
THE EUCLID AVE. TEMPLE

BULLETIN

CLEVELAND, OHIO

FRIDAY EVENING SERVICE

December 3rd, at 8:15 o'clock

Rabbi Philip S. Bernstein

of B'rith Kodesh Temple, Rochester, N. Y.

will speak on



"What Do We Owe Our Youth Today?"

*Sabbath Morning
Services*

in the Chapel

11 A. M. to 12 Noon

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RABBI JULIUS J. NODEL

will preach on

"The Well of Living Waters"

Sedrah: Genesis 28:10—32:3

Haftarah: Hosea 11:7—12:12

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NORMAN ROMAN WILL CHANT THE
LITURGICAL RESPONSES

ERWIN JOSPE AT THE ORGAN

"Remember the Sabbath Day to Keep It Holy"

Rabbi Bernstein is on the New York State Executive Board of the Child Labor Commission and the New York State Council for Citizen Morale.

He is eminently fitted to speak on the subject of "Youth and Its Problems."



**A RECITAL OF SACRED MUSIC
BY ORGAN AND CHOIR**

8:00 P. M.

Erwin Jospe, Directing
Doors open at 7:45 P. M.

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Friday Evening, December 10th

RABBI JULIUS J. NODEL

will speak on

**"What Does the General Patton
Incident Reveal?"**

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THE CHRISTMAS PROBLEM

A Challenge to Parents

By Rabbi Theodore H. Gordon

In the life of the American child, December is a happy month, for it brings holiday spirit, parties and presents. To many American Jewish parents, December brings a troublesome problem whether to pivot these parties and presents about Chanukah, or to reserve them for the date when the community at large is celebrating its Christmas holiday.

This year, as in other years, many Jewish parents will be greatly distressed by the appeals of their children for Christmas trees and Christmas trimmings. Once again, some Jewish parents accede to the pleas of their children, offering any one of a dozen reasons (or rationalization): To refuse would 1) make the children unhappy, 2) deprive them of something of real charm and beauty, 3) cut them off from celebrating one of America's folk holidays ("the Christmas tree really has no religious significance." 4) give them a sense of "being different" from their neighbors and playmates, etc.

Those of us to whom Jewish life is meaningful cannot dismiss too lightly the impact of this problem upon a large number of Jewish parents. In home after Jewish home, we have encountered such situation, with children asking for what their playmates have, and parents, hopelessly confused in their thinking, proceeding, even with the best of intentions to scuttle what remained of Jewish value and sentiment in the home.

Since this annually recurring crisis will soon again be at hand, it might be well to examine the problem and clarify a few fundamental points with reference to it.

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

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SISTERHOOD NOTES

Every Tuesday morning there will be someone in charge of children from 2 to 6 years of age during the Tuesday sewing. We are urging mothers to bring their children and attend the sewing. The children will be well taken care of.

We invite you to purchase your Chanukah gifts from the Sisterhood sewing group. There are tea aprons, baby gifts, bridge sets, handkerchief cases, babushkas, and a host of other lovely gifts.

In Memoriam

Our heartfelt sympathy is extended to the bereaved family of Alex Frankel.

Sisterhood Interfaith Meeting and Tea

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 7th, 2:00 P. M.

March of the United Nations Flags.

Discussion: "Religion and War" by Chaplains of Three Faiths.



**Here's How the Euclid Avenue Temple Sisterhood
Remembers Pearl Harbor!**



Mrs. John Polutsek, Chairman of the Red Cross Motor Corps, is shown standing by the E. A. T. Sisterhood Mobile Blood Donor Unit.

The presentation to the Red Cross of this Mobile Blood Donor Unit will take place at the Interfaith Meeting.

If you have not, as yet, given your contribution towards the purchase of this gift for the Red Cross, please send your check or money to Mrs. Sol Friedman or to the Temple office.

Hurry! Hurry! Only FOUR more days left!

IS YOUR BLOOD IN THE WAR?

BLOOD DONORS AND FREEDOM

My blood will go marching on
In the veins of freedom-loving
men.
My blood in plasmic state
Will know no hate for anyone.
My blood will fill
The veins of the staunch who'll
fight
Determined, to preserve the Four
Freedoms
And every American's right.
My blood will help
The free and brave
Stave off danger,
To bodies torn by shot and shell
In the fox-holes of Guadalcanal;
On desert sands of Tripoli,
On land or sea,
Wherever men fight to be free.
Far and near,
Wherever men hold freedom dear
My plasmic blood will go,
Keeping step, overpowering the
foe,
Marching on and on,
Until Victory is won.
Yes, my blood will go on march-
ing on to Victory,
Then the world will be free.

Ask for a blood-donor application
card from the Sisterhood Committee

JUNIOR THANKSGIVING SERVICE

The Junior Thanksgiving Service last Saturday, for the students of the Religious School was impressive and beautiful.

The following children participated in the service:

Beverly Baker, Richard Porus, David Shaber, David Babin, Cecile Waechter, Irving Gray, Alice Wodlicka and Jean Kastriner.

The following children of the Habima Players participated in the Choral Sermon: Karol Breitbart, Ilene Hirsh, Herbert Lehman, Maxine Cass, Jimmy Zimmelman, Eunice Licht, Barbara Wolpaw, Janet Frankel, Stuart Scheingold, Lois Lefkovich, Shirley Steiner, Lynn Hirshstein and Ivan Gluckman.

Stories of the Week

HE'S STILL RIDING

Yankel was on board a train bound for California. Suddenly he looked from the window and, clasping his head in his hands, began to moan, "Ai, ai, ai, ai." All that day the wail continued, and during the night fellow-passengers heard Yankel moaning in his berth without cessation. All the next day and night, even unto the third day, Yankel's Ai, ai, ai, ai rang through the car. Finally the lament began to get on one of the passenger's nerves. He approached Yankel and said, "My dear fellow, something seems to be wrong. What is the matter?" "Wrong!" Yankel answered. "Three days already I'm riding on the wrong train. Ai, ai, ai!"

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NEW START

Schmeril—Hello, Berel. Haven't seen you for a dog's age. How's business?

Berel—Business, my eye! The Government put me on my feet again.

Schmeril—Is that so; you've got a Government job!

Berel—No! No job! Got no gas; got no tires. So I'm on my feet again.

GIFTS FOR THE BOYS IN SERVICE

For the past few weeks, the E.A.T. kitchen has been busy with packing, addressing and shipping. Under the chairmanship of Mrs. Sidney Weiss, the ladies of the congregation are receiving donations and sending cakes to our boys in the service. The ladies who helped pack the boxes are: Mrs. Maurice Beron, Mrs. Louis Cort, Mrs. N. H. Less, Mrs. M. H. Bondy, Mrs. Charles Korach, Miss Rollie New, Mrs. A. Schweidt, Miss Gertrude Bondy, Mrs. L. E. Blachman, Miss Stella Fishel, Mrs. Elmer Kaufman, Miss Rosalind Korach, Miss Gladys Persky, Mrs. Sidney Weiss, Chairman.

Donations to the cake fund were received from: Miss Kessler, The Original Mt. Sinai Group, Mrs. I. J. Kabb, Mrs. James Miller, Mrs. H. Freyman, Mrs. S. Winograd, Mrs. LaVetter, Miss Rollie New, Miss Nora New, Mrs. Esther Goodman, Mrs. Ben Folkman, Miss Stella Fishel, Mrs. S. Medalie, Mrs. Bertha Steiner, Mrs. J. Darnofsky, Mrs. Ben Silver, Mrs. J. M. Anthony, Mrs. Charles Korach, Mrs. Phil Robbins, Mrs. Ron-Sidney Weiss, Mrs. Elmer Kaufman, Mrs. Sol Friedman, Mrs. Hirschstein and Ivan Gluckman.

Men's Club Round Table and Dinner

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 8th, 6:15 P. M.

Sovereign Hotel

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RABBI JULIUS J. NODEL

will speak on

"ANTI-JEWISH PREJUDICE--- ITS GENESIS AND EXODUS"

A discussion of the origins, history and psychology behind anti-Jewish sentiment. Can we recognize the forces that beget it today? What can we do about it?



Smoker and Card Games Later in the Evening

Committee:

Chester Hess
Dr. Joseph Gage
Dr. S. Fuerst
David Gold
L. Berk

Harry Jacobson, Pres.
Henry Pasternak, Chairman
Mark Barriss, Vice-Chairman
I. Reich, Vice-Chairman

Harry Waxman
Sanford Schwartz
Martin Goulder
Sheldon Shagrin
Dr. Louis Bard

\$1.25 per ticket

RABBI IN THE COMMUNITY

Saturday evening, November 27th, Rabbi Nodel delivered an address before the Gates of Hope Congregation.

November 28th, he participated in a panel discussion on "Democracy" at the Evangelical Reform Church in Cleveland.

E. A. T. CONFIRMAND PROMOTED

Capt. Aaron I. Simon, M.C., a confirmand of the Euclid Avenue Temple (class of 1929) has been promoted to Major in the United States Army. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. E. Simon of 3475 Avalon Rd., Shaker Heights. Major Simon, 29, entered service as a first lieutenant in June, 1942. Previously, he was a resident physician at the Mt. Sinai Hospital, Cleveland.

CONGRATULATIONS TO:

Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Fromson on the birth of a daughter, Susan Jo Fromson.

WELCOME TO GUEST PREACHER

We are happy to welcome Rabbi Philip S. Bernstein to the Euclid Avenue Temple, Friday, December 3rd.

Rabbi Bernstein was granted a leave of absence for the duration of the war by his congregation, Temple B'rith Kodesh, Rochester, N. Y., to assume his duties as Executive Director of the J.W.B. Committee on Army and Navy Religious Activities. He has studied in this country and abroad in England and in Palestine. Interested in all phases of social work, Rabbi Bernstein has served on many committees in his state on behalf of labor and child welfare, and has been a constant contributor to many of the outstanding magazines in this country, including "The Nation", "Harpers" and "Opinion."

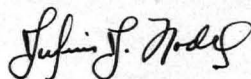
He is well qualified because of his experience to answer the question "What Do We Owe Our Youth Today?", the subject of his lecture this Friday evening.

IMPORTANT NOTICE!

DEAR FELLOW MEMBER:

WE URGE YOU TO BUY AN EXTRA WAR BOND ON PEARL HARBOR DAY, DECEMBER 7TH, IN HONOR OF OUR MEN WHO HAVE ALREADY SACRIFICED THEIR LIVES FOR LIBERTY AND JUSTICE.

BUY YOUR BOND AT THE EUCLID AVENUE TEMPLE. MAKE YOUR CHECK PAYABLE TO THE FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF CLEVELAND AND INDICATE IN WHOSE NAME OR NAMES THE BONDS ARE TO BE ISSUED. MAIL YOUR CHECK TO MRS. R. LESS IN CARE OF THE EUCLID AVENUE TEMPLE.



Assistant Rabbi.

JAMES H. MILLER,
President.

**FOURTH WAR BOND DRIVE
SAVE TODAY FOR LIBERATION TOMORROW**

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At the very outset it should be made clear that this is a problem of Jewish parents, not Jewish children . . . The same mother who insists upon the child eating spinach and washing behind the ears is somehow helpless to oppose his whims in the matter of a Christmas tree. The father, who, through the year, is not too concerned with giving his children a full and rich folk experience, becomes suddenly worried lest they "miss out on something beautiful and worthwhile."

In the continuous battle of wits between parents and children, the latter are quick to pick out the weak spots in their parents' line celebration by their own obvious and drive through to their own advantage. Most parents actually invite the request for a Christmas indecision and by their lack of Jewish convictions and loyalties, which children are quick to perceive. Faced

with the same brand of parental authority and resourcefulness that they meet in other areas of their home experience, and given adequate substitutes in terms of comparable Jewish ceremonials, children would by no means make a special issue of this particular request. With many Jewish parents, the "Christmas problem" is in the same category as the "sex problem"; the child makes a perfectly simple and normal request (for sex information—or for a Christmas tree), and the parent, who has his own emotional involvements in such matters, attributes unwarranted significance to the whole affair. We point to this not by way of condemnation, but rather in appraisal of a cold fact, that the "Christmas tree problem" arises out of a negative condition in our parents rather than a positive devotion to our Jewish children to the inherent aesthetic qualities of a bedecked and betinselled fir tree.

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