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THE EUCLID AVE. TEMPLE

# BULLETIN

CLEVELAND, OHIO

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SUNDAY MORNING SERVICE

January 28th at 10:30 A. M.

**RABBI BRICKNER**

*will speak on*

## "THE CHRISTIAN FRONT AND FATHER COUGHLIN"

The Rabbi will discuss subversive organizations, Father Coughlin's connections with the Christian Front, and some new material which bears on this whole problem

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Friday evening twilight service 5:30 to 6:00 P. M.

Sabbath morning service 11 to 12 noon

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Rabbi Brickner broadcasts every Sunday evening at 10:15 P. M. over WGAR

### PALESTINE DAY CHILDREN'S SERVICE AND PAGEANT

THIS SATURDAY MORNING, JANUARY 27th AT 11 O'CLOCK

IN THE TEMPLE

Rabbi Brickner will distribute to the children, certificates for trees they purchased, to be planted in Palestine.

Participating in the service are the following 1940 Confirmants: Ellin Zucker, James Goldman, Else Berman, Merle Marks, James Elsofer, Merle Rogen, Elaine Schwartz and Madeline Cohen.

Participating in the pageant are the children of Mrs. Bonder's entire fourth grade class.

## **TEMPLE FLASHES**

### **ONEG SHABBAT**

Last Friday night, the temperature was sub-zero, roads were slippery, people hugged their hearth and home, cars wouldn't start, but the parents and the teachers of the Euclid Avenue Temple—over 400 of them—turned out for the annual Parent-Teachers' Oneg Shabbat. The program, as always, was spirited and informal. The children of the school dramatized the subjects of their curriculum and presented history and current events in a musical revue. They even got the parents to participate and they joined heartily and lustily in the singing of the songs that had been written by their children. After a talk by our Rabbi, the teachers and club leaders received the parents in their rooms, where they had the opportunity of discussing the individual children.

### **MINISTERS SEMINAR**

A practical demonstration of fellowship between religious faiths was staged last Tuesday evening when 150 ministers of many denominations gathered at the Euclid Avenue Temple for its fifth annual Seminar on Judaism. Rabbi Freehof of Pittsburgh and Dr. Marcus of Cincinnati held these groups spellbound as they discussed the basic relationship between the Christian faith and Judaism. This has become an annual affair at our Temple and judging from the growth of interest and the enthusiastic letters that have flooded the Rabbi's mail, we know that much goodwill and understanding has been generated through this instrument of goodwill.

The delicious dinner was prepared and served by Mrs. L. E. Blachman and her committee consisting of Mesdames Adelle Bercu, Harry Korach, Jerome Halle, L. J. Cort, A. Gitson, S. F. Deutsch, I. S. Rose, Arthur Haas, E. M. Bloom, B. R. Brickner and Miss Rollie New.

### **MEN'S CLUB—SISTERHOOD**

On Tuesday Raymond Clapper, the well-known Washington correspondent and columnist, addressed over 500 women

## **SISTERHOOD**

### **MOTHER-DAUGHTER DAY, FEBRUARY 10th.**

Tickets for the Mother-Daughter Day luncheon Saturday, February 10th, are now in the hands of the following hostesses: Mesdames L. B. Podis, M. O. Mattlin, Ellis Rippner, Herman Bercu, H. Gittelson, Jerome Antel, Samuel Sheinbart, Arnold Turkel, Harry Wolpaw, O. J. Zinner, Ed Bleier, Stephen Kraus, Charles Bialosky, Charles Roubicek, J. C. Newman, Arthur Haas, Harry Rosewater, Sol Gitson, I. S. Rose, Jack R. Falcovich, William Estrin, Joseph Felder, Martin Golden, Lawrence Beyer, David Benjamin, Hy Mervis, Harriet Freedman, Jerome Green, Chester Hess, Mayo Klaus, Saul Krohn, Sam Gutterman, Sig Haiman, Milton Halle, Alex Sill and William Carpel.

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**SAVE AND BRING YOUR TAX STAMPS** with you to the sewing meeting on Tuesday or drop them into a box provided for that purpose in the office. Help swell our Scholarship and Braille Funds.

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of the Sisterhood in the afternoon and an audience of about 400 Men's Club members in the evening. At both of these sessions Mr. Clapper was besieged with a barrage of questions hurled at him by eager audiences that were stimulated by his very able presentations of the situation in Washington.

All in all, during this busy week, more than 2,000 pairs of feet crossed the threshold of the Temple and this does not include the regular events for adults such as the Bible class, the Hebrew class, the Alumni Cultural Groups and the Sisterhood sewing as well as Friday evening and Sabbath morning service worshippers.

## JEWISH YOUTH CONFERENCE SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 4th

A Jewish Youth Conference will be held in Cleveland on Sunday afternoon, February 4th, at the Hotel Hollenden, at 2:30 P. M., sponsored by the League of Jewish Youth with the cooperation of the Jewish Young Adult Bureau. This is the Sixth Annual Conference of its kind to be arranged by the Youth League.

The main theme of the Conference will be "The Place of Jewish Youth in Organized Community Life." The following five Round Table Discussion Groups will be held simultaneously, the participants making their own choice as to which group they will join:

"Jewish Youth and Jobs", George Newburger of the Jewish Vocational Service, Chairman.

"Our Responsibility to Palestine Today," Dr. Samuel Maron, President of Cleveland Zionist District, Chairman.

"An Evaluation of Jewish Communal Institutions As They Affect Youth," Philip Bernstein, Assistant Director of the Jewish Welfare Federation, Chairman.

"Jewish Youth in the American Democracy," Eugene H. Freedheim, Vice-President of the Jewish Social Service Bureau, Chairman.

"Training Youth for Leadership in Jewish Community Life," Samuel Levine, Director of the Council Educational Alliance, Chairman.

Rabbi Barnett R. Brickner, President of the Bureau of Jewish Education, will be the guest speaker at the closing session.

More than fifty Jewish youth organizations are participating in the Conference.

## FLOWER IN THE CRANNIED WALL

Flower in the crannied wall,  
I plucked you out of the crannies,  
I hold you here, root and all, in my hand,  
Little flower—but if I could understand  
What you are, root and all, and all in all,  
I should know what God and man is.

—Tennyson.

## Alumni

## ONEG SHABBAT

This Friday evening  
JANUARY 26th at 8:30 P. M.

Alumni Hall

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MR. HARRY ROSEN

Director of the newly organized Jewish  
Young Adult Bureau  
will speak on

"WHAT DOES ZIONISM  
MEAN TO AMERICAN  
JEWISH YOUTH?"

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Special service prepared by the  
Alumni Ritual Committee, Victor  
Karp, Chairman.

Alumni Choral Group participating  
for the first time in the Service  
and Sabbath ceremonies, Norman  
Roman, Director.

Refreshments

## Alumni Get-Together

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 4th  
3:30 to 5:30 P.M.

Alumni Hall

Special Dances

Short Skit by Dramatic Group

Refreshments

Membership card admits two

## ALUMNI CULTURAL GROUPS

Choral, Monday, Jan. 29th.

Book, Tuesday, Jan. 30th—Mr. Brilliant  
discussing, "Amos."

Discussion, Thursday, Feb. 1st.

## MUSIC APPRECIATION GROUP.

Those interested in joining please phone  
Alfred Korach, Fa. 4268.

## BOOK REVIEW

### "Sufferance Is The Badge"

By Dr. Abram Sachar

Massed as they are in this book, the records of persecution of Jews, during the last few years, in a number of countries blend into a picture that is hideous in its unrelieved horror, tragic in its revelation of widespread cruelty, ominous in its implications for the future unless raging anti-Semitism is checked and the dictates of reason and tolerance and mercy restored in this world. Dr. Sachar has confined himself to no one country in his quest for material. He traces the sufferings of harried Jewish communities in a score of lands, ever since anti-Semitism reached its present climax of ruthlessness.

The underlying message of the whole book is the necessity for Jews everywhere to foster the intimate relationship between themselves and all that is liberal in the world, in order to defeat the wave of persecution now menacing them.

Professor Sachar harps constantly on this theme. Turning from Germany to other countries—Poland, Rumania, Hungary—he describes how the Nazis are at work there to inculcate their doctrines, hidden under the camouflage of anti-Jewish measures.

Despite his horror at the cruel persecutions of Jews now sweeping a number of countries, the author sees light already in some places and hope of more light on the now darkened horizon.

The United States, to him, is still a citadel of justice and democracy, a haven of refuge for them.

In sentences noble in thought and expression, he seeks to drive despair out of Jewish hearts, to substitute for it steadfastness, confidence, the healing balm of hope. Jews must keep their

courage high and unshaken, he proclaims; they must preserve through every tribulation the belief that mankind is capable of conquering the powers of darkness.

All through Dr. Sachar's book indignation throbs and bitter hatred of injustice is expressed with telling effect. Not alone in his pages on the Nazi Reich—which burn with anger and horror—but over and over again in other parts of his work he pours out words that glow with an intensity of feeling sure to communicate itself even to the most casual and callous reader. His indictment of the cruel anti-Semitism of our day is tremendous in its concentrated strength. It reads like the fiery curse of some prophet of biblical times.—New York Times.

## RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

DR. SAM MARON, Professor of Physical Chemistry at Case School of Applied Science and newly elected President of the Cleveland Zionist District, will address the High School students at their assembly this Sunday morning, January 28th at 10:45 A. M. in the Chapel.

## CONGRATULATIONS TO:

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Freyman on the engagement of their daughter Rita, to Edward D. Dibner of Brooklyn, New York.

Mr. and Mrs. Milton M. Weil on the engagement of their daughter, Marjorie to Melvin Daniel Loeb, son of Mr. and Mrs. Isidore Loeb.

Dr. and Mrs. Michael Krall on their twentieth anniversary.

Mr. and Mrs. Morris Grossman on their 50th wedding anniversary.

DR. B. R. BRICKNER will speak at the next session of the Current Events course Tuesday evening, February 6 at 8:30 in the Auditorium.

## IN MEMORIAM

Our heartfelt sympathy is extended to the bereaved families of Israel S. Feit, Charles Victor Wakefield, and Rebecca Samson.



## ANNIVERSARY OF THE BIRTH OF RASHI

With the coming of 1940, Israel marks the 900th anniversary of the birth of the most popular and widely-read rabbinic teacher of its whole history: Rashi. Rashi has been acclaimed and revered because he helped all the generations who followed him to gain a clearer understanding of the Bible and of the Talmud. For, to accompany each of these pillars of Jewish literature, he composed a commentary, of such simplicity and clarity, such piety and good taste, such comprehensive grasp and yet brevity, that they have become classics. Copies of the Pentateuch are traditionally printed with Rashi's commentary, and the Talmud in Hebrew is scarcely to be found without it, so that the word "Rashi" itself is accepted as a synonym for "commentary."

The name is a compound of the initials of Rabbi Shelomo bar Itzhak, an oft-used Jewish technique of designation. Rashi lived in Troyes, in the north of France where Jews had dwelled comfortably for many centuries in their own communities. Educated in the growing centers of scholarship along the Rhine, he mastered fundamental Jewish literature and law so completely that he was able to guide the minds of many generations through their difficulties by means of his explanations and comments, which follow, verse by verse, the text of Bible and Talmud.

It is a man's duty to keep his body in a state of cleanliness, as well as to keep his soul in a state of purity. Hillel, when going to bathe, used to tell his pupils that he was going to do a godly deed. Once his pupils ventured for an explanation. "Have you not observed," said he to his disciples, "how the caretakers in the theatres and other public places always wash the statues and keep them clean? If then such care is bestowed on inanimate sculptures, the works of man, it must surely be a holy duty scrupulously to clean the handiwork and masterpiece of God."

—Midrash.

## MEN'S CLUB

### *Evening Round Table*

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 30TH,  
at 6:15 P. M.**

**Vagabond Room — Tasty Shop**  
10550 Euclid Avenue  
Complete dinner 75c

## RABBI BRICKNER

**will lead the discussion**

Round Table will adjourn at  
8:30 P. M.

Stay and enjoy a friendly game  
of pinochle, bridge or hearts

Dr. S. S. Sidenberg and Martin N.  
Goulder, Co-chairmen, Round  
Table Committee

## *Father-Son Dinner*

**SUNDAY EVENING, FEB. 18th**  
Alumni Hall

## ARCHBISHOP SCHREMB'S TO SPEAK ON TOLERANCE

Archbishop Joseph Schrembs will address a civic luncheon meeting Monday noon, January 29, at the Cleveland Hotel, on the subject of Tolerance and Interfaith cooperation. The luncheon is sponsored by the Cleveland Round Table of the National Conference of Jews and Christians.

It will be Archbishop Schrembs' first address before such an interfaith group. In his discussion, he is expected to relate his remarks to his recent visit to the Vatican. Few members of the Catholic clergy in America have enjoyed so close a relationship with the Pope as does Archbishop Schrembs.

Tickets for the luncheon, priced at \$1.10 each, may be obtained at the office of the National Conference at 1064 Union Commerce Building, CHerry 3775, or at the Jewish Community Council office in the Chester-Twelfth Building, CHerry 8176.

# HEBREW AT HARVARD

The first Hebrew Grammar published in America, written in 1735 by Judah Monis, the first instructor of Hebrew at Harvard College, is one of the items in the Museum of the Jewish Theological Seminary of America in New York City.

The rare volume is one of the few surviving copies and is exhibited together with a photostat of the bookseller's advertisement of its publication and a number of early American Hebrew grammars and textbooks.

Judah Monis had been dictating his Grammar, to be copied in longhand by his students, until he was given a grant by the college to publish it in 1735. Type was ordered from England, but arrived in imperfect condition, and had to be completed by a later shipment. A copy was ordered by the college for each Overseer, Member of the Corporation, Professor, and Tutor and the students were required to purchase the Grammar, for Hebrew was a prescribed study.

The author was a colorful character. He was probably born in Italy, in a family of Portuguese Maranos, and studied in Leghorn and Amsterdam before serving as a Rabbi on the island of Jamaica, and later in New York City. He is next heard of in Cambridge, where in 1722 he was converted to Christianity under the tutelage of Increase Mather and other local clerics. Immediately thereafter he was appointed the first instructor in Hebrew at Harvard College at a salary of £50 a year.

The rules under which he proceeded to teach Hebrew were set down in the Harvard Corporation Records in the following words:\*

1. All the Undergraduates shalbe obliged to attend his Hebrew Instructions, excepting the Freshmen, and Such others as Shalbe Exempted by the President and their respective Tutors.
2. He shall have the power and Authority to punish those Instructed by him for delinquencies in the Exercises he Sets them, as the Tutors have with reference to their Pupils.
3. These Hebrew Instructors shalbe at-

tended four days in a week, on Monday and Wednesday in the After-noon, on Fryday and Saturday in the Forenoon unless on those Frydays which the Bachelors Disputations may prevent them in the Forenoon, then they shalbe attended in the After-noon.

4. These Exercises shal begin in the After-noon at two of the clock, and in the forenoon, at half an hour past nine ordinarily.
5. That Every Scholar shalbe obliged to have an Hebrew Bible, or at lest an Hebrew Psalter, and also an Hebrew Lexicon.
6. Their Hebrew Exercises shalbe as follows, vizt. one Exercise in a week shalbe the writing the Hebrew and Rabbinicall. The rest shalbe in this gradual method, That is to Say, 1. Copying the Grammar and reading. 2. Reciting it and reading. 3. Construng. 4. Parsing. 5. Translating. 6. Composing. 7. reading without points. 8. Mr. Monis shall forthwith enter on this Service.

For infractions of these rules fines were imposed—for absence, one shilling; tardiness, sixpence; evident negligence, one shilling; contemptuous carriage, five shillings.

Like Latin and Greek, the study of Hebrew fell off as years went by in American education, but Monis' Grammar recalls the early days when Hebrew was a vital part of the curriculum of every institution of higher learning in America. Monis retired at the age of 77, in 1760, to be "remembered in the annals of American history as the first Hebrew teacher and grammarian in the United States."

\*Note the old English spelling.—Ed.

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