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SUNDAY MORNING SERVICE

January 9th, at 10:30 A. M.

RABBI BRICKNER

will speak on

**"I DO NOT PROPOSE TO LET
✓ THE PEOPLE DOWN"**

- **PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT'S
MESSAGE TO CONGRESS**
- Rabbi Brickner will discuss the far reaching program of the President with reference to Foreign Affairs... Defense... The balancing of the Budget... Tax Revision... Big Business... Labor... Wages and Hours... Unemployment... etc.

FRIDAY EVENING TWILIGHT SERVICE 5:30 to 6:00 P. M.
SABBATH MORNING SERVICE 11:00 to 12:00 A. M.

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KNOW YOUR BIBLE: AMOS

"I was not a prophet, neither was I a prophet's son; but a herdsman, and a dresser of sycamore trees; and the Lord took me from following the flock, and said, 'Go, prophesy unto My people, Israel.'" Amos, the first of the great literary Prophets, speaks of himself in these terms, in order to make clear that he did not belong to those ancient bands of professional prophets and soothsayers, employed by the King to divine future events by magic and esoteric spells. He was one who did not speak for pay, but out of the depths of his own conscience, where he had heard God's message—"The lion hath roared, who will not fear? The Lord God hath spoken, who can but prophesy?"

Amos came to prophesy doom against Israel and Judah at the very time of great prosperity. King Jeroboam II. has just won victories over Syria and extended the country's borders. It was then that Amos journeyed to Beth El, the King's sanctuary, and attacked the conditions of false security under which the outward religion of splendor, song, and luxuriant sacrifices were flourishing, while men "Sell the righteous for silver, and the needy for a pair of shoes." In the name of God he declared:

"I hate, I despise your feasts,
And I will take no delight in your
solemn assemblies.
Yea, though ye offer me burnt-offerings
and your meal-offerings,
I will not accept them;
Neither will I regard the peace offerings

SISTERHOOD

NEW SISTERHOOD MEMBERS will be the guests of the Sisterhood for luncheon on Tuesday, January 11th and Tuesday, January 18. The increase this year has been so large that Mrs. Emery E. Klineman and Mrs. Leonard Blum, respectively chairman and co-chairman of the Membership Committee, have found it necessary to divide the group in half, for it would be difficult to entertain in an intimate and personal way the entire group at one time.

New members will be greeted by Mrs. Steiner at 10:30 A. M., in the Sisterhood Parlor. She will acquaint them with the activities of the Sisterhood and offer the new members an opportunity to serve on the committee which most interests them. Rabbi Brickner will be present, and speak a few words of welcome.

Luncheon will be served in the Recreation Hall at 12:00 o'clock.

Assisting in the welcome are: Mrs. Frank Weisberg, chairman of the placement committee; Mrs. Oscar J. Fishel, chairman of hospitality, and Mrs. Adelle Bercu, chairman of refreshments.

PROFESSOR H. M. BUSCH will open the second half of the Friday morning cultural courses on January 14th at 11:00 A. M.

of your fat beasts.
Take thou away from Me the noise of
thy songs;
And let me not hear the melody of thy
psalteries.
But let justice well up as waters,
And righteousness as a mighty stream."
U. A. H. C.

TRUTH

It is easier to perceive error than to find truth, for the former lies on the surface and is easily seen, while the latter lies in the depth where few are willing to search for it. —Goethe

I have always found that the honest truth of our minds has a certain attraction for every other mind that loves truth honestly. —Carlyle

The greatest homage we can pay to truth is to use it. —Emerson

TEL AVIV ZONED

Tel Aviv has been divided into 7 boroughs: 3 for residences, 2 for trade, and 2 for factories. All buildings must be on a plot not less than 5,350 square feet. Only 50% of the land may be built on and no building may be above 3 stories in height.

FUNDS

The Temple gratefully acknowledges receipt of the following donations:

To The Yahrzeit Fund: Mr. S. S. Firth in memory of mother, Sophie Firth. Mrs. David Loveman in memory of mother, Rosa Marks.

To The Altar Fund: Mrs. B. Kory in memory of husband, Sam Kory.

To The Library Fund: Miss Jane Reich in memory of grandmother, Sarah Lesser. Mr. and Mrs. O. J. Zinner in memory of uncle, August Robecheck. Miss Pearl Schwartz in memory of cousin, Stella Schwartz. Miss Sadie Kahn in memory of friend Stella Schwartz. Mrs. M. N. Berk in memory of father, Marcus Aronovitz. Mr. and Mrs. C. I. Goldsmith in memory of friend J. M. Stern. Mrs. M. N. Berk in memory of husband, Max N. Berk.

The Euclid Avenue Temple is the beneficiary in the will of the late Mrs. Sol Weill, nee Sadie Wolf, who passed away last July, 1937.

We greatly appreciate with thanks receipt of this contribution.

IN MEMORIAM

Our heartfelt sympathy is extended to the bereaved family of Jeanette Steuer.

MEN'S CLUB

What augurs to be the most elaborate **Oneg Shabbat** ever staged by the Men's Club will be held on the night of **January 21st**.

A feature of the program will be a radio broadcast from our Recreation Hall over WGAR from 10:45 to 11:15 P. M. of A Vox Pop of Jewish Oddities.

If you have an odd and interesting question and answer to propose, send it in to our Temple office. Your name will be announced on the radio if your offering is accepted.

In addition to the broadcast, a playlet entitled "Mendel Marantz" by Friedman will be presented by a cast consisting of Mrs. Martin Rosenberg, Mrs. Harriet Friedman, Vivien Dworkin, Mal Siegel and Maurice Sacharow. Albert A. Gilman is directing the playlet.

Folk songs and blessing of the candles will form part of the unusual program. Wine and cake will be served.

SOME CHASIDIC TREASURES

When asked how to be truly pious, the **Riziner** answered with this parable:

"Two rebels were condemned to death, but their sentence was commuted to the following: they were to cross the river by a rope stretched from one bank to the other. The first crossed in safety. When the second was about to follow, he shouted to the first: 'Can you give me any counsel so that I may not fall from the rope and drown?'"

"'The only advice I can offer you,' the first shouted to the second, 'is that when I felt my body was about to incline too much in one direction, I strove to lean over to the other.'"

"Likewise," commented the **Riziner**, "when we incline too much towards a fault, we must bend towards the opposite extreme."

The Hasidic Anthology.

THE NEW YEAR OF THE TREES

On January 17th, the Jewish world will celebrate the festival of "The New Year's Day of the Trees," or Jewish Arbor Day. Dedicated to man's love for the tree and its benefits, this holiday is observed by the eating of various fruits and nuts, especially those that are reminiscent of Palestine, such as bokser (fruit of the carob tree), almonds, citron, quince, and pomegranates. Traditionally, special prayers are included in the religious services of the day.

Known as "Chamishah Asar Bi'shevat" (the fifteenth day of the month of Shevat), the festival has evoked an increasing response in recent years. This holiday had been declining in Jewish life up to the time when the rebirth of Palestine gave it new vitality. In ancient times it was the occasion on which the tithes (taxes of ten per cent in kind) were taken from the fruit, and the day upon which new trees were planted. After the Jews left Palestine and entered mainly non-agricultural pursuits, the holiday declined and the mere eating of various fruits took the place of the actual planting of trees. In America it had come to be forgotten entirely in many Jewish homes. Today, however, it has come to be observed again, in spirit, particularly by those who observe the custom of planting trees, by sending funds to Palestine for that purpose.

In Palestine Chamishah Asar Bi'shevat has become one of the major festivals. Since the whole process of restoring fertility to the land is so dependent upon the rebuilding of forests to hold moisture on the hillsides and to prevent the erosion and washing away of valuable soil, tree-planting has become a sacred duty there. And this holiday is its occasion par excellence. Though it is still winter here, in Palestine spring is already beginning, and the school children in each city are marching out to the hills to plant trees, celebrating with processions carrying banners, displaying pictures of trees and aphorisms related to them, and with gymnastic dances and drills. For the "New Year of the

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

THE JUNIOR HIGH DEPARTMENT will resume its regular sessions this Saturday morning at 9:00 o'clock, after having been closed on New Year's day.

REPORT CARDS will be distributed this week-end to all children from grades IV through IX. Parents are requested to examine the cards carefully, to sign them and to return them to the Religious School teacher the following week.

THE BIBLE CLASS FOR GRADES VII and VIII will resume their sessions Friday, January 7th, after a two weeks' vacation.

A NEW PAGEANT written by Mr. Brilliant and Mrs. Braverman will be presented as part of the Chamishah Asar Bi'shevat (Palestine Day) **Children's Service, Saturday, January 15th, at 11:00 A. M.**, in the Temple. Service will be read by members of the present confirmation class. Mothers are urged to attend with their children.

"Trees" is a portent of a New Age of fruitfulness for the long-neglected Holy Land.

This festival recalls a lovely custom observed by the inhabitants of Jerusalem in past ages. When a boy was born a cedar tree was planted—for the cedar is tall and firm and strong. And when a girl was born, a cypress—fragrant and supple—was planted. When a marriage took place, the two trees provided the posts for the wedding canopy.

U. A. H. C.

TOSCANINI IN PALESTINE

IN MARCH

Toscanini will definitely come to conduct the Palestine Symphony this year again, but he has postponed his arrival until March 20th. Toscanini has a number of American engagements to play over the radio which will keep him from visiting Palestine sooner.

The Ninety-first Annual Congregational Meeting and Dinner

SUNDAY EVENING, JANUARY 9th, 1938
at 6:30 P. M. in our RECREATION HALL

Guest Speaker: RABBI SAMUEL H. GOLDENSON, Ph. D., D. H. L.
of Temple Emanu-El, New York City

Violin Recital: DR. JEROME GROSS
LEON MACHAN, Accompanist



Members and their families, who cannot attend the dinner are invited to come later for the program, which will take place in the auditorium at 8 P. M.

WHK HONORED RABBI BRICKNER in a half-hour broadcast on Wednesday evening, Dec. 22nd. Highlighted was Rabbi Brickner's early entrance into the field of Jewish education; his work in the field of social service as director of The Cincinnati Jewish Welfare Federation; his call to the pulpit of the Holy Blossom Temple in Toronto; his participation in the efforts on behalf of 5,000 Jewish refugees stranded in Roumania who were finally brought into Canada; his call to the pulpit of the Euclid Avenue Temple and his successful career in this city as Rabbi and as citizen.

ALUMNI

THE DISCUSSION GROUP will have as its guest, Friday evening, Jan. 7th, at 8:00 o'clock, in the library of our Temple, Rev. Chadbourne Spring, associate minister of the First Unitarian Church, located at Euclid and East 82nd Street.

THE NOMINATING

COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

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.

Sisterhood—Mrs. Oscar H. Steiner, Mrs. J. C. Newman and Mrs. Ida Kornhauser.

Alumni—Howard S. Bernon.

DR. HU SHIAH will speak on "China's Struggle for Freedom" at the luncheon of the Foreign Affairs Council on Monday, Jan. 10th, at 12:00 o'clock in the ballroom of Hotel Cleveland.

BROADCAST BRINGS HUGE RESPONSE

Several thousand letters have been received by Rabbi Brickner in response to the four addresses that he gave on the "Message of Israel" program during the month of December.

Letters poured in from every state in the Union and even from the remote provinces of Canada.

From Talladega College in Alabama, Prof. Haynes writes:

"I listened with enthusiastic and sustained interest to your matchless address on the evening of Dec. 4th. . . . In the event you have any extra copies of the address, I am wondering if you would kindly favor me with a copy."

From Minneapolis, Mr. P. W. Grady, executive director of the Pilgrim Society, writes:

"What matter that your voice was wonderful over the radio tonight. What matter that its melody alone could charm. The message delivered by it was all that could count during the perilous times we now live in, permit me to say in all earnestness and devotion, God Bless You.

"Anti-Semitic! Anti-Catholic! Anti-God! Hate is the weapon of perversion.

"To attempt to congratulate you would be but a waste of your time and, what is of much less importance, of mine. Let me instead offer my poor assistance to your splendid efforts. If there is some little thing that I may do to further the cause of universal brotherhood and you see the way to guide me to it, please do so. Send me the data that so few of us possess."

From Virginia, Mr. S. H. Sharove writes:

"On behalf of the local B'nai B'rith Lodge I would like to order 50 copies of the talk you gave last Saturday (Dec. 25th). The writer is chairman of the Cultural Committee of our Lodge and it has been his custom at each meeting

to give a short resume of Jewish events. Recently he had occasion to mention the attitude of some Rabbis to Christianity and we were very much impressed with the manner in which you handled this subject last Saturday."

From Shickshinny, Pa., B. L. Stenger, Minister of the First Methodist Church, writes:

"I want to take this opportunity to thank you and congratulate you for your lovely message which I heard over the radio on Christmas day evening. I've heard several of your messages. They have been interesting, inspiring and valuable. I admire your spirit; I covet for all Judaism the same. I wish our own great Christianity had a greater tolerance for you Jews. There needs to be no conversion to Christianity of Jews as such. We all need to know better the fundamental law of God, the law of Love. . . . I sincerely pray that a closer relationship might be built up between Judaism and Christianity."

The letter of Harold J. Hocking of Washington, D. C., deserves to be quoted in full:

"What a sermon we were just privileged to listen to! Here's a sincere thank you and the Lord Bless you—a thank you from a Catholic to a noted Jew. And, too, from just a poor corner pharmacist who had to work part of his Christmas day, but what of it now. Never have I been quite so touched and never has there been so great a need for all Jews and Christians to stand together and to mobilize their strength against all sorts of "isms" that would destroy us—and yes—even destroy civilization. Oh, Rabbi, may many another Catholic and Protestant be as fortunate as I have been—to have heard your sermon and to be similarly touched. May all the hate, and fear and suspicion and revenge disappear forever from the face of the earth. Again I say God Bless you and good luck!"