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SUNDAY, APRIL 14th, 10:30 A. M.

RABBI BRICKNER

will speak on

"WOMAN'S FUTURE IN A CHANGING SOCIETY"

Did the feminist movement reach its apex during the war?

Are women destined for a "back to the home" life in our changing society or will they play an even larger part in business, industry, politics and social life?

Is the competition between the sexes likely to increase?

Can women be a constructive factor in the reshaping of society?

PASSOVER SERVICE

Thursday, April 18th, 10:30

(in the Temple)

Rabbi Brickner will Preach



Friday Evening
Twilight Service
5:30 to 6:00

Sabbath Morning
Service
11:00 to 12:00

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**"A LETTER FROM THE RABBI
ABOUT THE SEDER"**

The Festival of Passover, which takes on added significance in these troublesome times for Israel, is approaching. The first Seder night will be on Wednesday, April 17th.

The Seder is primarily a family gathering and should take place in the home. We have urged this practice in our congregation for many years; and because of it, some years ago we abandoned the congregational Seder in order that every family might feel the obligation to celebrate the Seder at home.

In a survey made of the children in our Religious School last year and the year before, we found that close to 95% of the families of our children, have a home Seder. But there are other families, who perhaps do not have a Seder. I would suggest that one possible way of doing it is to arrange with your relatives and friends to have a cooperative Seder in one of your homes. I hope, therefore, that every family in the congregation will arrange to attend a Seder and that you will take the initiative in arranging one.

I pray that the coming year will bring freedom to our people wherever they are still oppressed and that this country of ours may find emancipation from its prolonged depression.

With Passover's Greeting, I remain,

Sincerely,

(Signed) BARNETT R. BRICKNER

**"FROM MOSES UNTO MOSES THERE
AROSE NONE LIKE MOSES"**

by A. H. Friedland

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It was only after Maimonides was left destitute that he turned to medicine as a profession. His medical training he received in his youth as was the custom of all Arab and Jewish students to make medicine a part of their general education. But the Rambam, for more than one reason, had never expected to practice the art of healing. First, in the eyes of the average Medieval person, steeped in superstition, medicine was regarded as an interference with the ways of the Lord. It was an attempt on the part of man to ward off, with the help of the physician, the infliction of sickness sent by God in punishment for sin and transgression. Then, too, medicine as practiced by the Arab physicians was in large part of a piece with witchcraft, exorcizing of evil spirits and the like. Not seldom, did the physicians in those days effect marvelous cures upon hired accomplices in public places.

Maimonides, the rationalist, the paragon of intellectual integrity, refused to enter this shady profession which had little progress to record since the days of Hippocrates and of Galen. He was, however, forced into it by an avalanche of distressing circumstances. And from all the records in our possession, one may say that at least within the sphere of his influence, Maimonides left medicine a saner and sounder profession than he had found it. He has applied to medicine the same keen insight and sound method that he has applied to the problems of conduct in general. "The duty of the physician," he claimed, "is to assist nature, not to interfere with it." Moderation, balanced diet, cleanliness, rest—these he maintained, are the first principles of health. It is indeed amazing that so ingenuous a medical creed, completely free from the mystifying hocus-pocus that marked the medical procedure of his day, should

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MEN'S CLUB ROUND TABLE

The last **Round Table** meeting for the current season will be held on **Monday, April 15th at noon**, at the Russet Cafeteria in the Union Trust Building.

We are fortunate in having for our speaker the **Honorable Harold H. Burton** whose subject will be **"The Work of the County Charter Commission."**

SCHOOL SHOWS PROGRESS

The revision of the Hebrew Curriculum three years ago, was a complete departure from the usual type of curriculum in the school. It was created to meet the needs of the American child who comes from a modern Jewish home.

Our efforts are now bearing fruit. No longer is it necessary to prepare special children to chant the Mah Nishtanoh and recite the Kiddush for the Seder assembly. Any child from the second grade up can chant the Mah Nishtanoh and any child in the Junior High Department can chant the Kiddush.

This is a direct outgrowth of classroom teaching and curriculum planning. Every child in our school is familiar now with the order of the Seder, with its related prayers and the Passover songs.

Our assemblies this week-end will be a demonstration of our school's achievements. The children of the second grade will chant the questions. The Junior Choir will present some Palestinian songs under the direction of Mrs. Leo Kohn, and the Special Hebrew Department will contribute some new Hebrew Passover melodies.

The assemblies will be held as follows: Thursday, April 11th at 4:45—**Special Hebrew Department**; Saturday, April 13th at 11:20—**Junior High Department**; Sunday, April 14th at 11:30—combined assembly of the **Primary and Intermediate Departments**.

The **Memorial Chapel Fund** acknowledges with thanks the following donations of \$100.00 each from Mr. J. H. Shulman in memory of his parents, David and Anna Shulman; Mrs. Louis E. Steiner in memory of her husband, Louis E. Steiner; Miss Rebecca Robinson in memory of her brother, Jacob Robinson; Mrs. Joseph G. Adler in memory of her husband, Joseph G. Adler.

TEMPLE FLASHES

Acting upon the suggestion of Rabbi Brickner the Sisterhood sewing group has created a very beautifully designed Chalah cover, one of which should be in every home. The covers sell for \$1.25 each and would make an unusually fine gift for Mothers' Day. The covers are obtainable at the Temple . . . The finals of the High School Machol Speaking Contest will take place on Sunday morning, April 21st at 11:15 A. M. The Finals for the Ninth Grade Bondy Speaking Contest will take place on Saturday, April 27th at 11:00 A. M. . .

. . At the Sisterhood Bridge, on Monday, April 1st, door prizes were awarded to Mesdames Jennie Ackerman, Lottie Babin, Emma Cohen, A. L. Freeman, A. E. Friedman, Max Friedman, S. S. Green, B. Kahn, Alex Miller, Jessie Pollack, H. Reich, Squiers and A. Immerman. The Afghan was won by Mrs. I. G. Shapiro, the Pillow by Mrs. A. Kanter and the Chair by Mrs. M. Sacheroff . . . The School will celebrate the 800th birthday of Moses Maimonides with a specially prepared Children's Service and Pageant to be given Saturday, April 20th at 11:00 A. M. in the Temple The Alumni Associations of our Temple and the Temple on Ansel Road will jointly present **"The First Year"** a farce comedy on Sunday evening, April 28th. Tickets are now available . . An article describing our Purim Carnival by Libbie L. Braverman appeared in the latest issue of the Jewish Education Magazine . . . Maurice Goldman is taking part in the final opera of the Cleveland Orchestra Series **"Die Meistersinger."** He will sing the part of 'Nachtigal' one of the Meisters . . . Naomi Schwartz will appear in the leading role of **"Girls in Uniform"** at the Playhouse. Miss Schwartz is a graduate of our High School Department and is leader of two of our Temple clubs—the Senior Dramatic Club and the Junior Sisterhood . .

GRAND OLD BOYCOTT

Wrote Christopher Columbus: "In the same month that Their Majesties (King Ferdinand and Queen Isabella) issued the edict that all Jews should be driven out of the Kingdom and its territories—in that same month they gave me the order to undertake my expedition of discovery."

Jewry's answer to Ferdinand and Isabella was to declare in 1492 a Jewish boycott of Spain which was still in effect last week. For 443 years Orthodox Jews have eschewed trading with Spain or felt twinges of conscience for doing so. Last week in Warsaw the hoary Boycott of Spain was ended at last for Polish Jews by their Rabbinate.

"The (Jewish) ban against Spain was not against the Spanish people but against the evil rulers of Spain in the 15th Century," ruled Poland's Rabbinate. "Therefore the boycott is no longer valid at present, when the Jews are treated like everyone else by the Spanish Government."

No other rabbinate followed the forgiving lead of Polish Jewry, for many an Orthodox Jew cherishes the tradition of boycotting Spaniards. In his able "We Jews," Journalist George Sokolsky characteristically reports: "England and Holland which used him (the Jew) prospered, while Spain, which excluded him, collapsed economically and its great Empire sank into a Mediterranean memory."

Cheered last week as they recollected the fate of Spain, Jews took fresh courage to boycott Germany, if necessary, until the Fatherland becomes a Baltic memory and the boycott of Nazis a hallowed tradition in timeless Israel.
(Time)

SISTERHOOD

The Sisterhood announces that, because of the coming holiday, there will be no sewing this Tuesday, April 16th. Regular sewing will be resumed Tuesday morning, April 23rd.

MEMBERS HONORED

The Euclid Avenue Temple was represented at the 34th Council of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations and the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods and Temple Brotherhoods held in Washington, D. C. from March 22nd through the 26th by the following:

Rabbi Barnett R. Brickner
Mr. and Mrs. Irwin N. Loeser
Mr. B. H. Sinks
Mr. and Mrs. Oscar H. Steiner
Mrs. Arthur Lindheim
Mrs. J. C. Newman
Mr. and Mrs. Sol Gitson

We are happy to state that Mr. B. H. Sinks was re-elected to the Executive Board of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, Mrs. Sam H. Cohn was elected to the Board of the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods, and Mr. Oscar H. Steiner to the Board of the National Federation of Temple Brotherhoods. Rabbi Brickner is a member of the Board of Managers of the Department of Synagogue and School Extension and a member of the Commission on Jewish Education.

FLOWERS ON THE STEM OF PIETISM

A man must not walk in his field on Sabbath to observe what work needs doing on the morrow. The broken tablets, as well as the second perfect pair, were placed in the Ark; so a decrepit scholar who has forgotten his learning must not be without honor. Tell the truth and nothing but the truth, but 'tis no perjury to call a homely bride beautiful. And, in general, never decry your neighbor's bargain. No man must retain in his pocket a spurious coin, nor keep in his house an inaccurate measure. Pay your bills promptly; as the later sage put it, Go to bed without supper and rise up without debt. Over stolen bread beware that you utter no blessing to the Lord. If a man owes you money, avoid him; he will think you are thinking of the loan. Never fail of a promise to a child, lest he learn to lie; never strike an adult son, lest you tempt him to reprisals. Never use the crown of the Law for self-aggrandizement.

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have inspired the confidence that Maimonides enjoyed.

In about 1185, Maimonides was appointed court physician of Saladin's Grand Vizier, Alfadhil, and an Arab historian states that he was also invited as physician to Richard the Lion-Hearted of England. What profound symbolism in this fact! The leaders of two hostile faiths, equally bent upon the destruction of the Jew, seeking help and healing when in personal distress at the hand of a Jewish master physician. How many times did subsequent history repeat the same ironic jest.

Every day, upon entering his "clinic," Maimonides would utter the following prayer:

"I begin once more my daily work. Be Thou with me, Almighty Father of Mercy, in all my efforts to heal the sick. For without Thee, man is but a helpless creature. Grant that I may be filled with love for my art and for my fellowmen. May the thirst for gain and the desire for fame be far from my heart. For these are the enemies of Pity and the ministers of Hate. Grant that I may be able to devote myself, body and soul, to Thy children who suffer from pain. Preserve my strength, that I may be able to restore the strength, of the rich and the poor, the good and the bad, the friend and the foe. Let me see in the sufferer the man alone. When wiser men teach me, let me be humble to learn; for the mind of man is so puny, and the art of healing is so vast. But when fools are ready to advise me or to find fault with me let me not listen to their folly. Let me be intent upon one thing, O Father of Mercy,—to be always merciful to Thy suffering children."

We also find a detailed pen picture of his large practice in the following letter to Ibn Tibn, the translator of his "Guide to the Perplexed:"

"My duties to the Sultan are very heavy. I am obliged to visit him every day, early in the morning; and when he, or any of his children, or any of the

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FUNDS

Our Sisterhood gratefully acknowledges receipt of the following donations:

To The Matzo Fund: From Mr. Chas. Kolisch; Mrs. Sam Hirsch; Lois Rotbart and Lucille Schultz in memory of the sixteenth birthday of Betty Jane Finkle; Mrs. S. M. Schultz; Mrs. Arthur Friedman; Mrs. Sam Cohn in memory of Jacob Rosenthal and Blanche Feniger; I. Schwartz; Fannie Federman in memory of Jacob and Helene Mahrer; Eltuce Club in memory of Fay Marks; Mrs. Nathan Cohen in memory of her mother, Jennie Marks; Mrs. Hyman in memory of David Hyman; Miss Ruth Bloom in memory of her grandfather, David Cohn; Mrs. C. I. Goldsmith in memory of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. I. Schwarz; Mrs. E. Simon in memory of her father, Jacob White; Mrs. Sam Miller in memory of her mother, Pauline Savlan; Mrs. Gerald Richland; Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Meisel in memory of their parents; Mrs. Louis Loveman; Mrs. Bert Sampliner; Mrs. Sidney Weiss; Thursday Club; Mr. and Mrs. Henry Sulka in memory of Eva Sulka of Philadelphia, Pa.; Mrs. H. Dettlebach, Flora Haiman, Mrs. J. C. Newman and Mrs. H. Sulka in memory of Blanche Feniger; Friends in memory of Jacob Rosenthal; Miss Jacobs; Mrs. Nathan Regar; Mrs. Charlotte P. Kaufman; Children of Phillip Rogen; Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Ballenberg in memory of their parents; Cleveland Shopping News Co.

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To The Memorial Chapel Fund: From Mrs. Theodore Hertz in memory of her brother, Sidney L. Klein.

To The General Fund: Myron E. Lazarus in memory of his daughter Adele.

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inmates of his harem, are indisposed, I dare not quit Cairo" (about one mile and a half from his home in Fostat), "but must stay during the greater part of the day in the palace. It also frequently happens that one or two of the royal officers fall sick, and I must attend to their healing. Hence, as a rule, I repair to Cairo very early in the day, and even if nothing unusual happens, I do not return to Fostat until the afternoon. Then I am almost dying with hunger. I find the ante-chamber filled with people, both Jews and Gentiles, nobles and common people, judges and bailiffs, friends and foes—a mixed multitude, who await the time of my return.

"I dismount from my animal, wash my hands, go forth to my patients, and entreat them to bear with me while I partake of some slight refreshment, the only meal I take in the twenty-four hours. Then I attend to my patients, write prescriptions and directions for their various ailments. Patients go in and out until nightfall, and sometimes even, I solemnly assure you, until two hours and more in the night. I converse with them and prescribe for them while lying down from sheer fatigue; and when night falls I am so exhausted that I can scarcely speak."

The Rambam left quite a number of books and pamphlets dealing with various phases of medicine.

RABBI TO BROADCAST NATIONALLY

At the invitation of the Columbia Broadcasting system, "Church of the Air," Rabbi Brickner has been invited to broadcast on **Easter Sunday, April 21st, from 1 to 1:30 P. M. Eastern Standard Time.**

The choir of the Euclid Avenue Temple will render the music of the service and Rabbi Brickner will deliver the address.

If you have friends in other cities, you may call their attention to this broadcast, which will be sent over the national network.

TUNE IN WTAM

The Bureau of Jewish Education will broadcast a **Passover program, Tuesday, April 16th, 7:15 P. M. over WTAM.** The last program met with such favorable response that many requests have come in for a continuance of these festival programs.

This time the program will include excerpts from the musical operetta "Jews in Egypt." Parts will be read by talented people of the city, while the music will be rendered by the Euclid Avenue Temple Choir under the direction of Maurice Goldman.

The entire program is arranged by Mrs. Sigmund Braverman, Chairman of the Radio Committee of the Bureau.

PASSOVER DATES

THE SEDER

Wednesday Evening, April 17th

SERVICES

Thursday, April 18th - 10:30 A. M.

Wednesday, April 24th - 10:30 A. M.

(Yizkor Memorial Service)

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Send in your contributions to the

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Passover is almost here

*Be sure you have sufficient Haggadahs for your Seder.
They are available at our office — 75c each*