
THE EUCLID AVE. TEMPLE
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SUNDAY MORNING SERVICE

May 5th at 10:30 A. M.

RABBI BRICKNER

will speak on

the new novel by Richard Wright
"NATIVE SON"

Like the "Grapes of Wrath", this is another superb novel to stagger the conscience of America. It raises some of the deepest and most troublesome issues of our day.



The Euclid Avenue Temple extends to you and your family a cordial invitation to attend the graduation exercises of the high school department, in conjunction with the service on Sunday, May 12, Nineteen Hundred and Forty, 10:30 o'clock.

Friday evening Twilight Service 5.30 to 6 P. M.
Sabbath morning Service 11 to 12 noon

WE CELEBRATED PASSOVER

Services

A huge congregation filled the temple to capacity for the services on the first day of Passover. Children who stayed away from Public School to observe the holiday, were present in large numbers. The service which was read by Rabbi Brickner and pupils of the confirmation class culminated in a thrilling and inspiring pageant, dramatizing the struggle for freedom from the time of Moses until the present day. Seventy-five pupils of the High School and Elementary Departments participated in the pageant which was directed by Libbie L. Braverman and written by her in collaboration with Nathan Brilliant. The concluding Day of Passover again witnessed a capacity attendance for the Yiskor Service memorializing the departed.

Alumni

Both the Senior and Junior Groups held their own special Pesach celebrations. A combined Oneg Shabbat and Third Seder was featured by the Senior Alumni last Friday evening with Rabbi Brickner conducting an "Ask The Rabbi" session and with a special Haggadah for the Seder ceremonial. Young people from the Unitarian and Baptist Churches were the guests of the Alumni. The Junior Alumni stole a march by holding its Passover party, which they called the "Matzah Ball" the night before the first Seder.

The Seder

Three hundred and twenty-five temple members and friends sat down with Rabbi Brickner to observe the Seder. The size of the group did not hamper the intimacy of the occasion. The children, too, played a prominent part in the Seder. Several of their number chanted the Kiddush and all of them together chanted the Mah Nishtanah. They enjoyed especially the hunt for the Afikomen. Ten of them received prizes for locating the pieces of Matzah.

The School

Each department held a special assembly where an original program was presented by the children. Every child from the kindergarten up was taught to chant the Mah Nishtanah and every child from the seventh grade up learned to sing the Kiddush.

SISTERHOOD

THANKS to Mrs. E. Simon for the hand made afghan she donated to the Sisterhood in memory of her daughter, Della Simon Levitt.

SEWING will be resumed by the Sisterhood on Tuesday, May 7th.

MOTHER'S DAY is May 12th. Be sure to come up to Sisterhood Sewing and select a gift from the large assortment of beautiful articles.

BROADCAST DRAWS HUGE RESPONSE

"Overcoming Unpopularity" proved its popularity as a subject judging from the flood of letters Rabbi Brickner received in response to his broadcast of last week.

"I would like very much to have a copy of your radio address of April 21, together with your permission to reproduce it in 'The Railroad Trainmen'," writes the editor and manager of the official organ of the Grand Lodge of Brotherhood Railroad Trainmen.

Here is a letter that speaks for itself. "Last Sunday evening we listened to Rabbi Brickner's talk as usual and enjoyed it immensely. I am a Sunday School teacher of young girls about sixteen to eighteen, and would very much appreciate it if I could have a copy of his talk."

"I think it would prove a great help to my commercial students," says a high school teacher.

Another member of the radio audience felt that the talk, "was very 'meaty' and to the point."

CONGRATULATIONS TO:

Dr. and Mrs. Jonas E. Kurlander on the engagement of their daughter, June, to Richard E. Singer.

Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Schwartz on the engagement of their daughter Ruth, to Irving Bane.

Mrs. Rachel Spiegle on her seventy-fifth birthday.

Special Hebrew Department
Oneg Shabbat
Graduation Exercises
FRIDAY, MAY 17, 8 P. M.
Alumni Hall

These exercises mark the successful completion of seven years of study, three days a week in the Hebrew Bible, Language and Literature.

An original pageant written and acted by the graduates will be presented.

Rabbi Brickner will address the graduates.

Mr. Myron A. Cohen, President of our Congregation, will present each graduate with a gold ring bearing the insignia of the Temple.

FUNDS

To the Scholarship Fund: Gertrude M. Fox in memory of Theodore Fishel and Mrs. Fannie Salts.

To the Library Fund: Mr. Sol Newman and Mrs. Alice Oppenheimer in memory of wife and mother, Helena Strauss Newman. Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Anthony in memory of Yetta and Charles Schwarz and Tena Peskin. Mrs. J. A. Wolfson and Mrs. B. G. Bramson in memory of mother, Sara Bleiweiss. Miss Ida Mendelson in memory of Martin Mendelson. Mrs. Harry Berne in memory of father, Isaac Newman. Mrs. Morris N. Halle in memory of Rose Barth and Dr. M. E. Blahd. Mrs. Jacob Falcovich in honor of the 18th birthday of Bernard Falcovich. Rena, Lenore, and Sylvia Stein in memory of mother, Rosa Stein.

To the Altar Fund: Mrs. Max Bernstein in memory of Tena Peskin. Mrs. Theodore Fishel.

To the Prayerbook Fund: Mrs. William Schnurmacher in memory of mother, Lizzie Thorman Berman. Pearl Glueck and Sophie Romanchik in memory of Rudolph Eckstein. Mrs. Sam F. Deutsch in memory of father, Hyman A. Sacheroff.

To the Yahrzeit Fund: Mabel Lechner in memory of Lizzie Berman. Mrs. I. Friedman in memory of husband, Isadore Friedman.

JEWS NOT WANTED

Another chapter was added to the grim story of our present-day realities, when Dr. Joseph Rosen, now of the San Domingo Settlement Association, told a group of Jewish journalists of the result of several years of search for a land where larger numbers of Jewish refugees could be settled. The net result of this search could in most cases be summed up in three words: Jews not wanted. Some of the Governments with whom negotiations were conducted did not even take the trouble of uttering these three words. Thus, the government of Canada merely replied with a statistical table showing that of the Finnish immigrants who entered the country in the last ten years 90 per cent took to the soil; of the Danish immigrants 87 per cent and of the Jewish immigrants only $\frac{1}{2}$ per cent.

Dr. Rosen has also disillusioned those who accepted the figure of 100,000 prospective settlers in San Domingo at face value. He described in detail the possibilities of the San Domingo colonization, but made it clear that so far this too was only an experiment and that a selective initial colonization is needed to ascertain whether Central and Eastern European Jews will be able not alone to live, but to engage in hard agricultural labor in the sub-tropical climate of the country.

Thus another aspect of the Jewish tragedy was disclosed. Several generations of soil tillers in Palestine were not enough to convince the world that the descendants of many generations of city dwellers can be productive agriculturists as well. On the other hand, only Palestine so far could make the descendants of the city dwellers abandon their age-old occupation and take with love to the hard labor of planting and sowing. No other country produced that change in them. Now, when the European catastrophe of today makes them ready to settle anywhere and work at anything, the world lacks the confidence in their ability and willingness to adapt themselves.

Whatever the coming peace will bring, this process of mental and physical re-

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I. L. PERETZ AFTER 25 YEARS

Were Poland free, reports of great functions commemorating the 25th Anniversary of the death of Isaak Leib Peretz, would have reached us this week. The Anniversary will not be neglected on this side either. In Soviet Russia they are preparing for it on a scale which should bring the works of Peretz not only to the Jews but to the other Soviet nationalities as well. But far as the name of the master has reached all corners of the globe where modern Jewish thought prevails, Peretz was typically Polish and lived on in Polish Jewry as its own.

Poet, novelist, playwright, essayist, publicist, father of a literary generation—Peretz was the personification of the revolution that took place in Polish Jewry at the end of the last century. From Orthodoxy in childhood, to assimilation in youth and championship of a living creative Jewishness in his ripe years, he embodied all that was spiritually alive in the old as well as in the young Jew. The synthesis of the old and new, which he preached as an essayist and still more as an artist, is still the goal of those who have not yet found their way between universal and Jewish interests.

For centuries Polish Jewry was closer to nature and lived a more comfortable and richer life than did the Jewries of the great Slav plains to the East. Assimilation reached Polish Jewry much earlier than the Jewries to the East. It was an assimilation based on feeling of deep patriotism and love for the country. Polish Jews fought in the battles for Polish liberation long before Russian Jews were taken into military services. Thus, the Polish Jews felt in a way more at home with freedom and universal culture, and cultural versatility is typical of the Jewish moderns of Poland.

Nahum Sokolow was the best example of that versatility. But Sokolow was primarily a publicist and thinker along political lines. This led him to devote almost half of his life to one idea—Zion-

ism. Peretz, the versatile, was primarily an artist, a seeker of revelations. No particular solution of the Jewish problem, no theory of renaissance that could be confined within the program of a particular party could become his own. To him the Messiah was the soul of the entire people and it was that soul he revealed in his Chassidic tales and the incomparable "Folk Tales." There are but few pages in Peretz' writings where the modern Jew can find himself as a modern. But the ideas that inspired the modern Jew come from the lips of the heroic figures of former generations in whom Peretz revealed more human perfection and Jewish integrity than in his contemporaries who still had to find their Jewish bearings.

As one who had grown up on the soil of Poland and loved it no less than the most outspoken assimilationist, he was the most feared enemy of assimilation because he was the most brilliant and proudest antagonist. He was hated by Polish anti-Semitism and admired by the Polish progressives of his time. To the masses of Polish Jews the thick-set man with the heavy moustache and piercing eyes, who carried them away with his flaming Jewishness, became a legend while he still walked among them. That legend lived on in Poland and was one of the sources of the pride and strength of Polish Jews in their life-and-death struggle of these past 25 years.

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GERMAN ENROLLMENT DROPS, HEBREW RISES IN NEW YORK SCHOOLS.

New York, April 23, (JTA)—In the six years since Hitler's advent to power in Germany, enrollment in German classes in the New York City schools has dropped 50 per cent, according to the Board of Education's Foreign Language Department. There are 11,517 German students, compared with 22,550 in 1934. In the same period Hebrew enrollment increased more than 500 per cent—from 475 in 1934 to 2,853 in March, 1940.

JEWISH WELFARE FUND CAMPAIGN WILL OPEN SUNDAY

Cleveland Jewry's greatest humanitarian effort will be launched Sunday evening, May 5, with the opening of the Jewish Welfare Fund campaign. Goal of the drive is \$861,800. It will continue to May 15.

The campaign will open with a community dinner meeting at the Statler Hotel. Reservations may still be made by calling the campaign office, CHerry 8176.

Bulk of the money to be raised will be used for war relief in Europe, for refugees in the United States and in temporary havens all over the world, and for resettlement in Palestine. More than 100,000 Jews were taken out of countries of persecution last year, and 400,000 are being fed daily in Poland alone.

Other important beneficiaries of the Fund will be the national agencies which are combatting anti-Semitism in the United States and the Cleveland agencies which are finding employment for Jews, and giving religious education to children whose parents cannot afford to pay tuition fees.

Because of war needs created during the past few months, the goal this year is \$100,000 more than was raised in 1939. Only increased giving can meet the minimum need, it is being stressed.

Three thousand workers will start out Monday morning in quest of such increased gifts with the slogan, "Work as though your life depended on it—somebody else's does."

B'NAI B'RITH HEAD TO SPEAK

Henry Monsky, international president of B'nai B'rith will speak in the Euclid Avenue Temple Auditorium on Thursday evening, May 9th, at an open meeting sponsored by all Greater Cleveland B'nai B'rith lodges.

Mr. Monsky, although but fifty years of age, besides his progressive leadership of B'nai B'rith, has served American Jewry as member of the executive committee of the National Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds, member of the Executive Committee of the National Conference for Palestine, and in numerous other important tasks.

"STOCKHOLDERS OF E. A. T. MEN'S CLUB, INC.: The Annual Stockholders' Meeting of the Euclid Avenue Temple Men's Club will be called to order by **PRESIDENT KRALL** at 8:15 P. M., Thursday, May 16, 1940 in Alumni Hall. The most important business will be the election of a new Board of Directors to manage the affairs of our organization for the ensuing year in accordance with the new constitution. Members must be present to vote: no proxies accepted. **HONORARY CHAIRMAN BRICKNER** will deliver the principal address, entitled "Forecast for the Year, 5701". **TREASURER BENWAY** reports a balance in our treasury—so we'll have Smokes, Eats, and Drinks. Tell your wife to remind you of the date, time and place.

NOMINEES TO BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

For a two year term: **Lewis I. Benway, Sol J. Battler, Martin Goulder, Irwin Freilberger, Chester Hess, Harry Jacobson, B. S. Kaufman, I. J. Kabb, Dr. Michael Krall, Dr. Louis Podis, Henry Pasternak, Z. Smilow, Al Soltz, Isadore Reich, Dr. Lewis Bard, Sam Nathanson, Joseph Kreinberg and Myron Stanford.**

For a one year term: **Howard S. Bernon, A. L. Berk, J. W. Grodin, I. S. Rose, Robert Desberg, Dr. Al Marcus, William H. Rosenfeld, Max Fanger, Dr. Phillip Gilbert, Moe Weiner, Harry Wolpaw, S. David Spizel, Otto Zinner, Stanley S. Sidenberg, Burt Spiegle, Dr. Sidney Klein, Mal Siegel and Marvin Gardner.**

Additional nominations may be submitted in writing to the Secretary. **Bernard S. Kaufman**, care Euclid Avenue Temple, and signed by any ten members of the club at least two weeks before the election.

As one of the unquestionably outstanding and progressive leaders of contemporary Jewry, Mr. Monsky's talk should be of great interest to Clevelanders, this being his first visit to this city.

YOUR MONEY OR YOUR LIFE

The phrasing of our subject, "Your Money or Your Life," is commonly associated with rougher scenes than a sanctuary suggests. Nevertheless, this world is a rough place today, and the maintenance of some of the finest traditions of our race, and of the most useful institutions of our society, is a matter of our money or our life. Indeed, this year I do not so much as usual dread the budget sermon. There are some things about money I should like to say.

A book has recently been published by a scholarly Jew to his fellow Jews. It is rich with the history and lore of his people, and is filled with a poignant sense of the high mission of Judaism. In a book like that I was not expecting the sentence that, set in italics, stares out from the center of the page: "No Jew today of even the most modest means has a right to feel that he is fulfilling his most elementary duty as a human being if he does not include as an indispensable part of his regular budget an item of maximum assistance to his disinherited and hounded fellow Jews." I do not see how a Jew can get around that. There is nothing in his Judaism he can use as a substitute for that, or an escape from that—"an indispensable part of his regular budget an item of maximum assistance to his disinherited and hounded fellow Jews."

Were I a Jew I should know that I had to face that. I should know that a situation confronted me endangering the integrity of my own faith and the traditions of my people, saying, "Your money or your life!" . . .

(Excerpt from a sermon by the same title by Dr. Henry Emerson Fosdick.)

The following tend to make a man prematurely old: Fear, war, trouble from his children, or a shrew of a wife.

—Midrash Tanchumah.

IN MEMORIAM

Our heartfelt sympathy is extended to the bereaved families of Fanny Morris, Isaac Corsun, Herman Thalheimer, and Jacob Straus.

CLUB DEPARTMENT

Thirteenth Annual

ACTIVITIES RALLY AND LUNCHEON

SATURDAY, MAY 12th, NOON

In Alumni Hall

Awards will be made for special merit in achievement and attendance.

Children planning to join a club next year are also invited to attend.

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Luncheon tickets 25c

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adaptation will have to go on for a long time. The attempt at building a new economy, which made the Jew of pre-war Poland the scapegoat of all social ills, will be resumed with much greater vigor after this war. The problem of economic re-adaptation will rise with much greater severity. But no process of re-adaptation will be possible without a guarantee of freedom to live and re-adapt ourselves, whether in the new economy of the country of birth or in any other country.

No amount of searching for new lands and efforts to colonize will cure the age-old internal economic maladies and restore the reputation of the Jew as industrial and agricultural worker, unless he is politically guaranteed the chance and right to build his own place in the new economy of a post-war world.

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