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SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 14th, 10:30 A. M.

**RABBI BRICKNER**

*will speak on*

## "The President and the Nine Old Men"

A discussion of the underlying issues involved in the President's recent proposal to liberalize the Supreme Court.

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

### *Mother-Daughter Day*

*SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 13th*

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Service at 10:30 o'clock in the Temple

participating:

Mrs. Emanuel Baum and daughter Minnette  
Mrs. Harry Warren and daughters Joy and Eleanor  
Mrs. David Geller and daughter Geraldine

Torah Reading—Joy Brickner

SERMON BY THE RABBI



Luncheon at 1:00 o'clock in the Hollenden Hotel

*Speaker:*

**PRINCESS HELGA MARIA LOEWENSTEIN**

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Dear Member:

*Purim comes this year on Thursday  
February 25th.*

*The festival abounds with beautiful  
tradition, such as the Purim Seudah  
—the arranging of family dinners and  
get-togethers, and Mishloach Monos,  
the custom of exchanging gifts and of  
remembering the poor. It has always  
been the custom of our people to give  
Machtzis Hashekel after hearing the  
reading of the Megillah, the story of  
the Book of Esther.*

*I urge our families to revive some  
of these beautiful customs.*

*One good way of doing it is to re-  
member those families, who were  
formerly well to do. On this festive  
day of Purim let us show them in a  
personal way that some of us care.*

*Several years ago, I started the cus-  
tom of sending Mishloach Monos bas-  
kets containing special goodies, etc., to  
some of these families. The letters  
which I received in return touched me  
deeply.*

*Should you wish to help these fami-  
lies I will be pleased to receive your  
gift, or you can send it to any of the  
following committee of women from  
the Sisterhood, who have joined with  
me this year to take care of this mat-  
ter: Mesdames Charles Adelstein,  
James Dworkin, S. F. Deutsch, Si-  
mon Lewis, Sidney Weiss, L. J. Cort,  
Jos. Engelman, I. J. Kabb, Henry G.  
Dettelbach, Harry Korach, Chas. Ko-  
rach and Max P. Goodman.*

A Happy Purim.

Faithfully yours,

*Barnett R. Brickner*

## "MEGILLAH NIGHT," WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 24th

In accordance with our practice of re-  
storing to the Reform Congregation the  
beautiful practices and traditions of our  
people discarded in earlier days when Re-  
form Judaism came into being, we are  
this year, with the consent of our Ritual  
Committee, planning to inaugurate a  
Megillah Night on the evening of Wed-  
nesday, February 24th.

On this evening, we will hold a brief  
service, which will be followed by the  
rendition of a program of Purim music  
from the great Esther Cantata, congre-  
gational singing of popular Purim folk  
songs, the reading from the Megillah in  
both Hebrew and English in which mem-  
bers of the congregation will participate  
with both Mr. Brilliant and myself, and  
a short address on "The Triumphs of the  
Jew Over Anti-Semitism." This will be  
followed with a social in the Recreation  
Hall where Homentashen and coffee will  
be served.

Jewry throughout the world on this  
evening will be celebrating Esther's and  
Mordecai's triumph over Haman in old  
Persia. We inaugurate this service so  
that we may join with world Israel to  
bring comfort to our people with the  
thought that no ancient Haman or mod-  
ern Hitler can destroy the Jew.

Many of the things we have done in  
this way have led the Reform congre-  
gations in the country to follow suit—  
such as the Consecration service on Sim-  
chas Torah, the Yizkor (Memorial) on  
the last day of Passover, the blowing of  
the Shofar on Rosh Hashonah, the ren-  
dition of the Kol Nidre, the "Oneg Shab-  
bat" and the teaching of Hebrew. This  
policy of ours, which we have long pur-  
sued was officially adopted by the Union  
of American Hebrew Congregation at  
its recent convention in New Orleans.

The members of the congregation and  
their families are invited to set aside  
the date to come to "Megillah Night."

### IN MEMORIAM

Our heartfelt sympathy is extended to  
the bereaved family of

Julia Pollack

# THE PURIM CARNIVAL, Fun

# THIS SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 14th ALUMNI REUNION SUPPER DANCE

Opening at 4:45 P. M.  
with a panel discussion on

## "The Problems Facing Jewish Youth And How To Solve Them"

In the panel are: David Dietz, Judge D. Ralph Hertz, Dr. M. E. Blahd, Norman Gutfeld, Alfred Pollak and Helen Messing with Rabbi Brickner as chairman.

The following additional hostesses have accepted: Miriam Joseph, Mrs. Bernard Krohn, Mrs. Sam Dworsky, Helene Hersh, Jane Thalman, Mrs. Sidney Pearlman and Jean Spitalny.

### FREE EDUCATION VS. HITLERISM By Lee Casey, in 'Rocky Mountain News'

It is with considerable reluctance that I approach the subject of the recent acceptance, with what are frequently referred to as appropriate ceremonies, of the German government's gift of books to the University of Denver.

I believe I would be among the last to wish to revive the German-baiting that was a national disgrace during the war years. I remember it too vividly. I remember when German music was banned and the teaching of German prohibited in public schools. I remember when a German name was suspect and the bearer was sometimes spied upon for that reason alone.

This insanity, of course, was national rather than local, but the symptoms were more marked here than in most other sections. War madness seemed to develop in direct ratio to remoteness from the scene of conflict—at least, the United States proceeded to extremes that were unknown in threatened England, and Denver was even more hysterical than the Atlantic seaboard.

When we read of heavy German losses we were glad—without reflecting that, to paraphrase George Bernard Shaw, we might be rejoicing over the murder of a Beethoven by a Billy the Kid. We hated Germans and all things German frantically, wantonly, insanely. It is shocking even to recall that era of tragic nonsense.

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Yet we do not need to hate the Germans, we do not need even to hate Hitler, to believe that the formal recognition of friendly relations between the German government and the University of Denver was a palpable and grievous blunder.

The purpose of education in this country, as I have been led to believe, is the development of the open mind. The avowed purpose of Hitler is to keep minds closed — to crush freedom of

thought, to compel the acceptance of the preposterous myth of Nordic superiority, to foment racial hatred and to exterminate all culture save that based upon Teutonic tribalism.

There can be no compromise between these points of view, and there should be no friendly relations. One need not be anti-German to believe that there can, and should be, no amity between the free educational institutions of America and the bloody regimentation of Nazi Germany.

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I grant that there is a place in a university library for Nazi propaganda, just as instruction in Communism should be provided. For that matter, there should be a place in a university library, at least in the section reserved for advanced students, for the memoirs of the Marquis de Sade. But this does not mean that a university should receive gifts from Hitler with mutual compliments, any more than it means a university should, if it had the opportunity, receive as its honored and distinguished visitor the Marquis de Sade.

The act of the University of Denver, in short, carries an implied approval of Hitlerism.

Unfortunately, there exists in this country a minority of Fascists, larger in number than the minority of Communists. The potential Fascists are also more dangerous because they belong largely to the uneducated group of the ruling class. A university is recreant to its duty when it lends encouragement to Fascism.

I do not object to the acceptance of the books, although I would prefer the university had purchased them. Propaganda has a place in any library. What I object to is the exchange of courtesies between a free institution and the most dangerous enemy of our civilization.

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## THE PROPER ANSWER

The Dzikover Rabbi stopped a Jew, who was not a Hasid, and asked him what he would do if he should find a purse of money.

"I would return it to the owner, of course," was the reply.

"You have too prompt an answer," retorted the Rabbi. "I am not sure that you are sincere."

He asked another non-Hasid, who said: "I would certainly keep it, if I could do so."

"You are a wicked person; you are too ready to give up the privilege of performing a Mitzwah, even for an imaginary gain," said the Rabbi.

A Hasid of the unlearned class was next asked. "Oh, Rabbi," he exclaimed. "It would be a great temptation. I should implore the Lord to grant me strength to withstand it, and to be able to perform the Mitzwah of returning that which had been lost."

"Your answer is proper and correct," said the Rabbi. "And it is fit for a Hasid to give. Our opponents blame us for accepting unlearned persons as Hassidim. But this demonstrates the influence of Hasidic instruction, even among the unlearned."

## THE INCONSIDERATE PEASANT

The Lekhivitzter related the following parable: "A peasant was on his way home from market one winter day. He stopped at an inn, tied his horse to the post, and proceeded to enjoy himself merrily. In the meantime his poor horse stood outside in the deep snow, without food or drink, trembling from cold.

"By the same token, there are men who fast often, thereby torturing their bodies, at the same time that their thoughts—which are an index to the true personality of men—turn to worldly affairs. These men are like the peasant and his horse."

## FOR SCHOOL CHILDREN

"Aladdin" will be given at Severance Hall by the Junior League players on Friday, February 12th at 3:00 p. m. and on Saturday, February 13th at 3:00 p. m.

Tickets are on sale at Halle's and at Higbee's.

## YOUR QUESTION

Question: What is the language of modern Palestine?

Answer: Officially, there are three languages in Palestine. All three are used on postage stamps, on railroad stations and in government documents. The three are: English (for the mandatory power), Arabic (for the Arab population), and Hebrew for the Jews.

The Hebrew which is used in Palestine is both ancient and new. Its basis is the language of the Bible but naturally the Biblical language has far too small a vocabulary for modern useage. There are thousands of objects and ideas in the modern world for which the Bible could not possibly have a word. How, for example, could you say in Hebrew "Ice cream soda," "spark plug," "radio," or "flashlight battery"? These necessary words had to be created either on the basis of the roots of Biblical words, which were then given a new meaning, or words used in the Hebrew of the Mishna (the legal code preliminary to the Talmud), or the Hebrew of the medieval Hebrew philosophic works, or by analogy with the roots found in other Semitic languages. By means of all these methods, ancient Hebrew, the language of the Bible, has been developed into modern Hebrew, the language of Palestine.

There are many reasons why the Jewish settlers went to the trouble of learning Hebrew and to the greater trouble of expanding the ancient tongue into a modern language. One reason, and a sufficient one, is the motive of practical necessity. Jews came to Palestine from all over the world. What should their language be? What common tongue could they have, by means of which to build a united community? Should it be Yiddish, the Judeo-German tongue of Eastern Europe? The Jews of Arabia, of Mesopotamia, and of the Caucasus could not understand it. Should it be English? Most of them did not understand that. But every Jew, whether he came from Europe, America, Africa or Asia, knew something of the Hebrew tongue, if only enough to read the Hebrew of the prayerbook. Sh'ma Yisroel and other Hebrew phrases are still the only linguistic bond common to Jews all over the world. Thus Hebrew was logically selected and has developed into the living language of modern Palestine.

—Rabbi Solomon B. Freeof.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 28th

## HUMAN FREEDOM

There is, I think, one line of hope for America. It is that she becomes vividly, clearly, passionately aware of her own spirit. She has made and is making a tremendous body—strong and rich and resourceful. But that is not enough for the making of a great nation. The dormant and confused spirit of our people must be quickened into awareness of our ideals. We have obligations, since we are faced with opportunities. We have commitments, since we have power. The stage on which we are to play has been magnificently set by circumstance. A theme, demanding and fitting such a stage, is waiting within us for expression. We cannot escape, either from stage or from theme. In terms of both of them we shall be judged. We are committed to the writing, the directing and the acting of the play. The theme is "Human Freedom." To that theme we are, as Americans, bound. I protest, however, that the bondage is a reasonable one. It is the bondage of a free spirit which finds its freedom in recognition of its obligations. —Alexander Meiklejohn.

Somewhat late in the day Leon Trotsky—in a statement issued to the Jewish press—has discovered that his youthful belief in solving the Jewish problem by assimilation was a mistake and that the indissoluble Jewish people need a territory to continue their existence. Like all latecomers, however, who discover the entity of the Jewish people after a life of ignoring that people and its national urge, Trotsky is apt to detect anti-Jewish acts and policies where a life-long Jew will not look for them.

## TO PROTECT LYNCHING

The Cleveland Youth Council of the N. A. A. C. P. will sponsor a mass meeting and demonstration on Lincoln's birthday, February 12th at St. James A. M. E. Church on Cedar Avenue and E. 84th Street.

The Council will present an adaptation of Langston Hughes' play "Scottsboro Limited." People from cities who have witnessed lynchings or have been in the vicinity of lynchings, will speak at this meeting.

## SISTERHOOD

### CARNIVAL "BAKE SALE"

The Sisterhood is asking for donations of cakes to be sold at their "Bake Sale" at the Purim Carnival, Sunday, February 28th.

Those who plan to contribute, please leave their names at the Temple office. Cakes will be called for that cannot be delivered.

### FRIDAY MORNING COURSE

With the lecture by Professor Henry Miller Busch on Friday morning, February 12th at 11:00 a. m., the Sisterhood concludes another very successful and well attended season of Friday morning Cultural Courses.

### FUNDS

The Sisterhood gratefully acknowledges receipt of the following donations:

**TO THE BRAILLE FUND:** Mrs. Sam Medallie in memory of Lena Friedman.

**TO THE ALTAR FUND:** Mrs. H. E. Frisch in memory of her father, Max Stone. Mrs. J. E. Weinberger. Mrs. S. H. Siegel in memory of her mother, Theresa Silberbach. Mrs. Henry Emsheimer and Sophie Fishel in memory of Simon Fishel. Mr. and Mrs. I. J. Kabb in memory of their mother. Mrs. K. Wohlgenuth, Mrs. M. Woodle, Mrs. D. B. Steuer, Mrs. S. S. Firth, Mrs. M. F. Devay, Mrs. A. M. Klein. Mrs. G. Goldman, Mrs. L. Kohn, Mrs. Ida Riegelhaupt, Mrs. H. Korach in memory of Lena Friedman. Mr. and Mrs. Ben Folkman in honor of the birth of a daughter to Rabbi and Mrs. J. D. Folkman.

### CONGRATULATIONS TO:

Mr. A I Sanger on his 85th birthday.

Mrs. J. Kahn on her 77th birthday.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Shane on the marriage of their son Claude to Phyllis Kusman.

Mr. Al Levy on his 80th birthday.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Berg on the marriage of their daughter Jane to Seymour Slavin.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Folkman on the birth of their granddaughter.

Finest, Happiest, Biggest Event of the School Year



## GREAT "ARYANS" HAVE SAID:

Anti-Semitism is part of the program of most Fascists. Due largely to Hitler, Goebbels, Streicher, and their ilk, racialism has become another issue dividing the nations and a fertile cause of war. Herewith are presented a number of quotations from outstanding non-Jews from various countries in regard to anti-Semitism.

Anti-Semitism is the attitude of the scum of mankind.—Mommson, famous German historian.

Hatred of the Jew is, exactly as all hatred, senseless.—Anatole France, leading French writer.

The Jews have made enormously important contributions to human progress and Christianity is deeply indebted to them.—Roman Catholic bishop of Nottingham, England.

Why do not the heavens open, so that German men and women finally hear the divine voice and see how they have erred (in their anti-Semitism)?—Karin Michælis, Danish novelist.

Persecution of the Jews is a sad index of any nation's civilization.—Pope Pius XI.

I am convinced that whoever follows Jesus, cannot be anti-Semitic . . . It's one or the other: either Jesus or anti-Semitism.—T. G. Masaryk, first President of Czechoslovakia.

The persecution of the Jews in our Fatherland is a shame and disgrace for us. History shows that God has always punished the torturers of the Jewish people . . . Go out and explain to your brethren that race hatred is a wild and poisonous weed. Destroy the terrible and inhuman prejudice against this eternally suffering people.—Cardinal Faulhaber leading Catholic churchman of Germany.

—Free Synagogue Bulletin.

In Canada Jewish marriages are on the decrease. In 1934 there were a total of 1,470 Jewish marriages. There were 60 fewer than in 1933. In 1934, 2,030 Jewish children were born in Canada. In 1933, 2,110.

## FUNDS

The Temple gratefully acknowledges receipt of the following donations:

**TO THE LIBRARY FUND:** Rebecca Robinson in memory of her brother, Jacob Robinson. Mrs. Sol P. Lindner in memory of her mother-in-law, Matilda Lindner.

**TO THE PRAYER BOOK FUND:** Mrs. Arthur M. Levy in memory of her husband.

## MEN'S CLUB

### THANK YOU, LADIES

Amid a beautiful Palestinian setting the Men's Club entertained nearly 400 people at its "Oneg Shabbat" last Friday night.

Thanks to the efforts of the following ladies the affair was an outstanding success: Mesdames Murray Lawton, B. M. Kane, Maurice Spitalny, J. O. Stein, Frank Weisberger, S. Fryer, Sidney Weiss, S. Cort, Arthur Elsoffer, L. I. Benway, L. B. Podis, Simon Lewis, J. Engelman, S. F. Deutsch, M. Bondy, H. D. Pasternak, Harry L. Wolpaw, James Dworkin, Sam Brown, Joseph Felder, Chester Hess, A. Soltz, D. Eisenberg, M. Diamond. If any names were omitted please advise Dr. L. B. Podis.

### SINGERS CLUB

Henry D. Pasternak and Ben Tepper are co-chairmen of a new Men's Club subsidiary, the **Singers Club**. Anybody who can sing, or play a musical instrument is urged to get in touch with the chairmen.

This is your opportunity to become prominently identified with the Men's Club. The Singers Club in addition to promoting good fellowship will function at the various Men's Club affairs.

### A RESUME

As the Men's Club year turns into the home stretch we pause to take stock of its varied activities. Starting in October an intensive membership campaign netted over 400 members. The team that brought in most members was feted at dinner by President Harry L. Wolpaw.

A gala smoker was held early in the Fall, followed by an "Oneg Shabbat." Then came a supper dance on Thanksgiving eve, the Father-Son dinner and another "Oneg."

In addition there are the regular well-attended Round Table sessions at Hotel Allerton, at which prominent speakers held forth.

For the future the Men's Club plans the following: a smoker and business meeting on March 18th, a formal dinner dance in April, participation in the Temple Purim Carnival and Junior Alumni Fireside meetings and the customary Picnic in summer.

All in all, a very gratifying season and all that was to be expected from a "live wire" Men's Club.