THE EUCLID AVE. TEMPLE

BULLETIN

CLEVELAND. OHIO

SUNDAY SERVICE

MARCH 2nd, at 10:30 A. M.

RABBI BRICKNER

will speak on

RELIGION COMES TO THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS

An explanation of the issues involved in the movement to use public school time for religious instruction.

A special invitation is extended to teachers. Parents are urged to attend and acquaint themselves with this vital matter affecting the education of their children.

MEGILLAH NIGHT

Wednesday March 12, 8 P. M.

A modern version of an old tradition

Opening With a Purim Service

followed by a new and novel form of the

MEGILLAH READING

with our full choir of 28 voices

CONCLUDING WITH A SOCIAL AT WHICH HAMANTASCHEN AND COFFEE WILL BE SERVED

Bring the Family

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.



Eighth Forum Lecture

> Tuesday March 4th 8:30 P. M.

MR. DAVID DIETZ
will speak on
"SCIENCE AND THE FUTURE"

OUR TEMPLE TROOP 61 HELD ITS BIRTHDAY PARTY THIS MONTH. A complete review of the troop's work for the past year was presented to the parents. Refreshments were served by Mrs. Charles Livingstone and her committee: Mrs. W. C. Zucker, Mrs. M. Jaffe and Mrs. L. Honigsfeld.

MEGILLAH BLESSINGS

Blessed art thou, O God, our King, The Lord of life and everything, Whose word has hallowed Israel's soul And bade us read Queen Esther's scroll.

(Because her courage and her faith
When God had pity in old days,
In exile saved us all from death
And let us live to sing His praise.)
—By Jessie E. Sampter.

CONGRATULATIONS TO:

Mr. and Mrs. Leo Bayer on the birth of a daughter, Ann Gertrude.

Mr. and Mrs. Ezra Brudno on the birth of a granddaughter, Barbara Leeds.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Schaffer on the birth of a son.

Mr. and Mrs. Sol Less on their 50th wedding anniversary.

IN MEMORIAM

Our heartfelt sympathy is extended to the bereaved family of Jeannette Triester. SISTERHOOD BOOK REVIEW GROUP will meet this Monday, March 3rd at 2 p. m. in the Parlor. Rabbi Rosenbaum will review Ernest Hemingway's latest book, "For Whom the Bell Tolls."

FROM JEWISH STORE TO CATHOLIC SHRINE

London Catholics have been outspoken in their appreciation of the action of the Jewish owners of the Cavendish furniture stores in donating their showrooms for the use of a West End parish whose church was destroyed by bombs. A yearly rental of one shilling has been agreed upon to overcome legal difficulties. The showrooms, where an altar and pews have been set up, will be used until the church is restored.—From "The Synagogue."

FUNDS

To the Altar Fund: Mrs. Seville Firth Spiegel in memory of birthday of father, Sam Firth. Mr. and Mrs. I. J. Kabb in memory of Sara Rosenfeld Sempliner. Mrs. Myron A. Cohen in memory of mother, Rosa Glauber Stone. Mr. and Mrs. Sol Edgert in memory of Esther Peskin, Julia Berne, B. G. Bramson. Mrs. D. S. Schulman in honor of recovery of husband, David Schulman. Mrs. Irene Rettenberg in memory of mother, Hannah Rosa Sacheroff.

To the Prayerbook Fund: Miss Della Bloch in memory of mother, Charlotte Bloch. Miss Rena Jaffa in memory of grandmother, Charlotte Bloch. Mr. and Mrs. Allen Sogg in memory of Rose Thalman.

To the Scholarship Fund: Mrs. Herman Kempner, Mrs. Sig Deutsch, Mrs. Ed Weisenberg and Mrs. H. L. Frensdorf in memory of Rose Thalman. Mr. J. Laronge in memory of Benjamin G. Bramson.

To the Library Fund: Mrs. Jack Frank in memory of mother, Mollie Rickman Klein. Mr. and Mrs. B. Feldman, in memory of Melvin Allen Silverman. Mrs. Henry Klein and Stella Rickman in memory of Mollie Rickman Klein. Mr. and Mrs. Frank A. Silverman in memory of son, Melvin Allen Silverman. Mrs. B. Wolff in memory of mother, Anna Brody. Mrs. I. Friedman in memory of husband, Isadore Friedman. Mrs. David Seidenfeld in memory of husband, David.

The Purim Carnival 🌣 Fun For Eve

THE RABBI WISHES TO RE-MIND those who are planning to contribute to the Purim Basket Fund, to do so immediately. Help bring some happiness into the lives of others on this, the happiest of holidays. It is a good old Purim custom.

Contributions should be sent to Rabbi Brickner.

CHARITY DELIVERS FROM DEATH

Purim, the season of "Shalach Monos" or the sending of gifts to the needy, coincides this year with such unprecedented Jewish needs that some may wonder as to what, after all, we can accomplish. For this the Talmud has an answer: "What is the meaning of the verse in the Bible: 'He put on z'doko (charity) as a coat of mail' (Isaiah 59-17)? It is to tell you that as a coat of mail is constituted by link joined to link to form a great garment, so charity is constituted by coin joined to coin to form a great sum."—(Baba Basra).

PURIM HUMOR

Those who picture the Jewish past and its writings only in sombre tones of suffering or of righteous denunciation, should become acquainted with the Purim literature of our people. Not satisfied the lively and colorful account given in the Book of Esther, Jewish tradition has embellished it with all manner of frivolous story, poem and parody that spared not even rabbis or solemn writings in their unrestrained playfulness. Purim turned the master of sacred devotional literature, Kalonymouse of 14th century Rome, into a satyrical author of a parody on the Talmud, in which he makes fun of its method of Biblical

ALUMNI

Annual Spring Informal

Dance

SATURDAY, MARCH 22nd

Hotel Cleveland

Dancing from ten to two

interpretation by expounding the customs of Purim in similar but ridiculous fashion.

"When My Wine Gives Out" was the popular Purim poem contributed by the famed Solomon ibn Gabirol of 11th century Spain. Maxims extolling "eat, drink and be merry" for Purim abound in Jewish literature, the best known perhaps being the advice of the Talmud itself that for this occasion a man should drink until he cannot distinguish "Cursed be Haman" from "Blessed be Mordecai".

The spirit of levity in Purim literature has even gone so far as to take Haman's part.—From "The Synagogue."

FROM THE STUDENTS AT HAR-VARD DIVINITY SCHOOL, Cambridge, Mass., Rabbi Barnett R. Brickner received a note of thanks for his recent lecture at that institution. The following is an interesting excerpt:

"For myself and all that attended the luncheon, I want to express my deepest thanks. The best way I can do this is to tell you that since your visit we have done little but discuss your points . . . Such visits mean much in building the ties that may prevent the calamities that now seem so certain."

Principle is ever my motto, not expediency.—Disraeli.

PHRIM

In a world now shaken by the illogical action of individuals drunk with power, the Feast of Lots, which Jews throughout the world will celebrate this year, March 12, has special significance. It occurs on the 13th day of Adar in the Jewish calendar and is known as Purim.

The Biblical story of Esther tells how Haman, a courtier of King Ahasuerus of Persia, by casting lots, determined the day, 13th day of Adar, when he would have the entire Jewish population in Persia destroyed, because Mordecai, a Jew, had refused to render homage to him.

Through Esther, the niece of Mordecai, Queen of Persia, the cruelty of Haman's plot was revealed to King Ahasuerus. Thus the Jews of Persia were saved.

So vital has been the tradition of Purim, a festival representing deliverance from oppression, that Jewish history is filled with special Purims. Each of these local festivals commemorates relief from some threatened catastrophe.

On Purim, the Megillah (Scroll of Esther), is read in the Synagogue. The parchment scroll of the Megillah illustrated with colored pictures and handsomely encased has for centuries been an artistic Jewish ceremonial object. This year, many American Synagogues will use an English edition of the Megillah prepared by a Committee on Ceremonies.

A joyous holiday, Purim is celebrated with plays and masquerades. It is an occasion for gift-giving. Special foods include three-cornered cakes called Homontaschen, which are supposed to resemble the hat of Haman.

Purim is celebrated for one day by Orthodox, Conservative and Reform Jews.—(Issued by the Tract Commission of the C.C.A.R. and U.A.H.C.)

ESSAY CONTEST OFFERED

The Department of Youth and Education of the Zionist Organization (41 E. 42nd St. New York City), has announced a contest for the best three essays on Yehuda Halevi—Singer of Zion. We heartily commend this contest to all who have the urge to write, because contests like this do more than discover winning essays. They stimulate study and creative effort on the part of all the large numbers who do not win the prizes but gain a great deal from the sheer participation in the contest.

The judges are Maurice Samuel, Shalom Spiegel and Harry A. Wolfson. The winner will certainly have three critical men to please. We look forward to the announcement of the winners (who will receive \$150, \$75 and \$50, respectively.)

Some day we will realize that the contest will have to be made the instrument for evoking creative expression. If organizations offered prizes for poetry, plays, psalms, paintings, sculpture, etc., some of our gifted Jews might be more easily persuaded to lend their talents to their people instead of confining them to the non-Jewish world.—From the "Reconstructionist".

VISION

"Where there is no vision, a people perish."——Proverbs.

"The man who turns from his vision, lies."—(Channing Pollock).

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