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SUNDAY MORNING SERVICE

January 2nd, at 10:30 A. M.

RABBI BRICKNER

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**THE NINETY-FIRST ANNUAL
CONGREGATIONAL MEETING AND DINNER**

SUNDAY, JANUARY 9th, at 6:00 P. M.

In the Recreation Hall

GUEST SPEAKER

DR. SAMUEL H. GOLDENSON

Rabbi of Temple Emanuel, New York City

MUSICAL PROGRAM

Violin Recital by Dr. Jerome Gross

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SABBATH MORNING SERVICE 11:00 to 12:00 A. M.

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FIVE HUNDREDTH ANNIVERSARY OF ISAAC ABRAVANEL

If any history repeats itself it is the history of our people. Five hundred years ago, there was born in Lisbon, Portugal, one Isaac Abravanel, whose experiences sound strangely like those of our German brethren of today. Brilliant, tutored from childhood in Judaism, languages and general thought, he wrote a treatise in philosophy when he was but a youth. As he increased the family fortune, he became Treasurer to King Alphonso V. of Portugal, and was able to extend a helping hand to his fellow-Jews, and to protect them. When a Moroccan colony was taken by the Moors and the Jewish captives were sold as slaves, he raised and contributed to a fund needed to redeem them, and he supported them himself until they were again on their feet. After the death of his king and patron, fate turned against him. The new king accused him of conspiracy and confiscated his fortune. Abravanel was forced to flee for his life to Castile, in Spain.

There he determined to turn to the scholarly life and wrote commentaries on many books of the Bible. But he was unable to suppress the urge for political leadership. The government of Ferdinand and Isabella called on him to help in the gathering of taxes and the supplying of provisions for the army. During this period the power of Inquisition had been growing, and finally, in 1492, the decree was issued ordering all Jews to leave

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SISTERHOOD

N. F. T. S. CELEBRATES JUBILEE

As part of the Jubilee of the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods, a tribute to the founder is being planned so that every Sisterhood Member will be able to participate in the Jubilee Celebration.

As we go to press, we learn that a letter has been sent out to all local chairmen on Uniongrams outlining the following idea:

1. Every member of N. F. T. S. is urged to make her Jubilee contribution by purchasing a book of Uniongrams

2. The first Uniongram of each book should be used for a salute to Mrs. Abram Simon, founder and honorary president of the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods. This salute will be a message of greeting sent to Mrs. Simon on Silver Jubilee Day at the Palmer House in Chicago.

Mrs. Joseph Engelman is chairman of our Sisterhood Uniongram Committee.

FRIDAY MORNING CULTURAL COURSE will resume sessions on January 14 at 11:00 A. M., with Professor H. M. Busch speaking on Current Events.

MAURICE GOLDMAN WRITES (an excerpt from a letter to Rabbi Brickner):

"Last Saturday afternoon, I tuned in on one of your broadcasts and I was overjoyed at hearing your voice again. You see, Rabbi, we're not so far apart after all. I told all of my friends to tune in on your following weekly broadcasts and they were all extremely impressed with your lecture.

"About myself, I am getting along rather well and have made progress since I am here, and have done some work with ensemble recording at Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer on two of their recent pictures. Conditions are very slow here and it has affected the music industry, too.

"Am glad to hear that the choir is singing well. I miss all of you very much and hope that I can soon come back for a visit.

"With kindest regards to all,

"Your friend,
"Maurice."

WHAT'S IN A JEWISH NAME?

The choosing of a name for a child was considered a very serious affair by our ancestors. According to Jewish belief, the name had a prophetic character and influenced the life and behavior of the bearer. One who would be called Solomon (derived from the word "peace") would be expected to live a life of peace. Such are the conclusions of studies made by Dr. Jacob Z. Lauterbach of the Hebrew Union College. It was common in Biblical times, he indicates, to change a person's name if the parents wanted to change his way of life. In the same way, the angel changed the name of Jacob—signifying "deceiver" or "supplanter," to Israel—"one who strives with God." Names of those who were ill were also changed in order to deceive the angel of death. For if the angel were sent to take David, how could he take one now called Samson? Sometimes, to make this doubly effective, names were given which themselves suggest long life: Hayyim, meaning "Life"; Alter, "Old Man"; Zeide, "Grandfather." Thus, it was supposed the person could not be taken from the earth until he would fulfill his name and actually become a grandfather.

The question of whether or not to name children after their ancestors was a moot one in Jewish life. In Biblical times people avoided such practice lest the identity of the ancestor be obscured and forgotten. Later, however, they did employ names of an illustrious progenitor, so that the child would become like him. Sephardic Jews often called their children after a living parent or grandparent, but the Ashkenazic communities avoided this. Seldom was a girl named after a male ancestor; for this, the Jew believed, would be to harm the memory of one who all his life in his morning prayers had thanked God "for not having created me a woman."

U. A. H. C.

MEN'S CLUB

ROUND TABLE—

The next meeting of the Round Table will be at the Allerton, Thursday noon, January 6th, at 12:15 P. M. Rabbi Brickner will speak on "Current Events" and will lead the discussion. Adjournment promptly at 1:30 P. M. If you cannot attend the luncheon, come for the discussion and BRING A FRIEND.

ONEG SHABBAT—

A radio hookup over WGAR will feature the next Oneg Shabbat, Friday evening, January 21st. This event will feature a Vox Pop of Jewish Questions and Answers that will be broadcast over a network of stations.

If you have an odd and interesting question to ask on a Jewish problem or thought, send it in to "Professor Sheilah," care of the Temple. If accepted, your name will be announced on the radio.

Be sure to reserve the night of January 21st, "the most unusual Oneg Shabbat in the history of the Temple," says Dr. S. S. Sidenberg, chairman of the committee.

ALUMNI

Rev. Chadbourne Spring, associate minister of the Unitarian Church at Euclid and E. 82nd, will be the guest of the Alumni Discussion Group, Friday evening, January 7th, at 8:30 P. M., in the library. Mr. Spring will discuss the principles of the Unitarian Church, which is the most liberal of the Protestant groups.

TRUTH

Truth is so great a perfection, that if God would render Himself visible to men, he would choose light for His body, and truth for His soul. —Pythagoras

You need not tell all the truth, unless to those who have a right to know it all. But let all you tell be truth.

—Horace Mann

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To The Altar Fund: Mrs. E. J. Thalman and Mrs. Maybelle F. Pollock in memory of Jacob, Nannie Firth and Cora Fuldheim; Mrs. Minnie Mahrer in memory of husband Adolph Mahrer. Friday Sewing Group in memory of Minnie Hess. Mr. and Mrs. Adolph Keller in memory of parents. Mr. and Mrs. El. M. Weil in memory of August Robecheck. Mr. and Mrs. Jos. Weinberger in honor of the 25th wedding anniversary of Judge and Mrs. Maurice Bernon. Mrs. Myron Rosenblum.

To The Scholarship Fund: Mrs. Martha Markowitz, Misses Cora and Sadie Lederer and Mrs. Helen Klein in memory of Stella Schwartz.

To The Chapel Fund: The Temple acknowledges with thanks a donation from William M. and Joseph R. Heller in loving memory of their mother, Mary Heller.

Her name will be inscribed on the plaque at the entrance of our Memorial Chapel.

IN MEMORIAM

Our heartfelt sympathy is extended to the bereaved families of

Saly Medalie
Morris C. Resek

THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Trustees to be voted on at the Ninety-first Annual Congregational Meeting, Sunday, January 9:

Five Year Term—J. M. Anthony, H. S. Goldsmith, Mrs. Jos. Nagusky, Mrs. Myron Rice, Otto J. Zinner and David Dietz.

Men's Club—I. S. Rose.

Alumni—Howard S. Bernon.

The Sisterhood nominees will be published in our next bulletin.

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Spain within four months, under penalty of death. The Jews turned to their protector, Don Isaac Abravanel, to help them. He pleaded long and persuasively that the king should revoke his decree. Finally, seeing that his efforts were of no avail, he offered to contribute thirty thousand ducats to the king's impoverished treasury.

The story is told that at this very moment, Torquemada, the arch-persecutor of the Jews, entered the king's chamber, and raising his crucifix aloft, cried: "Judas Iscariot sold his master for thirty shekels, will your Majesty sell him for thirty thousand ducats?" Abravanel's plea was thereupon denied, and the expulsion went into effect.

Valued by the government, Abravanel was requested to remain in Spain and offered special privileges. But he chose to leave. Settling in Naples, he was enlisted into the financial service of King Ferdinand I. of that city, whose successor he also served. With the latter's death he was forced to flee again, ultimately to Venice. By this time he had completed important theological essays, as well as what came to be accepted as a standard commentary to Maimonides' great Guide to the Perplexed. There he passed away, broken in spirit, his family scattered and his fortune gone.

We commemorate him as a remarkable embodiment of statesmanship and Jewish learning combined.