THE EUCLID AVE. TEMPLE BULLETIN CLEVELAND, OHIO

FRIDAY EVENING SERVICE

NOVEMBER 28th, at 8:00 P. M.

RABBI BRICKNER

will speak on

"ARE JEWS DIFFERENT?"

An answer to recent articles in the Atlantic Monthly and other periodicals on the Jewish problem in America.

The Cleveland section of the National Council of Jewish Juniors will attend our Sabbath Service this Friday evening, in a body, this being their national annual Sabbath week. Miss Sally Sigel will give an introductory prayer on their behalf at the service.

At the Oneg Shabbat following the service, members of the Council of Jewish Juniors will act as hostesses along with the hostesses of our temple. A capacity congregation again filled the temple last Friday evening and a large number remained for the open forum discussion after the service.

RECITAL OF SACRED MUSIC 7:45 to 8 o'clock Organ and Choir

Erwin Jospe, Directing

Doors open at 7:30 P. M.

This week, the Oneg Shabbat, which will follow the Service, in Alumni Hall is sponsored by the Men's Club.

Sabbath morning services 11 to 12 noon Rabbi Milton Rosenbaum will preach

BOOKS

Irving Fineman calls his new book "Jacob," an autobicgraphical novel, and it is that in a subtle, double sense. It is an autobiographical novel in the sense that the biblical tale of Jacob, his forebears and his sons is the story of the kinship of all generations bound by a blood strain, and it is an autobiographical novel in the sense that Jacob, addressing himself to his favorite son, Joseph, is, with little doubt, the author opening his heart and his mind to his own child.

Though separated in time by several thousand years, the era of Jacob held problems hardly different from those of today, and the Esaus who sought to conquer their worlds by force have their counterparts in the Esaus of today. Moreover, human emotions and strivings have not changed, and men of goodwill wrestle with their gods as Jacob did before he met Esau.

With language deeply attuned to his subject-matter, possessed of an austere lyrical beauty, as lovely at times as the Psalms or the lamentations of Job, Fineman re-creates the character of Jacob and the men and women with whom his life was bound. His concentration throughout the book is on characterization rather than background, and whatever action he introduces has significance in terms of human strength or weakness rather than geography or calendar.

In "Jacob" Fineman has written a profoundly moving book, masterful in its portrayal of a man who is timeless. Jacob appears full-dimensioned as a thinker and doer, as lover and husband.

It is a subtle and a wise book and, because wisdom is the fruit of suffering strained through time, it is in many ways a sad book.—Rose Feld in the New York Times.

This book is in our Temple Library.

CONGRATULATIONS TO

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph L. Spitz on the engagement of their daughter Miriam Frances to Robert Vance Boodman.

Mr. and Mrs. Max Scherl on the engagement of their son Harold, to Ruth Rabine.

Mrs. Lee Unger on the marriage of her daughter, Betty to Sol Dorman.

FUNDS

To the Yahrzeit Fund—Children in memory of parents, Hermine and Jacob Fishel. A friend in memory of Ferdinand Gunzenhauser. Mrs. E. Edelman in memory of Rachel Leah Spanner and Kate Zaller. Mrs. Hettie Akers in memory of mother, Lena Lobenthal.

To the Prayerbook Fund—The Sunday Nite Club in memory of Minnie Sacheroff Cohn. Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Schwartz in memory of father, Simon Schwartz. Miss Anna Wiener in memory of Anna Silver and Minnie S. Cohn. Mrs. S. E. Hartz in memory of parents Fannie and Louis Alexander.

To the Louis Bondy Fund—Miss Gertrude Bondy in memory of Marcus Bondy, Ruth Bondy Friedman and Lois Friedman Becker.

To the Library Fund—Chester Hess in memory of mother, Minnie Hess. Judy and Teddy Deutsch in memory of birthday of Miriam June Bondy.

To the Altar Fund—Bridge Club members of Mrs. Minnie Mahrer in memory of brother, Abe Goldsmith. Mrs. E. Manheim in memory of Israel Manheim. Mrs. Joseph Goodman in memory of husband. Mrs. H. Finsterwald in memory of Abe Goldsmith. Mr. and Mrs. I. J. Kabb in memory of Minnie S. Cohn. Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Anthony in memory of dear ones. Mrs. Morris Halle in memory of Louis Meyerhardt. Mrs. Barnett R. Brickner in memory of Sophie Broadhurst. Mrs. S. M. Winograd in memory of mother, Bertha Kraus. Mrs. R. Rosenblatt in memory of sister, Rose Harris. Aunt Jennie, Blanche and Charles Jacobs in memory of Minnie S. Cohn.

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THIS WEEK IN THE TEMPLE

Sisterhood

Tuesday, Dec. 2—MAKER'S MART See Page 5.

- Tuesday, Dec. 2—10 A. M. "Design for Jewish Living", with Mrs. Sigmund Braverman.
- Wednesday, Dec. 3—10 A. M. Bible class with Mr. Brilliant. Hebrew class with Rabbi Rosenbaum.

11 A. M. — PROFESSOR LANG-DON WHITE WILL SPEAK ON "WHAT SOUTH AMERICA MEANS TO US".

Men's Club

Tuesdays at 9:00 P. M.—Bowling at Shaker Square Alleys.

Alumni

Sunday, November 30, 8 P. M.—Rabbi Milton Rosenbaum will review, "Let Laughter Ring" a new book of humorous Jewish stories by Felix Mendelsohn.

Tuesdays, at 9:15 P. M.—Bowling at the Cedar Lee Alleys.

COMING EVENTS

Men's Club

Tuesday, Dec. 16, 6:30 P. M.—ROUND TABLE DINNER MEETING, Tasty Shop. \$1.00 per person. Dr. Jacob C. Meyer will speak on "American Experience and the Post War Era". Entertainment.

ENGLISH PRESS PUZZLED OVER BRITAIN'S FLAT REFUSAL TO FORM A JEWISH ARMY.

London, Nov. 11 (JTA) — Leading British newspapers were puzzled today over the news that the British Government has flatly refused to permit the establishment of a Jewish Army and has officially notified the Jewish agency to this effect in a letter dated October 15th.

Pointing to the services rendered by Palestine Jewish soldiers in the battles of Libya, Syria, Greece and Crete, the London Times in an editorial asks: "Why should their aid be declined? There seems to be little logic in denying to such units already in existence the right to wear badges and to describe themselves as Jews." Arguing that this right was accorded to the Jews in the last war, the article comes to the conclusion that official circles are apparently anxious not to stir up Arab suspicions.

The Manchester Guardian, dismisses the official argument advanced in the letter of the Colonial Office to the Jewish Agency that lack of military equipment prevents the establishment of a Jewish Army. Stressing the need for man-power, the Guardian writes: "We ought to welcome Jewish troops. Do we sit so easily on our seats that we can afford to reject the formation of a Jewish division which would be the nucleus of a larger Jewish force?"

JEWISH HOUR ON WHK

Every Sunday afternoon at 2:30 p. m. WHK presents a religious program by Catholics, Protestants and Jews. Sunday, November 30th at 2:30 will be the Jewish hour.

Rabbi Brickner will speak and the choir of the Euclid Avenue Temple will present the musical program with Leonard Rose, first cellist of the Cleveland Orchestra, as soloist.

CHALLENGE TO JEWISH YOUTH

There is a final challenge which must be faced by intelligent Jewish leadership. It is a challenge which has been created because some of the best brains in Jewish life have become so concerned with world issues that they have completely lost their concern for Jewish survival. In a sense the challenge comes from a healthy instinct. We have learned that Jewish survival is intimately bound up with the survival of the democratic dogma. Democracy alone protects the sanctity of the individual, the right of group uniqueness, and above all, the principle of equality of opportunity. Wherever the democratic way has been firmly grounded, Jewish life has enjoyed unfettered development. The inevitable concomitant follows: political democracy by itself is weak and unreal. Constitutional rights, freedom of speech, freedom of press, right of assembly-all these have no meaning except in relation to economic security. Max Lerner put it in a brilliant phrase when he said, "Democracy is personal liberty plus groceries."

All of this has fortunately become axiomatic for most of our Jewish community leaders. But many ardent spirits have gone to extremes. Since the battle for minority integrity must be fought on the democratic front they have simply abandoned all devotion to Jewish institutions, to Jewish culture, to Jewish survival values in order to fight on the wider world front. From the way they speak one would imagine that the good fight cannot be continued except through desertion from the Jewish ranks.

I am not exaggerating this danger. I experience it constantly in my own work on university campuses. It is my task to stimulate the cultural and religious loyalty of our students to their Jewish heritage. I find whole groups of brilliant, dedicated, able young people enlisted in the ranks of anti-fascism, giving their energies for Chinese relief, for the defense of Negroes, for publicizing the plight of share croppers, for other superb worth-while causes. I join them in these causes. The masses of Jews belong in these ranks. But when I ask for their interest and their energy and their consecration for our own Jewish causes, they cry out, "How can we worry about Jewish questions? How can we be concerned with Jewish cultural groupings? The world is in flames and we must give our energies to fight the large battle."

I am heartsick when I see the dedication of these young people for every cause except our own. I believe they can be helped in the larger battle from the inspiration of Isaiah and Jeremiah and Hillel and Spinoza and Tchernichovsky. To save the world must we abandon our next door neighbor? To win the democratic battle must we sacrifice the individual units that lend richness and profundity to democratic diversity?

-(Dr. Abram L. Sachar)

GOD WITHIN THE SHADOW

- Now from the world the dream of God is gone,
- And men in darkness move, and are afraid,
- These blaming heaven for the evil done,
- And those each other for the part they played.
- And all their woes on God are strictly laid
- For being absent from these earthly ills, Who set the trees to be the noonday shade.
- And placed the stars in beauty on the hills.
- Turn not away, nor cry that all is lost;
- It is not so. His voice is in the light
- As once it was when Egypt's mighty host
- Rode to the sea and vanished in the night.
- For still the heart, by love and pity wrung,
- Finds the same God as when the world was young. —Robert Nathan



HUMANITY ON TRIAL

The history of the persecutions which the Jewish people have had to suffer is almost inconceivably long. Yet the war that is being waged against us in Central Europe today falls into a special category of its own.

In the past we were persecuted despite the fact that we were, the people of the Bible: today, however, it is just because we are the people of the Bock that we are persecuted. The aim is to exterminate not only ourselves but to destroy, together with us, that spirit expressed in the Bible and in Christianity which made possible the rise of civilization in Central and Northern Europe.

If this aim is achieved, Europe will become a barren waste. For human community life cannot long endure on a basis of crude force, brutality, terror, and hate.

Only understanding for our neighbors, justice in our dealings, and willingness to help our fellow men can give human society permanence and assure security for the individual. Neither intelligence nor inventions nor institutions can serve as substitutes for these most vital parts of education.

The power of resistance which has enabled the Jewish people to survive for thousands of years is a direct outgrowth of Jewish adherence to the Biblical doctrines on the relationships among men. In these years of affliction our readiness to help one another is being put to an especially severe test.

Each of us must personally face this test, that we may stand it as well as our fathers did before us. We have no other means of self-defense than our solidarity and our knowledge that the cause for which we are suffering is a momentcus and sacred cause.

-Albert Einstein

PARLIAMENT OF RELIGIONS

The last most ambitious plan that has been in my mind has been to prevail upon other religious groups to initiate a Parliament of Religions. There is a desperate need of this. We need to display the unity of all faiths upon essentialsto take the statement of the President that democracy rests upon a religious basis out of the realm of generalization and into that of clear and concrete factto effect certain kinds of cooperation in deliberation and in action-and to think about the spiritual charter for the new world that must be built unless mankind is forever to continue enduring martyrdom. The air throbs with spiritual malignity, with the strident voice of "him who denies." Let us send forth upon it the message of belief in a just and merciful God, in the alienable brotherhood of man in peace as the proper goal of the nations, in the dignity and spiritual quality of all persons, and in neighborly love!

These are but a few of the plans that ought to be before us. Let me end by reiterating that I have been able to set them forth, I know, most inadequately!—Dr. James G. Heller, President of the Central Conference of American Rabbis.

PURPOSE OF JEWISH HISTORY

It is the conviction of many others, besides us Jews, that a Divine purpose runs through the long travail of Israel. Jews alone form a bridge between ancient and modern times. If their history does not contain any inner meaning, then the life of man upon this earth has no rational aim.—From Jewish Ideals by Joseph Jacobs.