
THE EUCLID AVE. TEMPLE

BULLETIN

CLEVELAND, OHIO

FRIDAY EVENING, MARCH 19th, at 8:15 o'clock

Megillah Night and Purim Pageant

Dramatization of the eternal story of the Book of Esther prepared by Mr. Brilliant and Mrs. Braverman.

Mr. Brilliant will act as narrator and will be accompanied by a mass choir of 75 voices under the direction of Mr. Jospe.

Make this family night at temple. Parents are urged to come with their children, especially with those in the Confirmation and High School departments.

A recital of special music for Purim by the choir and organ will precede the service at 8 o'clock.

An Oneg Shabbat in Alumni Hall will follow the service. Hamantaschen and coffee will be served.

ARE YOU A PARTNER IN THE PURIM FUND FOR GIFTS TO
SERVICEMEN? YOU CAN STILL BE BY SENDING
IN YOUR CONTRIBUTION.

Sabbath morning service 11 to 12 noon in the Chapel.
Rabbi Rosenbaum will preach.

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL NEWS

No formal classroom sessions will be held during the week-end of Purim: Friday, Saturday and Sunday, March 19th, 20th and 21st.

Pupils of Grades 7 through 12 are to attend the Megillah Night Service, Friday evening, March 19th at 8 P. M. Attendance cards will be distributed.

All the children of the school will report on Sunday morning at 10 o'clock for a Purim Assembly and Celebration. Dismissal on Sunday will be at the usual hour, 12 noon.

There will be no Special Hebrew or Bible classes this week-end.

TO THE CHAPEL FUND

A donation has been received from the brothers and sisters of William W. Firth in his memory. His name will be inscribed on a plaque at the entrance of our Memorial Chapel.

CRADLE ROLL

The names of Lee Bruce Nole and Michael David Friedman have been added to our Cradle Roll.

BEST SELLER OF ALL

The world crisis has undoubtedly caused many great changes in the types of books read, but most striking of all has been the great gain in the circulation of the Bible. An increase of 20 per cent in the number of copies distributed has been noted by the Massachusetts Bible Society. Much of this increase has taken place in the armed forces. In addition to the more than one million pocket-size Bibles being printed for the Army, the American Bible Society is sending a third of a million to Army and Navy Chaplains, and is placing pulpit Bibles in the hundreds of new camp chapels and on naval vessels. More Bibles are likewise being used in week-day religious instruction; this is being encouraged by various states and communities which have adopted the plan of dismissing the pupils earlier from public school one day a week.

—Wilshire Blvd, Temple Bulletin.

IN MEMORIAM

Our heartfelt sympathy is extended to the bereaved families of Clara Steiner and Etta S. Krusch.

NO FORUM THIS SUNDAY

The Sunday Forum will not meet this week-end, as parents will attend the Purim Celebration in the Auditorium. It will resume on March 28th.

A JEWISH ATTITUDE

Heaven and Earth I call as witnesses that every man, be he Jew or non-Jew, male or female, slave or free, partaketh of the Divine spirit, provided his deeds do not counteract this spirit.

—Yalkut, Judges 42

FUNDS

To the Altar Fund: Mrs. Herbert Rosenblatt in memory of mother, Frances Harris. A friend in memory of Charlotte Sondheimer. Mrs. G. Holstein, Mrs. Martin Rosenberg, Mrs. M. F. and Mrs. M. J. Devay in memory of Gittel Menachof.

To the Rabbi Brickner Prize for Scholarship Fund: Miss Tina Bernstein in memory of Julius Fryer. Misses Dora and Tina Bernstein in memory of Thekla Rosenfeld. Mr. and Mrs. Alwyn S. Klein in honor of their son Jared's Bar Mitzvah.

To the Chapel Fund: Mrs. Anna S. Green in honor of the birth of Leonard J. Isaacs.

To the Library Fund: Mr. and Mrs. Ben-Labowitch in memory of Charlotte Sondheimer. Mr. Herman S. Goldsmith in memory of Pauline Einstein.

To the Prayerbook Fund: Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Rosewater in memory of Moses Rosenberg. Mrs. M. Licker in memory of husband Samuel Licker. Rosalie Rosenthal in memory of mother. Friends of Mrs. S. L. Wyman in memory of father, Ed. Wohl.

To the Yahrzeit Fund: Miss Anna Moss in memory of mother, Laura Moss. Friends in memory of Harris Lutsker.

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232 TREES FOR PALESTINE

During the recent Jewish National Fund campaign for the purchase and planting of trees in Palestine to redeem the soil, our Religious School children responded marvelously, purchasing 232 trees. This record purchase bests by 100 the school's largest past purchase and is the highest purchase of all Cleveland religious schools.

Some of the trees were dedicated to President and Mrs. Roosevelt, both of whom responded with letters of thanks. A dedication to the memory of the village of Lidice, Czechoslovakia, so touched the Czechoslovakian Consul that he has asked for an opportunity to return this expression of solidarity. He will address the school in the near future.

At the recent conference of the National Council of Jewish Welfare Federations and Welfare Funds, Dr. I. S. Chipkin, National Director of the American Jewish Education Association, stated in his address that the Religious School of the Euclid Avenue Temple is the outstanding school of its kind in the country, and has set a standard for every other school.

GARDENER'S GUIDES AVAILABLE

Copies of the Gardener's Guide, official publication of The Victory Garden Committee of the Cuyahoga County Council for Civilian Defense, are now available free to all Victory Garden makers in the county.

You may procure one by calling at any of the public libraries throughout the county. All that is necessary is that you sign a Garden Enrollment Card.

NOTE TO PARENTS

Beginning with September, 1943, boys who will become Bar Mitzvah in any of the Congregations affiliated with the Bureau of Jewish Education will be required to have attended at least one year, or its equivalent, in one of the Hebrew Schools represented on the Bureau. Beginning with September, 1944, Bar Mitzvah boys will be required to have attended at least two years or its equivalent. This includes our children.

FREEDOM

Freedom is that faculty which enlarges the usefulness of all other faculties.—Kant.

CONGRATULATIONS TO:

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Klein on the marriage of their daughter, Caroline, to Mr. Walter Hodus.

WHAT CAN WE DO

Let us not mouth "that they shall not have died in vain." It is an indecency to respond to dedication of their lives with empty words. The only possible way to ensure they shall not have died in vain is for us to see to it that they did not do so. And by "we" I mean each and every one of us. And what we can do about it is of the same order as to see to it that we win this war. By "we" again I mean every one of us. In the words of another: "To achieve Victory with a capital V is beyond us ordinary listeners. We must break it up into a thousand little victories around our own doorstep." It is not rhetoric but homespun truth to say that within the limits of his powers every one of us must be his own second front.

—Felix Frankfurter

JOY BRICKNER IS YOUNGEST GRAY LADY

Joy Brickner, Wellesley, 1941, Prince School, Simmons College, 1942, whose husband, Lt. Samuel Rabinowitz, is serving in the U. S. Army at Camp Devens, Mass., is devoting herself to Red Cross work. Two days a week are spent in the wards of the Lovell General Hospital where she builds up the morale of the sick and heartens the convalescents. In this work she is a representative of the Red Cross called a "Gray Lady." At present she is the youngest Gray Lady in the country.

The two days spent weekly as a Gray Lady are not the total of Joy's services rendered through the Red Cross. On two other days she interviews patients who are about to be discharged from the army and aids them in deciding what kinds of jobs they would like when they return to civilian life. In this situation, a patient fills out a questionnaire which is sent to Washington and from Washington to the patient's local draft board. When he returns to his local community, the draft board has this assistance in placing him. Joy's specialization in psychology at Wellesley and her training in personnel work at the Prince School have proved invaluable equipment.

—The Prince Alumnae News, Simmons College, Boston, Mass.

THEY SHALL NEVER DIE

(The following prayer was written by Ben Hecht, famous American Jewish novelist, for "They Shall Never Die"—dedicated to and dramatized the lot of the 2,000,000 Jews murdered by the Nazis, and the millions who still survive. It was presented by a cast of 500 in Madison Square Garden, New York on March 9th, before 42,000 people.)

Almighty God, Father of the poor and the weak, Strength of the Righteous and Hope of all who dream of goodness and justice; Almighty God who favored the children of Israel with his light—we are here to affirm that this light still shines in us.

We are here to say our prayers for the two million who have been killed in Europe, because they bear the name of your first children—the Jews.

Before our eyes has appeared the strange and awesome picture of a folk being put to death, of a great and ancient people in whose veins has lingered for so long the earliest words and image of God, dying like a single child on a single bayonet.

We are not here to weep for them although our eyes are stricken with this picture and our hearts burdened with their fate.

We are here to honor them and to proclaim the victory of their dying.

For in our Testament are written the words of Habakkuk, prophet of Israel, "They shall never die."

They shall never die though they were slaughtered with no weapon in their hands.

Though they still fill the dark land of Europe with the smoke of their massacre, they shall never die.

For they are part of something greater, higher and stronger than the dreams of their executioners.

Dishonored and removed from the face of the earth, their cry of Shema Israel remains in the world.

We are here to strengthen our hearts, to take into our veins the pride and courage of the millions of innocent people who have fallen and are still to fall before the German massacre.

They were unarmed. But not we!

We live in a land whose arm is stronger than the arm of the German Goliath. This land is our David.

Almighty God, we are here to affirm

that our hearts will be a monument worthy of our dead.

We are here to affirm that the innocence of their lives and the dream of goodness in their souls are witnesses that will never be silent. They shall never die.

We are here to affirm that we shall stand beside David and in the name of the innocent dead and of human honor battle forever and without end.

SPECIAL PURIMS

In addition to the traditional holiday, several Jewish communities are known to have celebrated more than one Purim each year in memory of days when they were saved from other Hamans.

The Jews of Egypt observed Cairo Purim for many years to celebrate the day of miraculous delivery on Adar 27, 1524. The leader and protector of Egyptian Jewry was then Abraham de Castro, who held the high office of Master of the Mint for the government. One day the governor of the country suggested that all new coins be struck with his name on them instead of that of Selim I, the Turkish sultan who also ruled over Egypt. This would have meant treason and de Castro refused. But when a written order arrived from the governor, de Castro fled to Constantinople where the sultan lived. The Jews of Cairo were left to the mercy of the governor, who proceeded to threaten them with plunder, imprisonment, and death if they did not raise a large sum of money by a certain date. Fortunately, his treachery was discovered in time and he was beheaded.

Another Purim, known as Vincenz Purim, occurred a century later in Germany. Then, as now, the Jews were blamed for the hard times in the country. Vincenz Fettmilch, a baker, declared himself a "new Haman" and organized an attack on the Jews. The ghetto of Worms was first to suffer. Frankfort was next. Fortunately, the elector or governor Frederic considered these pogroms acts of civil disobedience. He gathered a strong force of cavalry, infantry, and artillery and quickly put down the riots. The "new Haman" was hanged and the other rioters were compelled to pay the damages to the Jews. The Jews of Frankfort instituted a special Purim on Elul 27, 1614.

—From "Jewish Holidays and Festivals" by Ben M. Edidin.