
THE EUCLID AVE. TEMPLE

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CLEVELAND, OHIO

A Service of Rededication

*To the Ideals of Judaism
On the Occasion of Chanukah*



To: Members and Families of
The Temple
The Men's Club
The Sisterhood
The Alumni

I urge every one of you to come to the Temple next Friday evening and participate personally in the service of rededication. Chanukah this year should have a special significance for every American Jew whose sons and daughters are fighting on all fronts to preserve in the world the principles for which the Maccabees fought. I would like to see all the families of the Temple together as they are on the High Holy Days for this great Festival of Lights.

Samuel R. Brickner

The Chanukah Service will include:

THE REDEDICATION CEREMONY, with the following participants: President of the Temple; President of the Sisterhood; President of the Men's Club, and President of the Alumni.

A CHANUKAH CANDLE PARADE OF THE NATIONS, prepared by Mr. Brilliant and Mrs. Braverman together with Miss Sylvia Stein and her High School Players. The members of the High School Players will also participate in the pagentry. Miss Sylvia Stein, Narrator.

SPECIAL CHANUKAH MUSIC sung by our choir under the direction of Erwin Jospe, with Sam Levine chanting the blessing over the Chanukah Candles. A brief address by Rabbi Brickner.

AN ONEG SHABBAT IN ALUMNI HALL WILL FOLLOW THE SERVICE.

Sabbath morning service 11 to 12 noon

RABBI BRICKNER WILL PREACH

Torah Portion—"Mikez", Genesis 41.1-44.17,
Haftorah Zechariah 2.14-4.7

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A MEMORIAL TO NORMAN ROMAN

In memory of Norman Roman, who was a member of the Euclid Avenue Temple Choir and its soloist for a period of 14 years, the Board of Trustees of the Euclid Avenue Temple has established the Norman Roman Musical Library.

Norman, always affectionately known by his first name, was killed in action on August the 6th in France. He was with us on D-Day on furlough preparatory to going to France. All of us who heard him sing at that service will never forget it.

Not only was he a gifted singer but he also composed and arranged a number of musical compositions for our services. Above all he will be remembered as a sweet, lovable personality, who made many friends. He will be deeply missed by all of us who remember the warmth and color he gave his rendition of the Kiddush, the Kol Nidre, and the many other beautiful traditional responses in our service.

Toward the establishment of the Norman Roman Musical Library, his wife, Phyllis, his family, and the Board of The Euclid Avenue Temple have contributed substantial sums. Contributions are invited from members of the congregation and friends of Norman Roman.

CONGRATULATIONS to Mr. and Mrs. James Miller on the marriage of their son, Jimmie, to Betty Green; Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Dragin on the Bar Mitzvah of their son, Robert.

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL CLASSES WILL START AT 10 A. M. THIS SATURDAY AND SUNDAY, DECEMBER 16 AND 17 FOR CHANUKAH CELEBRATION. THE CHANGE IS FOR THIS WEEK-END ONLY.

TEMPLE FLASHES

The Inter-Faith and Inter-Race meeting held last Tuesday afternoon was a huge success, well-attended, colorful, and informative . . . Rev. Powell gave a brilliant address which stirred the audience with its forthrightness and its honesty. He pleaded the cause of all minority groups . . . The program opened with a Parade of Flags of the United Nations, carried by women in native costume representing their countries of origin. The massing of the flags on the platform was a beautiful and stirring scene . . . About a thousand women attended the meeting . . . Orchids to Mrs. J. C. Newman, Mrs. B. R. Brickner and Mrs. Martin Rosenberg for a swell job well done. Also to Mrs. Wilbur Goodman, Chairman of Ushers; Mrs. E. M. Bloom, Chairman of Tea; Mrs. Elmer Kaufman, Chairman of Decorations; and Mrs. Edward Schanfarber, Chairman of Hostess . . . Thanks to Mrs. S. Braverman for coaching the massing of the colors . . . Many prominent church women and wives of Cleveland, well-known Ministers and wives of the Consuls of Allied Nations were guests . . . Classes 7B and Hebrew 5 had perfect attendance the last week-end. Hebrew 3, 4 and 7 each had 2 days of perfect attendance out of the three for the weekend.

FUNDS

TO THE BRAILLE FUND: Cora A. Kohn in memory of Miss Minnie Ettleson; Mr. and Mrs. Samuel H. Urdang in memory of Mrs. Ruth Urdang Kastin.

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TO THE LIBRARY FUND: The Balfour B'nai B'rith Auxiliary 187 and relatives and friends of Florence G. Katz have purchased in her memory several shelves of books in the Children's section of our Library.

CHANUKAH (THE FEAST OF LIGHTS)

Chanukah commemorates the victory of an ideal over brutality, spiritual independence over despotism, light over darkness. A handful of Jews, conscious of the high value of their spiritual culture, their religion, dared open fight against the overwhelming power of the Syrian King, Antiochus Epiphanes, who aimed to crush their faith in the one God, and to suppress the ritual and ceremonies created by the Jewish people to give voice to its beliefs.

In the year 162 B.C.E. King Antiochus Epiphanes ordered that a pagan altar be set up in the Temple in Jerusalem and that sacrifices be offered to the Greek idol Zeus Olympus. After hard struggle and bitter battles, in which many Jewish heroes lost their lives on the battlefield, the pious ones under the leadership of Judas the Hasmonean, or Maccabeus, achieved victory after victory, until they reconquered Jerusalem, drove out the Syrians and their Jewish sympathizers, and purified the Temple from the Zeus cult.

This purification occurred on the 25th of the Jewish month Kislev. The altar was sanctified and dedicated anew, lamps and torches kindled as a symbol of spiritual light and freedom, and a celebration of eight days ordained, during which the illumination continued amid sacrifices and songs. This feast was decreed by Judas Maccabeus and the elders of Israel to be celebrated annually, and was called Chanukah—"Feast of Dedication," also "Festival of Lights."

There is a Talmudic legend that all the oil in the Temple was polluted by the pagan worshippers, and that upon investigation only one cruse of consecrated oil was found by the Hasmoneans, untouched, sealed and hidden away. This cruse was used to illuminate the Temple. Its oil lasted, by miracle, for eight days. The story of Chanukah has been preserved in the first four chapters of the first book of the Maccabees (in the Apocrypha).

In the evenings oil lamps or waxen candles are lit. The lights are lit in the Synagogue as well as in each private home. Starting with one light on the first evening, the number is increased by one each evening, until on the eighth night there are eight lights. This progression is a symbol of Judaism's belief in the gradual constant increase of intellectual light and of the slow but steady victory of spiritual enlightenment.

At the kindling of the lights special

benedictions are recited for the miracles which God showed to our forefathers at this season. Then the hymn "Mooz tzur" or "Rock of Ages," the English adaptation thereof, is sung, according to a melody popular among the German Jews since the 16th century. While the lights burn, no work is permitted. Jews are accustomed to indulge in games and in the eating of latkes (pancakes). Children play with a revolving top or die, called Dreidle or Trendle (from the German drehen). This die has on its four sides Hebrew letters: N, G, H, and SH which have a two fold meaning, the one in Hebrew: Nes Gadol Hayah Sham ("A great miracle happened there"), and the German one: nichts, ganz, halb, stell (nothing, all, half, put), indicating the gains and losses in the play. The children usually receive presents from their parents, relatives and friends) "Chanukah Gelt" or "Chanukah Geshenk").

With the strengthening of Jewish self-consciousness in the last few decades, Chanukah has assumed an importance in the Jewish calendar commensurate with its historical and religious significance. This festival buoys up the Jew's spirit that he may withstand the waves of assimilation; that his eyes may not be blinded by the gilded splendour of false gods; that, being a small minority in an overwhelming majority, he be not made timid, that he may not underestimate his own spiritual culture in the face of that vast culture surrounding and engulfing him. Inspired by the message of this festival the Jew must champion the truth of his religion, that which made the Maccabees conquer Syrianized Hellenism and which, ever since, has kindled in the hearts of millions of the human race the eternal light of the human race the eternal light of the Jewish faith.

SISTERHOOD SENDS NEW CLOTHES TO RUSSIA

The Sisterhood is sponsoring a Russian War Relief Project for sending a boat load of gifts to the orphans of Russia. The war has orphaned about 10 million children in that country. For this project the Sisterhood is soliciting only new clothing suitable for children ranging in age from 1 to 16.

When you purchase a gift for your child, buy an additional one for an orphan in Russia. Help us ship a boat load.

Bring your gifts to the Sisterhood before December 24th. A card bearing your name will be included in the package.

LORD MOYNE'S ASSASSINATION

There is a whole field of questions that haven't been answered by Prime Minister Churchill in his comments on the death of the Guinness Stout and Ale heir, Lord Moyne, British Resident Minister in the Middle East, who was slain by Jewish terrorists in Cairo recently.

The Prime Minister is quite properly shocked as are many others—Jews and non-Jews, Zionists and non-Zionists alike—at such sacrifice of a human life. The Prime Minister has been quite explicit on this, even to the extent of saying that he and other “constant architects” of the future of Jewry will feel compelled to reconsider their attitude if such wicked activities do not cease. Incidentally, the Prime Minister is not quite explicit on the meaning of his threats. Does he mean that because of the act of a few individual Jews, he would turn against all Jews? Or does he mean that because of the act of a couple of Zionists who turned terrorists, he would turn against all Zionists? Or does he mean that he's looking for an excuse to add to the long delays that already have marked efforts to reach a settlement of the Palestine problem? I don't know, but even though he's vague in this area, I think the Prime Minister's record entitles him to the benefit of the doubt and that he's just swinging a big stick to keep the lid on things.

In any event the Prime Minister is explicit in his condemnation of the crime that has been committed, and few, if any, will argue with him on that.

What isn't explicit is the background. One doesn't have to be a partisan either for or against the idea of a Jewish homeland or for or against British policy in Palestine to wonder what policies, what delays, what frustrations brought this result. Just what is it that leads to a despair so black and bitter and hopeless that it leads even so small a minority as the Palestinian terrorists to the extremity of taking human life, knowing that their own lives almost certainly will be forfeit too?

What is there in the handling of the Palestinian question that leaves even one or two men to believe that only by assassinations can their cause for a homeland be brought dramatically before

the world? What made these men so desperate?

The answer must be found somewhere in the history of the failure to reach a solution to the Palestine problem since it was placed in Britain's lap as a mandate after the last war. The roots of terrorism—and the cure—are tied up with such things as the facts about the Balfour Declaration, and its generalities about establishing a homeland; with the restrictions of the White Paper; with the closing of the doors of Palestine as a refuge for hunted men; with such things as the turning away of a boatload of people to founder at sea for lack of entry papers; with the whole handling of relationships, both good and bad, between Arabs and Jews; with the question of creating a Jewish army in which Palestinians might fight, as they clamored to do, against the fascists; with the need for re-examining and making decisions on the industrial and agricultural potentials of the country in the light of modern technology; with the need for reconciling differences on a human rather than on a political, basis.

The one thing we do know beyond the fact that Moyne is dead is that desperate acts like his assassination are not bred in a vacuum.

—John P. Lewis, Editor PM

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