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Sunday Morning, APRIL 10th, 10:30

RABBI BRICKNER

will preach on

"IF I WERE DICTATOR"

A Challenge to Inaction

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

Sabbath Morning Service, 11:00 to 12:00

As conditions in the country and throughout the world continue to go from bad to worse, the question arises—will we plan or muddle our way out? Will we control the situation by the leaders of the industry and government deliberately pooling their efforts and devising ways and means, or will we permit a state of chaos to develop?

Some people think that a dictator is necessary. Next Sunday morning Rabbi Brickner will discuss what he would do if he were dictator.

FOR PASSOVER RELIEF

The Sisterhood is giving

A SOCIAL

(Cards and Mah-Jong) (Please bring your own cards.)

HOTEL STATLER BALLROOM . TUESDAY, APRIL 12th, 2:30 p. m.

Tickets at 50c each from Mrs. Henry Dettelbach, Mrs. J. O. Stein or Temple Office.

Contributions to this fund have been received from Mrs. B. R. Brickner, Misses Bloch, Mrs. Morris Halle, and Mrs. Henry Sulka.

If you cannot come to the social, send in your contributions for the Passover Relief Fund to the Temple Office.

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

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My Life

I have a life I can't escape,
A life that's mine to mold and shape,
Some things I lack of strength and skill,
I blunder much and fumble; still
I can in my own way design
What is to be this life of mine.

It is not mine to say how much
Of gold and silver I shall clutch,
What heights of glory I shall climb,
What splendid deeds achieve in time;
Lacking the genius of the great
The lesser tasks may be my fate.

But I can say what I shall be,
What in my life the world shall see;
Can mold my thoughts and actions here
To what is fine or what is drear.
Though weak my skill, I can elect
To keep or lose my self-respect.

No man can kindlier be than I,
No man can more detest a lie,
I can be just as clean and true
As any gifted genius, who
Rises to earthly heights of fame
And wins at last the world's acclaim.

I can be friendly, blithe of heart,
Can build or tear my life apart,
Can happy-natured smile along
And shrug my shoulders at a wrong.
I only choose what is to be
This life which symbolizes me.

—Edgar A. Guest.

Passover Calendar

The Seder—Wednesday evening,
April 20th.

Services—Thursday, April 21st—
10 A. M.

Wednesday, April 27th—
10 A. M.

(Memorial Service)

Sisterhood

Sisterhood Courses End Season

Rabbi Brickner will give the concluding lecture on "Whither Religion" this Friday, April 8th at 11 A. M. With this talk the Sisterhood concludes the entire series of cultural courses so successfully conducted this year.

Men's Club

Your Last Chance!

Next Monday will be your last chance to attend the Round Table this season. Come and join the other Round Table-ites to make this closing meeting a grand rally.

Rabbi Brickner will lead the discussion on current events at Allendorf's—1111 Chester Avenue. Lunch 55 cents.

Religious School

Children's Service—April 9th

The Religious School will hold its monthly Children's Service this Saturday, April 9th at 11 A. M., in the Temple.

The following members of the Confirmation Class will participate in the service: Ione Adler, Irwin Lichtig, Nathan Markowitz, Seymour Simons, Elmer Shapiro, Florence Tannenbaum, Helen Trostler and Herbert Union.

J. S. S. B. on Our Purim Project

"March 29, 1932.

My dear Rabbi Brickner:

Indeed the idea of Purim gifts carried out through the Sabbath School of the Euclid Avenue Temple brought so much real joy that it is not possible to measure.

Our workers were interested and stimulated in telling the children of their client friends. When the gifts arrived, their own joy was equally as great as that of the children to whom they took the gifts. The project itself was handled in such an unusual way for there was truly displayed thoughtfulness and love for one's neighbor. This cannot but bring into the lives of the children in the Sabbath School a splendid attitude and generous spirit.

We are truly appreciative, not only for this occasion, but for the real spirit of helpfulness manifested by you at all times.

Cordially yours,

(Signed) Violet Kittner,
Executive Director,
Jewish Social Service Bureau."

The Rabbi's Addresses

This week Rabbi Brickner was in Cincinnati to attend the Spring Board Meeting of the Department of Synagogue and School Extension of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations. He is Chairman of the Committee to survey the work of the Department.

Next week Rabbi Brickner will be in Chicago. On Wednesday evening, April 13th he will deliver the principal address at the Annual Dinner Meeting of the Chicago Board of Jewish Education.

On Friday evening, April 15th, he will occupy Rabbi Goldman's pulpit in the latter's absence.

The Rabbi has accepted the invitation extended to him by the President of The Central Conference of American Rabbis to deliver the Conference Sermon this year. The Conference will be held next June.

He is also scheduled to deliver an address on "Our Moral Muddle" before the National Religious Educational Association Convention on Wednesday evening, May 4th which will be held at Columbia University, New York City.

Radio Address Brings Responses

Rabbi Brickner's courageous and scholarly radio address on "The Trial and Crucifixion of Jesus" on Sunday, March 27th aroused considerable favorable comment, not only in Gentile but in Jewish circles.

He is in receipt of innumerable letters and telegrams from listeners not only in Cleveland, but in other places throughout this section of the country requesting copies of his radio address. He regrets his inability to comply with these requests, because his addresses are delivered from notes.

The following letter from Judge E. D. Fritch of Akron, Ohio, is typical of many.

"March 28, 1932.

Rabbi Barnett Brickner,
Euclid Avenue Temple,
Cleveland, Ohio.
Dear Sir:

I was very much interested in the address which you delivered Sunday afternoon, March 27th, on the trial and crucifixion of Jesus. I am writing to ask whether a copy of your address is available, and if not, whether or not you could suggest to me any book or other source of information giving the information and the view which you express.

I have frequently listened to your addresses over the radio, and I wish to commend their excellence and timeliness.

Respectfully yours,

(Signed) E. D. Fritch."

Passover "On the Air"

The Seder service, its history, its ceremonies, its songs, the Four Questions, etc., will be presented in the traditional manner, Tuesday, April 19th from 6:45 to 7:15 P. M., over Station WHK.

This is another of the series of Jewish holiday presentations given under the auspices of the Euclid Avenue Temple.

Participating in this presentation will be our Temple Choir under the direction of Mr. Jones.

Funds

We Gratefully Acknowledge the Following Contributions

Library Fund

From Al and Harvey Fleisher in memory of Nannie Desberg;

J. Gluckman in memory of his wife, Anna Gluckman;

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Prayer Book Fund

From Mrs. David Hyman in memory of David Hyman and Mrs. Nannie Desberg;

Mrs. J. Epstein in memory of David Ben Verstein.

Thanks

We wish to express our thanks to Mr. William B. Estrin, for the presentation of the illuminated bulletin board set on Euclid Avenue in front of the Temple.

In Memoriam

Our heartfelt sympathy is extended to the bereaved families of

Bella Schwartz

Ethel Cramer

Leopold Adler

Hannah Haas

Problems of Jewish Life in America

Jews on Approval

By Maurice Samuel. 265 pp. New York: Liveright. \$2.50.

Mr. Samuel's discussion of the plight and problem of the Jewish people is not quite so sensational as the description on the jacket would make it appear. It is not so much "a merciless expose of a cowardly leadership, a commercialized rabbinate and a servile press" as it is a frank and fearless discussion of a very definite point of view. Mr. Samuel is not out for blood, though he cannot help inflicting wounds. One cannot doubt that his main interest lies in promoting and enhancing the culture, the dignity and the integrity of his people.

Jewish life in America, viewed from within, presents serious problems—of discrimination by non-Jews, of religious and cultural differences and dissensions among the Jews themselves, of the proper balance to be maintained between the desire, on the one hand, to preserve the ancient and rich Jewish heritage and, on the other, to weave the Jewish tradition fruitfully into the American pattern. To Mr. Samuel the tasks involved seem to have been badly bungled. Jews are urged to be "nice," which seems to Mr. Samuel to involve becoming ineffectual imitations of their non-Jewish neighbors. He finds that their "Reform" Rabbis have tended to gain wealth and influence at the cost of sincerity; that their English-Jewish press "toadies to the rich and prominent"; that their almsgiving has led to an exaltation of the man who is rich enough to give on a vast scale; that their leadership "has been largely futile" because of "the divorce of the leaders from the sources of the folk culture" and because of "an alienation from the social thought of the time"; that their antiquated "cheder" system of education has not been replaced by a modern system based on genuine intellectual interests, and that they are thus ill-equipped to meet the growing competition of the non-Jewish world. An interesting

point is that the Jews during earlier generations held a favored position, despite discriminations and even open hostility toward them, because of their practice of sanitation, their coherent culture and their ability as business men in comparatively primitive societies. These advantages, Mr. Samuel believes, have been largely lost. The once eccentric habits of cleanliness have now been adopted by most of the civilized world, education has become fairly general among non-Jewish peoples and the legendary Jewish talent for business is harder and harder to exercise as business assumes a concentrated and centralized form. Everywhere, to Mr. Samuel, the Jew is struggling for economic existence, and with the development of large-scale capitalism and the restrictions upon immigration the struggle grows harder.

Shall the Jew merge culturally and biologically with the populations among which he lives? Mr. Samuel points out that though inter-marriages take place frequently it is too much to expect Jews and Gentiles to undertake them as a matter of policy, without regard to the human habit of falling in love. Social assimilation seems to him just as defective if it involves a rejection by the Jew of a heritage in which, if he is like other men of other racial strains, cultures and religions, he must, out of sheer self-respect, take pride.

How much resentment and how much enthusiasm Mr. Samuel will stir up among his own people it is difficult to guess. Sincerity, at least, breathes from every page. The book should have an appeal not only to thoughtful Jews but to non-Jews who desire to understand Jewish problems. The spirit of tolerance is present even in its most indignant passages. It shows the predicament of the Jew as different from that of any racial minority not so much in kind as in severity, and makes one see his faults, virtues and aspirations as more human than racial.

(From the New York Times.)