
THE EUCLID AVE. TEMPLE

BULLETIN

CLEVELAND, OHIO

FRIDAY EVENING SERVICE—MARCH 27th—8:00 O'CLOCK

MR. HENRY S. L. POLAK

OF LONDON, ENGLAND

will speak on

"INDIA AND THE WAR"

Our guest speaker is an authority on India and its problems having been for many years closely associated with Gandhi and the leaders of the Indian struggle. He is a member of the Imperial Advisory Committee of the British Labor Party and was very active in the Round Table Conferences and Joint Parliamentary Committee which laid the ground-work for the present Constitution of India.

Mr. Polak was born in England and comes of an old sephardic Jewish family.

Rabbi Brickner will introduce Mr. Polak.

During Passover Week

April 1st to April 8th

Wednesday, April 1st, 6:30 P. M. Alumni Hall. CONGREGATIONAL SEDER.

Thursday, April 2nd, 11 A. M. PASSOVER SERVICE—FIRST DAY OF PASSOVER.

Friday, April 3rd, 8 P. M. Regular FRIDAY EVENING SERVICE. Rabbi James G. Heller of Cincinnati will be the guest preacher.

Saturday, April 4th—No Religious School.

Sunday, April 5th—No Religious School

Wednesday, April 8th, 10:30 A. M. YIS-KOR MEMORIAL SERVICE.

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A recital of sacred music begins
at 7:45 P. M.

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Sabbath morning services from
11 to 12 noon in the Chapel. Rabbi
Brickner will preach.

It is an Act of Faith in Freedom
To Be With Your Family on Passover Eve
Either At a Home Seder Or At the

Congregational Seder

Wednesday evening, April 1st—6:30 P. M.

Alumni Hall

First Night of Passover

Reservations must be made by Monday, March 30th

\$1.75 for Adults

\$1.60 for children

CRADLE ROLL

The following names have been added to the Cradle Roll: Marcia Gwen Faulb, Dianne Suzan Katz, Joann Leeson, and Suzan Merle Englander.

SISTERHOOD

THE WAR PROBLEM STUDY GROUP of which Mrs. Ralph Wertheimer is chairman, will hold its first meeting on Wednesday, April 1st at 11 a. m. Mrs. Sigmund Braverman will present the section on Palestine from John Gunther's "Inside Asia."

CONGRATULATIONS TO:

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Bernon on the marriage of their son, J. Bernard Bernon to Marie C. Saywell.

Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Podell on the engagement of their son Irvin to Ellen Ruth Heller.

Mr. and Mrs. Gus Rosen on the marriage of their daughter, Regina to Dr. Ben Mirman.

Dear Friends,

For many years awards for scholarship were made in the graduating class of the High School Department from a special memorial fund. The sponsors of this fund are no longer able to maintain it. An opportunity is, therefore, offered to anyone who wishes to establish such a scholarship fund in memory of some loved one. Please get in touch with Mr. Brilliant at the Temple.

Sincerely yours,
Barnett R. Brickner, Rabbi

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To the Library Fund: Mrs. Lee E. Unger in memory of birthday of husband, Lee E. Unger. Harold and Lois Freedlander in memory of grandmother, Anna Freedlander. Mrs. Jack Shulman and Mrs. Harry Portugal in memory of mother, Mary Schulman, Mrs. Edwin Cole, Mrs. Adolph Rosenblum, Mrs. Dave Sey, Mrs. Roland Levy and Mrs. Morris Fischer in memory of Isaac Altman.

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THE JEWISH ARMY CONTROVERSY

By Rabbi Barnett R. Brickner

Contrary to what many people have come to believe, the proposal for a Jewish Army has nothing to do with creating a separate Jewish division in the American or in the British army. Jews in these countries are fighting and will continue to fight in ever increasing numbers as Americans and as Britishers under the Stars and Stripes and under the Union Jack. This goes even for Jewish refugees in this country and in England, who have their first papers.

The proposal of a Jewish Army is for an army based on Palestine and the Near East, to be made up of some 50,000 Jews in that section of the world who stand ready to fight in the British and United Nations' forces, provided Great Britain will permit them to form their own unit. These Jews wish to fight under their own flag as the United Nations now not only permit, but encourage the Free French and the Free Dutch and the Free Poles and others to fight with them against Hitler and the Axis for the four freedoms, and the liberation of their own land from the Nazi yoke.

Despite the consistent way in which the British Colonial Administration has continued to discourage and hamper Jewish enlistment in Palestine, that little community of only 500,000 Jews has already recruited some 15,000 Jewish enlisted men, now fighting all over the Middle East. If this same proportion were applied to enlistments in the U. S., it would equal an enlisted army of two and a half million men. If the British will only stop following a short-sighted appeasement policy toward the Arabs, a policy which has led only to disaster and rebellion, and desist from punishing the Jews who are their friends, they would be able to muster an army of 50,000 to 60,000 more men. These men would then be able to replace the thousands of Australians and New Zealanders who are needed back home to ward off invasion. There would be a savings of ships so badly needed, which are now used to

transport men and materials from Australia to Palestine. The Jews want an opportunity as Jews to fight back at Hitler and the Axis, and the creation of a Jewish Palestinian Army would be a tremendous incentive to them.

The creation of a Jewish Army is a matter of momentous and immediate concern to America, because the war has been placed squarely in our laps. It is we who will have to carry the brunt of this struggle. It will be fought and won principally by our men and material. As Americans, we cannot be unconcerned when British military strategy falls down on any sector, because of the stupid appeasement policies of some Colonial officials whose attitude toward Colonials has always been to treat them as serfs and underlings, and who fear to arm them, lest they strike for their independence. It was the pursuit of this policy that lost the British Hong-Kong and Singapore, and may lose them India, Heaven forefend.

It is this same policy which has prevented them from allowing a Jewish army to be created in Palestine. It is not true that the reason is lack of equipment. The British have enough equipment for millions of others. Why not for 60,000 Jews? Our American lend-lease would readily be available, I'm sure. It is not true that the British fear to stir up the Arabs. The fact is that the Arabs have been no help to the British, and in most instances have opposed them and risen against them. The Mufti, who is supposedly the spiritual head of the Arabs of Palestine, stirred up the rebellion in Iraq which the British had to suppress, and is now in Berlin helping Hitler, to stir up the Arabs against the British. The real reason is political. Despite the dire need for the Jewish man-power, the British appeasers in the Colonial office who are opposed to a free Jewish Palestinian homeland, do not wish to give the Jews any further claims,

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nor strengthen their rights to Palestine by allowing them to fight for its survival.

As Americans, vitally concerned with the Near East, which this spring is most likely to be the center of Hitler's attack—we must make it possible for as many Jewish men to fight on that sector. That is why it is in the interest of this country to do everything in its power to influence the British military to encourage the formation of a Jewish Army. If people say, "the British know best," my reply is that with all my sympathy and admiration for them, this has not always been proven so. The mistaken strategy of their appeasers has brought them and us to this sorry pass. It is the same kind of strategy that led the High Commissioner of Palestine to turn away from its shores the ill-fated steamer Struma, carrying over 750 homeless Jewish wanderers driven by Hitler's fury, and which was torpedoed and sunk in the Black Sea with only one survivor. This act is so inhumane, that it has aroused the indignation of people in England and this country as something not in the spirit of this war.

To those Jews who say, "there is no Catholic or Protestant Army anywhere. Why should there be a Jewish Army fighting in Palestine?" I answer that this analogy is incorrect, because Jews are more than a Church; they are also a people and in Palestine they fight as a people in defense of their homeland as do the free French and the Dutch. It is unfair to cramp the totality of Jewish life into purely theological terms. Whatever some Jews may say, the world regards us as a people different from other peoples.

If people are opposed to a Jewish army because it is apt to put a military interpretation upon Judaism, my answer is that Judaism never was a pacifistic faith. The fact is "that not many European peoples have had such a long military history as the Jews had in the land of Israel. For 2000 years, from the days of Joshua in 1400 B.C.E. to the

seventh century C.E. there have been Jewish armies in Palestine fighting Canaanites and Philistines, Greeks, Romans and others." Therefore one can be for a Jewish army in the name of Judaism.

It is naive to imagine that when the war is over, the Messianic age will set in and that all racial and religious discrimination will be automatically eliminated. After the last war, anti-Semitism spread like an epidemic that had no parallel in history because the world needed a scape-goat. After this war, the same thing may recur. Of the eleven million Jews in Europe before this war, probably not more than eight and one-half million will be left in Europe. Of these, two to two and one-half million will not be able to return to their homes and will have to find new life elsewhere. Palestine is the only country in the world capable of absorbing these homeless people. It is to the interest of every Jew living in America and in England that the problem of Jewish homelessness after the war should be solved. The Jews of Palestine want to form a Jewish army so as to show the world that they stand ready to fight for what will be the homeland for millions of homeless Jewish people. It is a serious mistake for some Jews to believe that a Jewish Homeland for homeless Jews would un-home or disturb the security of a single Jew in any of the free lands of the world. On the contrary it will help to create self-respect and honor for our people. It will prevent the spread of anti-Semitism in the future. The spiritual contribution which the Jews of Palestine are likely to make will be a blessing to mankind, as it was in the past.

TIRES AND SERVICES

All over the country, people coming to church and synagogue find that they can contribute to the war effort and save tires by "doubling up" with friends in driving to services.

Why not arrange with your friends to do likewise?