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RABBI BRICKNER

will speak on

"England's Momentous Decision"

A discussion of the political, social and religious issues
involved in the King's Abdication

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Friday Evening
Twilight Service
5:30 to 6:00

Sabbath Morning
Service
11:00 to 12:00

Rabbi Brickner will resume his weekly broadcasts over Station WGAR at his regular time, 7 to 7:30 P. M., this Sunday evening, December 20th.

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TO INSTAL RABBI GITTELSON

Rabbi Brickner will install Rabbi Roland B. Gittelsohn at the Central Synagogue of Nassau County at Lynbrook, Long Island, New York, on Friday evening, December 18th.

Rabbi Gittelsohn is a confirmant of our Temple and a graduate of our High School Department. We congratulate him, his parents, Dr. and Mrs. R. Gittelsohn and his in-laws, Mr. and Mrs. Sol Freyer all of whom are members of long standing in our congregation.

MAURICE SAMUEL, NOTED AMERICAN JEWISH AUTHOR AND LECTURER will install newly elected officers of the Cleveland Zionist District at a meeting of the District to be held Sunday evening, December 20th at 8 p. m., at Spira Hall, Temple on the Heights. Municipal Judge Lewis Drucker, new president of the District, will begin his term of office at this meeting.

A resident of Palestine during the past year, Mr. Samuel will describe recent events and trends in the Jewish National Homeland. An annual pilgrim to Palestine, he has followed Zionist developments at first hand and has written many authentic books on the progress of Jewish reconstruction in Palestine.

Among Mr. Samuel's books are: "What Happened in Palestine," "On the Rim of the Wilderness," "Jews on Approval," "You Gentiles," and "I, the Jew." He is the translator of "Brother Ashkenazi."

WELCOME HOME TO OUT OF TOWN STUDENTS

The Sisterhood Student Welfare Committee will entertain out of town college students, children of our members who are home for the winter vacation. The reception will be held **Wednesday, December 23rd at 3:30 p. m.** in the Temple parlor.

Rabbi and Mrs. Brickner will be the hosts.

The Committee wishes to extend the invitation to those whose names may not be on file and to whom consequently no invitations were sent.

MEN'S CLUB

FATHER-SON DINNER

Preparations for this year's **Father-Son Dinner** exceed those of all other years. An active committee headed by I. S. "Nig" Rose has outlined a program that will include celebrities of the sports world such as Bob Feller, of the Cleveland Indians and Nat Holman, great basketball star, along with many others.

Souvenirs and prizes that will capture the imagination of the youngsters will be distributed on the night. So reserve the night of **Sunday, January 10th** and remember demands always exceeds accommodations. The dinner will be served at 6:30 p. m.

Obtain tickets from J. H. Rosenthal, at the Temple office.

ALUMNI

THE ALUMNI SUPPER scheduled for the latter part of December has been postponed to take it out of a week already overcrowded with activities. In addition the committee asked for more time in order to prepare a more elaborate affair. Watch for the date.

NEWS AND VIEWS

(Reprinted from the New York Jewish Day)

DROPPING IN FOR SABBATH SERVICES. THE PAGEANTRY OF THE SABBATH. A SCOFFER WHO REMAINS TO WORSHIP.

by Dr. S. Margoshes

Cleveland—I confess that when I stepped this fine Saturday morning into Dr. Barnett R. Brickner's magnificent Euclid Avenue Temple, I took along with me all my prejudices against the Reform service. It isn't often that I attend Jewish religious services, but when I do, I wish to find the ritual exactly as my father before me found it in the tumble-down synagogue of his Galician town. There is something about the prayer book and the synagogue chants that perishes with the slightest change. It is as with the cake of custom. Either you eat it whole or not at all. The moment you begin to break it or nibble at it, you might as well eat a custard pie for all the peculiar savor you derive from it. To me Jewish religious services consist of the old sidur, the ancient chants, the swaying to and fro of the worshippers in the dim shul. Imagine, therefore, my feeling when upon entering Dr. Brickner's temple, my ears were assailed by organ music and the chorus of children's voices singing freshly-composed hymns in English.

It all sounded so queer at this Sabbath service. The edifice, filled to capacity with children and some parents, was bathed in a mellow light and surcharged with soft music. On the platform, facing the pews, were children, boys and girls in their teens. In the pulpit stood a young girl, reciting the prayers in English. Only gradually my ear got accustomed to the sound of English prayers in the sanctuary. As the organ pealed forth, I heard the verses of Jessie Sampter's fine poem sung by the whole congregation:

"Happy the dwelling, where the day of rest

Is fitly honored as a welcome guest;
Where the Sabbath lamp doth hallowed radiance shed.

Above the board with festive dainties spread,

Where grateful hearts have sung with glad acclaim

Hymns of thanksgiving of God's holy name."

And so on, through a new ritual, consisting of a few excerpts from the prayer book in Hebrew and a wealth of fine, simple, child-like passages in English.

After the Torah had been brought out of the ark and a few texts read in English, the children disappeared from the platform. Slowly the large candelabras grew dimmer and dimmer, leaving the platform only bathed in light. With measured steps two angels appeared on the platform, escorting Princess Sabbath and chanting the ancient song of "Scholom Aleichem" as they proceeded to the ark. The princess, tall and dignified, was interrogated by a child as to the meaning of Sabbath, the old and the new observances. Obliging the princess responded, telling of ancient days and customs with here and there her words illustrated by the old, quaint songs of the Friday night and Sabbath table. It is a long time since I heard the Kiddush sung so beautifully and so touchingly. The whole pageantry of the Sabbath ceremony, rich in high drama and encrusted with tradition, passed in review. This was no ordinary play or even a Chanukah play intended largely for amusement. It was part of a solemn, moving ritual. I looked about me, watching the faces of the children. There

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HAVE YOU RESPONDED?

Recently, Rabbi Brickner sent out an appeal for the Pension and Relief Fund of the Central Conference of American Rabbis to aid old and infirm Rabbis, widows and orphans of Rabbis and impoverished scholars. We acknowledge with thanks receipt of contributions from the following:

Mrs. Lottie Adams, A. J. Bloom, Miss Tillie H. Cohn, E. S. Eckstein, Meyer Einstein, Miss Sophie Fishel, Frederick Frankel, I. F. Freiburger, Will S. Halle, Sam Inglis, Ellis Kantor, A. Keller, Mrs. E. E. Klineman, E. A. Koch, Mrs. D. S. Kohn, Mrs. Ida Kornhauser, Irwin N. Loeser, James H. Miller, Sol Reinthal, D. Schlesinger, Jack Simon, Miss A. Wiener.

Rabbi Brickner requests those who have in mind to do so, to please send in their contributions at their earliest convenience.

HILLEL PLAYERS

On Saturday evening, December 26th, The Hillel Players of our Foundation are to present in Cleveland, Clifford Odet's "Awake and Sing," the well known study of a modern Jewish family. This performance, which is to be given at the Hanna Theatre, is to be sponsored by the Cleveland Lodge, B'nai B'rith Auxiliary and the proceeds are to be divided equally between the Hillel Foundation and the other B'nai B'rith causes sponsored by the Cleveland Lodge.

FUNDS

The Temple gratefully acknowledges receipt of the following donations:

To The Library Fund: Mrs. Sam Brockman in memory of Fannie and David Lane and B. Arnold. Mrs. J. Solomon, Mrs. E. Salavon and Mrs. H. M. Rosenblatt in memory of their father, Joseph Harris. Mrs. Ray Goodman in memory of Sadie Solomon.

To The Prayer Book Fund: Mrs. Jake Elias, Mrs. Richard S. Schwartz and Miss Della Bloch in memory of Maud Hyman Kline.

To The Memorial Chapel Fund: Mrs. E. M. Bloom in memory of Dorothy Ellen Licker. Mrs. Joseph Newman in memory of Dorothy Ellen Licker.

FUNDS

The Sisterhood gratefully acknowledges receipt of the following donations:

To The Altar Fund: Flowers for the pulpit, from J. H. Rogers, on the occasion of the Temple's Ninetieth Anniversary Celebration at the Sunday morning service. Mrs. R. Schaffer and Mrs. I. J. Kabb in memory of their sister. Lew W. Lampl. Mrs. Bert Sampliner. Max Green.

IN MEMORIAM

Our heartfelt sympathy is extended to the bereaved families of

Maud Hyman Kline

Caroline Eckstein

ANNIVERSARY FLASHES

More than 700 people were seated at the tables last Sunday evening for the Ninetieth Anniversary banquet of our Temple. About 200 additional guests came after the dinner . . . One of the high spots of the week-end was the beautiful pageant presented at the Children's Service on Saturday morning. By special request it was repeated at the Service on Sunday morning. It made a profound impression, upon the more than a thousand people at the Service . . . It is estimated that more than three thousand people attended the five events of our Anniversary celebration . . . A great many young people who have been confirmed by Rabbi Wolsey attended the Sunday morning Service. The occasion took on the nature of a grand reunion . . . Another high spot of the week-end was the moving pictures of Temple activities showing children coming to Temple, class rooms in session, the Consecration Service and other activities . . . Rabbi James G. Heller, guest speaker of the evening, in an inspired address pointed out that the Anniversary Celebration was more than an opportunity for self-laudation. It was a time for taking stock . . . There were many favorable comments on the very beautiful Anniversary Program compiled by Nathan Brilliant. The attractive booklet contains the history of the Temple; the annual congregational report of Myron A. Cohen, president; and pictures of the Temples in which Anshe Chesed has been housed, as well as a number of other interesting items. Copies of the program are available and must be called for at the Temple office . . . Myron A. Cohen, in his few simple and charming introductory remarks revealed a keen sense of humor and set the tone for an evening that will long be remembered . . . Other speakers on the program were Nathan Loeser, Irwin N. Loeser, Rabbi Louis Wolsey and Rabbi B. R. Brickner . . . Congratulations to Frederick Frankel, and his committee, for a splendid evening . . . Elected to the Board of Trustees for five years: B. B. Eisenberg, Frederick Frankel, Clarence

I. Goldsmith, B. H. Sinks, David G. Skall, Mrs. J. O. Stein; for the Sisterhood: Mrs. O. J. Fishel, Mrs. Sol Gitson, Mrs. J. C. Newman; for the Men's Club: I. S. Rose; for the Alumni: Howard S. Bernon . . . Thanks to the May Co. for the very beautiful Anniversary placard which decorated the wall behind the speaker's table at the banquet . . . Mrs. Rebecca Dettelbach presented the Temple with a silver Kiddush cup which was a gift to her father, the Rev. Isaac Hopfeman, from the Anshe Chesed Congregation in 1861 in appreciation of his services as Rabbi. Thanks, Mrs. Dettelbach . . . The officers, rabbi and membership of the congregation express their thanks to the following from whom messages of congratulations were received:

The American Israelite, Henry C. Segal, Editor.

American Jewish Historical Society, Edward D. Coleman, Librarian.

The Temple, Eugene E. Wolf, President.

Cleveland Church Federation, C. Jeffares McCombe, President, Franklin D. Butchart, Acting Secretary.

The Cleveland Jewish Center, Rabbi Armand E. Cohen, Henry A. Rocker, President.

The Community Temple, Rabbi Harold Goldfarb, Simon J. Green, President.

The Council Educational Alliance, Samuel Levine, Director.

The Cleveland Council of Jewish Women, Mrs. Edith J. Goldsmith, President.

The Euclid Avenue Temple Choir.

The Euclid Avenue Temple Alumni Association, Howard S. Bernon, President.

The Euclid Avenue Temple Junior Alumni, Lester Persky, President.

The Cleveland Zionist District, Judge Lewis Drucker, President.

The Cleveland Chapter of Hadassah, Mrs. David Glasser, President.

The Jewish Welfare Federation, Joseph M. Berne, President.

The Men's Club of the Temple on the Heights, Henry S. Gottfried, President; M. H. Gelfand, Secretary.

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NEWS AND VIEWS

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was a glow about them of religious ecstasy, and I, too, who had come, well not exactly to scoff, remained to worship.

I am wondering whether this type of service, now unique and confined to the four walls of one temple in the United States, could not be made a general and a permanent feature of our synagogue life. We complain that the regular adult services have but a slight appeal for our young and then proceed to give our Jewish boys and girls the very same ritual: that even our oldsters are gradually tiring of. From this routine any change is a change for the better, and it would seem to me that the children's services in Dr. Brickner's Euclid Avenue Temple definitely point the way in the direction of a richer Jewish life for our youth in America.

(The service and pageant which moved Dr. Margoshes to write the above column were created by Nathan Brilliant, our Educational Director and Mrs. Sigmund Braverman, our Director of Extensions Activities. A number of services and pageants have been prepared for other occasions.)

NEW ORLEANS—WHERE THE UNION WILL MEET

An old world city lying in the shadow of its modern achievements,—this is the New Orleans which will greet Jews from every part of the United States and from Canada where the Union of American Hebrew Congregations meets there for its Thirty-Fifth Council, January 15-19. There, members of the congregations, sisterhoods and brotherhoods will find the Vieux Carre, redolent with the unique charm of old France; they will see the second largest port of the United States; they will experience the climate, the gayety and the food which distinguish New Orleans.

In the long history of this largest city of the South the Jew has played an important role. The first congregation was founded in 1828 and an interesting story is told of one of its organizers. He was

Jacob da Silva Solis who arrived in New Orleans on a business trip in 1826. Passover came while he was still there and he was unable to purchase matzos. Undaunted, he ground meal himself in a mortar which he was able to secure and baked his own. But he was stirred by this necessity to urge the comparatively few Jewish settlers to found a synagogue. This was done—the result being Congregation Shaarai Chesed, which as the Touro Synagogue is still active today. Its members along with those of Gates of Prayer and Sinai congregations will be hosts to the throng of Union delegates when they arrive next month.

THE SUDILKOVER RABBI TOLD THE FOLLOWING STORY

"The royal army consists of cavalry and infantry. In battle the infantrymen stand in compact ranks, and lacking horses, they bear the brunt of the struggle against the enemy; if need be, they die for their king. In the event of victory they cannot carry away much plunder on their shoulders. On the other hand, the cavalry men can ride away from superior forces of the enemy; if they are victorious, they can load their horses with great booty. The infantrymen who know they were in the thick of the battle and whose hand-to-hand fighting defeated the foe, hope that the cavalrymen will share the booty with them. What would you think if the horsemen should claim credit for the victory and refuse any share of the plunder to the men on foot?

"By this token, we may say that the Jews who engage in learning the Torah and who are careful to attend services thrice daily are the infantrymen who devote their lives to the honor of God. It is for their sake that the Lord sends prosperity into the world in recognition of their triumphs over everything evil. They have a right to expect that the men of means who ride proudly on their possessions, will contribute a portion of What can we think of those rich men, their wealth to students and pious men, who believe it is their own hand which brought them their wealth, and refuse to aid the pious? They must expect the displeasure of a just King."

(The Hasidic Anthoogy)