
THE EUCLID AVE. TEMPLE BULLETIN CLEVELAND, OHIO

SUNDAY SERVICE

JANUARY 19th at 10:30 A. M.

RABBI BRICKNER

will speak on

ANNE LINDBERGH'S "THE WAVE OF THE FUTURE"—AN ANSWER

In this much discussed book, Mrs. Lindbergh indicates that Hitlerism is the advance guard of an inevitable and revolutionary world order—its faults being merely the scum on the wave of the future.

Rabbi Brickner will point out the fundamental errors of this position and indicate what the real nature of the new world order will be.

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CONGREGATION CELEBRATES RABBI'S FIFTEENTH ANNIVERSARY

More than 700 members of the Euclid Avenue Temple gathered last Sunday evening, January 12th at the Hotel Statler for the 94th Annual Meeting of the Congregation to honor Dr. Barnett R. Brickner on the completion of fifteen years as our rabbi.

Testimonial Service

A huge congregation that filled the temple to overflowing for the Testimonial Service on Sunday morning heard

leaders of the community pay tribute to Rabbi Brickner for his fifteen years of distinguished leadership in the community. Speakers at the service were: Dr. Dilworth Lupton, Minister, First Unitarian Church; Louis B. Seltzer, Editor, Cleveland Press; Dr. W. G. Leutner, President, Western Reserve University; Joseph Berne, President, Jewish Welfare Federation and Mayor Edward Blythin. Nathan Loeser, presided.

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Rabbi Brickner will broadcast this Saturday at 6:30 P. M. over Station WGAR

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

Sabbath Morning Service 11 to 12 Noon

CONGREGATION CELEBRATES RABBI'S 15th ANNIVERSARY

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Messages of Congratulation

Amid the flood of congratulatory messages and telegrams received by Dr. Brickner from leaders of the nation and the church there was one from President Roosevelt. It was read to the congregation at the dinner at the Hotel Statler by Otto J. Zinner, chairman of the evening.

Most touching was a message from pupils of the Religious School delivered by Fred Livingstone, President of the 1941 Confirmation class. He presented the Rabbi with a book of congratulatory messages containing the signatures of all the children of the Religious School and announced that one hundred trees would be planted in Palestine by the children of the Religious School in his honor.

A fine bronze bust of Rabbi Brickner executed by the Cleveland sculptor Max Kalish was presented to the congregation. David Dietz, who was the chairman of the group of 200 who assisted in acquiring the bust, officiated at the presentation.

A leather-bound book containing about 200 Uniongrams of congratulations was presented to the Rabbi by the Sisterhood.

Dr. Goldman Speaker

The principal address of the dinner was given by Dr. Solomon Goldman of Chicago, a long-time friend of Rabbi Brickner. Rabbi Goldman asserted that the essence of Dr. Brickner's work and the thing for which he would be long remembered, would be his integration of historic Judaism and Americanism.

The President Reports

Mr. Myron A. Cohen, president of the congregation, read his report of the activities of the last year, in which he paid tribute to Dr. Brickner's accomplishments. A recounting of the multitude of activities in which Rabbi Brickner is engaged constituted an amazing list.

Mr. Cohen pointed out that the mem-

THE WHITE HOUSE

Dear Rabbi Brickner:

My hearty congratulations on the fifteenth anniversary of your accession to the pulpit of the Euclid Avenue Temple. I trust that long years of happiness and of helpful service in the ministry will be yours in the community which you have served with such fidelity and unselfishness.

Very sincerely yours,
Franklin D. Roosevelt

bership of the congregation is now the largest in its history, numbering over 1350 families. The Sisterhood has 1100 members, the Men's Club 450, and the Junior and Senior Alumni together have over 600. But this growth during the past year was not only in terms of size but more significantly in terms of activities. Mr. Cohen announced his retirement from the office of president.

A special message of tribute was paid by Mr. B. H. Sinks to the late James H. Rogers who for 51 years was organist and director of music at the Euclid Avenue Temple.

Others who spoke were James H. Miller, treasurer of the congregation; Mrs. Sam F. Deutsch, president of the Sisterhood; Mr. Chester Hess, president of the Men's Club, and Mr. Joseph Persky, president of the Alumni. The musical program was by Norman Roman and Tillie Schenker Fine, a duet, and Eunice Podis, pianist.

Trustees Elected

The following were named trustees at the annual election. **For a five year term:** Judge Maurice Bernon, Irwin N. Loeser, Adolph Keller, James H. Miller, J. W. Grodin, and Elmer Kaufman. **Representing the Sisterhood:** Mrs. Sam F. Deutsch, Mrs. Emery E. Klineman, and Mrs. Ida Kornhauser. **Representing the Men's Club:** Mr. Chester Hess and Dr. Michael Krall, and **Representing the Alumni,** Mr. Sheridan Horwitz and Mr. Joseph Persky.

STEINBECK SCORES ANTI-SEMITISM

A Letter to John Steinbeck

May 2, 1940

Mr. John Steinbeck,
Los Gatos, California.
Dear Mr. Steinbeck:

I hope that you will not think I am impertinent, but our organization has had put up to it the problem of your nationality. You may consider that it is none of our business, nor the business of anyone else in the country. However, there is a very widespread propaganda, particularly among the extreme reactionary religionists of the country that you are Jewish and that "Grapes of Wrath" is Jewish propaganda.

I wonder if you have any sort of statement that you could send me which would clarify this issue.

I think you will be interested in the work that our organization has been doing in combatting the pro-Nazi and anti-Semitic propaganda so widespread throughout the country. I am sending you a copy of our most recent publication, "Father Coughlin: Self Condemned."

Thanking you in advance, I am

Yours sincerely,

L. M. Birkhead.

A Letter From John Steinbeck

Los Gatos, California,

May 7, 1940

Dear Mr. Birkhead:

I am answering your letter with a good deal of sadness. I am sad for a time when one must know a man's race before his work can be approved or disapproved. It does not seem important to me whether I am Jewish or not, and I know that a statement of mine is useless if an *interested* critic wishes to ride a preconceived thesis. I cannot see how the "Grapes of Wrath" can be Jewish propaganda, but then.... I have heard it called communist propaganda also.

It happens that I am not Jewish and have no Jewish blood, but it only happens that way. I find that I do not experience any pride that it is so.

If you wish—here is my racial map, although you know what an intelligent anthropologist thinks of racial theories.

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ELECT J. H. MILLER PRESIDENT

The Board of Trustees, at its meeting last Tuesday, January 14th elected Mr. James H. Miller to the presidency of our congregation. He succeeds Mr. Myron A. Cohen who after five years of devoted service announced his retirement at the 94th Annual Meeting of the congregation.



Others elected to office are David G.

J. H. Miller

Skall, First Vice President; Fred Frankel, Second Vice President; Julius Kahn, Treasurer; Otto J. Zinner, Secretary; I. N. Stone, Honorary Vice President.

SISTERHOOD

BOOK REVIEW GROUP MEETS

next Monday, January 20th at 2 P. M. Rabbi Rosenbaum will review Rabbi Milton Steinberg's latest book, "As a Driven Leaf."

IN MEMORIAM

Our heartfelt sympathy is extended to the bereaved families of Gertrude Yerk and Fannie Gore.

DAVID DIETZ

Science Editor,

Scripps-Howard Newspapers

will speak at

THE JUNIOR ALUMNI FIRESIDE

Sunday, Jan. 26, 3:30 P. M.

in the Library

IN THE SPIRIT OF THE PROPHETS

By HENRY A. WALLACE, Vice President of the U. S. A.

It seems to me that all worthwhile movements in the world have had two roots—one material and the other spiritual.

I have had opportunity to watch the development of both the spiritual and the material roots of your endeavour.

Speaking first of the material:

A couple of years ago, I called into our office a soils expert by the name of Dr. Lowdermilk. I said that I felt trouble closing in on the world, and I hoped he could go to certain lands overseas where there had been ancient civilizations, and discover as completely as possible, before the world closed in, the evidences whether archaeological or otherwise, of the way in which soil and therefore civilizations, had been destroyed.

Complete Convert

Dr. Lowdermilk took on the task. He returned from abroad and came to my office, and the very first thing he gave me was a thirty to forty page document with photographs, the result of his observations in Palestine. I don't think he has any Jewish blood, but he was the most complete Zionist convert any one of you could ask for.

I called up later that afternoon Justice Brandeis and asked whether I could have the privilege of calling on him at six o'clock, which I did, that evening. I left Dr. Lowdermilk's report with Justice Brandeis who was very much pleased, of course.

I was convinced by Dr. Lowdermilk that the material foundations of Zion were very real and very deep indeed. Some of us who knew of the great zeal with which you have pursued this work, sometimes wondered how well grounded in the soil your enthusiasms were; Dr. Lowdermilk set this question at rest. As an agriculturist and soil expert he was profoundly impressed with the scientific character of the work, and as a human being he was enthused no end by the farm people whom he met in Palestine.

I will not undertake a technical discussion; that would take too much time.

Suffice it to say that Dr. Lowdermilk, as an expert, was satisfied.

It is one of the most difficult things in the world to make a success of a colonization movement. Probably one of the greatest organizers along this line was Dr. Elwood Mead, and yet Dr. Elwood Mead in some of his first experiments in California met with only partial success. Gradually his knowledge widened and his wisdom deepened.

Material . . . and Spirit

It is therefore an astounding thing that you have done so unusually well. It indicates that there is at work something more than merely the material. In studying communal projects as distinguished from communistic projects — I have found almost invariably that if they succeeded for more than thirty years, it was because of a profound, religious spirit which animated them. Not thirty years have yet passed in your post-war colonization work, but I have faith that you will come through with colors flying. I have that faith not merely because the Jews of America have contributed so generously and will continue to contribute generously, but because behind it all there stands the profound conviction that it is appropriate to have the Jewish people living in Palestine.

You know, of course, that one of the most precious things which the Jewish people have contributed and which were set down in writing are the utterances of the Prophets as they attempted to secure social justice, or as they proclaimed with the most extraordinary abandon, speaking in the name of the Lord, what would happen if social justice would not come to pass. Those sentiments were written down in the Old Testament and are looked on with reverence by Jews and Christians. But some people do not appreciate what is really written there and they haven't tried to translate the spirit of the language of that day into ours.

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Men's Club
EVENING ROUND TABLE

Thursday January 23, 1941 6:15 P. M.

Upper Dining Room :- Tasty Shop

in honor of

RABBI MILTON ROSENBAUM

Program : WHK Dinner Trio
 "Chaim Solomon"—Technicolor Featurette
 Novelty Group Singing
 Special Take-off on Keno

Dinner : 85c—including wines, tip and checking

Committee : Dr. S. S. Sidenberg, Chairman, Howard Bernon
 Myron Stanford and Robert Desberg.

This meeting affords an opportunity to all men of the temple
 to become better acquainted with our Assistant Rabbi

The Sixth Annual Jewish Cultural Institute

presents two distinguished speakers

DR. NELSON GLUECK

Noted archaeologist
 Director, American School for Oriental
 Research in Jerusalem.
 Professor, Hebrew Union College.

DR. MORDECAI KAPLAN

Creative thinker, scholar and author.
 Professor, Jewish Theological Seminary.
 Founder, Society for the Advancement
 of Judaism.
 Author of "Judaism as a Civilization"
 and other books.

Monday, January 27th, 8:30 P. M.

DR. GLUECK—"MY RECENT EXCAVATIONS AND DISCOVERIES IN PALESTINE" Illustrated

Tuesday, January 28th, 8:30 P. M.

DR. KAPLAN—"A PATTERN FOR MODERN JEWISH LIVING"

Wednesday, January 29th, 8:30 P. M.

DR. KAPLAN—"THE JEWISH RELIGION OF TOMORROW"

The Lectures are open to members of our temple and its affiliated organizations without
 charge. The Jewish Cultural Institute is made possible through the
 Chapel Educational Fund.

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Reverence

It is a marvelous thing that these idealistic aspirations are regarded with such reverence; you, in making it possible for a large number of Jews to live in Palestine, and trying to make some of these prophecies come true, it seems to me, have accomplished that thing even better. The Prophets, you remember, had sought the very thing you are working for—you recall the ancient text—to make every man secure under his own vine and fig tree. I have always loved that 4th Chapter of Micah.

What a grand thing that there are numbers of Jewish farmers again. It is something prophetic that you are carrying out, to have the Jewish people living on the land again—the land of which they have been deprived for one reason or another—I don't think that the Jews chose commercial life of their own free will).

I thought I knew something about the Zionist movement, but I have just learned for the first time that the land you have colonized in Palestine is unalienable—in accordance with the Mosaic Laws. This is a good thing because you realize that the very root of successful colonization endeavour is to have the same people live on the land generation after generation. That is the very foundation of all development.

Sought Stability

The Jewish people have been hungering for some kind of stability on the land for thousands of years — on that ancient bit of land which Abram settled and which was abandoned for a time by Joseph and his brethren, but built up again, and now for a third time being resettled, and strangely enough by American dollars in considerable measure; doing it not by grace of governmental help, as our resettlement projects, but through your own dollars, your your tradition.

And so I, a Gentile, close to your effort, regard the translation of the spirit

into tangible reality as a most exciting undertaking.

Your spirit has come down from olden times but it is a spirit which is forward looking. And by translating that spirit into something tangible, you are doing glorious work.

Your ancient traditions will enable you to reach down into the roots created by them and to express in modern terms that which the prophets of old only dimly discerned perhaps but which in the lapse of time we shall be able to discern more clearly.

YOUR UNION AND JEWISH EDUCATION

YOUR UNION publishes the textbooks, which we use in our Religious School. It publishes the Teachers' Handbooks and a Teachers' Magazine, programs for the celebration of the holidays and books for adults and for children's leisure-time reading.

It has created a new Jewish library of valuable books, beautifully printed, tastefully bound, at prices ridiculously low compared to similar publications.

The Union arranges Seminars and sectional educational conventions of teachers of our Religious Schools. It maintains an information bureau on Jewish education, with inquiring correspondents as far away as South Africa and South America and Australia. It advises mothers how to educate their children, school superintendents how to organize Religious Schools.

The Union has produced a model curriculum which has made Jewish education in our schools and homes uniform; history books that arouse the same interest as in the public schools; Hebrew textbooks that make the learning of Hebrew a delight.

This is what the Union of American Hebrew Congregations does with the money you contribute.

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As you will see, I am the typical American Airedale.

My grandfather on my father's side was German, the son of a farming family which lived and still lives on a fairly large farm near Dusseldorf. My grandfather came to America in the late fifties in time to be in the Civil War. There has been little communication with the German branch since then except for a visit to Germany about four years ago by a second cousin of mine. He reports that the family still lives on the same farm and that they appear to be good citizens, intensely blond and quite able to prove the nonsensical thing the Nazis insist on. Their name and ours, by the way, was Grosssteinbeck, but the three s's in a row were an outrage to America so my grandfather dropped the first syllable in the interest of spelling.

My German grandfather married a New England woman whose family name was Dickson, who came from Leominster Massachusetts, where her family lived since the middle seventeenth century.

On my mother's side my blood is all north Irish, my grandfather, whose name was Hamilton, having come from Mulkeragh near Londonderry, and his wife, whose name was Feaghan from nearby.

Anyway there it is. Use it or don't use it, print it or not. Those who wish for one reason or another to believe me Jewish will go on believing it, while men of good will and intelligence won't care one way or another.

I can prove these things, of course—but when I shall have to the American democracy will have disappeared.

Yours is only one of many letters I have received on the same subject. It is the first I have answered and I think it is the last. I fully recognize your position and do not in the least blame you for it. I am only miserable for the time and its prejudice that prompts it.

Sincerely,

John Steinbeck.

P. S. On both sides and for many generations we are blond and blue-eyed to a degree to arouse the admiration and perhaps envy of the dark-complexioned Hitler. — *Reprinted from The Temple Chronicle of Temple Emanu-El.*



Fifth Forum Lecture

Tuesday
January 21.
1941
8:30 P. M.

MR. SPENCER IRWIN
will speak on
"The Future of Pan-America."

CONGRATULATIONS TO

Mrs. Joseph Korach on the birth of a granddaughter.

Mrs. Gertrude Lustig on the engagement of her son, J. Merwin Lustig to Malva Irene Mayer.

Mr. and Mrs. S. G. Glick on the marriage of their daughter, Jane to Joseph Bacal.

ALUMNI NOTES

Beginning Monday, January 20th and every Monday thereafter, the Alumni will be hosts to its members at Roosevelt Junior High School Gym. Free to Alumni members! Just bring a towel.

Last Monday the Alumni defeated the Jewish Center in basketball at the Jewish Center Gym.

"Wherever ten Jews are found, they are in duty bound to organize a synagogue. Moreover, whoever lives in a place where there is a synagogue, and fails to join it, is not a good neighbor."

—The Talmud.

ALUMNI GET-TOGETHER
Sunday, January 19th, 3 P. M.

Alumni Hall

SURPRISE PROGRAMME

Richard Lipman - Richard Miller
Co-chairmen

BOOKS

REVOLT AGAINST CHRISTIANITY

"The so-called 'Jewish question' is the most dangerous and most misleading phenomenon of modern times. If I were asked to give a brief description of anti-Semitism to a man who had never heard of it, I would not say that anti-Semitism is hatred of the Jew. I would say instead that it is scourge of Christendom, the most widespread, the most catastrophic mental disease that has ever afflicted the civilization of the west. Anti-Semitism is a Christian problem. If I were to condense the message of my book (*The Great Hatred*) in a slogan, it is this: 'Christians of the world, solve the anti-Semitic problem, or you will perish!'

"The trouble is that Jews and Christians alike are content with carrying on a defensive. If there is one thing that the war has now taught us, it is that passive defense, which leaves the initiative with the enemy, is almost certain defeat. The latest phase of the war has shown us this truth with awful clarity. How has England been saved from invasion? By seeking out and destroying the centers from which Nazi Germany sought to launch her attack. How was France defeated? Largely by being duped into sitting behind the Maginot line.

"Two lessons are clear; one is that anti-Semitism is aimed at the destruction of human liberty everywhere. Two, that anti-Semitism to be defeated, must be attacked. The nests, the breeding places, the mobilization centers of anti-Semitism must be uprooted. There must be an ideological offensive."

(Excerpts from the review of his book, "The Great Hatred," by Maurice Samuels, quoted from November 15, 1940 issue of The Congress Bulletin.)

Halper, Albert

Sons of the Fathers.

A novel that portrays the intimate drama of a Chicago grocer and his wife

and four children, their day-by-day adventures, aspirations, struggles, triumphs, and sorrows. The author has created a family so real that the reader becomes like a member of it, sharing its every concern. He has also painted the turbulent backdrop of Chicago and of American life from the turn of the century to 1918. Saul Bergman had come to the United States as an immigrant from Russia to avoid conscription into the army and to escape the ills inherent in the whole European way of life. In the New World he found freedom and hope for the future, although the going was not easy. Persistence won him a fair living, and his children were brought up proudly as Americans, equipped to face life squarely and to wrest from it a measure of success.

Then in 1917 the United States was sucked into the Great War in Europe, a cataclysm which quickly touched the backstreet in Chicago where Saul had his store and argued the muddle of America with his voluble and eccentric Cossack friend next door. By this time Milton and Ben, Saul's two oldest boys, were of military age. They found themselves caught by a dilemma—the same dilemma, their father had faced a generation earlier, only now there was no New World left to provide an easy way out. How Saul, Milton and Ben met an issue as it cut across life plans makes an unforgettable story, and one which has profound meaning for present-day America.

These books are available in our library.

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