
THE EUCLID AVE. TEMPLE
BULLETIN
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FRIDAY EVENING SERVICE

DECEMBER 12, 1941, at 8 P. M.

RABBI BRICKNER

will speak on

"ARE JEWS LIKE THAT?"

with special reference to the much discussed lead article by Jerome Frank on Jews entitled "The Red, White and Blue Herring" in the Saturday Evening Post of December 6th.

Plan to Attend

CHANUKAH REDEDICATION SERVICE

Friday, December 19, 8 P. M.

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ALUMNI SERVICE AND ONEG SHABBAT

Friday, December 26, 8 P. M.

The second monthly discussion and open forum with the young people, led by Rabbi Brickner, will take place in the parlor immediately following the service.

The first open forum was well attended and the discussion stimulated was very interesting.

Refreshments will be served.

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RECITAL OF SACRED MUSIC

7:45 to 8 o'clock

Organ and Choir

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

CELEBRATING CHANUKAH

A special Chanukah service on Friday evening, December 19th will take the form of a Rededication to the ideals of our faith by the whole congregation. Officers of our temple and of its affiliated organizations, the choir, and children of the Religious School will participate.

Special Chanukah candy will be distributed to the children up to the sixth grade on Sunday, Dec. 21st, and to the children above the sixth grade after the service, Friday evening, December 19th.

Chanukah week will also feature special assemblies in the Religious school, as well as class and club parties.

Chanukah candles will be lit in the temple lobby every afternoon at 5:15 P. M. with appropriate ceremony.

Parents are urged to light candles on each night of Chanukah (see page 5). This holiday celebrates the first recorded victorious struggle for religious liberty. Let us celebrate Chanukah with joy and thankfulness as we are privileged to reap the benefits of our centuries old struggle for religious freedom.

Make much of Chanukah in your homes. Exchange gifts the first night and if possible every single night of Chanukah even though these gifts be expensive.

All children of the Religious School have been asked on this happy occasion to make a special contribution to Keren Ami, the School's philanthropic fund. Chanukah gift envelopes will be distributed to the children this week-end and are to be returned the following week.

The Parking lot at the St. Agnes Church, 79th and Euclid, is available for use by members of the Euclid Avenue Temple on Friday evenings.

SAVE YOUR TAX STAMPS for the Sisterhood's charitable and philanthropic funds. Bring them to temple and drop them at any time in the box provided for that purpose at the office.

BABY BLESSING

Robert William Beyer, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Beyer was named and blessed at the Sabbath morning service on Saturday, December 6th.

CONGRATULATIONS TO:

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Levine on the engagement of their daughter Adele to Irving Barrish.

Mr. and Mrs. B. W. Korach on the birth of a grandson, Jeffrey Lawrence, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Korach.

THANKS AND APPRECIATION

To Mrs. Etta Bubis and Mrs. Joseph Laronge, chairman of the Sisterhood's Maker's Mart for their untiring effort, in making the Mart the huge success that it was.

OUT-OF-TOWN COLLEGE STUDENTS, children of members, who will be at home for the winter vacation will be the guests of Rabbi and Mrs. Brickner on Tuesday, December 30th, at 2 P. M. at their home, 17800 Parkland Drive.

Will parents be good enough to send us the names of their SONS AND DAUGHTERS ATTENDING LOCAL COLLEGES because Rabbi and Mrs. Brickner would like to extend to them too, a personal invitation to attend the annual "at home" for college students.

IN MEMORIAM

Our heartfelt sympathy is extended to the bereaved families of Bert Spanye, Adolph Blumenthal, Clara Jacobs and Sylvia Persky.

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THIS WEEK IN THE TEMPLE

Men's Club

Tuesday, Dec. 16—6:15 P. M. "AMERICAN EXPERIENCE AND THE POST WAR ERA" will be discussed by Dr. Jacob C. Meyer at the Round Table Dinner Meeting. Tasty Shop. Upper Dining Room. \$1.00 per person.

Tuesdays at 9 P. M. Bowling at Shaker Square Alleys.

Sisterhood

Tuesdays from 9 A. M. SEWING in Alumni Hall.

Alumni

Tuesdays at 9:15 P. M. Bowling at Cedar-Lee Alleys.

Religious School

Sunday, Dec. 14—2:30 P. M. CONFIRMATION CLASS SOCIAL AND DANCE.

Adult Classes

Tuesday, Dec. 16—10 A. M. "Design for Jewish Living" with Mrs. Sigmund Braverman.

1 P. M.—Hebrew Class with Rabbi Rosenbaum.

8 P. M.—Hebrew Class with Rabbi Rosenbaum.

Wednesday, Dec. 17—10 A. M. Bible Class with Mr. Brilliant. Hebrew Class with Rabbi Rosenbaum.

COMING EVENTS

Junior Alumni

Sunday, Dec. 21—Mocktail Party. Dr. Joseph Dimont speaking on "Religious Freedom" discussing Chanukah and the anniversary of the Bill of Rights. A special invitation is extended to out-of-town members back on vacation.

MEN'S CLUB

RESERVATIONS MUST BE MADE IN ADVANCE for the Men's Club Evening Round Table to be held Tuesday evening, Dec. 16th, 6:15 P. M. in the Upper Dining Room of the Tasty Shop. Reservations must be made by Sunday, A. M. Dec. 14th at the temple (Cedar 0862) or with any one of the following committee members: Martin N. Goulder, chairman, Mark Barris, B. S. Kaufman, Gerald Miller, Victor Goodman, Henry Pasternak, David Kabaker, Sol Battler, Jerome Frankel, Harry Waxman, and Ed. S. Klein.

The membership drive is off to a good start, with over 400 members already in the fold. Last year's members who have not yet sent in their dues are urged to do so immediately.

CALLED TO THE COLORS

Private Arnold Lakritz, Fort Lewis, Washington.

Private Robert L. Grossman, Camp Shelby, Miss.

Private Nathan Strauss, Camp Dix, New Jersey.

Private Lloyd Newton Felder, Jefferson City, Mo.

Private Robert A. Starr, Camp Shelby, Miss.

Ensign Richard M. Klaus, Quonset, Point, Rhode Island.

Lieut. Irving S. Leiberman, Fort Bragg, North Carolina.

Corporal Stanley D. Friedland, Fort Lewis, Washington.

Corporal Jerry Frisch, Camp Forrest, Tenn.

FUNDS

To the Altar Fund—Mrs. Joe Weinberger and Mrs. I. S. Rose in memory of birthday of father, Sam Weiss. Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Weiss in memory of birthdays of father, Sam Weiss and Mrs. Max Rosenblum. Mrs. Sidney Weiss in memory of mother, Rose Weiss. Mr. I. D. Moore, Mrs. A. J. Moore and Mrs. M. J. Lennig in memory of mother, Eva Moore. Mrs. Louis Stotter in memory of James Marks Goldman.

To the Scholarship Fund—Mrs. Julius M. Emrich in memory of Ignatz Stone and Joseph N. Miller.

CHANUKAH—THE FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS

The festival of Chanukah is celebrated for eight days beginning with the 25th day of Kislev. It commemorates the victory of the Maccabees over the Syrian army in the year 165 B. C. E.

Jewish history records greater Jewish victories than this one, victories of greater political significance, but we do not celebrate them. Why? Because we are not interested in a purely military victory. The thing which lends significance to the Maccabean victory is the fact that they fought a religious war. The war was more a struggle between Judaism and Hellenism than between Jews and Syrians.

Through the conquest of Persia by Alexander the Great in 332 B. C. E. the Jews came under the Greek rule. At first Jews suffered no disabilities as a result of this political change. They were permitted to observe their religion without molestation. But after Antiochus Epiphanes came to the throne (175 B. C. E.) the Jews began to feel the yoke of oppression. Thirsting for power, this unscrupulous ruler, decided to take advantage of conditions in Judea to enhance his might. The Highpriesthood in Jerusalem had become a political "plum" which the Greeks awarded to the highest bidder. There was much rivalry for the office and Antiochus was called in to restore peace. This provided him with the excuse for which he had been waiting. He prohibited the observance of the Sabbath by the Jews and endeavored to compel them to offer sacrifices to the Greek gods.

In the town of Modin lived Mattathias, an aged priest and his sons. They refused to submit to the decrees of the tyrant nor did they accept the role of martyrs. When the captain of the detachment of troops came to their town

for the purpose of setting up an altar to Zeus, the aged man and his sons raised the banner of rebellion. They were soon joined by other pious Jews and succeeded in driving out the Syrians. Palestine was freed from the threat of the armies of Antiochus, and Judas and his army triumphantly entered the city of Jerusalem. The Temple which had been polluted by the Greeks was cleansed and re-dedicated on the 25th day of Kislev and the festivities lasted eight days. In commemoration of this event the festival of Chanukah was instituted to be celebrated for eight days.

The festival is celebrated by the lighting of candles on each of the eight days of the festival. On the first day one candle is lit, and on every succeeding evening an additional one is lit, until the eighth day. The kindling of the lights is preceded by the recitation of appropriate benedictions.

Chanukah Week

is

Jewish Book Week

December 14-22

Give books for

Chanukah Gifts

**For your convenience
Books are available
at our Temple
and at the Bureau of
Jewish Education**

HOME SERVICE FOR CHANUKAH

Chanukah week begins Monday, December 15th and the first candle will be lit Sunday evening, December 14th. Light one additional candle each evening until eight are lit on Sunday evening, December 21st.

Before kindling the lights, hold the lighted Shammas in your hand and pronounce the following blessings:

בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה יי, אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם, אֲשֶׁר
קִדְּשָׁנוּ, בְּמִצְוֹתָיו, וְצִוָּנוּ לְהַדְלִיק נֵר שֶׁל חֲנוּכָּה:

Praise be Thou, O Lord our God, Ruler of the world, who hast sanctified us by Thy Commandments and bidden us kindle the Chanukah lights.

בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה יי, אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם, שֶׁעָשָׂה
נִסִּים לְאֲבוֹתֵינוּ, בַּיָּמִים הָהֵם, בְּזֶמֶן הַזֶּה:

Praise be Thou, O Lord our God, Ruler of the world, who didst wondrous things for our fathers at this season in those days.

(For the first night only)

בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה יי, אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם, שֶׁחַיֵּינוּ,
וְקִיָּמָנוּ, וְהִנֵּיעָנוּ לְזֶמֶן הַזֶּה:

Praise be Thou, O Lord our God, Ruler of the world, who hast granted us life, sustained us and permitted us to celebrate this joyous festival.



MO-OZ TSUR

Mo-oz tsur y'shu-o-si,
L'cho no-eh l'sha-be-ach
Tik-kon bes t'fil-lo-si,
V'shom todoh n'za-be-ach
L'es tochin mat-be-ach
Mits-tsor ham-m'na-be-ach
Oz eg'mor
B'shir miz-mor,
Cha-nu-kas ham-miz-be-ach.

ROCK OF AGES

Rock of ages, let our song
Praise Thy saving power;
Thou amidst the raging foes,
Wast our shelt'ring tower.
Furious they assailed us,
But Thine arm availed us.
And Thy word
Broke their sword
When our own strength failed us.

(See also Union Prayer Book, Page 351)

FIRST BOOK ON RELIGIOUS PAGEANTS APPEARS

A new volume on religious pageants for the Jewish school by Nathan Brilliant and Libbie L. Braverman has just come off the presses of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations. In response to numerous requests from congregations in every part of this country, Canada, and even South Africa and Australia, these pageants have finally been published. The pageants are a result of many years of experimentation.

The use of pageantry in religious services is not new. It is as old as religion itself. It was an integral part of the ancient temple service and in a modified form is still a vital part of the Jewish service. The reading of the Torah on the Sabbath and on the holidays, the procession of Torahs on Simchas Torah, the procession of the esrog and lulav on Succoth and the Megillah Reading on Purim all partake of the nature of pageantry. Especially for children is pageantry important, for the eye is as important an avenue of communication as the ear, and when appeal is made to both it is the most effective way of conveying the religious message.

Everyone of these pageants have been used one or more times in the Children's Services of the Euclid Avenue Temple. Both the service and the pageant are built around one central theme—the Sabbath, liberty, one of the holidays, love of learning, and similar topics. When the child leaves the temple he carries away with him a unified impression of the religious message. Large groups of children participate in the dramatic presentation of the theme. Experience has shown that the child long remembers the lesson of such a service and that the effect is deeper and more lasting than that of any sermon.

Although, at first adults who attended

the Children's Services had grave misgivings about a pageant in a temple they have by now become thoroughly "converted" and even welcome the introduction of pageantry into some of the adult services. Thus, for example, Megillah Night, an institution of the Euclid Avenue Temple on Purim takes the form of a great pageant in which the Esther story comes to life. From time to time, parts of the Children's Services and pageants have been introduced into the adult service. Among them have been pageants devoted to the Sabbath and to the holidays, both Jewish and American.

Mr. Brilliant and Mrs. Braverman who prepared these pageants have made a genuine contribution to the entire content and technique of Children's Services.

TOO BUSY

The Lord had a job for me,
But I had so much to do,
I said, "You get somebody else—
Or wait till I get through."
I don't know how the Lord came out
But he seemed to get along—
But I felt kind o'sneakin' like—
Knewed I'd done God wrong.

One day I needed the Lord,
Needed him myself, needed him right
away—

But he never answered me at all,
But I could hear him say—
Down in my accusin' heart—
"My child, I've got too much to do;
You get somebody else,
Or wait until I get through."

Now, when the Lord he hath a job for
me,

I never tries to shirk,
I drops what I have on hand,
And does the good Lawd's work;
And my affairs can run along,
Or wait till I get through;
Nobody else can do the job
That God's marks out for you.
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