
THE EUCLID AVE. TEMPLE

BULLETIN

CLEVELAND, OHIO

FRIDAY EVENING SERVICES

MAY 5th, at 8:15 o'clock

RABBI NODEL

will speak on

"WHAT IS WRONG WITH THE AMERICAN JEW?"

A STUDY IN SELF-CRITICISM

Can the Jew define himself rather than have others tell him what he is?
How can he put a stop to his own uncertainty?

GIVE HONOR WHERE HONOR IS DUE

IT IS DUE THE

- 25 students completing twelve years of religious school training.
- 14 students completing seven years of Hebrew studies three days a week.

Honor them with your presence at
GRADUATION NIGHT
Friday Evening, May 12th
CONCLUDING FRIDAY NIGHT
SERVICE

Sabbath Morning Services

in the Chapel
11 A. M. to 12 Noon



RABBI NODEL

will preach on

"THE TYRANNY OF
CONSCIENCE"



Samuel Levine, Cantor.
Edwin Jospe, Organist



Remember the Sabbath Day to
keep it Holy."

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REFORM JUDAISM

Reform Judaism is a liberal Judaism. It proclaims the right of each generation to change customs and rituals and even to restate doctrines, provided the essential principles of Judaism are preserved and strengthened by such changes. The same liberal principles which gave the Reform pioneers the right to change the venerable customs and prayer texts of Orthodoxy give us the right to change practices and modify doctrines of the pioneers...

Any attempt to fix Reform Judaism at the pattern of one hundred years ago or of fifty years ago petrifies it into **Reformed** Judaism, a form of Judaism which had at one time been Reformed and then remained forever fixed. It is the resolve of the Central Conference of American Rabbis to keep Reform Judaism liberal and alive to the realities of the age. It is our hope that in so doing we are strengthening both the Reform movement and Judaism itself...

Reform Judaism is strong. Its influence in America extends far beyond those institutions which are avowedly Reform . . . Our leaders are giving guidance to many Jewish and general movements in America. You do not need to build a fence around a Reform congregation to protect it against attack. Reform is of the future; it is a dynamic movement in American Judaism. Let us be bold, confident, and friendly with all of Israel.

Dr. Solomon B. Freehof,
President Central Conference
of American Rabbis.

SPECIAL NOTICE

The Alumni Group is making a collection of records. They would welcome contributions of records from the Congregation. Contributors may contact Margery Gittleston, YE. 2831.

FUNDS

To the Yahrzeit Fund: Mr. and Mrs. Michael H. Lipman, Mrs. Jacob Markowitz in memory of Jacob Markowitz.

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To the Prayerbook Fund: Mrs. Max Levitt in memory of Max Levitt; Mrs. B. E. Kaufman and Mrs. William Morris in memory of Rosa Stern; Mr. and Mrs. Michael H. Lipman in memory of Lester Lipman; Kathryn Crutch in memory of Mrs. Ethel Green; Dr. and Mrs. Bernard Katz in memory of mother, Mrs. Mary Garon. Marion Ruth and Robert Katz in memory of grandmother, Mrs. Mary Garon.

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To the Braille Fund: The Esquires Club in memory of Emma Rossman; Mrs. William Holzman in memory of Robert Ehrlich; Mrs. Monroe Ehrlich in memory of son Robert.

To the Altar Fund: Mr. and Mrs. N. Marcus in memory of Celia Goldman; Fred Ballenberg in memory of Mary Ballenberg; Mr. and Mrs. Simon Lewis in memory of Morris New; Mr. and Mrs. Michael Lipman in memory of Yetta Cousins.

CONGRATULATIONS TO

Mrs. H. B. Spiegle on her 78th birthday May 2nd.

Mrs. I. Rice on her 89th birthday May 6th.

Mr. and Mrs. Julius Meyerson on their 51st wedding anniversary May 3rd.

Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Passov on the birth of a son, Anthony Jay, April 18th.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Fuldauer on the engagement of their daughter, June, to Lt. Wilbur M. Haas, son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Haas.

Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Kendis on the engagement of their daughter, Jeanne, to Pfc. Myron Richard Hamar, son of Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Hamar.

Mr. and Mrs. Morris Gluckman on the engagement of their daughter, Muriel, to Mr. Tibor Eichenbaum, son of Mr. and Mrs. Victor Eichenbaum.

Mr. and Mrs. Maurice W. Bruml, and Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Kane on the engagement of their children, Margery (Bruml) to Lt. James (Kane).

JUNIOR ALUMNI

At its annual meeting and supper dance held last Sunday evening, the Junior Alumni Association elected the following to office: Malcolm Elsoffer, president; Melvin Grossman, vice president; Judy Mattlin, rec. sec'y.; Phyllis Gilbert, corres. sec'y.; Karl Zucker, treasurer.

The Junior Alumni has a membership of over 200 consisting of young people confirmed in our temple. They will be eligible for membership in the Senior Alumni when they reach the age of 18. Many social and cultural activities are conducted by this group during the course of the year. The Junior Alumni also participates in the Young People's Service for the High Holidays.

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL J. N. F. CONTRIBUTION

The following letter was received by Rabbi Brickner from the office of the Jewish National Fund, April 17th:

"Dear Rabbi Brickner:

"Included in a recent remittance received from the Jewish National Fund Council of Cleveland was the sum of \$444.56, raised by your Religious School on the occasion of Chamisho Osor Bishvat, for which our receipt is enclosed.

"We are grateful to your teaching staff and pupils for their active interest and generous support, which we value highly.

"It is a source of great satisfaction to know that in our efforts to redeem vast land areas in Palestine for the settlement of refugees from Nazi-dominated lands, we may confidently rely upon the support and cooperation of the Euclid Avenue Temple Religious School."

HELP THE LIBRARY FUND

If you wish to buy or renew your subscription to the Newspaper PM, you may do so through Mrs. Al Marcus, 2909 Fairfax Blvd., Yellowstone 5625.

\$3.00 on your yearly subscription or \$1.50 on a six-month's subscription will be given to the Euclid Avenue Temple Library Book Fund.

In Memoriam

Our heartfelt sympathy is extended to the bereaved families of Rudolph Deutsch, Moses Bachman and Mrs. Mary Garon, mother of Mrs. Bernard Katz.

Keep this Date Open

Wednesday Night, May 17th

MEN'S CLUB ANNUAL MEETING

*A wonderful evening
has been planned*

**NOTE: See next week's bulletin
for details.**

ADULT CLASS HOLDS LAST SESSION

The closing session of the Home Study Adult Class, under the leadership of Rabbi Nodel, met last Tuesday evening.

At the suggestion of the Men's Club, this class was organized by Mr. Sidney Moss and has been meeting once a month to discuss subjects of Jewish cultural and historical interest. Some of the subjects discussed were: "What Is Zionism." "What is the Talmud?" "What is the Midrash?" "A Study of the Prayer-Book," Jewish Education and Traditional Jewish Ceremonies and Customs.

The following attended the class throughout the year: Mr. and Mrs. Bertram Amster, Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Beyer, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Burger, Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Kane, Mr. and Mrs. David Kabaker, Mr. and Mrs. Milton Lang, Mr. Howard M. Metzenbaum, Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Moss, Mr. and Mrs. Alex Sill, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Spivack and Dr. and Mrs. Frank Weinman.

The Men's Club hopes to continue this and more groups in its program next year.

HERE'S TO THE FUTURE

(The following letter recently received by Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Lerman, Cincinnati, Ohio, from their son, Master Sergeant Baron H. Gold, who, after being stationed in the Middle East for almost a year, is now in England.—Editor.)

Dear Mother and Dad:

Last night I spent my first evening—my debut—with English-Jewish society, featured by dinner with begel, blintzes, and apple strudel. Not quite as good as my own grandmother's, but still a treat.

In the past sixteen months, since leaving the United States, I have come to speak casually of the Pyramids and the Sphinx, of Mena House and Shephard's Hotel, of the River Nile, of Jerusalem—the Wailing Wall, of Tel Aviv, and more recently of England, of London, Piccadilly, Marble Arch, Trafalgar Square, Westminster Abbey, Buckingham Palace, Big Ben and countless other places.

Often I think in terms of "a year ago at this time." The High Holidays, 1942, in Cincinnati 1943 in Cairo; Hanukah 1942 on the Red Sea, almost at the very spot where the waters parted for our people to cross, 1943 "somewhere in England;" Passover, 1942, in Cincinnati, 1943 in Jerusalem, and 1944 to be with my friends of last night.

But the real significance, the true value, of all that I have seen and done, lies not in dates and places, but in events like the dinner last night. For that was another episode in a great lesson that I have been learning—the unity and the internationalism of our people.

I have been in many homes during my "world tour;" I have met many people of many nationalities; I have been a guest at Service Clubs for New Zealand, British, Australian, South African, and Palestinian troops. I have found that to be an American is to be welcomed as an interesting visitor; but to be a Jew among other Jews is to be greeted immediately, not as a guest, but as an old friend. I have seen this illustrated in strange ways; the French refugee mother who allowed her daughter to go out with me unchaperoned—which is quite a symbol of trust in the Middle East—because I was "un juif"; the merchant in the Cairo bazaar who lowered his price without the customary haggling and bargaining when he discovers that I, too, am a "Yehuda"; the smiles at the Seder in Jerusalem when we joined in the singing of "Had Gadyo;" the bearded old man who called

to the throng, milling about the Wailing Wall" on Passover Day—"Let our American friends up to the Wall"; and then asked us "Anyone from Brooklyn?"—the warmth of the laughter in Tel Aviv at our American accents when speaking Yiddish; and now the eagerness to entertain and to share, that is being demonstrated by the English Jews.

It has been a thrilling cycle—first the position of the average American Jew in civilian life; next the Jew in the Army, when intelligent men serving together for a common purpose, recognize that differences in religion are merely varying means aimed at the same end, and that a man can be a friend whether he be Jew or Christian; then, the realization of what I have been attempting to express in this letter, the worldwide bond that unites our people. And the final phase of the cycle, when the war is over, will, I hope, be a fuller understanding and appreciation by Jew and Christian alike of our true position in the world.

Here's to that future! Love,

Baron.

A PRAYER

Give me a good digestion, Lord
And also something to digest.
Give me a healthy body, Lord,
With sense to keep it at its best.
Give me a healthy mind, Lord,
To keep the good and pure in sight,
Which seeing sin, is not appalled
But finds a way to set it right.
Give me a mind that is not bored,
That does not whimper, whine or sigh;
Don't let me worry overmuch
About the fussy thing called I.
Give me a sense of humor, Lord;
Give me the grace to see a joke.
To get some happiness from life,
And pass it on to other folk.

EXTENSION DEPARTMENT

Seventeenth Annual

ACTIVITIES RALLY and LUNCHEON

Saturday, May 6th, NOON



Awards for achievement and
attendance

"EIGHT RUNGS ON THE LADDER OF RELIGION"

"Shakespeare reminded us that all the world's a stage and all men and women actors, each one destined to play several parts. I should like to compare religion to a ladder stretching from earth to heaven, and this is the way various Temple-goers are placed on it:

"Lowest Rung: Those who come because they have no other place to go, or because they are dragooned by a friend. They sit in a pew and defy the services and the Rabbi to convince or inspire them.

"Second Rung: Those who come out of duty to the dead or fear of the living, or on a chance that there may be something to this spiritual stuff and one might as well stand in good with heaven.

"Third Rung: Those who come because it is the respectable thing to do—gives them a good name with the neighbors and saves the conscience for acts of commission and omission in daily life.

"Fourth Rung: Those who want to escape the sordid problems of life and let the beautiful and sublime music mute the harsh cries of the market-place.

"Fifth Rung: Those who want to feel the Presence that breathes through all things and express their joy and gratitude in song.

Sixth Rung: Those who want to develop a spiritual capacity to bear suffering with dignity and to take responsibility with zest.

"Seventh Rung: Those who seek their brethren that they might pray with them, counsel with them, and together with them work for the happier, better tomorrow.

"Top Rung: Those who want to develop personal integrity, social responsibility, intellectual awareness and replenish the spiritual reservoir, their religion, from which they derive the motivation for these high goals.

"There is plenty of room on the top-most rung. You must exercise your body, your mind, and your soul to get there.

—Rabbi Jacob Weinstein.

"NONE SHALL ESCAPE"

New York (JPS)—"None Shall Escape," a Columbia movie based on the promised trials of Nazi war criminals, has had its premiere here. One sequence shows the town rabbi exhorting the Jews in cattle cars to break through their guard and fight their oppressors. This is the first movie to refer to Jewish resistance.

"A NATION . . . FIGHTING TO DEFEND ITS LIBERTY IS FIGHTING FOR THE LIBERTY OF THE WORLD"

The following lines by Ilya Ehrenburg, Soviet novelist and war correspondent, constitute one of the better editorials on this war. They are taken from a letter to Americans released through the United Nations Information Office.

On a map a city's a little circle. In communiques a city is only a word. But actually a city means machine gun nests, houses turned into forts, well masked mortars, tommy gunners on roof tops, mines concealed in cellars, just hell in fact. It means youths dropping dead at the first house they reach. It means tears of mothers far away.

Like the Americans, we were peaceable people. Our thoughts were of tractors, not of tanks, of storming Nature, not fortresses. We have become stern soldiers. Our children have learned to do their lessons with bombs dropping. Our old men have learned to be young again. Victory didn't drop from the skies. We won it by suffering.

They say we have paid heavily for victory. That's an ugly word. "Payment" is associated with money, but blood is not gold or bank notes. Blood is sacred. For our liberty and the liberty of the world we are sacrificing not a few days' life, but life itself.

I know that Americans often argue about what we Russians are fighting for: whether it's only for our country or for the triumph of liberty, whether it's only for ourselves or for human dignity.

If a country fights for its own advantage and its own profit, it's fighting for itself; but a nation which is fighting to defend its liberty is fighting for the liberty of the world.

When hungry wolves fall upon a village, the peasants go out to hunt them with guns. They do so to defend themselves and their children. But they are also defending other villages. Our victories in the Ukraine are a pledge of happiness for suffering Europe. Germans killed on the Dnieper will not fight Americans on the Tiber or Seine.

ALTAR FLOWERS

The flowers on the altar Friday evening, April 8th were donated by Fred Ballenberg, in memory of his beloved wife, Mary Ballenberg.

FROM DEATH TO LIFE

London—Residing in Palestine today is a Jewish infant who was literally flung from the jaws of death to life and safety, the Jerusalem correspondent of the Evening Standard reports.

Some months ago, in Hungary, the correspondent reveals, a train jammed with Jews headed for "death camps" in Poland paused at a siding next to a train on which a group of Balkan Jews were headed for a port where they would embark for Palestine. In the few minutes that the trains were adjacent to each other, the two groups of Jews were enabled to converse and when the Jews en route to Poland learned where the others were going, a young mother among them flung her infant to one of the Palestine-bound women.

Exactly what passed between the two women in the fleeting moments that they were side by side is not disclosed, but when the trains went their separate ways the woman going to Palestine cradled in her arms a new "son." The name of the child's mother—if it is known—was not disclosed, nor the name of the foster mother, but a high official of the Jewish Agency vouches for the truth of the story.

Stories of the Week

A Jewish refugee was placed in a janatorial position in a convent by a priest.

After three weeks, the Mother Superior of the convent called the priest and said he'd have to find a new job for the refugee.

"His work is perfect," said the Mother Superior, "though we do have some trouble with his ignorance of our ways. He persists in washing his face and hands in the holy water, and stacks his broom and mop in the confessional, but he's always so sorry about these offenses, when I explain them to him, it's easy for us to pardon him—but the man is driving me out of my mind. He keeps calling me Mother Shapiro!"

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A rabbi, traveling on one of those way-trains that stop at every station on the line, was reading his Bible.

"Find anything about the railroad in that book?" asked the conductor, as he reached for the rabbi's ticket.

"Yes," replied the rabbi. "In the very first chapter it says that the Lord made every creeping thing."

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One night after completing the first half of a piano recital, Josef Hofmann stepped back-stage to rest during intermission. Upon returning to the stage the pianist was stunned to find the concert hall empty.

Did the audience fail to return because he had been so bad? Impossible. He had distinctly heard their thunderous applause. What was the answer? It turned out that programs had not been distributed to the audience, and as a result they did not know just how much music to expect. So thoroughly had they enjoyed the first half of the recital, the music lovers felt they had received their money's worth and they got up and left.

E. A. T. ALUMNI SHOW RESULTS OF THEIR RELIGIOUS SCHOOL STUDIES

At the University of Michigan, the Hillel Society is starting a class in Beginning Hebrew. The class will be taught by Benson Jaffee, '46, who is a graduate of our temple High School Department. Miss Netta Siegel, a confirmant of our temple, is Student Director of Hillel at the U. of M.

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