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SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18th, 10:30 A. M.

RABBI BRICKNER

will speak on

"GERMANY"

This is the first of a series of addresses on Rabbi Brickner's impressions of last summer's study of European conditions. The other lectures will deal with France; England; Poland, Austria, and the Middle European countries; Russia; and the Scandinavian countries.

The address on "Germany" will deal with such matters as: How do the people live under the terror—Business conditions—The position of the reich mark—Foreign credits—How will the drawing together of the franc, dollar, pound and lire affect the market?—The crusade against the Catholics—The courageous stand of some Protestant ministers—The Olympics—Hitler's recent war on Bolshevism and the Jews—The new relations with Austria—Why is England friendly—Nazi help to Spain.

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Friday Evening
Twilight Service
5:30 to 6:00

Sabbath Morning
Service
11:00 to 12:00

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Dear Members:

With the opening of services Sunday morning, I commence a series of addresses on my impressions of Europe. The first lecture will deal with Germany, because she is the real troublemaker in Europe and her policies are largely responsible for the course that European events are taking.

As a result of my studies in Europe this past summer, I am in a position to share with you information about European conditions not generally known and that I have secured through personal interviews with leading statesmen, prominent newspaper correspondents, and contact with various men of affairs on the Continent.

I am giving this series of lectures at the request of a number of people in our own congregation and in the community, and I am confidently expecting that the members of the congregation and their families will attend.



THANKS also to David R. Bamberger who ushered for the High Holydays. His name was inadvertently omitted from the list published in a previous bulletin.

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

CONFIRMATION CLASS will begin sessions with Rabbi Brickner, Thursday afternoon, October 22nd at 4:30 p. m.

FIRST GRADE CHILDREN who have just entered our Religious School participated in the Ceremony of Consecration at the concluding Services of the Succoth holiday, a week ago. It was a beautiful and inspiring occasion that will leave an indelible impression on the minds of the children.

There was also the ceremony that is traditionally bound up with Simchath Torah—Rejoicing over the Torah, when the cycle of the Torah readings is completed and begun anew. This latter ceremony was conducted by members of the Confirmation Class of 1937.

THE SPECIAL HEBREW BEGINNERS CLASS now has vacancies for three additional pupils. The class was filled at the beginning of the season and many had to be turned away. New pupils for these vacancies must report this Friday at 4:15 p. m.

NAMED IN THE TEMPLE

At the Consecration Ceremony, on the last day of Succoth: Paula Ann Wallach, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Wallach; Ilaine Rebecca Klein, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alwyns Klein; and Evelyn Lee Kahn, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Kahn were named and blessed by the Rabbi.

At the services last Saturday morning John Arthur, son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Dettelbach was named.

SISTERHOOD FRIDAY MORNING

BORIS GOLDOVSKY

JOSEPH REMENYI

Tickets for Sisterhood Members, \$1.00

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THE SIGNIFICANCE OF CEREMONIES

The ceremonies deepen within us a sense of the Divine; they create around us an atmosphere of spiritual beauty of sanctity. They bring us into close touch with the Highest.

That ceremonies are sometimes observed without the observer being conscious of the idea they embody is surely not their fault, but the fault of his thoughtlessness. These ceremonies are devised as a means to an end, and Judaism expects the Jew to be ever mindful of their symbolic meaning. The sacrifice was a symbol of the Jew's willingness to offer up his wealth and his energies to God; hence it was true only where it was the expression of an accomplished fact—a truly Jewish life—or at least of a good intention. But some of our people all through our history were foolish or weak or hypocritical enough to offer up these symbols and to belie them through their conduct. Then, of course, the prophets would declare them to be useless and such offerings to be base. The opposition of Isaiah was directed not to the sacrifices themselves, which he strongly upholds, but to the insincerity of those who offered them and disregarded their message.

—Leo Jung.

THE GENEROUS INN-KEEPER

The Premislaner told the following tale: "I went up to Heaven in a dream and stood at the Gates of Paradise in order to observe the procedure of the Heavenly Tribunal. A learned Rabbi approached and wished to enter. 'Day and night,' he said, 'I studied the Holy Torah.' 'Wait,' said the Angel. 'We will investigate whether your study was for its own sake or whether it was as a matter of profession or for the sake of honors.'

"A Zaddik next approached. 'I fasted much,' he said, 'I underwent many ablutions: I studied the Zohar.' 'Wait,' said the Angel, 'until we have completed our

FUNDS

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The Sisterhood gratefully acknowledges receipt of the following donations:

To The Altar Fund: Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Aarons in memory of Nathan Regar and J. Krall. Mrs. M. Weiner in memory of her mother, Etta Bogen. Mrs. M. N. Halle in memory of dear ones. Mrs. M. Tuber in memory of her mother, Hia J. Shapero. Mrs. Wm. Weiss. Mrs. L. Jappe.

To The Scholarship Fund: Mrs. Harry Klein and Mrs. Bert Royce in memory of Mrs. Carrie Newman. Mrs. Rebecca Grossberg. Ernest and Jerry Kaufman in memory of their grandmother, Mathilde Pollak, and in memory of Bertha Singer.

IN MEMORIAM

Our heartfelt sympathy is extended to the bereaved families of

Edward W. Heiser

Marie Levy

Henrietta Bernstein

investigation to learn whether your motives were pure.'

"Then a tavern-keeper drew near. 'I kept an open door and fed without charge every poor man who came to my inn,' he said.

"The Heavenly Portals were opened to him. No investigation was required."

Hasidic Anthology.

COURSES OPEN OCTOBER 30th

HENRY M. BUSCH

RABBI BRICKNER

GERMANY AND THE JEWS

Nazi Charges and the Official Figures

Nazi propaganda abroad alleges three main reasons for the anti-Jewish policy of the party—

Almost all Communists, or at least the Communist leaders, were Jews.

After the world war hundreds of thousands of East European Jews with a low standard of morals and culture invaded Germany like a swarm of locusts, devouring the wealth of the country.

The Jews in Germany monopolized the professions of law and medicine, had a stranglehold on the Civil Service and the universities, and left no breathing-space for non-Jewish Germans in cultural life; for example, on the stage, in literature, or on the concert platform.

Herr Hitler, in an interview given to the British and American press a few weeks ago, complained that after the war, when the German officers had to leave the army, they found all the professions and all the posts in the cultural life of the country filled by Jews, and these officers, who had been fighting for Germany, had to sweep the streets in order to gain a livelihood.

"Wirtschaft und Statistik," the official statistical organ of the German Government, has now published a special study on the Jews in Germany based on the results of the censuses of 1910, 1925, and 1933 which reduces these allegations to their true proportions. Instead of hundreds of thousands of East European Jews these official statistics reveal that between 1910 (four years before the war) and 1925 (seven years after the war) the total number of Jewish immigrants into Germany—and these immigrants included both East and West European Jews—did not exceed 31,000. Between 1925 and 1933, 9,000 of them had left the country again. There were thus no more than a net 22,000 foreign Jewish immigrants in twenty-three years among a population of 67,000,000. The devouring hordes are a myth.

What about the monopolizing of the professions, the stranglehold on the universities, the overwhelming influence of the Jews in cultural life? After the

emancipation of the Jews in Germany about a hundred years ago the Civil Service and many of the learned professions remained closed to them. Jewish intellectuals could only become doctors, lawyers, or journalists. Thus the percentage of Jews in these walks of life was higher than the percentage of Jews among the whole German population. But since the Jews had to compete freely and enjoyed no legal or extra-legal privileges there is surely no cause for complaint.

But Nazi propaganda speaks of a Jewish monopoly and complains that non-Jewish Germans were unable to find a place in these professions. A glance at the official statistics proves the contrary. The highest Jewish percentage was among the lawyers (there is no distinction between barristers and solicitors in Germany), amounting to 16.25. The percentage of Jewish doctors was 10.88. Of the State-appointed lawyers (judges, magistrates, and State attorneys) no more than 2.76 per cent were Jews. What about the stranglehold of the Jews on the universities? The percentage here was 2.64. The percentage of Jews among the teachers in the elementary and secondary schools was no higher than 0.53. And in cultural life? The figures show that 5.61 per cent of the producers in the theatres were Jews, 3 per cent of the actors and dancers, 2.04 per cent of the musicians and singers, 2.5 per cent of the booksellers, 2.44 per cent of the painters and sculptors, and 5.05 per cent of editors and authors. This is neither a stranglehold nor a monopoly.

The statistics do not, of course, contain anything about Jewish participation in the Communist party, but here also the Nazi allegations are completely unfounded. In those districts where a large number of Jews used to live the Communist vote in democratic times was particularly low. And of the hundred Communist members in the last freely elected Reichstag only two were of Jewish origin and only one of the two was of any importance in the party.

—From *"The Manchester Guardian Weekly"*

RESOLUTION

The Chicago Federation of Synagogues recently adopted the following Resolution. Recently the Resolution was read in all the Synagogues that are affiliated with the Federation.

"The Synagogue has been the source of inspiration and aspiration in the life of the Jewish people, and its spiritual haven from hatred and persecution. It constituted the unifying factor as well, and gave our people a sense of unity and wholeness. Even in the present chaos, the Synagogue yet remains the bulwark of Jewish idealism and hope, and the chief agency for Jewish preservation. If, then, we are to safe-guard Judaism, we must adequately maintain the Synagogue. The vitality of the one depends upon the strength of the other.

"With this in mind, the Reform and Conservative Synagogues of our city have united into The Federation of Synagogues. Studying the community, leaders of the Federation soon discovered that the weakness of the Chicago Synagogue is due to the vast number of unaffiliated Jews. The Federation is not unaware of the conditions which brought about this dereliction. Jews, they are convinced, fail to support the Synagogue not because they no longer believe in it, but only because, in the complexity of metropolis life, men are prone to forget and neglect their most sacred obligations. Whatever the reasons, in this drifting away from the Synagogue lies the gravest danger to the integrity of the Jewish community.

"The Federation has therefore resolved to plead with the unaffiliated to return to the Synagogue. It has further resolved that beginning with the month of March, 1937, the Federation will be compelled to request Synagogues and Rabbis to deny their services to the unaffiliated Jew. This resolution, it need hardly be added, is not aimed at those elements in the community who cannot afford to contribute to the maintenance of the Synagogue. To them, the doors of our institutions will remain wide open.

"It is the solemn hope of the Federation that it will not have to resort to such stringent action,—that the Jews of our community will appreciate fully the importance of the Synagogue in Jewish life, and will rally to its support with spirit and substance."

—from The Bulletin of The Anshe Emeth Congregation, Chicago, Ill.

MEN'S CLUB and ALUMNI

announce

A Political Symposium **TUESDAY, OCT. 27th, 8 P. M.**

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SPEAKERS

For the Republican Party

RALPH O. BREWSTER

Ex-Governor of Maine

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For the Democratic Party

BRIEN McMAHON

First Assistant U. S. Attorney-General
in charge of tax matters and legislation.

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**Open to all members of the
Euclid Avenue Temple**

No Charge

INSTITUTE BRINGS LEWISOHN

We are pleased to inform you that Ludwig Lewisohn, noted author, critic and student of Jewish life has been engaged to give a course of three lectures on Jewish affairs on three consecutive evenings—Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, November 10th, 11th and 12th. These lectures will be in the nature of an Institute conducted for the members of our congregation and its constituent organizations—the Sisterhood, Men's Club and Alumni.

It will be the first of several Institutes to be conducted during the coming year. They are designed to bring to our members prominent Jewish thinkers for the purpose of enriching our Jewish Knowledge and deepening our Jewish consciousness. They are made possible through the Educational Chapel Fund.

The arrangements of this Institute are under the direction of a joint committee of the various organizations of which Mr. Oscar H. Steiner is chairman.

Reserve the evenings of November 10th, 11th, and 12th for an intellectual treat. Mr. Lewisohn is a brilliant speaker and one of the best informed men on Jewish literature and contemporary Jewish affairs. More details about this Institute will be published in the forthcoming bulletins.