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THE EUCLID AVE. TEMPLE  
**BULLETIN**  
CLEVELAND, OHIO

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**SUNDAY MORNING SERVICE**

February 20th, at 10:30 A. M.

**RABBI JAMES G. HELLER**

of the Isaac M. Wise Temple, Cincinnati,

one of the most brilliant speakers and thinkers  
in the American Rabbinate

*will speak on*

**"WHAT'S RIGHT WITH THE WORLD"**

Both the speaker and the intriguing subject which he has selected should  
attract a very large congregation

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**WASHINGTON-LINCOLN CHILDREN'S SERVICE AND PAGEANT**

Saturday, February 19th, at 11:00 A. M.

in the Temple

Participating in the service are the following 1938 confirmants:

Marjorie Antel, Harriett Bassett, Audrey Benjamin, Wilma Berkowitz,  
Jason Bloch, Janet Dragin, Marilyn Peltz, Richard Polatschek, Carol Portugal and Jane Reich.

Participating in the pageant are:

Joan Altman, Ralph Fishel, James Glick, Willard Hertz, Robert Raab,  
Robert Richland and Betty Zinner.

*The service and the pageant were written by Mr. Brilliant and Mrs. Braverman*

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**FRIDAY EVENING TWILIGHT SERVICE 5:30 to 6:00 P. M.**

Rabbi Brickner broadcasts every Sunday over Station WGAR, 4 to 4:30 P. M.

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### RABBI IN NATIONAL BROADCAST

Next Sunday morning, Feb. 20th, at 10:30 A. M., Rabbi Brickner will speak on the Inter-Faith Dedication Program of the new NBC studios in Cleveland. This program is over a national coast to coast network, locally over station WTAM.

At the National Conference For Palestine, recently held in Washington, D. C., Rabbi Brickner was elected a vice-chairman of the United Palestine Appeal, which is the sole fund-raising agency for Palestine.

Rabbi Brickner delivered a series of three lectures to the students of the Graduate School of Theology on "Contemporary Trends in Judaism" at Oberlin College on Feb. 16th and 17th. While at Oberlin, Rabbi Brickner addressed the Cosmos Club, composed of members of the faculty of the Oberlin Graduate School of Theology on Zionism, and the convocation of the entire student body on "A Tribute to Newton D. Baker."

On Monday evening, Feb. 14th, Rabbi Barnett R. Brickner was one of the principal speakers at the mass meeting of the Interfaith Conference on Consumers' Cooperatives and Credit Union held in Washington, D. C., under the joint auspices of the Social Action Department of the National Catholic Welfare Conference; the Social Justice Com-

## THE SISTERHOOD

presents

### LEWIS BROWNE

Author of "Stranger Than Fiction," "That Man Heine," "This Believing World" and others.

at the

### OPEN MEETING AND TEA

Tuesday, March 1st, 2:30 P. M.

Mrs. Albert Ullman, chairman of the day

mission of the Central Conference of American Rabbis; the Committee on the Church and Cooperatives of the Industrial Division of the Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America; and a local Washington Committee on Arrangements.

Rabbi Brickner is the Chairman of the Social Justice Commission of the Central Conference of American Rabbis and spoke on "The Religious Aspects of Consumers' Cooperation and Credit Unions."

AT THE SISTERHOOD FRIDAY MORNING CULTURAL COURSE on Feb. 25th, at 11:00 o'clock, Rabbi Brickner will discuss an interesting Symposium appearing in the Atlantic Monthly, entitled "Jew and Gentile Symposium." These articles are in answer to the articles by John Cournos, which appeared in a previous issue and was entitled "Epistles to the Hebrews" and which Mr. Cournos has developed into a book.

Subject: "Jew and Gentile."

THE COLLEGE TEA DANCE was a huge success. The Sisterhood Committee deserves much credit for the splendid social afternoon tendered to the out-of-town students attending local colleges. More than 100 young people attended.

# AN INNOVATION!

## FATHER-SON DINNER

Sunday, February 20th---6:00 P. M.

*Recreation Hall*

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AMERICAN LEAGUE MOVIE

GRAHAM McNAMEE

BOB FELLER

*Entertainment*

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*Souvenir for Every Boy*

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*Prizes*

## THE ALUMNI

*announces the annual*

YOUNG PEOPLE'S FORUM

in cooperation with the churches of Euclid Ave.

THIRD ANNUAL SESSION

Sunday Evening, February 27th

*in the auditorium*

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The success of the meetings of the past two years (close to 500 attended last year) has encouraged the sponsors of The Young Peoples' Forum, to establish it as an annual institution.

ALL YOUNG PEOPLE ARE INVITED.

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is spoken of as if it were by the indulgence of one class of people that another enjoyed the exercise of their inherent natural right, for happily, the government of the United States, which gives to bigotry no sanction, to persecution no assistance, requires only that they who live under its protection shall demean themselves as good citizens in giving it on all occasions their effectual support. May the children of the stock of Abraham who dwell in this land continue to merit and enjoy the good will of the other inhabitants, while every one shall sit in safety under his own vine and fig tree, and there shall be none to make him afraid."

THE WELFARE ASSOCIATION FOR JEWISH CHILDREN Annual Meeting and Tea will be held on Friday afternoon, Feb. 25th, at 3:00 o'clock in Steinway Hall, The Halle Bros. Co. Mrs. Garry C. Myers, Specialist in Parent Education of the Health and Parent Education Association, will be the guest speaker. Her subject is "Needs of Childhood."

## JUNIOR ALUMNI

AN ORIGINAL SERVICE will be given this Sunday morning, Feb. 20th, at 10:45 A. M., in the Chapel. It has been prepared by a joint committee of the Junior Alumni and High School Department. Elaine Freeman heads the committee. This is the second Junior Alumni service.

Special music will be sung by the High School Chorus.

Confirmants of 1935, '36 and '37 are invited to attend.

## BOARD ELECTS

Myron A. Cohen was re-elected by the Board of Trustees as **President of the congregation**. This will be his third term. Serving with him are:

David Skall—First Vice-President.

Frederick Frankel—Second Vice-President.

James Miller—Treasurer.

Oscar H. Steiner—Re-elected Secretary.

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tude. Soon he became a "Behelfer," an assistant to the teacher. It was his function to bring the children to the synagogue for prayer and to the school for study. While thus taking care of the little ones, he sang beautiful songs to them, and legend records that his singing was so effective that it interfered with Satan, who had sent a wolf to frighten the children. Israel, however, overcame these difficulties with Satan.

At the age of fourteen he became a shamash (beadle) in the Beth Hamidrash. There he continued to study secretly, at night, but since he slept in the daytime, he was considered both lazy and ignorant by his acquaintances. Soon a holy man appeared and transmitted to him some secret manuscripts, and to this man Baal Shem revealed his true character. The holy man died while reciting a very dangerous incantation, no doubt taken from the mystic lore, while Israel remained unscathed.

Israel moved to Brody and became a melamed (teacher). There he was honored for his integrity. A learned man offered him his daughter in marriage. He agreed, but as his learning was a secret, he met with the opposition of his brother-in-law, who resented having an ignoramus as his sister's husband. His bride, however, clung to him, and alone they left Brody to dwell in the Carpathian mountains. There followed seven years of great hardship and privation while Israel tried to eke out a living as a lime-digger. This period offered him much opportunity for prayer, meditation, solitude, and in general a life of great piety. After several years his brother-in-law, Gershon, took pity on his sister and her husband and established them in a little village inn. Since his wife was innkeeper, the Baal Sham had an opportunity for more contemplation. At last at the age of 42, he revealed himself to a few chosen ones.

At this point the story of his life is

lost in obscurity. We discover him later as a rabbi in Miedziboz, Podolia, and even there we know little of his life except what legend recounts. He has become a wonder-worker. He reveals great secrets; he crosses streams by the spreading of his kerchief; at his touch trees burst into flames; he cures ills of all sorts; enables the blind to see; and by his words and prayers, longing souls are admitted to Paradise. He teaches his disciples chiefly by mean of conversation. Thus he travels and spreads his ideas until the day of his death in 1761 in Miedziboz.

In the absence of more detailed biography concerning this great spirit, we necessarily rely for an estimate of the man on a consideration of the significance of the movement which he founded, and which has continued to our own day. We learn to understand the man best through his teachings, which have come down to us in the writings of his disciples and in the fundamental ideas held by Chassidism. What are these?

(To be continued next week)

### THE JEWS AND WASHINGTON

The week of George Washington's birthday has been set aside by the National Conference of Jews and Christians as the time to observe "Brotherhood Day," with appropriate services dedicated to Good Will. The observance recalls a letter that has become a classic in the history of American tolerance. It is George Washington's reply to the Hebrew Congregation of Newport, R. I., who had written expressing their loyalty to the American government and to him, on his election to the Presidency. Washington wrote:

"The citizens of the United States have a right to applaud themselves for having given to mankind examples of an enlarged and liberal policy worthy of imitation. All possess alike liberty of conscience and immunities of citizenship. It is now no more that toleration

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# FRIDAY EVENING, MARCH 4th

## WHAT IS CHASSIDISM?

By EMANUEL GAMORAN  
in B'nai B'rith Magazine

In these days of ultra-rationalism, when pessimism and lack of faith in the ideal, reign, it is good to turn to those sources of Jewish life and lore which reflect an emphasis on joy and faith in the possibilities of the ideal life. One of the most vital of these sources is the lore of Chassidism and the life story and legend of the Baal Shem Tov.

Most Jews have heard of the word "Chassid" or "Chassidism" and especially of "Chassidic" songs. The original meaning of the word Chassid is a pious man. However, that is not what we usually mean when we say of an individual that he is a Chassid, nor does a Chassidic song mean a pious song. The name rather has reference to one of the most interesting and significant religious movements in modern Jewish history.

To understand what a Chassid is and what the movement known as Chassidism founded by the Baal Shem Tov means, we must go back nearly three hundred years in Jewish history. After the massacres of 1648, which destroyed hundreds of Jewish communities in Poland, some of the centers of Jewish learning were also destroyed. A general depression followed. Jewish autonomy, which was a characteristic of Polish Jewish life, broke down. Talmudic learning, which hitherto had been the possession of many, became the possession of the few. The study of the Talmud was no longer as applicable to the environment as it had been, and therefore it often resulted in argumentation for the sake of argument—in mere casuistry. Hair-splitting discussions were carried on that had no practical application to life. Jewish mentality developed, but it was exercised in useless discussion, and brought about an intellectualism which was snobbish and lacking in warmth of religious fervor. Judaism degenerated into book-lore, dry formalism, mere ceremonial

## MEN'S CLUB

MR. MAYO FESLER, director of the Citizen's League, will be the speaker at the Round Table Luncheon on Thursday, February 24th, noon at the Allerton Hotel.

Subject: "Why We Should Have Inter-County Reorganization in Cuyahoga County."

DR. JACOB MEYERS of Western Reserve University gave a brilliant address for the 400 men who attended the Men's Club Smoker last week.

A committee of the Men's Club prepared and served the hamburgers and other refreshments.

observance, even to asceticism. Severe punishment against deviations from accepted custom followed. Conditions were ripe for a reaction against such a narrow and casuistic intellectualism. Thus the ground was prepared for a powerful new movement in Jewish life—Chassidism. This movement was founded by Israel Baal Shem Tov, born in 1700. The story of the Baal Shem is a strange mixture of history and legend, as might well be expected from the devoted followers of this master. Briefly the story may be told as follows:

His parents lived in Moldavia. They were pious people, and as a reward for their piety, legend says they were informed by an angel that they would be blessed with a son who would bring glory to all of Israel. Hence, his name—Israel. Little Israel was born in Bukovina in a tiny village called Okup. Both his parents died while he was young and the child had to be educated through the kindness of friends.

It was not very long, however, before he began to show some interesting peculiarities which at an early age reflected further development. He was frequently missed by his teacher. Usually he was found in the forest, where he spent much of his time enjoying soli-

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The Temple acknowledges with thanks a donation from Mrs. J. M. Stern and children in loving memory of husband and father, Joseph M. Stern.

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