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SUNDAY, JANUARY 7th, 10:30 A. M.

## RABBI BRICKNER

will speak on

### "THE SHAPE OF THINGS TO COME"

The recent book by H. G. Wells

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Doors close at 11:00

Friday Evening  
Twilight Service  
5:30 to 6:00

Sabbath Morning  
Children's Service  
11:00 to 12:00

## CHILDREN'S SERVICE SATURDAY

The January Children Service conducted by the Religious School takes place this Saturday at 11:00 A. M. in the Temple proper.

The following children are participating: Frieda Abram, Miriam Friedman, Geraldine Geller, Jane Glick, Elaine Kabb, Elaine Oppenheimer, Louis Paul, Lois Rotbart and Lucille Schultz. Lester Persky will deliver the sermonette. These services are an inspiration. The parents are urged to attend them.

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Rabbi Brickner broadcasts every Sunday Evening over Station WHK at 7:30 P. M.

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## THE WILL TO LIVE—OR DIE

From time to time news has filtered through of suicides among outstanding German Jews. Last month, the **Manchester Guardian** published a list of more than thirty names, many of them having been persons of note in the academic or artistic world. But the toll of self-destruction in the rank and file of German Jewry may be only surmised. Certain it is that the Jews are inured to suffering; through long centuries they have met persecution and adversity with fortitude. Yet many cannot bear the burden of woe that has overtaken them under the Nazi thrall.

In a newly published work, "To Be or Not to Be," Dr. Louis I. Dublin devotes a chapter to the historical bearings of suicide among the Jews. He quotes with approval the statement of William James that "sufferings and hardships do not, as a rule, abate the love of life; they seem, on the contrary, usually to give it a keener zest. The sovereign source of melancholy is repletion. Need and struggle are what excite and inspire us; our hour of triumph is what brings the void. Not the Jews of the captivity, but those of the days of Solomon's glory are those from whom the pessimistic utterances in our Bible come."

Pious Jews have always regarded life as sacred and suicide as a transgression. Nevertheless, four instances of self-destruction are found in the Old Testament. In medieval times, under the hideous intensity of persecution, there were frequent instances of taking one's own life among the Jews. Dr. Dublin tells us that during recent decades in some cities in Russia, Galicia and Roumania, more than ten years often passed with-

# SISTERHOOD

## ENTERTAIN THE BLIND

A program of music for the blind has been arranged by the Sisterhood Welfare Committee under the Chairmanship of Mrs. James Dworkin for January 7th at the Grasselli House. Maurice Spitalny will play the violin and Miss Florence Hess will sing. Mrs. Ralph Wertheimer is Chairman of the day's program.

Refreshments will be donated by Mesdames Sidney Weiss, M. E. Bland, Myron W. Rice, David Dietz, Maurice Spitalny and Ralph Wertheimer.

out a single Jew taking his own life.

The picture, however, in contemporary western Europe has been different. "In Germany," we are told, "during the 19th century suicide rates among the Jews increased more than in other denominations. In Bavaria there was a 200 per cent increase in 55 years, and in Prussia a nine-fold increase between 1849 and 1923. In late years the rate has been even higher among German Jews than among Protestants and four times as high as among Catholics." The author of this study ascribes as one of the reasons for this increase "the demoralizing effect of anti-Semitism."

No one can estimate the devastating psychic effects on people hounded as the Jews are now in Germany. Not only loss of livelihood or bankruptcy or detention in concentration camps or personal violence or forced exile are the results. Shattered nerves, disillusion, hopelessness, also work their havoc. Suicide among Jews of Germany today threatens to become a major problem. Where physical salvage is not in sight and there is a loss of spiritual anchorage, this is not to be wondered at. And it is a sad fact that it is not by any means the weaklings who go under in this impulse to self-destruction; often the ablest minds are unable to withstand the wrench that comes with wrecked lives.

—THE AMERICAN HEBREW

## MEN'S CLUB

### ROUND TABLE RESUMES SESSIONS

The Men's Club Round Table will resume its regular weekly meetings, Monday noon, January 8th at 12:15 P. M. in the Solarium of Hotel Allerton. The policy of the current year will be continued and speakers who are authorities on interesting current problems will be presented.

Plans are being made for a smoker which will be held some evening towards the end of January.

## ALUMNI NEWS

### ORGANIZE CULTURAL GROUPS

This Monday evening, January 8th at 8 P. M. the Alumni will initiate a series of Cultural Courses for its members.

Dr. Merlub Sobel will conduct a group on Jewish Life Today, Mr. Brilliant on Modern Literature and the Jew and Mr. Maurice Goldman a Choral Group.

The leaders of the groups will be present to describe the courses. Further organization details will be presented.

A social hour will conclude the evening. Refreshments will be served.

A cordial invitation is extended to the entire Alumni body.

## HOLD INSTITUTE ON JUDAISM

An Institute on Judaism for the purpose of acquainting the Christian ministers of this community with some of the aspects of Judaism and Jewish life will be held on Monday, January 8, 1934 under the auspices of the Euclid Avenue Temple.

To our knowledge this is the first time that such an Institute is being held in Cleveland.

This Institute is being arranged with the cooperation of the Ministerial Association of Greater Cleveland of which Dr. Arthur J. Culler is Chairman, and will take the place of the January meeting of the Ministerial Association.

The program is as follows:

Monday morning at 10:30 o'clock, Dr. Julian Morgenstern, President of the Hebrew Union College of Cincinnati and a former President of the American Oriental Society will speak on "The Rise of Judaism."

Luncheon will be served by the Sisterhood at 12:15 o'clock and the Ministers of Cleveland will be the guests of the temple at luncheon.

The afternoon session will commence at 1:45 o'clock. Dr. Israel Bettan, Professor of Midrash and Homiletics at the Hebrew Union College will read a paper on "The Rise of the Sermon in the Synagogue" in which he will deal with the development of worship, prayer, synagogal service and the sermon.

At 3:30 o'clock, Rabbi Barnett R. Brickner will speak on "The Jews in This Changing Civilization." He will discuss the contemporary Jewish scene the world over and the specific problems facing our people.

The Ministerial Association has a membership of over three hundred and it is expected that a majority of its members will attend.

All the sessions will be held at the Euclid Avenue Temple.

## In Memoriam

Our heartfelt sympathy is extended to the bereaved families of

Slata Blum

Regina Arnold

## THE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

ANNOUNCES

THE THIRD ANNUAL

## WINTER FROLIC

AT SHAKER TAVERN

Saturday Night, January 13th

From 9 till 1:30

Music by

Joe Feldman and his Orchestra

ADMISSION \$1.25

With Membership Cards 50c

## THE MEMORIAL FUND

In response to the recent appeal made by Rabbi Brickner for donations to the Memorial Chapel Fund in memory of dear ones who have passed away, the following families have responded with donations and pledges:

### DONATIONS

Mrs. David Seidenfeld in memory of husband .....	\$100.00
Lecture Course Fund in memory of Ruth Brudno .....	200.00
Mrs. Samuel Kaufman in memory of husband .....	50.00
Mrs. Nathan Siegel in memory of husband .....	25.00
Mrs. Elmer M. Kaufman in memory of Mathilde Pollak .....	25.00
L. W. Lampl in memory of mother, Hannah Lampl .....	50.00
Estate of Joseph Strauss to his memory .....	100.00
Irwin and Sigmund Freyer in memory of father, Benjamin Freyer .....	30.00
	(pledge \$100.00)
B. Epstein and family in memory of wife and mother, Miriam Epstein .....	50.00
	(pledge \$100.00)

### PLEDGES

Samuel R. Zweek and daughter Geraldine in memory of wife and mother	
Anna Spitz Zweek .....	\$100.00
Philip Frankel in memory of son, Lloyd Frankel .....	To be specified
Frankel Bros. in memory of father Emanuel Frankel .....	Ark Equipment
Ben Spero in memory of wife .....	100.00
Mrs. B. Freyer in memory of husband .....	100.00
Mrs. Joseph Felder in memory of father, Joseph S. Hess and sister, Freda Hess Axelrod .....	200.00
Tillie Cohn in memory of brother Phillip Cohn .....	100.00
Estate of Cora Fuldheim to her memory .....	500.00

The Chapel Fund also contains contributions previously made by:

Mrs. Solomon Kohn in memory of her son David S. Kohn .....	\$500.00
Mrs. David S. Kohn in memory of husband .....	500.00
Mrs. Morris N. Halle in memory of husband .....	500.00
The children of Mr. Morris N. Halle in his memory .....	500.00

There are also a number of smaller contributions.

The plan is to have the names of all those whose families have contributed one hundred dollars or more inscribed on a bronze placque in perpetuity. There will be a Memory Book to record the names of others whose families have contributed less.

Many more donations are required in order that the Chapel Fund may be large enough to begin operations.

Ever since the congregation has been worshipping in the temporary Chapel for the Friday Evening Twilight and Saturday Morning services, the feeling has grown that there is a very real need for such a Chapel. These services are now more intimate and personal. The holding of the services in the Chapel also represents a considerable saving to the Temple.

There is no more fitting or beautiful manner in which you can pay tribute to the memory of your dear ones than by helping to make this Chapel possible and perpetuating the memory of a beloved who has passed to the great Beyond.