
THE EUCLID AVE. TEMPLE

BULLETIN

CLEVELAND, OHIO

Rabbi Brickner invites you to celebrate Purim with him on

MEGILLAH NIGHT

SUNDAY EVENING, MARCH 24th AT 8:00 P. M.

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A Brief Service

will be followed by

"ESTHER" A PURIM CANTATA

rendered by

A mixed chorus of forty voices and soloists under the direction of our choir director,
Mr. Erwin Jospe

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Concluding with a social in Alumni Hall where Hamantaschen and coffee will be served.

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Every year since we inaugurated this Megillah Night, over a thousand members
have attended and enjoyed the wonderful programs.

No Morning Service this Sunday

PURIM CHILDREN'S SERVICE

Saturday, March 23, 11 A. M.

Beverly Bernstein, Stanley Blachman, Ruth Dragin, Richard Freeman,
Betty Green, Constance Grossman, Robert Gruener, Carol Spiegle and
Lucille Weiss of the Confirmation Class will read the service.

Bondy speaking contest winners: Else Berman, Herbert Cohn, Betty
Friedman and Robert Richland will speak on "What Purim Means To Me."

Friday evening Twilight Service 5:30 to 6 P. M.

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

## TEMPLE FLASHES

The Alumni's Silver Anniversary was one of the most brilliant affairs of the season. Everybody was there . . . Maurice Bruml, First President of the Alumni, brought his son and daughter to greet Rabbi Wolsey who had organized the Association. Presidents and officers of the past twenty-five years, new members, old members, youngsters, oldsters, people who had worked to build the organization and some who had just come to greet Rabbi Wolsey were among the 550 guests at this twenty-fifth birthday celebration at the Allerton . . . Those who could not come to the dinner turned out for the reception and dance which followed, so that more than 800 people participated in the Alumni's one quarter of a century party. . . Prexy Horwitz in his greetings urged Alumni members to assume the responsibility that was theirs in Temple affairs. He introduced Bernard Sang, first vice-president of the National Federation of Temple Youths who brought greetings from the National organization. Mr. Brilliant and Rabbi Brickner spoke briefly and were followed by Rabbi Louis Wolsey, the guest of honor . . . 21 past presidents of the Association were honored at the dinner. Those present were Maurice W. Bruml, Morton S. Zaller, Elmer Babin, Maurice Bernstein, Harry Grossberg Irving Klein Irving G. Whitman, George E. Frankel, Bernard S. Kaufman, Howard S. Bernon, and Robert Desberg . . . Orchids to all the committees whose untiring efforts made this affair the huge success it was and special orchids to Joseph H. Persky and Sanford J. Newman, general co-chairmen and to the chairmen of the sub-committees, Joseph Babin, Sheridan Horwitz, Rosalind L. Korach, Mrs. Sam L. Katz, Ruth Pollock, Jeanne Sicherman, Jean Hoffer, Loren Kendis, Robert Kohrman and Robert Dworkin. . .

The Junior Alumni stole a march by celebrating Purim with Shushan night last Sunday evening, one week ahead of time . . . Alumni Hall was turned into a Shushan Cafe-Club with tables en-

## LAST CALL FOR HELP

*If you are planning to make a contribution to the Purim Basket Fund, the Rabbi asks you please to do so immediately. Help bring some happiness into the lives of others on this the happiest of holidays.*

*Contributions should be sent to Rabbi Brickner.*

## SISTERHOOD

**THE OHIO STATE FEDERATION OF TEMPLE SISTERHOODS** will convene in Youngstown on March 31, April 1st and 2nd at the Hotel Ohio.

"To What Does the Sisterhood Owe Its Allegiance," and "How Far Should Its Activities Extend," will be the subjects of the forum. Our own Mrs. B. R. Brickner will lead one of the discussions.

Members of the Sisterhood are invited to attend.

**MANY THANKS** to Mr. Jack Kinkle Jr., of the North American Knitting Mills, Mansfield, Ohio; Mr. L. N. Graves of Phoenix Mills, Statesville, North Carolina, and to the Bamberger-Reinthal Company for the contributions of yarn to the Red Cross work the Sisterhood is doing. Almost one hundred hand crocheted afghans that were made at the Sisterhood Sewing on Tuesdays have been turned over to the Red Cross.

circling the dance area. On the floor a huge effigy of Haman was drawn in colored chalk. When the guests danced the effigy was eradicated in obedience to the biblical injunction . . . Everyone entered into the spirit of Purim. They sang to the noisy rhythm of whirring greggers.

They gave themselves to the Purim celebration with wholehearted hilarity . . . Haman the villain was hissed whenever he appeared whether it was in a song or as one of the cast in the Minstrel Show or in the musical revue . . . About 150 young people attended with the teachers of the High School Department, Rabbi and Mrs. Brickner, Mr. Brilliant and Mrs. Braverman as guests . . . Dinner was prepared and served by Mrs. L. E. Blachman and her faithful committee.

**Tremendous! Stupendous! Colossal!**

**RELIGIOUS SCHOOL  
PURIM REVIEW**

**Part I**

**Junior High Dept.**

**Saturday, March 23, 9:00 A. M.**

**Part II**

**Intermediate and Primary Department**

**Sunday, March 24, 9:30 A. M.**

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*800 children in the cast*

**WHAT WORSHIP DOES?**

There are moments when the walls between the seen and unseen appear to grow thin and almost vanish away, and one feels himself to be in contact with more than himself. The threshold of consciousness, which in our attentive and focussed states of mind bars the entrance of everything that does not fit the business in hand, drops to a different level and allows a vastly widened range of experience, and we suddenly discover that we can draw upon more of ourself than at other times. And in these best moments of widened range when we share the cooperative influence of many expectant worshippers around us, it seems often as though streams of life and light and love and truth flow in from beyond our margins, and we come back to work and business and thought again, not only calmed, rested and made serene, but also more completely organized and vitalized and equipped with new energies of the spirit.

It is like a ship in a lock. Here the ship is, shut in by great gates before and behind. Its driving engines have slowed down; its speed has diminished to naught. It is no longer going anywhere. And yet all the time the water is rising underneath the ship, and when the gate in front swings open, and the ship emerges from its period of full stop, it will go out for its journey on a higher level and carry its burden of freight henceforth on a new plane.

Rufus M. Jones.

**ALUMNI**

**MR. ERWIN JOSPE** will be the guest of the Alumni Music Appreciation Group on Friday evening, March 29th, in the Temple Parlor. He will speak on the intriguing subject, "How To Forget Your Musical Education."

**FUNDS**

**To the Braille Fund:** Mrs. Morris Olenberg in memory of mother, Sadie Nathan.

**To the Altar Fund:** Mrs. Bert Sampliner in memory of brother, William Berke and aunt, Lena Berkowitz. Mrs. E. J. Sampliner in memory of husband's birthday. Sara and Rickie Labowitch and Mrs. Harry A. Bernon in honor of 80th birthday of Mrs. Mary David. Shirley and Billy Klein in memory of birthday of grandfather, E. J. Sampliner. Rose David in honor of 80th birthday of mother, Mrs. Mary David.

**To the Prayerbook Fund:** Mrs. William Weiss in memory of Esther Brenner Leitner, Elizabeth Brenner, and husband William Weiss. Edwin Schanfarber and Mrs. Sylvia Goldstein in memory of birthday of father, David Schanfarber. Sarah and Esther Cohen in memory of mother, Bertha Cohen.

**To the Library Fund:** Mrs. Fannie Rosenberg in honor of Howard Stengel Rosenberg. Mrs. Mildred Licker in memory of Samuel B. Licker, husband. Mrs. J. H. Shulman and Mrs. H. R. Portugal in memory of father, Samuel B. Schulman. Grace and Wilbur Gluckman in memory of father, Joseph Gluckman.

**To the Betty Jane Finkle Fund:** Mrs. L. B. Reich in memory of mother, Rebecca Gold and in memory of birthday of niece, Betty Jane Finkle.

**To the Yahrzeit Fund:** Mrs. Laura Spivak in memory of son, David Spivak. Mrs. B. F. Klein in memory of mother, Mary Newhouse Firth. The Friedman Family in memory of mother, Kate Friedman. Mrs. E. Simon in memory of father, Jacob White. Mrs. Milton M. Lang in memory of mother and father, Blanche and Ben Feniger. Mrs. Samuel H. Deutsch and Carl J. Leibel in memory of father's birthday, Jonas Leibel.

**CONGRATULATIONS TO:**

Mr. and Mrs. Harry H. Cohen on the Bar Mitzvah of their son Morton.

Mrs. Edward Heiser on the engagement of her son, Phil to Jeanne Cohen.

Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Reicher on the engagement of their daughter, Shirley to Norman Earnstein.

## *Twenty Years of Jewish Excavation*

By DOROTHY KAHN

This month (Teveth; December 1939—January 1940), the Jewish Palestine Exploration Society is twenty years old. Its efforts were crowned with the excavations last year at Beth Shearim, considered the most significant achievement in Palestine archeology after Lachish. This city, the first ancient Jewish city to be cleared, was the centre of Jewish cultural life after the destruction of Jerusalem. It was to this cemetery that the Jews of the Near East brought their dead when the Mount of Olives was closed to them. The Sanhedrin assembled in this Synagogue and the Mishna was completed there.

Two decades have passed since a group of Jewish scholars in Palestine met in Jerusalem to establish the Society, whose aim was "to advance and develop the exploration of Palestine in all its forms, with special emphasis on archaeological, historical and geographical research." Among the founders were Eliezer Ben Yehuda, Dr. A. Mazie, Professor David Yellin, Professor N. Slousch and I. Press.

Paradoxically, the ancient treasures of the Jews had previously been unearthed almost entirely by non-Jewish excavators, representing societies from Germany, France, England, Italy and America. The vast archaeological interest of Palestine where it is possible to retrace history from the beginning of humankind, was internationally recognized. Yet, except for sporadic efforts by individuals, the Jews themselves had not joined in the "digging up" which was linked so definitely with their own past.

This lack of Jewish archaeological bodies may be attributed to several causes. Firstly, the Jew, while in exile, had become accustomed to live through his literature rather than through realities. It seemed more natural to him therefore, to reconstruct his past from Biblical and Talmudical sources than from broken columns and crumbling skeletons.

Secondly, traditional Judaism being opposed to tampering with graves there was a repugnance toward archaeology, since the activities centered so largely around ancient burial places.

Both these drawbacks have been overcome. Once the Jew was again rooted in his homeland, he had a yearning for more concrete links with his past than literature. He was not content that only foreign societies should unearth his synagogues, without his assistance. Religious prejudices were likewise withdrawn as it became clear, even to the ultra-orthodox, that these crumbling ruins were among our most significant links with the past. When work was begun by the Jewish Palestine Exploration Society on the Monument of Absalom the workers were disturbed by crowds of orthodox Jews who argued that since the fresh earth which had fallen from the ruins was mingled with bones the monument must be left undisturbed until the Day of Judgment. The Rabbinical Council, however, agreed that the work must go on. Today the pious Jew raises no objection, even when the excavator's spade pries into the vicinity of the tomb of Rachel.

During the twenty years of its existence, the Jewish Palestine Exploration Society can be said to have opened a new field of "halutzit" (pioneering). Its archaeologists have helped to forge the concrete links between the Jewish yesterday and today. With spade and shovel, they have shown that nothing but time separates the menorah on the Tel Aviv synagogue from the menorah in Beth Shearim which dates back to the end of the second century.

Stand with Dr. B. Maisler (Director of the Beth Shearim Expedition) before a lulab and a shofar carved on the walls of an ancient catacomb with the word "shalom" inscribed in Hebrew letters. At this moment, calendars become in-

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TUNE IN on the PURIM RADIO BROADCAST of the BUREAU OF JEWISH EDUCATION on Sunday, March 24th, from 5:00 to 5:15 P. M. over STATION WTAM.

A musical program is being arranged by Mr. Erwin Jospe, Organist and Choir Director of the Euclid Avenue Temple, which will be presented by the entire choir of twenty voices. The following numbers will be sung: "Shoshanas Yaakov," a traditional song arranged by Mr. Jospe; "Alas We are Undone" from the Operetta "In the Name of the King" by Coopersmith, arranged for chorus by Mr. Jospe; "Oh Be Joyful" by Cesar Franck; "The Lord our Enemy has Slain" from the Oratorio "Esther" by Handel; "Artaxerxes, King of Persia" from the Cantata "Esther" by Stoughton; and "Islamatus" by Rossini.

This Purim Broadcast is one of a series of Jewish Holiday Radio Programs, which are part of the regular Extension Education Program of the Bureau of Jewish Education.

### BOOK REVIEW

By Rabbi Milton Steinberg

Montagu S. Modder, Professor of English Literature at Beloit University, has just had published a study on "The Jew in the Literature of England." Professor Modder treats with portrayals of the Jew as they have appeared throughout the history of English literature. He describes Jewish characters in Anglo-Saxon literature, in Marlowe and Shakespeare, in the period of the Restoration, in Victorian and post-Victorian days. It is fascinating to observe how the Jewish personality has been so largely a stock character, either of the Shylock type or of the romantic pattern as in the Disraeli novels and the "Daniel Deronda" of Eliot. The volume represents profound and extensive scholarship and is at the same time alive, vital and readable.

Published by the Jewish Publication Society of America, \$2.50.

For Men Only

### EVENING ROUND TABLE

THURSDAY, MARCH 28th

at 6 P. M.

The last one of the season

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**DR. ROBERT B. WHYTE**

Pastor of the Old Stone Church  
will speak on

**"REPAIRING OUR WORLD"**

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Dinner 75c at the Tasty Restaurant,  
Upper Dining Room, 10550 Euclid Ave.  
An old-fashioned get-together and an  
evening of cards will follow  
the Round Table

### MOCK TRIAL

Legal Lights of the Men's Club are working hard on the Men's Club April offering—a Mock Trial. Myron S. Stanford, chairman; I. L. Kenen, Otto Zinner and Harry Wolpaw promise an unusual event on the evening of April 16th.

Members of the Men's Club who wish to participate as jurors, bailiffs etc., at the Mock Trial please report to Jack Rosenthal in the Temple office. Experience is unnecessary. A good time is in store for all who participate.

### THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE

consisting of Dr. S. S. Sidenberg, Martin Goulder, Al Soltz, Dave Schlesinger, and Harry Jacobson are desirous of making as wide and as representative a selection as possible. Your suggestions by immediate phone call or card to any of the men above will be very welcome.

**ELECTED** to fill vacancies on the Men's Club Board are Dr. Louis Bard, Max Fanger, Marvin Gardner and Moe Weiner. Dr. S. S. Sidenberg was appointed chairman of the nominating committee for board members to be elected in May.

## TWENTY YEARS OF JEWISH EXCAVATION

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significant and Jewish history slides together as an accordion.

The Society has undertaken varied projects since its establishment, and, like many other branches of pioneering in Palestine, much of its work was done on a pittance. Dr. Maisler undertook the mammoth task at Beth Shearim on a budget of £P.10. The outstanding excavations have been the synagogue at Hammat near Tiberias; the tomb of Absalom and the Jewish tombs in the Kidron Valley; the "third wall" of Jerusalem known as "The Wall of Agripas;" Jewish remains of the first century B.C. at Rachel's Tomb, near Jerusalem, and Beth Shearim.

In addition to these larger undertakings, the society has served as an archaeological "maid-of-all-work." Palestine fairly bristles with antiquities, one layer of civilization buried on top of another. In recent years every Palestinian Jew has become a pseudo-archaeologist. There is a saying that every rural settlement has a chicken coop, stable, and an excavation field of its own. Beth Alfa, Ein Hashofet and other settlements have found mosaic floors while planting their potatoes.

When such chance finds are made, the Society is called in to explain the origins and means of preserving the treasures. When Mahanaim, a Yemenite quarter in Jerusalem, was being built, a tomb was laid bare which later proved to be a Jewish family vault. The investigations were entrusted by the Government Department of Antiquities to the Jewish Palestine Exploration Society. The primitive 7½ inch nail with which the rough Hebrew inscription had been made was found on the ground beside the ossuary, since Jewish law forbade the further use of articles employed for the needs of the dead.

Another chance discovery was a menorah and lulab inscribed above the door

Where there is no reverence for the Bible, there can be no true refinement of manners.—Friederich Nietzsche.

of a fellah's house in the village of Kfar Yasif. Digging by the Society in the neighborhood yielded fragments proving the existence of a Jewish community and synagogue in this place contemporary with the period of the ancient Galilean synagogues.

In addition to its actual work in the field, the Society has carried out archaeological and geographical surveys and researches in Galilee, the Sharon, and the environs of Jerusalem. It has also published a "Library of Palestinology" embracing nine volumes on various aspects of archaeology. Its quarterly Bulletin is the only Hebrew archaeological journal in the world. How strange to thumb through the pages of this modern magazine describing ancient inscriptions in the original tongue in which they were written!—(From the Palestine Review.)

Driving an automobile is a full time job. The alert motorist knows that in addition to controlling his car, his attention must be constantly ready should a person step into the path of his auto or a careless driver swerve into his lane of traffic. Pay attention when you're driving! The driver who gets wrapped up in a conversation sometimes wraps himself around a pole.

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