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SUNDAY, APRIL 28th, 10:30 A. M.

RABBI BRICKNER

will speak on

"THE FOUR GREATEST LIVING JEWS"

Who are they and what is their distinctive genius and unique contribution
to the world's thought that will make them immortal?

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Friday Evening
Twilight Service
5:30 to 6:00

Sabbath Morning
Service
11:00 to 12:00

Dr. Julian Morgenstern,
Hebrew Union College,
Cincinnati, Ohio.

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MEN ATTENTION!

May! What a thrilling month to conjure up in one's minds-eye. Budding flowers, babbling brooks, azure skies—a desire to soar up into the fleecy clouds and drink deep of spring sunshine—a lust to roam about the wooded hills and green carpeted valley. But gorgeous May, in itself, would not be complete. There is something lacking, an indefinable something to round out nature's best efforts. That something will be amply supplied by the Temple Men's Club in the form of a Stag Picnic to be held during the month of May.

Picture if you can the woodland setting of Camp Wise, skirting Lake Erie's shores amongst beautiful outdoor surroundings. A baseball diamond where a game will be played between the Temple Ushers and the Men's Club to decide a championship. Contests and games of various nature will be held. Beer to overflowing will be served to the thirsty (oh! we'll be thirsty) and sandwiches of various kind will be partaken of.

Hold yourself in readiness for this great outdoor annual event. Cancel all out-of-town trips for this month and make all social obligations tentative. Full details of time and date will be announced in a later issue of the bulletin.

London—The danger facing the Jews in Memel in connection with the Nazi propaganda there was emphasized at a meeting of the Board of Deputies of British Jews.

"FROM MOSES UNTO MOSES THERE
AROSE NONE LIKE MOSES"

by A. H. Friedland

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Maimonides left many a work in the field of logic, medicine, exegesis, philosophy and law, but his immortality rests primarily on his two outstanding works: "The Mishnah Torah" or, as it is also known by the name of "Yad Chazakah" (The Strong Hand), and "The Guide to the Perplexed."

The "Yad Chazakah" is a gigantic work on Jewish law, assembled from the entire range of Hebrew juridic lore and constitutes, according to all authority, the greatest single work in the whole field of Rabbinic literature. It contains fourteen books and no less than one thousand chapters. Each of the fourteen books deals with one phase of human life and the whole constitutes a systematic and thorough-going guide to human conduct. It is a masterpiece of logical arrangement, of thoroughness, as well as of stylistic beauty and charm. Very seldom are legal precision and legal explicitness coupled so uncannily with simplicity and roundedness of style as they do in this magnum opus of Maimonides. His is the Mishnaic style at its best and at its purest. The most intricate concept in philosophy or law resolves, in the alembic of his style, into a simple element, self-evident and self-suggestive. His legal or ethical dictum is not the cold, impersonal precept, nor, to be sure, the inexorable imperative, but rather the wise and kindly counseling of a father to his son, or of an elder brother to one younger, pervaded by a warm glow of sympathy and mortal fellowship. No human problem is foreign to this code. Overt act as well as covert attitude and emotion are encompassed in its prodigious framework.

Aristotelian in his metaphysical as well as his ethical outlook, the Rambam naturally places reason above passion, and intelligence above instinct and appetite. Reason is the end and goal of hu-

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SISTERHOOD NOTES

Annual Luncheon

The subject of the symposium at the **Annual Noon Luncheon** at the Statler at 12:30 on **May 14th** will be "Why Be A Clubwoman?" The discussions will be led by Mrs. Louis Ferster, Mrs. Samuel T. Rice, and Mrs. Malcolm McBride. Make your reservations early.

Goodwill Sabbath

A special Sisterhood **Goodwill Sabbath** on **Saturday, May 18th** will commemorate **International Goodwill Day**. The services will be read by members of the Sisterhood. Rabbi Brickner will deliver the sermon.

Mrs. Moses Memorial

No name in all the annals of our Sisterhood is more beloved than that of the late Mrs. Sol Moses, who was the mother of our Sisterhood. During all her many years of life in this community, she was a source of strength to the organizations with which she was affiliated.

Mrs. Moses was the first Secretary of the Council of Jewish Women and served in that office for a number of years. Up to the very last days of her life, she conducted its Parliamentary Law classes.

In order that her name may be perpetuated in our community, a Memorial Fund has been established under the auspices of a joint committee of our Euclid Avenue Temple Sisterhood and the Council of Jewish Women. All of those to whom her memory is dear are urged to contribute to this fund. You may send your check to Mrs. Arthur Haas, 2409 Rinard Road or to Mrs. J. O. Stein, 2887 Huntington Road.

JEWISH MUSIC—MONDAY, APRIL 29

The story of Jewish music will be told and illustrated at the piano by **Harry Coopersmith** of Chicago this **Monday evening, April 29th** at 8:30 p. m. at the Euclid Avenue Temple.

Mr. Coopersmith is director of Music of the Bureau of Jewish Education in Chicago. He spent several years abroad studying and has returned with a wealth of material.

FUNDS

The Temple gratefully acknowledges receipt of the following donations:

To The Library Fund: From Sol W. Newman and daughter Alice in memory of wife and mother, Helena Strauss Newman; Sylvia, Lenore and Rena J. Stein in memory of their mother, Rosa Stein.

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The Sisterhood gratefully acknowledges receipt of the following donations:

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To The Altar Fund: From Mrs. Sam F. Deutsch in memory of Hyman Aaron Sacheroff; Mrs. A. Joseph, Henrietta and Miriam Joseph in memory of Abe Joseph; Mrs. R. Schaffer in memory of Blanche Feniger.

IN MEMORIAM

Our heartfelt sympathy is extended to the bereaved family of

Mollie F. Benjamin

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man existence. But this does not spell the neglect of passion or the extermination of instinct. In the evolutionary concept of Maimonides as well as in that of Aristotle, both the appetitive and the sensitive levels of existence are ever present by the side of the rational. One must cultivate the habit and skill of steering passion in the service of reason. The principle of moderation and of the "golden mean" are useful concepts but they must not be taken too literally. The problem requires constant vigilance and direction. For passion is matter and reason is form. And matter does not always yield quite readily to form. In fact, therein lies man's everlasting struggle and his unending opportunity. Matter is indestructible because form itself is only form in its downward looking aspect and matter with an eye to a higher rung in the ladder of progress.

No less imposing is Maimonides' philosophic work, "The Guide to the Perplexed." The book is divided into three parts and into one hundred and seventy-eight chapters. The first part explains away the anthropomorphic allusions in the Bible, thus paving the way for a re-interpretation of the traditional God concept. The second establishes this new concept with the help of the logical instrumentalities developed by Aristotle and his Arabian commentators, and the third is devoted to an exposition of ethical principles deduced from his metaphysics. Judaism, according to Maimonides, is synonymous with truth and must always be so interpreted as to never come in conflict with established truth. It certainly fits to a nicety the truth as Aristotle saw it. It is only on the question of creatio ad nihilo that there seems to be a disagreement between Jewish tradition and Aristotle's teaching. But then Aristotle never actually proved the eternity of matter to Maimonides' satisfaction.

Maimonides, in this great philosophic work, reaffirms form or spirit as the active principle, and matter as passive

and inert. The function of man in this world is to illuminate matter with form, to transmit potentiality into actuality. Maximum development of reason is the end of human creation, and the whole field of ethics has for its sole purpose the ordering of society in such wise as to enable intellect to soar from triumph to triumph. Goodness alone is only a synonym of truth and derives its standard from truth. The highest degree of charity is to prevent poverty, for poverty is a hindrance to that social serenity which makes for the enthronement of the intellect.

Thus the lessons which Maimonides thought are still eminently timely and still insistently challenging.

Maimonides died on the 14th of December in the year 1204, in the seventieth year of his life. Three faiths, whom his writings helped purify and enhance, mourned his loss. The scale on which his octo-centennial is being celebrated the world over is in itself eloquent testimony to the basic truth of his teachings, to the triumph of form over substance, of spirit over matter.

TEMPLES PARTICIPATE IN CAMPAIGN

With a more extensive campaign organization than has been developed for several years, the Jewish Welfare Fund Drive, May 5-12 will be marked by the large part which the Temples and Synagogues are taking. The campaign is headed by Rabbi A. H. Silver and Rabbi B. R. Brickner.

Twenty-five different local, national and international agencies will be benefited by the \$130,000 drive.

A large portion of the fund will go for the relief and reconstruction of German and Polish Jewish life, and the development of a homeland for many of these persons in Palestine. Other agencies which will receive support from the campaign are educational and cultural organizations, those which combat anti-Semitism and care for the destitute and sick.

TEMPLE FLASHES

The Bondy Ninth Grade Speaking Contest will be held on Saturday, May 4th at 11 A. M. . . . Unquestionably the best in years was the consensus of opinion concerning the Machol High School Speaking Contest last Sunday. Judges Oscar Steiner, Sam Freedlander and Al Marcus picked the winners; first, Bernard Starkoff; second, Mortimer Goodman; third, Alvin Kendis The Children's Service was signally honored last Saturday by the unexpected visit of Norman Bentwich, professor at the Hebrew University in Jerusalem and former attorney general of Palestine. He spoke at the service following the Maionides pageant At the annual meeting of the National Federation of Temple Brotherhoods, in Washington, Oscar H. Steiner was elected to the Executive Board The Temple was well filled at the Service last Thursday, April 18th, the first day of Passover. Rabbi Brickner preached Many thanks to Mr. Jack Grodin for his donation of a steel filing cabinet containing the com-

plete seating arrangement of the Temple. We appreciate this most useful gift There will be only three more Sunday lecture services, for the season closes with the Graduation Service of the High School and College Department. The members of our congregation and their families are therefore urged to put aside the next three Sunday mornings for Temple attendance. We are happy to state that the attendance this season has been very good Stop a moment in the lobby of the Temple to examine the holiday exhibits in the glass wall case. Of special interest is the wooden figures illustrating "An Only Kid" of Haggadah fame. . . Texas, Maryland, Kansas, California and many other states have been heard from by letter and telegram congratulating Rabbi Brickner and the choir on the beautiful service and telling sermon preached. This was in connection with the "Church of the Air" program broadcast over the Columbia System last Sunday afternoon.

The Alumni Associations of the two Reform Temples jointly present

"THE FIRST YEAR"

A hilarious comedy that set Broadway laughing for over two years

SUNDAY, APRIL 28th, 8:30 P. M.

The Cast

Sybil Devay, Leonard Freyman, Harriet Hertz, Bernard Kaufman, Ruth Nagusky, Aaron Reiches, Irving Schnabel, David Sindell and Ethel Wiener.

Directed by MRS. NOEL LESLIE

Admission 50c

Alumni Members 35c

Dancing after the Play

"HOW THE UNION OPERATES"

No one known to the Narrator is in position to speak more authoritatively on the operations of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations than Mr. Jacob W. Mack of Cincinnati, Ohio. For many years Mr. Mack has devoted much of his time, ability and means to Union objectives and methods for progressing same.

As Chairman of the Board of the Union he follows closely the work of the Union organization in all its departments. Mr. Mack is the author of an article entitled as above and from which in the interest of clarity I take the liberty of quoting freely.

After referring to the most important and difficult task which the Union has assumed, namely, the re-interpretation of Jewish literature—"the translation of historic ideals and traditions into modern form"—accomplished with the aid of all departments of the Union, to fit the needs of our present society, Mr. Mack goes on to say:—"We publish educational materials for all classes; for religious schools as well as for adult groups. We also produce pamphlets for acquainting the non-Jew with Jewish life, religion and philosophy.

We organize congregations, study classes, religious schools, and youth groups through our three regional directors. In this way we are able to contact and affect thousands of Jews, many of whom would lack any Jewish education were it not for these efforts. It is not surprising that we have developed a very efficient organization.

In the past most religions were supported by the State. Today, in the Western World, religions must be self-sustaining. It was the necessity for supporting ourselves that made us strive for a high standard of organization. And it was this co-ordination between the various parts of the (Union) organization that made possible the wide range of activities in which we engage."

(To be continued in next issue.)

B. H. Sinks

Chairman of Committee for U. A. H. C.

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COMING EVENTS

Sunday	May 12—High School and College Graduation
Sunday	May 12—Alumni Annual Meeting
Tuesday	May 14—Sisterhood Annual Luncheon Meeting
Saturday	May 18—Club Day Rally Luncheon
Saturday	May 25—High School Summer Formal
Sunday	May 26—Special Hebrew Graduation and Closing of Religious School
Sunday	June 2—Class Nite
Friday	June 7—Confirmation
Thursday	June 20—Congregational Picnic