

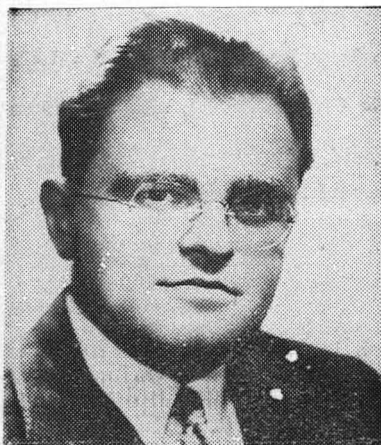
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THE EUCLID AVE. TEMPLE

# BULLETIN

CLEVELAND, OHIO

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## FRIDAY EVENING SERVICE

January 7th, at 8:15 o'clock

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*Guest Preacher*

### Dr. Joshua Loth Liebman

RABBI, TEMPLE ISRAEL  
BOSTON, MASS.

### *Sabbath Morning Services*

11 A. M. to 12 Noon  
in the Chapel

**Rabbi Julius J. Nodel**

*will speak on*

**“REFUGEES”**

Sedrah: Genesis, 44:18—47:27

Haftarah: Ezekiel 37: 15-28

FRIDAY EVENING, JANUARY 14th

**RABBI NODEL**

*will speak on*

Lewis Browne's

**“SEE WHAT I MEAN”**

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**Religious School Notes**

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL SESSIONS will be resumed this week-end, Friday, January 7th, Saturday, January 8th, and Sunday, January 9th.

Clubs resumed their activities this week starting Monday, January 3rd.

Report cards will be distributed to children of the fourth to ninth grades inclusive. Parents are asked to examine the report cards and sign them so that they may be returned promptly at the next session.

**NORMAN ROMAN, CHOIR SOLOIST TO ENTER THE ARMED SERVICES**

Mr. Norman Roman, soloist of the Euclid Avenue Temple choir and cantor for the Sabbath morning services, will enter the service of the Armed Forces of the United States, this week.

He has been a faithful member of the choir for fourteen years, and his sweet tenor voice has lent beauty to many, many services in his long career with us. He has a fine musical sense, and an understanding and appreciation of the Jewish liturgy, which he interprets so well and with great feeling. We shall always remember his "Kiddush" on Friday Evenings, and his "Kol Nidre" on the Holydays.

As tribute to Mr. Roman, all his friends and the members of the congregation are especially urged to attend Services this Friday, January 7th, when he will sing his last service, before leaving for the Army.

The Euclid Avenue Temple, its officers, Board, affiliated organizations and its Rabbis, wish him Godspeed and a quick and safe return.

**FUNDS**

**To the Prayerbook Fund:** Bertha Triester in memory of Jeanette Triester and Louis Triester; Mrs. Ruth Friedman Insel in memory of Anton Friedman and Mrs. Jennie Friedman.

**To the Yahrzeit Fund:** Mrs. Martha M. Newman in memory of Bertha Kahn; Abe Cort, Paul Cort, and Louis Cort in memory of Celia Cort; Mr. and Mrs. Allan Sogg in memory of Carrie Salk; Mrs. Mary Goodman in memory of Samuel Lerner and Arthur Lerner.

**To the Betty Jane Finkle Fund:** Mrs. L. B. Reich in memory of Betty Jane Finkle.

**To the Altar Fund:** Mrs. Hilda Laronge in memory of Morton Pollock; Mrs. Julius Lamm in honor of the 15th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Max Scherl; Mrs. S. H. Urdang in memory of David Zinner; Mrs. Julius Lamm in memory of Yetta Sussman and Norbert Salzinger; Mr. and Mrs. R. Schaffer in memory of Max Adler.

**To the Alice Barth Memorial Fund:** Mrs. Sylvia Feldman, Mrs. J. O. Stein, Nathan Loeser, Bertha Gertrude Dorfman, Mrs. Harry Rosewater, Henrietta Joseph, Mr. and Mrs. Myron Rice, Mrs. Theresa Rice, Lena Kohn, Bolton School Faculty and Miss Agnes Ziska.

**In Memoriam**

Our heartfelt sympathies are extended to the bereaved families of Max L. Adler and Sidney Sachs.

**Men's Club Meeting**

**TUESDAY EVENING, JAN. 18th**

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Speaker:

**Frederick Sterbenz**

**"THE WORLD—TODAY AND TOMORROW"**

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**Keep the Date Open**

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**A very enjoyable evening has been planned**

## A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT OF OUR TEMPLE

Dear Member:

At the beginning of the New Year, 1944, in behalf of the Rabbis, officers, Board of Trustees and the affiliated organizations, I greet you. May this year, speedily bring in its wake, peace with victory.

During such a time, when the new year of destiny is upon us; when the fate of the world hangs in the balance, religion becomes a factor of tremendous importance. It nourishes the souls of men with hope and courage, with faith and resolution. These are just as essential to winning the war as the military and economic factors which run the nation's armed forces.

Before Rabbi Brickner left for his overseas mission, he urged you to give the same loyalty and attendance to your Temple during his absence, as you have in the past. Just as he will be spending every moment of his available time over there with your boys and girls on the battlefronts of the world, so did he say that he hoped you would, at least, spend an hour in temple each week,—praying for them and for their safe return.

Your Temple offers you an island of peace in a troublous world. Our Friday Evening Services and Sabbath Morning Services, with Rabbi Nodel and guest Rabbis officiating, can bring you a needed sense of holiness and beauty to compensate for the disturbing elements that may overcome you.

It is easy—with a will—to develop the habit of worship. You owe it to yourself. You owe it to those who are fighting to preserve your very freedom to worship God in your own way.

Come to Temple. Bring your family. Lift your voice in prayer for victory.

Sincerely yours,  
JAMES H. MILLER.

### THE LAND WHERE HATE SHOULD DIE

This is the land where hate should die—  
No feuds of faith, no spleen of race,  
No darkly brooding fear should try  
Beneath our flag to find a place.  
Lo! every people here has sent  
Its sons to answer freedom's call;  
Their lifeblood is the strong cement  
That builds and binds the nation's  
wall.

This is the land where hate should die—  
This is the land where strife should  
cease,

Where foul, suspicious fear should fly  
Before our flag of light and peace,  
Then let us purge from poisoned thought  
That service to the state we give,  
And so be worthy as we ought  
Of this great land in which we live!  
—Dennis A. McCarthy

### CHANUKAH PAGEANT CAST

The following students of the Religious School participated in the pageant presented at the Chanukah Rededication Service, Friday Evening, December 24th:

Balfour Brickner, Norman Dratler, Lois Eichler, Audrey Friedman, Zetta Gittelson, Miriam Grossman, Dorothy Haas, Frieda Kessler, Ann Kolisch, Judith Lamm, Gerald Levy, Julius Paul and Barbara Wilson.

The pageant was very beautiful and effective, and was well directed by Mr. Nathan Brilliant and Mrs. Sigmund Braverman.

Despise not any man; for there is  
not a man that has not his hour.  
Sayings of the Fathers

## LETTER FROM RABBI BRICKNER

Somewhere in India

December 15, 1943

Since leaving Cleveland I have been thinking of my promise to send, as frequently as possible, messages to the Congregation. I have been so much on the go and censorship is so strict, that there is hardly much that I can send through that would be of interest.

As you and the folks back home know, I am constantly in military installations on this mission, as well as in different cities. It is forbidden to mention places, units, names, etc. The favorite expression therefore, in letters from abroad is: "I love you—I love you—I love you" . . . and I say this to our people with all my heart.

As you can see, I am writing this from India. I have covered more than half the globe. I am feeling fine and going strong. I have looked upon the desert, where the Israelites wandered forty years. I have crossed the Red Sea as Moses never expected it could be traversed, for knowing it, I am sure he never would have attempted it on foot.

The other day I visited the Taj Mahal. It is truly a thing of great beauty—like an architectural jewel. Its outline is delicate and feminine, for it was built by a great Indian ruler as a mausoleum for his favorite and most beautiful wife. It is all of pure white alabaster marble with gorgeous inlays of black marble inscriptions from the Koran. The huge trellis work in marble resembling ivory, and the inlay of flowers made of precious stone, are all things of beauty—and if they preserve it—a joy forever."

India is a land of strange contrasts. I followed my visit to the Taj Mahal by a visit to the Burning Ghat. There I saw several bodies cremated in the open, on the shore of a sacred river. Babies and children up to seven who have died are thrown into the river. I saw the huge turtles which come up to feed on them. Strange customs these. . .!

The cities are a riot of color because of the variegated colors of the people's dress. Of course they dress quite differently from what we are used to. I am especially interested in the headgear of the men of the Sikhs. They are full faced and always wear beards. The other day, I was tendered a reception by the Bene Israel Congregation in one of the large cities. They are dark-skinned and indistinguishable from the Hindus in dress, manners and appearance. I told them that they had a million-

dollar tan and we envied them. Even years in Miami wouldn't give us a lasting tan like theirs. In the time of the Patriarchs, the chances are that we all looked as they do, but being driven into countries where we did not enjoy so much sun, we got bleached out. But under the skin we are brothers. Their Synagogues are like ours in the West, but their "Sforim" (Scrolls of Law) are encased in mahogany and some are very ancient. In one synagogue, I counted over a hundred "Sefer Torahs." For the most part, the Jews are very poor—do not engage in business or professions and need a rabbi to be their spiritual leader very badly—especially their young people.

Our Jewish Chaplain, Dubin, who serves in a nearby American Camp has been teaching their children when he comes in once a week for service to our American Jewish servicemen in the city. You should have heard them welcome me with Hebrew liturgical and Palestinian folk songs. There is a mystic tie that binds us together as Jews and makes us feel as one family and one people, the world over.

I also visited the Refugee Camp through which the 750 Polish Jewish children and adults from Russia recently passed on their way from Teheran to Palestine. The Commanding Officer told me what a fine lot of children they are and how wonderfully the leaders who accompanied them from the Youth Aliyah were in taking care of the children.

Every Sunday morning I have given the sermon at the Protestant service somewhere; once in the Caribbean—in Natal, Brazil, and somewhere in Central Africa, and last Sunday somewhere in India. I have also met everywhere with chaplains, generals, colonels and admirals of the Navy—been graciously received, and discussed with them problems of the Jewish men. I have addressed Friday night services and weekday services. We can be very proud of our Jewish men. A very high percentage of the doctors in hospitals are Jews. Our numbers in the officer groups exceed the 4 percent of the general American population. Seldom is a Jew to be found in the guard house. Drunkenness is unknown among them and the cases of venereal disease rare. They are on the whole very well behaved. Our men do not complain about anti-Semitism—not that it is non-existent, but it is not prevalent as it is in civilian life. The living together of Christians and



Jews is making for better understanding and much good will. We need only not to forget to carry it over into civilian life when war is over.

I meet Clevelanders frequently, and all over. It is heartwarming. The other day I ran into Capt. Harry Lefkowitz, a member of our congregation. Many have heard me on the radio or at public lectures. In fact, I find many officers and men who recognize me from having heard me on "The Message of Israel"—or at some public lecture or meeting in their cities.

I shall be gone another ten to twelve weeks, because this is only the first part of my journey.

I began this letter in one place and am finishing it at another place, where undue famine is reported, yet life seems to go on quite uninterruptedly. I have learned and seen much about the causes of famine in some portions of India, which are normal and frequent, and about this famine in particular. The story that has been told concerning it in the states is not the whole story. There is quite another side. In the meantime, I am happy to inform you that it is much abated or nearly licked. Grain and rice has been obtained and released by the British Army authorities. The dietary rites of the various religious sects is a relevant factor. They are mostly vegetarians and the poor (here God loves them and creates them in the millions) eat principally rice, of which there was such a scarcity and much hoarding which seems paradoxical. But it is all very complicated.

India is a land where there are many religions and where people take their religion very seriously. In fact, it is the primary thing in their life—as it is not with us Westerners. What is very remarkable is that there is complete tolerance of religious difference. That is something the Western world can learn from them.

I attended and spoke at a closing exercise and Prize Distribution at a Girls' School—enrollment about 200. I left them and the Boys' school—both parochial—sizeable gifts from my Personal Charity Fund. These are schools for needy children.

The Jewish population of the largest Indian city, which may have over three-million people, is only around 2000. In all of India there is close to 400 million people,—and there are only some 25,000 Jews, mostly from Iraq and all of them are "Sefardim" (Jews of Spanish origin.)

The other day, while visiting the home of a distinguished Jewish family, there was a real air-raid alarm—not as with us in America. We all gathered in the central room of the house on the ground floor and waited it out. It lasted about fifty minutes. Everybody was calm and we kept up a very lively conversation, quite unrelated to the air alarm. Not that we were indifferent to what was happening, but that all felt without saying so, that we had done all we could about it and after that if God forbid, the enemy was not intercepted and came over and dropped bombs, we were in God's hands. The Jewish families who speak English, are all very hospitable and open their homes to our service men, who feel free to visit them whenever they come into town. Our American boys are very well liked over here. They bring a freshness and a buoyancy of spirit with them that these people find refreshing. In several of the large cities I have visited, I have been billeted in fine and large modern hotels which the army has taken over, and where the meals are exceptionally good. The fact is that, no matter where you go with Uncle Sam's Army—even in the deserts of Africa, you find wholesome food and water to drink—excellent sanitation and a comfortable bed to lay your head on—(no, not as comfortable as home)—but remember we are here to fight and win a war—not to sight-see. I keep marveling what American ingenuity has achieved. The hospitals I visited are the last word in equipment so the doctors tell me—and we have many, helping the men over their difficulties as well as looking after their spiritual needs. There are many questions the men keep asking about conditions in America and about their own possible future after the war, and they are very much heartened by the message I bring them from the President.

This letter started out to be just a short greeting and here it has turned into a "Megillah." So I will end it here—though I could write reams. Chanukah is near—and I shall be thinking of you all, especially next Friday night, December 24th, when you will be having the Rededication Service. I shall be out of India then. We need all to rededicate ourselves to the winning of the war and the establishment in the world of those ideals for which the Maccabean people and Democracy stands for.

Regards to all—and may God keep you!

(Signed) Barnett R. Brickner.

*Parents!*

DON'T MISS THE  
**Parent-Teachers' Reception**

SUNDAY, JANUARY 16th,  
3 to 5 p. m.

ALUMNI HALL

— • —

Your opportunity to visit with  
your child's teacher

— • —

Refreshments will be served

*To the Sisterhood*

My dear Mrs. Newman:

I want to express to you and to the Euclid Avenue Temple Sisterhood the sincere appreciation of the American Red Cross for your generous contribution of \$2200.00 for the purchase of the Chrysler Station Wagon for our Red Cross Blood Donor Service.

We are all very grateful to you for your donation of this valuable and useful equipment which will be of great assistance to our Red Cross Blood Donor Service.

Very sincerely yours,  
John D. Cremer, Jr.  
Executive Director.

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