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# RABBI BRICKNER

will speak on

# "THE EUROPEAN CRISIS" IS IT WAR?

Friday Evening Twilight Service 5:30 to 6:00

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# TEMPLE ON THE HEIGHTS

| SATURDAY SUNDAY       |            |            |  |
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# Dear members:

I am happy to announce that we have had an unusually fine response to the letter in behalf of the Zionist Roll Call sent out by Mr. Irwin N. Loeser, our President, and myself.

However, there are many who have not yet responded and who are probably waiting until the first of the month to do so. May I urge you to please send your dollar at once and in that way indicate that you are desirous of being counted among those who support the movement to keep the doors of Palestine open for our refugee brethren from Germany and other lands. You will receive your Roll Call receipt promptly.

Thanking you for your cooperation, I remain

Sincerely,

(signed): BARNETT R. BRICKNER

#### FUNDS

The Temple gratefully acknowledges receipt of the following donations:

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The needy ask your help for Passover. Send in your contribution. "FROM MOSES UNTO MOSES THERE AROSE NONE LIKE MOSES"

# by A. H. Friedland

The decade that follows, a period which covers the entire adolescent life of the Rambam from his thirteenth to his twenty-third year, is the only period in his life which is wrapped in darkness. The family wandered from city to city, looking for shelter in a hostile world which fell a prev to religious fanaticism and intolerance. We have no accurate information as to where exactly they attempted to settle, how long they sojourned in these temporary resting places, how exactly Maimonides spent the days of this most crucial stage in a person's spiritual and intellectual growth.

Here and there, however, we are afforded a glimpse of his dominant interests and associations. Thus, for example, we find in "The Guide To the Perplexed": "More recently some Andalusian scholars concluded. from certain principles laid down by Ptolemy, that Venus and Mercury were above the sun. Ibn Aflah of Seville, with whose son I was acquainted, has written a famous book on the subject; also the excellent philosopher, Abu-Bekribn-Alzaig, one of whose pupils was my fellow student, has treated of this subject and offered certain proofs-which we have copied-of the improbability of Venus and Mercury being above the sun." While one hesitates to conclude from this quotation at what age Maimonides associated with these brilliant Gentile students, one however, has the feeling that he refers here to youthful associations.

When the Rambam resumes the story of his own life in his various writings, we find the family in Fez, a town in Northern Africa on the Barbary Coast. One is at a loss to discover the motive that brought them to this squalid little town in the very heart of the same Almohaden fanatical rule. Conditions in Fez were no different than those in (Continued on Page 4)

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# TEMPLE FLASHES

The High School Department will hold its preliminary contest on Sunday morning to select the best speakers in the annual Machol speaking contest. The finals will be run off at some future date . . . The Bondy Contest for the ninth graders has been postponed. Date to be announced . . . . . . . Both young and old participated in the many Purim celebrations arranged by the Temple during the week of Purim. First in the order of time came the Religious School Purim Revue, on Sunday afternoon, March 17th which attracted a huge audience that filled the Auditorium to over-flowing. Then on Tuesday evening the "young" folks of the Men's Club and the Sisterhood had a glorious time at the Purim Hard-Time party. A gaily decorated nall, colorful costumes, enticing music and an amazing array of talent contributed to an evening that the men and women who were at the affair will not long forget. Thanks are due to Arthur Haas and his capable committee for the unprecedented success of this affair. Students in the High School Department frolicked Sunday night, March 24th. A hilarious performance created by the students themselves was followed by a danceall of which made for an entertaining and well-attended "Hamantash Hop" . . . . . With the money so generously contributed by members of the congregation, Rabbi Brickner sent baskets to ten "B'Koved" families with Purim greetings . . . . . Rabbi Brickner concluded nine years of weekly broadcasts over station W.H.K., Tuesday evening, March 19th. This is a record unique in the annals of radio for this type of serious address. A great many requests have been made for Rabbi Brickner's addresses. Although Rabbi Brickner has concluded his radio broadcasting for this season the Jewish Review and Observer has arranged to publish the whole series delivered this year. One address will appear each week.



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The Sisterhood gratefully acknowledges receipt of the following donations:

To The Matzo Fund: From Mrs. J. Aarons; Mrs. M. Marchand; Mrs. Jos. Weinberger; Mr. Ben Sinks; Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Stein in memory of Mr. Leo Hart of Rochester, New York; Mrs. J. Newman and Mrs. Richard Schwartz in memory of Lillian Unger; Council of Jewish Juniors; Mrs. J. Elias in memory of her mother, Julia Levy; Mrs. B. Amster; Mrs. Bernard Kane; Mrs. David Lowensohn; Mrs. E. S. Weil, Mrs. Gus Lorber, Miss Ida Bruml in memory of Mrs. Elsie Kohane; Mrs. Emil Glick in memory of her father, Mr. S. Grossman; Mrs. Adolph Keller; Mrs. Sol Kaufman in memory of Herman Fishel; David Skall; Harry Levy in memory of his mother; Mrs. Max Goldman in memory of Phillip Rogen; Mrs. H. Korach; Miss Dora Bernstein; Mr. Louis Rose; Mrs. Sallie Medalie; Mrs. Myron Rosenblum: Mrs. Jos. Goodman.

10,000 needy Jews are waiting for your contributions to the Matzoh Fund

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other centers of the Mohammedan faith. The Jews had to choose between apostasy and exile, one a spiritual impossibility, the other a physical impossibility, since the same fate awaited them everywhere. And so they were driven to the third way out, the way of disguise known as Marranoism.

Since all that the Moslem rulers wanted from them was the verbal admission that Allah is the only God and Mohammed is his prophet, many agreed to mumble this formal profession of faith while remaining in their heart of hearts faithful to their own God. This determination, however, was not lightly arrived at. There was a prevalent mood of depression hovering over the entire community, and it was then that Maimon, the father of Moses, wrote his "Letter of Consolation" in which occurs the following famous simile: "Our faith is a rescuing cord thrown down to us from heaven to earth. He who grasps at it with his whole hand has undoubtedly a greater chance than he who holds on with but part of it. But he who clings on with the tips of his fingers has more hope than he who lets go of it altogether."

This "Letter of Consolation," however, was too sentimental to exercise the proper effect. Jewry wanted to know what the Law says on the double allegiance involved in such a life of pretense. Somebody wrote a letter of inquiry to one of the great Talmudic authorities of the day, and the answer was quite clear and decisive: "The person who utters in public, faith in Mohammed, has forfeited his soul and no amount of secret praying to the God of his fathers will save him."

This verdict threw the Jews into a state of utter despondency. It was then that Maimonides arose like a veritable colossus of the spirit to the defense of a despairing people.

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Make early contributions to the Matzoh Fund.

# MEN'S CLUB ROUND TABLE

The Men's Club Round Table will meet Monday noon, April 1st, at the Russet Cafeteria, Union Trust Building. Mr. Max Hays, Editor of the "Citizen" will speak on "Organized Labor And The N.R.A."

# INTERNATIONAL BROADCAST FROM JERUSALEM

Leaders in science and education throughout the world join on April 2nd in the celebration of the tenth anniversary of the dedication of the Hebrew University in Palestine, it was announced yesterday by Dr. A. S. W. Rosenbach, President of the American Friends of the Hebrew University.

In this country, a chain of dinners and meetings will be held from coast to coast, and the voices of Sir Herbert Samuel, James de Rothschild and Dr. Judah L. Magnes, Chancellor of the Hebrew University, will be heard in an international broadcast from London and Jerusalem. Dr. Magnes' address from Jerusalem and the talks of Sir Herbert and James de Rothschild from London, will be carried over the Blue Network of the National Broadcasting Company on Tuesday, April 2nd, from 9:30 to 10:30 P. M., Eastern Standard Time.

When the Egyptian hosts were drowning in the Red Sea, the angels in Heaven were about to break forth in songs of jubilation. But the Holy One, blessed be He, silenced them with the words: 'My creatures are perishing, and ye are ready to sing!'

# TALMUD.

The Federal Housing Administration has announced that synagogues may borrow money under the NHA modernization credit plan for the repair, improvement and modernization of synagogues.

### IN MEMORIAM

Our heartfelt sympathy is extended to the bereaved families of Belle Bergman Jonas Cohen