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# CALENDAR

Friday	November 1	Friday	November 8
11:CO a. m.	NOEL LESLIE on "SUCCESSFUL FAILURES" Sisterhood Cultural Course	11:00 a.m.	NOEL LESLIE on "THE CASE OF CLIFFORD ODETS." Sis- terhood Cultural Course.
	November 3 OPENING SUNDAY SERVICE RABBI BRICKNER Begins Weekly Broadcast over WGAR	Saturday 11:00 a.m.	November 9 Children's Peace Service.
Tuesday 9:30 a.m	November 5 . SISTERHOOD COMMUNITY SEWING.	Sunday 6:00.p. m.	November 10 Rabbi Brickner broadcasts over WGAR.
Thursday 12:15 noon.	November 7 MEN'S CLUB ROUND TABLE		November 11
	Opening meeting at Allerton Ho- tel. Rabbi Brickner will lead the discussion.	Monday .8:30 p. m.	The Course presents Upton Sin- clair. Subject "National Issues."

# SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 3rd, 10:30 A. M.

OPENING SUNDAY MORNING LECTURE SERVICE

# RABBI BRICKNER

will speak on

# "My Reply to a Letter from President Roosevelt"

An answer to the President's invitation to representative clergymen to counsel and advise him on how the government can better serve the people

> Friday Evening Twilight Service 5:30 to 6:00

Sabbath Morning Service 11:00 to 12:00

Rabbi Brickner begins his weekly broadcasts this Sunday, November 3rd at 6:00 P. M. over WGAR.

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## SUNDAY MORNING LECTURE SERVICE

will be resumed this Sunday morning, November 3rd at 10:30 a. m.

In the immediate forthcoming Sunday morning service Rabbi Brickner plans to speak on the following subjects:

Nov. 11th. "WAR TODAY AND TOMOR-ROW."

> What is behind the Italo-Ethiopian War? Will it lead to a war in Europe

> or the Far East? Will America keep out of the next war?

(for Armistice Day)

#### Nov. 18th "IT CAN'T HAPPEN HERE?" Sinclair Lewis' new novel about Fascism's coming to the United States.

Nov. 25th. "THE DECLINE OF THE PRO-FESSIONS"

#### THE WELFARE LEVY

which is to be voted on at the forthcoming election on November 5th provides funds to meet the statutory obligations of the County in the care of the indigent sick in our hospitals, dependent and neglected children, tubercular sick, the blind and the mentally incapacitated. A substantial share is allocated to hospitals and child-caring agencies of the Community Fund, including the Mt. Sinai Hospital and Welfare Association for Jewish children. This Levy requires a majority vote and should have the support of all of our citizens.

#### RABBI ON WGAR NEXT SUNDAY AT 6 P. M.

Commencing next Sunday evening, November 3rd, Rabbi Brickner will begin his tenth season of broadcasting over a local station. This year, he will be with Station WGAR every Sunday night from 6:00 to 6:30 P. M. He will deliver addresses on subjects of current interest. His is one of the longest records of sustained radio broadcasting, particularly for such a program.

Rabbi Brickner's addresses have a large radio following in and out of Cleveland. Copies of the addresses will be available this year.

#### HUNDREDS OF TELEGRAMS AND LETTERS

requesting copies of Rabbi Brickner's sermons over the "Message of Israel" program have come from all parts of the United States and Canada. Of special interest are letters from the following people:

A member of the House of Representatives of the State of Missouri, the Archbishop-Primate of the American Catholic Church Arch-Diocese of New York City, the Vice-President of the National Radio Institute of Washington, D. C., an official of the American Historical Society of New York, and President of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Fireman and Engineers of Cleveland.

#### CHAPEL EDUCATIONAL FUND

The Temple acknowledges, with thanks, the receipt of a donation of \$100. from Mrs. Jennie Siegel and children in memory of their dear husband and father, Maurice Siegel.

#### IN MEMORIAM

Our heartfelt sympathy is extended to the bereaved family of

Fannie Kaufman

# NEWS NOTES

Berlin.—The stock exchange in Berlin is being hurt by the rapidity with which Jewish property is being liquidated, according to German Press reports. Nevertheless Nazi groups continue with ever increasing ferocity to hammer away at Jews on all fronts—economic, political and cultural.

New York.—Germany has become, under Hitler "A barren nation, intellectually and scientifically", declared Al Smith at a dinner in behalf of "Non-Aryan" Christians and political refugees from Germany.

Professor Albert Einstein at the same meeting pointed out that the "Aryan" race myth was invented solely to "motivate the persecution and robbery of the Jews."

Tel Aviv.—Plans for a huge public works scheme totaling \$1,000,000 has been completed by the Tel Aviv municipality. Negotiations are now in progress to obtain government approval.

Jerusalem.—According to the Palestine Gazette the government anticipated a surplus of \$3,000,000 for the coming year. The total surplus in the government treasury at the end of August 1935 reached a record figure of \$29,100,-000.

Jerusalem.—Because he blew the Shofar at the Wailing Wall on Yom Kippur, a Revisionist Zionist was sentenced to three months in prison. He had violated the status quo regulations affecting the Wailing Wall.

Some years ago the Palestine government forbade the blowing of the Shofar at the Wailing Wall on the ground that it aroused the animosity of the Arabs whose own mosque was adjacent to the Wall and thus inflamed racial hate.

## SISTERHOOD

#### "SUCCESSFUL FAILURES"

will be the subject of Mr. Noel Leslie's second talk in the series of Sisterhood Friday Morning Cultural Courses that opened last Friday morning with a record attendance.

Mr. Leslie of the Play House is discussing several of the current plays and Friday, November 1st, he will speak on "Successful Failures."

Tickets for the series are still available and may be obtained from Mrs. Henry Emsheimer. Tickets for single lectures can be purchased at the door.

#### THE HOLINESS OF HOME

Not only is the Jewish home rooted in religious observance, religious observance can alone save it from disintegration and disappearance. Whenever we think of the Jewish home and its marvelous preservation throughout the millennia, we think of it as a little Holland, wrested from the waters of materialism, paganism, and animalism; and safeguarded against their deadly onslaught by certain dikes, spiritual dikes, constructed under Divine guidance by Israel's inspired engineers in the days of old.

The Jewish home of old was a model of purity and sanctity. It compelled the admiration of a hostile world at a time when our enemies loathed our very name as if Israel were some toad, ugly and venomous. The beauty of Israel's home-life forced them reluctantly to admit that:

The toad, ugly and venomous,

Wears yet a precious jewel on its head.

The great problem for modern Israel is to guard that precious jewel of infinite beauty and imperishable worth the holiness of the Jewish home. It is ours to resist all endeavours, even when these are made by born Jews, to tear that jewel from the forehead of Israel. It is our most sacred task to keep that jewel bright and brilliant, so that it continue to illumine the soul of Israel; yea, that it help kindle the same holy light in the soul of all humanity.

# THE ETERNAL JEWISH PROBLEM

It is clear that the Jewish problem for the Jew is the same with which he has striven for over two thousand years. How shall he live in this pagan world of war and force and inhumanity which is not only alien to all his principles and instincts, but burdens him with a hatred which his folk-soul feels and even, subconsciously. understands? though And that world, which is deeply immelled to pronounce a curse upon itself, pronounces it upon him. He may and does with all his heart co-operate with all Christians. with all libertarians everywhere in the world. What is the Jew to do?

Nor is this all. The Libertarian movement out of which arose the emancipation of the Jews was not a perfectly instructed or perfectly realistic movement. It was an affair of passion and of the abstract intellect. The early libertarians dreamed with Shelley of a humanity that was to be tribeless and nationless, wholly uncircumscribed and free. But no such thing exists. Men exist only in species and tribes and nations. There is no such thing as an abstract man. On the theory of the early libertarians the Jews feigned to themselves that they were giving up their Jewishness in exchange for an abstract and nobler humanity above all nations. In hard practice, as was inevitable, they were asked to be Germans and Frenchman and even Russians and Poles, and to live and to die for these peoples according to the dictates of the pagan nationalism of rivalry and hatred and war.

No sensible man will seek to detract from the magnificent contribution made to civilization of the world by the Jews in the brief period since their emancipation. But the fateful question arises and has indeed troubled the profoundest Jewish minds for several decades: Why are we embattled today and brutally attacked on every front of the so-called civilized world as we have not been since the Middle Ages? The Jews thought they were to be free men; the pagans desired them to be henchmen and loyal and obedient tribesmen, obedient to the point of complete spiritual evisceration. to the point of self-obliteration and of living death. This command the Jews could not fulfill, as, in truth, no men The emancipation of Jewry could. carried an implication subtler, more deadly, and yet not less tragically absurd and contrary to possibility as would have been an implication in Abraham Lincoln's proclaiming of the freedom of the slaves that that freedom and its resultant rights were conditioned upon the black men becoming white men within two generations.

Why has it been so hard for Jews who are commonly subtle of mind enough to pierce this coil of error and of wrong. Well, it is hard to give up the hopes and the comforts and even the errors of several generations. And so in spite of murder and torture, of the rubber truncheon and the concentration camp, there are still Jews who try to live in a pagan world upon the old, false hopeless terms.

The emancipation having failed, for reasons that must now be clear, what are we to do? We must re-emancipate ourselves upon other and upon truer terms. We must reject the pagan demand of paying without spiritual destruction for an apparent equality. We must be Jews, and as such we must demand of a world that feigns to be a Christian world our rights as individuals, as minority groups, as a people in the land of our fathers. And at last we must ask that co-operation and that friendship upon honorable terms-as Jews, as conscious bearers of one of the world's great spiritual civilizations and therefore as men and brethren, not as suppliants, and hangers-on. The spiritual wounds of the emancipation must be healed. To save the Jewish people to itself and every Jew who puts off the falseness and dishonor of servile assimilation and puts on the new man of his reintegration with his people shall know that he is helping to save not only Israel, but a world pagan and unredeemed.

(From "Rebirth" by Ludwig Lewisohn)

#### THE STRENGTH OF JEWISH FAMILY SENTIMENT

An immense contribution made to modern social ethics by the Jewish people is their conception of family life, all of which is founded on the fifth Commandment, "Honor thy father and thy mother." The family has been the stronghold of Jewish racial purity, religious duty, and religious sentiment.

As President of Harvard College I had many opportunities of comparing the strength of the Jewish family sentiment with the Christian. In forty years I never knew a case in which a Jewish family failed to come to the assistance of a son taken seriously ill at Harvard College; while I witnessed many an instance in which a Christian father and mother came reluctantly, or not at all, even when I repeatedly urged their coming. This observation I made on all kinds of Jewish families, the very rich, the very poor, and those in moderate circumstances. It made no difference to the Jewish fathers and mothers, brothers, and sisters, whether the case was one of dangerous contagious disease or not: they came to the sufferer's side.

After a somewhat long life in which I have seen many family interiors in many lands, the strong impression on my mind is that the home victures to which I look back as sweetest, tenderest, most loyal towards parents and most reverential towards God, are pictures of Jewish homes. This result must be attributable to the peculiar ethical conceptions which are the foundation of Jewish family life.

Charles W. Eliot

#### "OUR FUTURE IS IN YOUR HANDS"

the children of the Cleveland schools say in an appeal to you, requesting your vote for the Four Mill Levy. The Cleveland schools are dependent on the Four Mill Levy for one third of their operating funds in 1936.

Every child in Cleveland has a right to a fair chance in life. That chance is endangered this fall. You have the power to save it by voting for the Four Mill School Levy. This Levy means the difference between collapse and survival of Cleveland School System. This appeal was issued by the Citizen's Committee on School Finance.

## BOOKS

"Romance of Hassidism" by Jacob S. Minkin is heartily recommended by Rabbi Brickner for your early reading.

A vivid picture is given in the book of the strange and curious movements of this faith, exactly as it was practised two hundred years ago in the crowded loneliness of the Carpathian Mountains where the sect was born.

Towering out of this romantic tide are the leaders of the movement--heroes, martyrs, warriors, poets, rebels, and mystics. The author is an amazing biographer, touching to flame the lives of its great men, as Israel Baal Shem Tov, Levi Yitzhok Berditchev, Nahman Bratzlav. He has reflected the soul of Hassidism in the living and unforgettable record of the men who made it.

Hassidism spun a web of beauty and philosophy which took its artistic form in strange intoxicating dance rhythms, and an exotic wealth of melody and song, the very spirit of the movement, which has already inspired great musical composers. It has left us its touching literature, and such dramatic masterpieces as the famous "Dybbuk," and "Yoshe Kalb."

It is written from a wealth of scholarly research, and set to words as melodic and beautiful as the music of the source itself.

Rabbi Brickner also wishes most earnestly to commend to his people the volume "Rebirth, A Book of Modern Thought," selected and edited by Ludwig Lewisohn and published by Harper's. The volume is an extraordinarily fine collection of some of the best things that have been said by leaders in Jewish life and thought during the past generation. Herzl, Einstein, Nordau, Brandeis, Zweig', Gordon, Buber, Kaplan, Lewisohn, Samuel are among the writers collected in this excellent and incomparably stimulating interpretation and guide to a Jewish view of life.

These books are available in our library.

# OUR CREED

The Men's Club Page

WATCH US GROW

#### Nov. 1, 1935

Dr. L. B. Podis, Editor

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Oscar H. Steiner, President Harry L. Wolpaw, Vice President David Copland, Secretary David Schlesinger, Treasurer

### SMOKER "GOES OVER" BIG

Over 300 Attend First Event On Men's Club Program

An inkling of what is in store for Men's Club members was obtained last Thursday night, when a gala smoker was held at the Temple.

The largest crowd that ever attended an affair of this kind enthusiastically applauded an array of stars gleaned from the best radio and night club talent of the city.

Everybody seemed to know each other, and all were as happy as a crowd of boys at play. With evidence of such spirit the Men's Club bids fair to enjoy its most successful (and prosperous) year.

#### WISPS FROM THE SMOKER

Otto Zinner, chairman of the Drive reported a paid membership of 345, and 65 pledged, an amazing total of 410 members.

One hundred new members signed up the night of the smoker alone.

**Orchids** to Dr. Harry Burger \_and Judge Ackerman for the splendid program.

Ditto to Sam Siegel for his fine smokes, furnished gratis.

Ditto to Oscar Steiner for his stirring speech (many heeded it and joined up before the night was over).

Ditto to Mesdames Bernon, Benway, Kane, Spiegel and Lurie for serving excellent refreshments.

Telegram read from Rabbi Brickner who was out of the city regretting his inability to be present.

#### FUTURE MEN'S CLUB ACTIVITIES "Fine Winter Program Ahead" Says Steiner

With a bulging treasury and a host

of active workers "rarin' to go" our genial President outlined an imposing array of activities for the coming year.

The menu is replete with:

1. Bridge parties at the swanky hotels for the card-minded.

2. Bowling nights for the virile heman.

3. Discussion and Forum groups for the literata.

4. Supper dances for the nimblefooted.

5. Prominent speakers for the knowledge thirsty.

#### **ROUND TABLE**

The first Round Table will convene Thursday, November 7th at 12:15 noon at Jackson's (Hotel Allerton) Coffee Shop, Mezzanine Floor. Rabbi Brickner will preside.

You men who find it possible to attend these noon luncheons will get a "heap o' livin'." Jackson is famous for his fine foods.

### ODDS AND ENDS

By bringing in 45 new members single-handed Chester Hess proves that brawn as well as brain is necessary. What do you do if they don't sign up, Chester, sit on them?

A speed record was hung up at the Temple when the serving ladies heard the two boys from Freddie's Cafe begin to warble.

Nig Rose, demon promoter, reports that Hank Greenberg and Al Schacht have signed up for the Father-Son dinner this winter.

What, no contract from Madison Square Garden, Nig?

Oscar Steiner forgot to mention that Dr. Burger's team won the dinner for bringing in the most members during the drive. Ye editor who is on the winning team, is happy to remind him.