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SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6th, 10:30 A. M.

RABBI BRICKNER

will speak on

"Roosevelt's Next Four Years"

WHAT MAY WE LOOK FOR?

Turning from his discussion of European conditions, the Rabbi will address himself next Sunday to the outlook for America under Roosevelt's second term. The lecture will deal with such questions as:

Will Recovery and Prosperity Continue? . . .

Will the N.R.A. be revived? . . . Are we in for inflation, strikes, increase in wages, reduction of hours, more social security legislation? . . . Will the Constitution be amended? . . . What changes in our foreign policy? . . . Will there be more government in business? . . .

Miss Miriam Nagusky will render a violin selection at the service this Sunday.

Friday Evening
Twilight Service
5:30 to 6:00

Sabbath Morning
Children's Service
11:00 to 12:00

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FOR THOSE WHO HAVE BEEN MEMBERS 40 OR 50 YEARS

Because the response from the older members of the Temple for the **Nine-tieth Anniversary Dinner** has been so great our original plan of seating all these members at one table has had to be abandoned.

In its stead we will issue an honor roll on which will be inscribed the names of those who have been members of our Temple for **FORTY YEARS** or more. If you will send us your name we will be glad to place it on the honor roll. Since the records of the Temple that far back are not clear we are dependent entirely upon the information we receive from you.

All persons who have been members of our Temple **FIFTY YEARS** or more will be invited to the dinner as guests of honor. Again we are dependent upon you. Will you therefore please send us your name if your membership dates back fifty years or more, and we will send you a complimentary ticket to the dinner.

WARNING!

Complaints have been lodged that people have been parking double and triple on East 82nd Street and on Euclid Avenue at 12:15 noon when Temple and Sunday School are dismissed, making it impossible for traffic to move. Unless co-operation is given to the police officers, who are doing their utmost to facilitate the situation, cars will be ticketed by the police.

You must remember that at noon on Sundays, other neighboring churches leave out at the same time that we do and therefore, we must have your co-operation in this matter.

SISTERHOOD

CULTURAL COURSE

Speaker: Dr. Jos. Remenyi.

Date: Friday, December 11th, 11 a. m.

Subject: "Women Who Have Changed History" with special reference in this lecture to Renaissance and 18th Century Women.

FOR PARENTS

This Sunday morning, December 6th at 9:30 o'clock, Mrs. B. R. Brickner will deliver a talk on the meaning and significance of **Chanukah** and she will give a demonstration of customs and ceremonies.

There will also be an opportunity of learning the Chanukah songs, blessings, games and special recipes for Chanukah dainties.

The demonstration will be over in time for the regular Sunday morning Service at 10:30 a. m.

PROGRAM OF

FRIDAY,
DECEMBER 11th
8:30 P. M.

MEN'S CLUB

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DECEMBER 12th,

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Chanukah Greetings

. . . and it came to pass that in the month of December, on the 11th day, of a Friday evening, a great CHANUKAH ONEG SHABBAT was ordained by the Men's Club of the Euclid Avenue Temple, for these divers reasons . . .

. . . that the people of the community might gather, as of old, in the sanctity of the Temple . . . and glory in the memory and in the traditions of the illustrious Hebraic race . . .

. . . that they might give thanks for the year's bounteous harvest and for the peace that prevails in the land . . .

. . . that they might proclaim the proud ancestry of the hero, Judas Maccabeus with song and libations of wine, and with the blessing of lighted candles . . .

. . . that they might partake of tea and goodies . . . and delight in the pulse-quickenning sight of a great playlet "THE FIRST CHANUKAH" by an all Men's Club cast of 15 . . .

. . . that to this end all members of the Euclid Avenue Temple, with their friends and kinsmen, and their friends' friends, are cordially invited . . .

CHANUKAH—THE FEAST OF DEDICATION

Chanukah, a joyous Jewish Festival, known as the Feast of Dedication and of Lights, will be ushered in Tuesday evening, December 8 and will be observed for eight days by Jews throughout the world with ceremonial, religious, and family celebrations.

Commemorating a dramatic event in Jewish history, the Chanukah observance is one of the most vivid and colorful in the Jewish calendar. Each year it tells anew in synagogue and home the story of Jewish martyrdom and heroism.

Religious liberty was the ideal for which the heroes and martyrs of the Chanukah story struggled. During the second century before the Christian era the Syrian-Greek monarch, Antiochus Epiphanes, decided to establish a totalitarian Greek state with one culture, one language, and one religion—the worship of Zeus throughout his far-flung empire.

Resistance came from an unexpected quarter. Weak and politically insignificant Judea refused to submit to the setting up of a heathen altar in the Temple on Mount Zion. In Modin, a small

town a few miles south of Jerusalem, an aged priest by the name of Mattathias rallied a small band of devoted pietists who stood against the advancing flood of Hellenism—, defied the emperor's officer and began a struggle which was to re-establish a free and independent Jewish kingdom.

Led by Judah Maccabeus and his four brothers, all sons of Mattathias, the valiant minority struggled for three years against overwhelming odds, their banners emblazoned with the biblical verse, "Who is like unto Thee, O Lord?" They proclaimed their faith in the words of the Prophet Zechariah, "Not by might, not by power, but by My spirit, saith the Lord of Hosts." Both these scriptural verses form part of the divine services read in all synagogues during the Chanukah season.

The Maccabees, as they came to be called after the name of their leader, finally wrested the sanctuary from the hands of the Greeks, purified it, and on the twenty-fifth day of the Jewish month of Kislev, re-dedicated it to the service of God.

Chanukah is to a great extent a children's festival. The little ones participate in the kindling of the lights, lighting one candle the first night, and one additional every succeeding night until on the eighth night the entire eight-branched Chanukah candelabrum is ablaze with lights. The children play games, receive gifts and participate in the parties and festivities which generally mark this season.

The lighting of candles is traditionally associated with the rededication of the Temple. A favorite legend tells that only a single cruse of oil ritually fit for the Temple lamps was to be found, but that, miraculously, it burned for eight days until other oil could be prepared for the sanctuary.

This festival brings joy not only to the well-to-do but to the less fortunate members of the community who are generously remembered with gifts and with invitations.

Notice prepared by The Tract Commission of the Central Conference of American Rabbis and the Union of American Hebrew Congregations.

Y CELEBRATION

SATURDAY,
DECEMBER 12th, 9 P. M.

FOR ALUMNI
DEDICATION
DANCE

in the
CREATION HALL
THE TEMPLE HOUSE

Admission 50c
Alumni Members FREE

SUNDAY,
DECEMBER 13th
10:30 A. M.

ANNIVERSARY
SERVICE

Sermon
by

RABBI
LOUIS WOLSEY

EMERSON ON FRIENDSHIP

I awoke this morning with devout thanksgiving for my friends, the old and the new. Shall I not call God the Beautiful, who daily showeth himself so to me in his gifts? . . . My friends have come to me unsought. The great God gave them to me . . .

I do not wish to treat friendship daintily, but with roughest courage. When they are real, they are not glass threads or frostwork, but the solidest thing we know. For now, after so many ages of experience, what do we know of nature, or of ourselves? Not one step has man taken toward the solution of the problem of his destiny. In one condemnation of folly stand the whole universe of men. But the sweet sincerity of joy and peace, which I draw from this alliance with my brother's soul, is the nut itself, whereof all nature and all thought is but the husk and shell. Happy is the house that shelters a friend! It might well be built, like a festa! bower or arch, to entertain him a single day. Happier, if he know the solemnity of that relation, and honor its law! He who offers himself a candidate for that covenant comes up, like an Olympian, to the great games, where the firstborn of the world are the competitors.

Ralph Waldo Emerson

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

DELEGATES INSPIRED BY SERVICE

The Children's Service and Pageant made a profound impression upon the teachers and Rabbis who were in Cleveland last week-end for the Annual Convention of the O-M-I Jewish Teachers' Association.

The Pageant dramatized Sabbath observance with its customs and ceremonies. The congregation was held spellbound by the beauty and dignity of the simple pageantry. Many confessed that they were moved to tears when the Kiddush was chanted by one of the children.

For the next Children's Service on Saturday, December 12th a new pageant has been written in celebration of Chanukah and the Ninetieth Anniversary of the Temple.

WE REGRET that the name of Herbert Melnick was through some error omitted from the list of those participating in the Children's Service last week.

ENTS FOR THE NINETIETH ANNIVERSARY

SUNDAY EVENING, DECEMBER 13th, 6:30 P. M.

NINETIETH ANNIVERSARY DINNER HOTEL CLEVELAND

RABBI LOUIS WOLSEY
will give the invocation

RABBI JAMES G. HELLER
Guest Speaker

Also our own "March-of-Time" program

Reservations \$1.50 a person

In connection with this event we are planning an exhibit of documents, papers, programs, diplomas, pictures, etc., that will graphically depict the history of our Temple. If you have any such we would appreciate your loaning them to us for this occasion.

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THE FINAL SOLUTION

Now, in spite of all this (i.e. the riots) let me say frankly that Jews should forget the past as soon as it is over. It is gratifying to hear from the lips of Dr. Weizmann, in his hour of victory that an Entente between Jews and Arabs in Palestine is so absolutely essential for its future, that he is ready even now to attend a round-table conference.

Even when the Jews will acquire a Majority in our redeemed country, Arabs will still constitute an important part of its people. Our own nation, in olden times, was divided for long centuries into Juda and Israel. Why not become accustomed for long years to come, to Juda and Ishmael? There were epochs when Juda hated Israel far more than Ishmael hates Juda today, and yet they formed afterwards one nation with one king and one flag like the Belgium of modern Europe.

Let us agree to an armistice with reciprocal concession on the plain understanding that we become the Belgium or the Switzerland of the Near East. This, and only this, is our destiny in the land of our forefathers.

We need the Arab as he needs us and fate has brought us together again on the same bridgehead which is a crossroad of three continents.

Ittamar Ben Avi.

THE POWER OF THE TONGUE

from Talmudic Tales

by David Morantz

"Go to the market place and bring to me something good," said Rabbi Gamaliel to his servant.

"Yes, Master," he replied and went to the market place returning with a tongue.

"On another occasion, to test out his servant, the Rabbi said:

"Go to the market place and bring me something bad."

"Yes, Master," the servant replied, and again he went to the market place and again he returned with a tongue.

"Why," asked the Rabbi, "did you bring a tongue on both occasions?"

"A tongue, my Master," replied the servant, "may be the source of either good or evil. If it is good, there is nothing better. If it is bad, there is nothing worse."

RABBI BRICKNER RECOMMENDS
to members of the congregation that they read the following Jewish books that have recently appeared and which may be found in our library.

Solomon Goldman
"THE JEW AND THE UNIVERSE"

Marvin Loewenthal
"THE JEWS OF GERMANY"

I. Singer
"THE BROTHERS ASHKENAZI"
Translated by Maurice Samuel

Jacob S. Minkin
"ROMANCE OF HASSIDISM"

Sholom Asch
"IN THE BEGINNING"

Louis Finkelstein
"AKIBA"

FALSE MESSIAHS

An unbeliever asserted to the Rabbi of Berditschev that the great masters of old were steeped in error. For instance, Rabbi Akiba believed that Bar Kochba was the Messiah, and enrolled under his banner.

Thereupon the Berditschever narrated this parable: "Once upon a time the only son of an Emperor fell ill. One physician advised that a piece of linen be smeared with a burning salve and wrapped around the bare body of the patient. Another physician, however, discouraged this, because the boy was too weak to endure the pain the salve would cause. Thereupon a third physician recommended a sleeping-draught; but a fourth physician feared this might endanger the heart of the patient. Upon this, a fifth physician advised that the sleeping-draught be given by teaspoonfuls to the patient, as often as he awakened and felt the burning of the salve. And this was done.

"Thus, when God saw that the soul of Israel was sick unto death, he wrapped it in the biting linen of poverty and misery, but laid upon it the sleep of forgetfulness, in order that it might endure the pain. However, lest the spirit expire utterly, he awakens it from hour to hour with a false hope of a Messiah, and again puts it to sleep until the night shall have passed and the true Messiah shall appear. For such reasons the eyes of the wise are sometimes blinded.

"The Hasidic Anthology"