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SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 8th, 10:30 A. M.

RABBI BRICKNER

will speak on

"THE TRUTH ABOUT PALESTINE: BRITAIN—ARAB—JEW"

The fourth in the series of addresses on impressions of a trip abroad

This lecture will deal with the facts behind the recent troubles in Palestine and the outlook for the future.

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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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INVESTIGATION, ANALYSIS, REPORT

Months of investigation and analysis have gone into the report that Dr. I. B. Berkson, of New York, internationally recognized authority on Jewish education, will present to a community meeting at the Temple on the Heights Auditorium, Sunday afternoon, November 8, at 3 p. m.

Dr. Berkson and Ben Rosen, head of the Jewish educational system in Philadelphia, have gone into every phase of Jewish education in Cleveland by means of a local survey sponsored by the Jewish Welfare Federation and the Bureau of Jewish Education. A committee, directly responsible for the survey, includes representatives of both agencies and representatives of the various schools being studied. Maurice Bernon is chairman.

Pertinent questions will be answered by Dr. Berkson. What proportion of parents are sending their children to Hebrew Schools, temple Sunday schools, Yiddish schools, and others?—what is being taught?—what kinds of teachers are employed?—what do recent graduates think of their Jewish education?—what are the weaknesses of the present system?—what changes are recommended?

USE UNIONGRAMS

SISTERHOOD

In the third session of the Friday morning Cultural Course, Prof. Joseph Remenyi will begin his series of lectures on "Women Who Have Changed History."

Subject for his first lecture, on Friday, November 13th at 11 a. m., "Women in Ancient and Medieval Times."

Close to 400 were present when the Course opened on October 30th with Boris Goldovsky.

For tickets call Mrs. Simon Lewis, Glenville 0723 or the Temple office.

FUNDS

The Sisterhood gratefully acknowledges receipt of the following donations:

To The Altar Fund: Mrs. E. S. Weil, Mrs. Gus Lorber in memory of David Goldsmith. The Tuesday Club in memory of Maude Sey Goldberger. Mrs. Harry Lee in memory of her mother, Anna Newman. Mrs. Edith S. Todd, Mrs. Rose Sterne, Mrs. Minnie Wohl in memory of David Goldsmith. Mrs. Sam H. Cohn.

To The Scholarship Fund: Mrs. Alwyn S. Klein in honor of the blessing of her daughter, Elaine Rebecca Klein. Mrs. Helen E. Scheuer and Mrs. I. Soglowitz of Los Angeles, California.

"This world is like a vestibule before the world to come. Prepare thyself in the vestibule, so that thou mayest enter into the palace. Better is one hour of repentance and good deeds in this world than the whole life in the world to come; and better is one hour of blissfulness of spirit in the world to come than the whole life of this world."

—Ethics of the Fathers.

Sisterhood Community Sewing

has work for everyone

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YOU ARE NEEDED

EVEN IF YOU CANNOT SEW

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Come and Spend Tuesday With Us

Cafeteria Lunch Served

THE JEWISH CULTURAL INSTITUTE

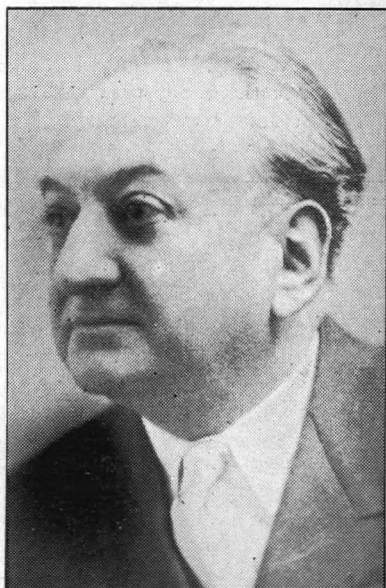
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of our Temple for the members of

THE TEMPLE
THE ALUMNI
THE MEN'S CLUB
THE SISTERHOOD

presents

DR. LUDWIG LEWISOHN

brilliant thinker, author and lecturer
in a series of three lectures on



"WHAT CONSTITUTES JEWISH CULTURE?"

Tuesday Evening, November 10th at 8:30 o'clock

"A PEOPLE AND ITS CULTURE"

Wednesday Evening, November 11th at 8:30 o'clock

"THE UNIQUENESS OF JEWISH CULTURE"

Thursday Evening, November 12th at 8:30 o'clock

"THE PRESENT USE AND FUNCTION OF JEWISH CULTURE"

In times like these, it is essential that Jews should be well informed in Judaism. For this reason our Temple has inaugurated this series.

Dr. Lewisohn who comes to us specially for this Institute is one of the best informed men on this subject.

It is a rare privilege and opportunity. You and your family should plan to attend the entire Course.

**ADMISSION IS BY CARD, BUT TICKETS ARE FREE.
PLEASE PHONE THE TEMPLE OFFICE FOR RESERVATIONS.**

This Institute and the one for the Christian clergy are made possible through the Chapel Educational Fund.

A bibliography of readings for this Institute has been prepared and is available in our Library which is open weekdays from 2 to 6 P. M. Saturdays and Sundays from 9 to 12.

ARMISTICE DAY, 1936

Eighteen years ago this month the Armistice was signed and the World War ended. Just what is an Armistice? An agreement satisfactory to the stronger nations? That is about all that it was, for the settlement made was certainly not satisfactory to Germany.

But the ironical tradition that armistices settle disagreements rankles in our minds. If armistices are so all powerful, why can they not be signed in the form of satisfactory trade agreements before armed conflicts break out? Do ten million human beings have to be murdered before we can reason clearly enough to sign an armistice? Do homes have to be broken, must starvation and disease and pestilence stalk upon a nation before it can force its statesmen to sign an agreement to end the butchery of war? What is this mad war craze that seizes peoples, and makes them seem powerless to defend their rights as free citizens? Are we, as a people, so steeped in the traditional way of living that we believe wars have to be, just because they have always been?

Today the headlines cry of another threatening world war. Can we not realize what such a war would do to civilization? Do we need to be told again that the gas, the guns, the planes of modern science could destroy entire cities in a night, could make the world a blazing hell?

"What can we do about it?" you wonder. We can protest an armament program of a billion dollars a year. We can ask, "Is it not possible to educate a nation to live in peace? Would not this money have been much better expended for peace education than for war preparation?"

Let's begin with our children. Teach them the deadly significance of war. Teach them that motion pictures glorify war.

Let's resolve that we will not fight another war for private profit. Let's dedicate ourselves to work for peace between nations and for the specific is-

THE PROCLAMATION'S COMING

for your

ALUMNI THANKSGIVING FORMAL

to be held

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 28th

Wait for it!

Watch for it!

sues that mean peace. Only that way can we keep the faith with the millions who died that we and our families might never know war.

—From The National Council For
Prevention of War.

I AM YOUR BIBLE

by P. R. Howard

I AM Your Bible.

I am one of the oldest of all pieces of literature—for I was written in the long ago and I often speak of old ways and of strange scenes. I am also one of the newest—for if you read me tonight I will prick your conscience and shed light upon your play or your task to-morrow.

I am the Best Seller of all book stores—because for many years I have outsold all the gayest fiction that comes from modern presses.

I have been translated into more languages than any other book ever penned.

My message is to yourself, for I grew out of the hot, hard struggles of human beings like you.

I am no magic fetish to transform your life, if your mind be elsewhere while you mumble my words.

I will speak to you of something other than bread and clothing and the physical wherewithal of life.

I will lift your soul from the muddy vista of life's low levels and fix it upon the upper and sunlit peaks of faith and prayer.

I will put into your soul a Dream and a Purpose.

THE MINISTERS' INSTITUTE

Our Temple will be the host of the Cleveland Church Federation and the Ministerial Association of Greater Cleveland on Tuesday, November 10th at 10:00 a. m.

Dr. Ivan Lee Holt, President of the Federal Council of Churches of Christ of America and **Dr. Ludwig Lewisohn** will participate in a symposium on the subject "Judaism and Christianity Face a Fascist and Communist World."

The Ministers' Institute is conducted by our Temple for the promotion of good will and better understanding of Jews and the Jewish question by the spiritual leaders of the Christian Churches in our community.

At previous institutes about 300 Cleveland Ministers have attended.

FUNDS

The Temple gratefully acknowledges receipt of the following donations:

To The Yahrzeit Fund: Mrs. Betty Zucker in memory of her husband, Henry Zucker. Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Haiman, Mr. and Mrs. Edward L. Green in memory of Morris Weis.

To The Prayer Book Fund: Mrs. Chas. Weiskopf in memory of her mother, Rose Berg. Mrs. M. N. Halle in memory of Maurice Lebensburger.

To The Chapel Fund: Mrs. L. E. Steiner in memory of her brother-in-law, Fred Federman, and in memory of Fannie Kaufman. Mrs. Ben Faulb in memory of her mother, Nettie Sacheroff.

IN MEMORIAM

Our heartfelt sympathy is extended to the bereaved families of

Charles A. Stone
Maurice Lebensburger

MEN'S CLUB

MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

The Men's Club membership campaign is on in full swing. Members of the Club are urged to enroll prospects and members of the Board of Directors are requested to follow up the cards given them. **Act now! The campaign must not lag!** Chester Hess, chairman Membership Drive.

ROUND TABLE

The first meeting of the Round Table will be held **Thursday, Nov. 19th at 12:15 p. m.** at the **Allerton Hotel**. Rabbi Brickner will lead the discussion.

A delicious luncheon is served at very reasonable cost. Join your brother Men's Clubber in this noon-time fiesta. Mark the date on your calendar **now**. P. J. Pasch, chairman, Round Table Committee.

PERIOD FURNITURE

More than stories about school-children or cops or housemaids, more, even, than stories about taxidivers, do we love stories about interior decorators. A fine one has just come our way, from a friend of ours who comes of an orthodox Jewish family. He has just built a house in the suburbs, and gave the job of furnishing it to one of those Madison Avenue decorators. He even left it to the decorator to provide a mezuzah, which is a parchment scroll inscribed with Biblical passages and put up, in a container, on the doorpost of Orthodox Jewish homes. The container, we should explain, is usually of metal. Well, the other day our friend received a telephone call from the decorator, who was twittering with excitement. "About the mezuzah," he said. "I've just found the loveliest Early American one, made of maple."

—"The New Yorker."

THE PENTATEUCH

AUTHORSHIP

(Continued from last week).

Jewish tradition ascribes the authorship of the book to Moses, who most probably lived in the 15th century before the common era. Bible scholars maintain that the book is a much later compilation of various early documents. We do not, according to these scholars, or critics, know either the authors of the original documents, or the final compiler of the book as we have it. The theories of the Biblical critics (the scientific method of studying the Bible is known as Biblical criticism) are numerous and varied. Almost every decade a new plan underlying the composition of the book of Genesis, as well as other books in the Tanach, is proposed. Endless conjectures as to authorship, date, and place of composition, are brought forth. Many of them are ingenious, and if they have not given us the final truth, they have contributed much to our understanding of the Tanach. Unfortunately, so many of the scholars have been far greater anti-Semites than scholars. Their theories were not inspired by the conviction of truth, but by the desire to belittle the place of the Jew in history. Such critics were always searching to discover whom the Jews plagiarized. They evidently started with the assumption that we are incapable of originality. In one generation, they cried Babylonia, in another, Egypt, in another Amorites, Arabs, etc. They were, and are, always ready to attribute creativity to any and all of the ancient peoples who have perished but not to the one surviving Israel. Their prejudice has led them to make the most ridiculous proposals. They have denied literacy to the Jews until long after the division of the Kingdom; they made of our heroes, from Abraham to Solomon, Egyptian and Babylonian myths and deities; they pushed our history forward by centuries. Everything noble in our literature was immediately declared to be a "steal;" every human weakness revealed in the same literature, they described as Jewish. Not all the critics, of course, were equally hostile. There are grades even in anti-Semitism. There were critics free

JUNIOR ALUMNI

JUNIOR ALUMNI ELECTS Lester Persky, president; Dick Klaus, vice president; Ruth Schwartz, recording secretary; Muriel Benway, corresponding secretary; Donald Loveman, treasurer.

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from all prejudice. These were, as a rule, treated with contempt as benighted conservatives. There were not wanting a few Jewish Bible critics, who blindly joined the anti-Semitic chorus. However, excavations in the near-East, and particularly in Palestine, have dimmed the lustre of many a brilliant theory. The general trend is today in the direction of placing literacy among the Jews at a very early age, of pushing the origin of our history back again, and crediting us with some degree of originality. Under the circumstances, it is no longer rash and preposterous to credit Moses with some share in the Book of Genesis.

INFLUENCE

The books which have accumulated on Genesis would make a fair-sized library. There is probably more than could be read through in several lifetimes. Genesis has been a subject of widest controversy. Its account of the origin of the world and man has been contrasted with the various hypotheses of one science or another. The so-called conflict between Religion and Science is really nothing more than the supposed conflict between Genesis and the theory of Evolution. The book has influenced, perhaps beyond any other work, the art and literature, religion and life of untold peoples. It is ever vivid, living, verdant and inimitable. As late as 1935, the world's greatest contemporary novelist, Thomas Mann, found its story of Joseph irresistible.

(by Rabbi Solomon Goldman in the Anshe Emeth Bulletin).