day, the monitions of the Papacy, the authority of princes, the verdict of scholarship, and the declarations of commonsense all notwithstanding. In this case the essential element of the Blood accusation was lacking, as no suggestion was made that the blood was used for the manufacture of the Unleavened Bread or for other ritual purposes. It went without saying that the relics of the suppositious martyr wrought miracles, and that he was long revered as a saint.

LL - SATURDAY, APRIL 2nd

Purim

(The Feast of Lots)

The Thirteenth of Adar (in a leap year, Second Adar—Adar Sheni) is the Fast of Esther. The evening of that day and the whole of the day following, constitute Purim—the Feast of Lots. Both days commemorate the Jews' escape from impending doom, as related in the Biblical book of Esther.

Unbeknown to her royal husband Ahasuerus, Esther—Queen of Persia—was a Jewess. Her uncle, Mordecai, by reason of his loyalty to his faith, had incurred the ill-will of a certain Haman, then in high favor at court. With a vengeance so often repeated in Jewish history, Haman retaliated against the one hated Jew, by scheming the extermination of Mordecai's whole people, the Jews. He purchased a royal decree for their wholesale slaughter, justifying his act by the indictment that "their laws are different from those of every people; neither keep they the king's laws." Discovering the plot for the apparently inescapable massacre of the Jews, Mordecai importunes Esther to risk her life, disclose her identity to the king, and plead for her people's deliverance. After a day of fasting (hence the Fast of Esther), the queen approaches Ahasuerus. The treachery of Haman is disclosed, past unrequited service of Mordecai is brought to light; and with oriental pageantry the righteous are saved.

Purim—is considered a Galuth (Exile) Feast, that is a celebration in which the episodes just related stand as symbol of all the struggles of the Jewish people among the nations; of all the accusations, misrepresentations, tribulations, and dangers, suffered because we are repeatedly decied as "different from every people." While Purim is called a half-holiday, the Talmud declares that, though traditional festivals be neglected, Purim will never vanish—meaning that events celebrated by other special days may lose their reality, but that the sad events that created a Purim recur ever and again, and are poignantly meaningful.

On the evening of the thirteenth of Adar, the Megillah—the parchment scroll containing the book of Esther—is read in the synagogue. The traditional chant employed for it, is colorful and unique. The reading is interrupted at every mention of the name of Haman by the raucous whirring and buzzing of the Hamandreher or Klapper, in the hands of the young people.

The home table differentiates the day by serving Kreplach and the special triangular poppy-seed cakes called Homontashen (literally: Haman-pockets). The German name for poppy-seed, Mohn, was associated with Homon or Haman.

The day was always dedicated to the remembering of the poor, and to the sending of gifts: Shalach manoth to friends. Since Talmudic times, Purim has been a day of gaiety, the one day in the year, on which the Jew permitted himself to indulge in banqueting and joy. He would burn Haman in effigy, remembering so many contemporary Hamans. From early performances of comedies based upon the story of Esther, the "Purim Plays" gradually developed.

Often fine artistry was displayed in the Megillah—drawings and paintings of scenes of the book of Esther, in its margins; carving in silver and wood for its case.

Purim in this country, has been a day for rehearsing its dramatic tale among the children, and for masque-dances among young and old. There is a noticeable increase in its use again as a day of gift giving. We should not let the distinctive chant of the Megillah be lost to us!

How the Temple Celebrates Purim

1. Mother-Daughter Day Purim Service.
2. Special Purim Music at Sunday Service.
3. Religious School Purim Social Service Project Class Parties and Departmental Assemblies.
4. Club Room Carnival.