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SUNDAY, MARCH 19th, 10:30 A. M.

RABBI BRICKNER

will give the

Second and Concluding Lecture

on

“MONEY and BANKING”

Members are again urged to come as close to the opening time of the service as possible. We regret exceedingly to have had to turn so many of our own members away last Sunday, but there is no way in which discrimination can be shown when every seat in the Temple and balcony is filled, and standing is not permitted.

Friday Evening
Twilight Service
5:30 to 6:00

Sabbath Morning
Service
11:00 to 12:00

YOUTH TEMPLE SERVICE

Friday, March 17th, 8:15 P. M.

MRS. B. R. BRICKNER

will speak on

“THE LAND OF NO DEPRESSION”

The Youth Temple is conducted by the Alumni Association for young people of college age and over.

Rabbi Brickner broadcasts over Station WHK every Sunday afternoon from 5:30 to 6.00

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Jew and Gentile

The common belief that most Jews have long noses is refuted by actual measurements made by anthropologists. But the common belief that most Jews have sharp wits seems to be supported by scientific research.

A careful psychometric investigation revealed that Jewish children are conspicuously superior to non-Jewish children attending school in England. A similar investigation made among students at Columbia University in 1928 led to a similar finding.

More striking still, when Professor Lewis M. Terman, an American authority on the measurement of intelligence, sought out the thousand most gifted pupils in the schools of California to furnish data for his renowned Genetic Studies of Genius, he found twice as many Jews among them as were warranted by the proportion of Jews in the general population!

Point all you will to a Brandeis and a Cardozo on the Supreme Court Bench, or to a Eugene Meyer on the Federal Reserve Board; the fact remains that we Jews are still made to feel that we are outsiders. And that is what makes us strain as we do.

Not for us is the sweet Victorian advice, "Be good, my child, and let who will be clever." We know that we can't be good—at least in the eyes of the average Gentile—and so we have to be clever. And that is why we are such irritating competitors. We are always pushing twice as hard as the Gentile, and trying to think twice as fast—so that we can get half as far.

—Lewis Browne in American Magazine

Sisterhood

"Books and Authors" Group—Friday,
March 17

Mr. Joseph Remenyi will speak on "South Wind" by Norman Douglas and "Of Human Bondage" by Somerset Maugham Friday, March 17th at 11 A. M. This will be the concluding meeting of the "Books and Authors" group this season.

Literary Reading Tuesday, March 28,
2:30 P. M. of the play "Adam" by Ludwig Lewisohn.

Acknowledgments

The Sisterhood wishes to express its appreciation to the Young Furniture Company for use of furniture at the Mother-Daughter affair and to Estrin and Mayer for their assistance in the decorations.

Men's Club

Round Table—Monday, March 20th

Rabbi Brickner will lead a discussion on current events at the Round Table, Monday, March 20th at Allendorf's, 1111 Chester avenue.

Religious School

Operetta to be Given on Passover

"Jews in Egypt," an operetta by Goldfarb and Grossman is being used as the core of the Passover production to be given by the Religious School on Sunday, April 16th.

The cast is being selected from people of confirmation age and over. There are still a few parts open. Those wishing to tryout should see Mrs. Braverman this Saturday afternoon at 1:30 P. M.

The Family Celebrates Purim

Close to two thousand people filled the Recreation Hall in one of the finest Purim celebrations we have had in years last Sunday afternoon. True to the traditional Purim spirit entire families, children, parents and grandparents gathered to participate in the festivities. The Carnival brought together all the members of the family, young and old under the roof of the Temple, for this joyous occasion.

The Course Presents

A DEBATE ON

"SOCIALISM vs. COMMUNISM"

NORMAN THOMAS

on Socialism

SCOTT NEARING

on Communism

TUESDAY EVENING, MAR. 21st

8:30 P. M.

Single Admissions—\$1.00

This is the concluding event of
the season

An Echo From the Past

Like a voice from the dim past comes the news that in Istamboul there lives today a community of 15,000 followers of Sabbatai Zevi, the false messiah of the 17th century. To outward appearances they are Mohammedan, although secretly they practice certain Jewish rites; at the same time they regard the Jews as infidels.

They live in sets of houses secretly connected, and for each block of houses there is a secret meeting place where prayers are read. The men have secret religious names as well as Turkish ones, by which they are known to the world. Their children are initiated into their religion only at the age of thirteen or at marriage.

The Cleveland Public Library reports that Rabbi Brickner's recent sermon, "Another Design for Living," based on the theories of Havelock Ellis and Bernard Shaw, created much interest in the work of these authors. The division of philosophy and religion reports Ellis' "The Dance of Life" in constant demand.

Heywood Broun says of Libraries:

"Now, more than ever, it is necessary to provide the opportunity for reading for the many men and women who are without jobs. Nor should the Libraries be peculiarly restricted in the purchase of fiction at present.

Naturally, reading has increased enormously in all our large cities, and the need is for greater facilities rather than a paring off of resources which are essential. In particular, Libraries deserve every encouragement just now, since the average reader is tackling serious books more avidly than ever before. Sheer necessity has forced a great many people into a consideration of the world in which they live, and how it got this way."

FUNDS

The Altar Fund gratefully acknowledges the following donations:

From Mrs. Sam Kaufman in memory of her husband, Sam Kaufman;

Quilting Bee of E. A. T. S. wishing for the speedy recovery of Mrs. Dave Kahn;

Mrs. Henry S. Schwarzenberg in memory of her husband;

Mr. and Mrs. Phil Sobel in memory of their mother, Mrs. Fannie Sobel;

Mrs. S. Schomer and Mrs. Ben Folkman in honor of the birth of their grandson, Judah Folkman;

Mrs. Rose K. Tenzer in memory of her husband, Philip Tenzer.

The Matzos Fund gratefully acknowledges the following donations:

From Mrs. W. Antel a hand made pillow that was sold and proceeds used for Matzos Fund;

From Mrs. L. E. Steiner and family in memory of beloved husband and father.

In Memoriam

Our heartfelt sympathy is extended to the bereaved families of

Anna Peskin

Sadie Colman

who recently passed away.

FOR PASSOVER RELIEF

The Sisterhood is Giving

A SOCIAL AFTERNOON AND CARD PARTY

Hotel Statler Ballroom

Monday, March 20th, 2:00 P. M.

Tickets, including refreshments and prizes, are 50c each and may be obtained from Mrs. A. T. Fischer or at the Temple Office.

Mrs. Maurice Bernon is chairman of arrangements. Assisting her will be the members of the Sisterhood Board and Mesdames William Greenbaum, A. Gitson, Roy Pepperberg, William Loveman and Emil Glick.

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

Breaking a Glass at Wedding Ceremony

The reason for the breaking of the glass at the wedding ceremony, traditionally accepted and included in the books of law, connects the custom with an incident related in the Talmud. There it is related that at the wedding ceremony of a son of Mar, the son of Rabina, the guests became hilarious and unruly, whereupon Mar took out a fine glass, to the value of 400 zuzim, and broke it in their presence. The shock made them sober and more settled. Thus the custom arose of breaking a glass at every wedding so as to prevent excessive hilarity.

Later authorities added to this the symbolic idea of remembering the destruction of the Temple even at the height of the most joyous occasion, based on the verse in Psalms 137:6 (If I set not Jerusalem above my chiefest joy). The idea of tempering the spirit of joy that is natural on such an occasion is present in several other ceremonies connected with the wedding.

Both bride and groom are supposed to fast on the wedding-day and to read the

long confession of sins, used on the Day of Atonement during the Minhah service. All these customs were ascribed to the idea of bringing up the memories of the destruction of Jerusalem, thereby making the event more solemn and more impressive.

Another, more poetic reason has been advanced for the custom. The glass is supposed to serve as the symbol of married life. Just as the glass is fragile and must be handled with tenderness and care lest it break, so also the happiness of the home should be guarded and watched over with extreme anxiety and devotion, inasmuch as the least friction might upset it irrevocably, even as the glass broken to pieces cannot be repaired again.—from the Jewish Exponent

Before the Russian Revolution of 1917, Jewish workers numbered only two per cent of the Jewish population in Russia; today they number twenty per cent. The percentage of Jewish peasants has likewise risen, from two per cent to twelve per cent.