
THE EUCLID AVE. TEMPLE
BULLETIN
CLEVELAND, OHIO

No Service this Sunday Morning--Come instead to

MEGILLAH NIGHT

This Sunday Evening, March 5th, at 8:00 P. M.

A modern version of an old tradition.

Program

A brief service and a short address by Rabbi Brickner.

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Chanting of Benedictions by Cantor Glinkovsky

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"AN ANIMATED MEGILLAH READING"

A new pageant

written and prepared by Nathan Brilliant and Libbie L. Braverman.

The Temple Choir conducted by Mr. Erwin Jospe and pupils
of the Religious School participating.

Bring the Family

PURIM CHILDREN'S SERVICE AND PAGEANT

Saturday

MARCH 4th

11:00 A. M.

Shirley Singer, Allen Mishne, Marshall Bedol, Alan Bedol, Thelma Marks, Shirley Newman, Florence Rose, Kenneth Richland, Lenore Karp, Gloria Hersh and Walter Mayhall of the Confirmation Class of 1939 will read the service.

Since there will be no sessions of the Religious School on Saturday and Sunday mornings, March 4th and 5th, attendance at the Service is required and will constitute a regular session of the Religious School.

Friday Evening Twilight Service, 5:30 to 6:00 P. M.

Rabbi Brickner broadcasts over Station WGAR on Sunday from 2:30 to 3 P. M.

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WHAT IS A MEGILLAH?

The Book of Esther, read on Purim, is known as a Megillah, or Scroll. It is traditionally preserved in this form in order that it may be convenient for use on the holiday. Indeed, Esther is but one of five books of the Bible that are known as Megillas, because each has been put into the form of a special scroll to be read in its entirety upon the appropriate Jewish occasion. The others are the Song of Songs, hymn of love and springtime, which is read on Passover; Ruth, with its reference to the harvest, read on Shovuos; Lamentations, read on the Ninth of Ab, marking the fall of Jerusalem; and Ecclesiastes, read on Sukkos. Among them all, the Book of Esther is considered the Megillah, and the various wooden or metal cases fashioned for its scroll became a fertile field for Jewish artistic expression.

SPECIAL PURIMS

The Purim season recalls the many special Purims established by the Jewish people of various localities. For when a community or a family was delivered from great danger, as were the Persian Jews by Esther, a local or a family Purim was instituted to mark the date of the deliverance with gratitude and festivity.

Thus the Purim of Cairo originated in this fashion: In the year 1524, the Governor of Egypt rebelled against his

Sultan. The Jews remained loyal to the Sultan, therefore the irritated Governor announced that upon the 28th of Adar all the Jews would be massacred. Instead, an uprising developed against him on that day and he was assassinated. Therefore the 28th of Adar is observed there as a special Purim and a specially prepared book relating the event is read upon the occasion.

The Purim of Padua marks the extraordinary deliverance from a great conflagration and the Purim of Ancona (Italy), from a severe earthquake.

Among the family Purims one is termed the "Powder Purim," instituted by Abraham Danzig of Wilna. In the explosion of a powder magazine in that city in 1804, many lives were lost and all of the Danzig family were severely wounded. They recovered, however, and thereafter the anniversary of this date was marked by fasting and the next day by a feast and the giving of alms.

Alumni Oneg Shabbat

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DR. SAM MARON

Professor of Physical Chemistry
at the Case School of
Applied Science
will discuss

"The Nazi Philosophy of Science"

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Refreshments

The High School Choir will sing.

The Men's Club Announces its

SECOND EVENING ROUND TABLE

Thursday Evening March 16th Recreation Hall

COME and . . .

ASK the Rabbi questions on Jewish subjects.

APPLAUD "Israel's Follies" presented by an all-Men's-Club cast.

ENJOY our especial brand of sociability from 9:00 P. M. on.

EAT a catered meal with us at 6:30 P. M. (Reservations—65c)

But above all---come!---if not for the meal then surely for the program.

COMMITTEE: Harry Jacobson, Dr. David Rolf, Sol Battler, Mal Siegel, Henry Pasternak, Chester Hess, I. J. Kabb, Martin Goulder, Dr. S. S. Sidenberg, Jerome Pasch, Irwin Freiburger, Al Soltz, and Julius London.

LAUGH AND BE MERRY

Laugh and be merry, remember, better
the world with a song,

Better the world with a blow in the teeth
of wrong.

Laugh, for the time is brief, a thread the
length of a span.

Laugh and be proud to belong to the old,
proud pageant of man.

Laugh and be merry: remember, in olden
time,

God made Heaven and Earth for joy He
took in a rime;

Made them, and filled them full with
strong red wine of His mirth,

The splendid joy of the stars: the joy of
the earth.

So we must laugh and drink from the
deep blue cup of the sky,

Join the jubilant song of the great stars
sweeping by.

Laugh, and battle, and work, and drink
of the wine outpoured

In the dear green earth, the sign of the
joy of the Lord.

Laugh and be merry together, like

brother akin,

Guesting awhile in the rooms of a
beautiful inn;

Glad till the dancing stops, and the lilt
of the music ends,

Laugh till the game is played; and be
you merry, my friends.

—John Masefield

TRUE CHRISTIAN SENTIMENT

I do not plead the cause of the Jews
merely because they are Jews. I plead
their cause because they are human
beings like the rest of us; because I am
a Christian who would see the banner
of Christian civilization go ever for-
ward. Racial discrimination is hateful
to me; religious intolerance is equally
hateful. I believe with all my heart in
tolerance and goodwill and a willing-
ness to let every man live his own life
in his own way while reserving this same
right to oneself. I am so opposed to in-
tolerance, be it racial or religious or
economic, that I am willing to fight
against it with all my strength and in
all devotion.

—Harold L. Ickes

DANCE



MARCH 25th

FUNDS

The Temple gratefully acknowledges with thanks receipt of the following donations:

To the Yahrzeit Fund: Mrs. Bettie Miller in memory of husband, Sam Miller. Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Gitson in memory of mother, Rebecca Gitson.

To the Altar Fund: Mr. and Mrs. Howard M. Silver and Mr. and Mrs. Ben Silver in memory of Anna Brody. Mr. and Mrs. Adolph Keller in memory of Rosa Stone. Mrs. Alvin D. Friedman in memory of father, Samuel Tronstein. Mrs. Sam Tronstein in memory of husband.

To the Library Fund: Miss Essie Cohen in memory of mother, Annie Cohen. Mr. Paul Miller in memory of mother, Rebecca Miller. Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Anthony in memory of William Antel. Stella Fishel in memory of Henry and Edward M. Fishel.

To the Prayerbook Fund: Mesdames E. H. Corday, Selma Wasserman, and A. L. Sacheroff in memory of Sol Freyer. Mrs. Simon Lewis in memory of Sol Freyer. Mrs. Irene Rettenberg and Mrs. S. F. Deutsch in memory of mother Hannah Rose Sacheroff. Friends and Quilters in memory of Bertha Kahn.

CONGRATULATIONS TO

Mr. A. L. Cohen on the marriage of his daughter, Bessie to Harold Rogoff. Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Devay on their 40th wedding anniversary. Mrs. M. W. Newman on the marriage of her daughter Rhea to Dr. Emanuel Siegel.

BABY BLESSING

At the Saturday morning service, Morton Samuel Gitson, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Gitson will be blessed.

IN MEMORIAM

Our heartfelt sympathy is extended to the bereaved families of

Bertha Rosenberg
Antoinette Goodman
Celia Stern

INTER-TEMPLE DANCE

The High School Departments of all the Cleveland Temples will hold their 4th Annual Inter-Temple Dance, Saturday evening, March 11th in the Recreation Hall of our Temple.

Music will be furnished by Hal Lynn's orchestra. Tickets are 75c a couple if bought in advance and \$1.00 at the door. Dancing starts at 9:00 P. M.

"JEWS ARE PEOPLE"

All my life I have been inordinately proud of being a Jew. But I have felt that one should not brag about it. My Jewishness was, I thought, something to wear with becoming modesty, calling attention to it no more than to my two good physical points which were a fine clear skin and an abundant head of vigorous curly hair. I have felt that to be a Jew was, in some ways at least, to be especially privileged. Two thousands years of persecution have made the Jew quick to sympathy, quick-witted (he'd better be), tolerant, humanly understanding. The highest compliment we can pay a Christian is to say of him that he has a Jewish heart.

All this makes life much more interesting. Being a Jew makes it tougher to get on, but I like that. The highest apple on the branch is the sweetest, and nearest the sun. But, I hasten to add, there's such a thing as overdoing it. The Nazis' little plan has made things just a shade too tough. A joke's a joke.

It irks me to hear people say that Jews are wonderful people or that Jews are terrible people. Jews are wonderful and terrible and good and bad and brilliant and stupid and evil and spiritual and vulgar and cultured and rich and poor and beautiful and ugly and gifted and commonplace. Jews, in short, are people.

—From "A Peculiar Treasure"
by Edna Ferber

FOR A JEWISH NATION

The following is a condensation of an editorial which appeared in the "Daily Iowan," Iowa City, Iowa, February 1, 1939:

It is an unbelievable fact that a nation is so vigorously decied for clinging to the principle that "nations" have been clinging to for centuries. Yet millions of Jews all over the world, fighting not only for their national individuality, but for actual existence—are denied the fulfillment of their historic role as a people by imperialists, communists, assimilationists and bandits.

We recall the outworn eulogy of imperialists and communists anent the crushed Arab at the expense of the Jewish state in Palestine—and we are weary of it.

One people may exploit another economically, culturally and politically. The most vicious of these three is the economic, because the cultural and political status of a people depends in a large measure on its economic condition.

Palestine is thus far the only place where, due to AN INNER REVOLUTION, Jews are developing without those social-economic anomalies to which history has doomed them. The Jewish population of Palestine is proportionately larger than that of any other country; but only 33 per cent of the traders are Jews whereas the majority are engaged in agriculture, manual labor, industry and the professions.

No one dares accuse Zionism of degrading the cultural standard of the Arab population. Everyone recognizes that the immigration of elements with a high cultural level stimulates the original creative energy of the Arab. No Arab will claim that there were better Arab schools or a more highly developed Arab press before the "Zionist invasion."

Perhaps it is no more than fitting to insert at this time the fact that the Arab population increased by 50 per cent in the very years of intensive Jewish immigration. It is no accident that in the very midst of the present tragic occurrences in Palestine, the Grand Mufti's party has come out for a mass-immigration of Arabs from other Arab countries which are much larger in circumference and much more thinly populated—and this at a time when the cry is being raised that Jewish immigration be

stopped because Palestine is over-populated. It is indeed hard to reconcile these circumstances.

There is considerable truth in the argument that the Jews constitute a political menace in the sense that if Jewish immigration continues, the minority will rapidly become a majority. The country will lose its Arab character. Nationalist Arabs and internationalist communists believe that this means "seizing a country" from its rightful owners, and is imperialism.

It is here assumed that those in opposition to Zionist settlement in the Holy Land are prepared to let the Jews be a minority in every country — but the Arabs not in a single land. They forget that they themselves do not consider the Palestinian Arabs as a separate entity but rather view them as a larger nation.

They know that the Arab nation branches out over a large area. Even if we exclude the Arab-speaking lands of North Africa—then Syria, Mesopotamia and Saudi-Arabia still occupy approximately 615,000 square miles.

Palestine, on the other hand, together with Trans-Jordania, is only 26,000 square miles in area—less than 1/23 of all land under Arab rule. They know this fact as well as we do, yet their conclusion seems to be that 22/23 are not enough for 10 to 12 million Arabs, but 1/23 is too much for 16 million Jews, and finally, that Arabs must not be a minority anywhere, and the Jews everywhere!

In answer to those who have proposed the establishment of a pseudo-state in any of the localities recently suggested—it can be said only that any locality will have its "Arabs"—its small group of inhabitants who will object to being made a subsequent minority. Finally, to those who deny the historic "urge" which drives Jews so consistently to the Holy Land, let them look at the facts: Thirty horrible months of massacre have already passed in Palestine and accompanying these 30 months have been 30 new colonies—each one a vigorous act of defiance against the forces—not alone the Arabs—which wish to uproot them.

To the assimilationists we can only say: "Who is to morally persecute a people for wishing to remain the nation that their ancestors have shed blood for?" To the bandits we say nothing. We have not learned to speak their tongue.

AT THE MID-DAY CLUB

The Sisterhood Purim Meeting

TUESDAY, MARCH 7th, 2:30 P. M.

presents a symposium on

"WOMEN OF TODAY"

with



Mrs. Adella Prentiss Hughes

former manager of the Cleveland Symphony Orchestra
who will speak on

"WOMEN IN THE COMMUNITY"

Mrs. Barnett R. Brickner

with many years of experience in Jewish Education
who will speak on

"WOMEN IN RELIGION AND IN THE HOME"



Miss Fanny Arms

head of style research at Halle Bros.
who will speak on

"WOMEN IN BUSINESS"

Judge Mary Grossman

of the Municipal Court
who will speak on

"WOMEN IN THE PROFESSIONS"



THE SYMPOSIUM WILL BE HELD IN THE AUDITORIUM

Tea will be served in the Recreation Hall after the meeting

Mrs. Milton Halle

Chairman of the Day

Mrs. Joseph Laronge

Chairman of Hostesses

A Good Will Offering to the People of Spain

The American Friends Service Committee (Quakers) that is doing the work among the refugees in Spain, particularly among the children, has appealed to us for help. The members of our Sisterhood are urged to bring a good will offering to the Purim Meeting, on March 7th.

Among the articles acceptable are canned goods, vitamin concentrates, soap and cash contributions.