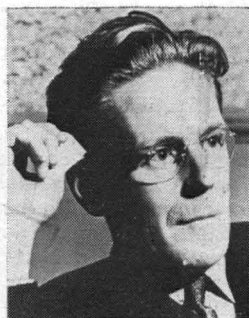


# THE EUCLID AVE. TEMPLE BULLETIN CLEVELAND, OHIO

DECEMBER 7 AT 8 O'CLOCK

FRIDAY EVENING SERVICE



## DR. BERNARD C. CLAUSEN

Pastor, Euclid Avenue Baptist Church

will speak on

**"O. P. A. FOREVER"**

Dr. Brickner will be in Cincinnati over the week-end to attend the 70th anniversary celebration of the Hebrew Union College.

At the Graduation Exercises Saturday afternoon, December 8th, the honorary degree of Doctor of Divinity will be conferred upon Rabbi Brickner.

### A SPECIAL INVITATION!

At the Service on Friday evening, December 14, Rabbi Brickner will speak on "My Twenty Years in Cleveland." A special invitation is extended to all those confirmed and married by Dr. Brickner to attend this service, in this way honoring Dr. Brickner on the occasion of his 20th anniversary as rabbi of our temple.

Dr. Clausen has a long record of civic effort. Although a new-comer in Cleveland he has already made his presence felt in the community. He is the author of more than a dozen books, has been a pioneer in radio broadcasting and is now involved in experiments looking forward to television and its use for religion. He has specialized in campus religion and in contacts with young people. Dr. Clausen is an eloquent speaker.



### ASSISTING WITH THE TORAH:

Leo Seidenfeld and Marvin Gardner

### ASSISTED WITH THE TORAH LAST WEEK:

Sol Battler and Arthur Elsoffer.

### SABBATH MORNING SERVICE, 11 to 12 NOON

Torah Portion: "Mikez," Genesis 41.1-44.17; Haftarah: I Kings, 3.15-4.1.

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### TEACHERS OF THREE STATES CONVENE

The Ohio-Michigan-Indiana Jewish Religious School Teachers Association held its conference at the Hotel Commodore Perry in Toledo, Ohio, on Thursday and Friday, November 22 and 23.

Many Clevelanders participated in the program. The Euclid Avenue Temple was represented by Rabbi Nathan Brilliant, Mrs. Sigmund Braverman, Henrietta Joseph, Lillian Sugarman, Frances Lakritz, and Louis J. Persky. Miss Sugarman presented a paper on "The Teaching of Hebrew Prayers," and Mrs. Braverman spoke on "Relating the Parent to the School." Miss Sugarman, Mrs. Braverman, and Mr. Persky were elected to the Executive Committee.

Rabbi Brilliant and Dr. Emanuel E. Gamoran of Cincinnati were elected advisors to the organization.

### THE JEWISH MOTHER

Jewish custom bids the Jewish mother, after her preparations for the Sabbath have been completed on Friday evening, kindle the Sabbath lamp. That is symbolic of the Jewish woman's influence on her own home, and through it upon larger circles. She is the inspirer of a pure, chaste family life whose hallowing influences are incalculable; she is the center of all spiritual endeavors, the confidante and fosterer of every undertaking. To her the Talmudic sentence applies: "It is woman alone through whom God's blessings are vouchsafed to a house."—Henrietta Szold.

### ARCHBISHOP SPELLMAN WARNS AMERICANS AGAINST BIGOTRY IN POST-WAR PERIOD

On two occasions during the past month, Archbishop Francis J. Spellman of New York has stressed the oneness of purpose which unites all Americans and has warned his fellow countrymen against racial and religious bigotry.

Speaking at a patriotic and religious service held in New York for the purpose of honoring the war dead and the returning soldiers, he declared: "We must guard America and ourselves against hatreds, falsehoods, bigotry and intolerance, for they are the seeds from which sprung the curse of this world's worst war and which, sown again, will toll the end of civilization.

"Every true American and true Catholic must be the unequivocal opponent of every species of bigotry, the octopian monster that can destroy our cherished American inheritance and institutions. We must be on our guard lest hysteria following this war give rise to despotic bigotry, political, racial, occupational or religious."

At the Al Smith memorial dinner, he told the story of a Jewish boy from New York who was suffering from burns in a Manila hospital. Although the soldier was on the verge of death, he asked the Archbishop to inform his mother that he was in good health. The message could not be delivered, for the soldier died that night. "Yet," Archbishop Spellman declared, "that boy was the spirit and strength of America that fired through our fighting forces; he wanted to protect his mother at home from worry and fear. I was to him a minister of God and though not of his faith, he had faith in me. This is the Spirit of America . . . the spirit of a fighting, praying army—but a generous tolerant one."

### CONGRATULATIONS

To Mr. and Mrs. Leo Rossman on the birth of a son, Joseph Alan, November 24.

To Mr. and Mrs. John Lindheim on the birth of a son on November 26.

To Mr. Julius Tuteur on his 83rd birthday, November 26.

To Mrs. William Antel on her 82nd birthday, November 24.

To Mrs. Minnie Hirsch on her 78th birthday, November 16.

An Old-Fashioned, Back-to-the-Temple

## MOTHER-DAUGHTER DAY

*featuring home talent*

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 22**

**SERVICE, 11 A. M.**

**LUNCHEON, 12:30**

**ENTERTAINMENT 2:15**

*Surprises*

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*Souvenirs*

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*Prizes*

Luncheon, prepared by our own inimitable Mrs. Morris Keller, is limited to 500 and is open only to mothers with daughters 10 years old and over. Reservations close December 18. Luncheon is \$1.25 per person.

The Service and the afternoon Entertainment is open to all members of the Sisterhood and their daughters—no age limit—no admission fee.

The entertainment will be particularly interesting to 'teen-age girls.

Mrs. Harry Wolpaw is chairman of the day, Mrs. A. Gitson, chairman of the luncheon, and Mrs. Sigmund Braverman is in charge of the service.

### THE FRUITS OF WORSHIP

1. It can supplant fear, worry, and wearing haste with calm self-possession.
2. By reminding us of central points of view it can promote mental perspective, making great things look great, and small things small.
3. It can include such a facing of our faults as leads to repentance and amendment of conduct.
4. It can intensify our devotion to a cause, and prevent hardships from taking on exaggerated importance.

5. It can save our goodness from overstrenuousness, overassertiveness, and angularity by making us realize how small we are and how great God is.

6. It can humanize us by fellowship with other worshipers, even those whose worship is much unlike our own, and it can unite a group in support of a cause.

7. It can include a repeated or even a continuous weighing of issues and results, together with sensitiveness to new needs that arise in a changing world.

George Albert Coe, Ph.D.

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## A LETTER FROM OVERSEAS

For many weeks I have hoped to find an opportunity to write to you about some of my experiences as a JDC representative in Europe. My assignment at the present time is Austria where I have been for about six weeks. I have also worked for several weeks in both France and Italy, so that I have a fairly good understanding of the problems our people are facing in Europe.

In France my work was carried on through the established Jewish agencies, all of which functioned underground throughout the war at great risk to the personnel. You cannot talk to any one of the executives of these agencies without hearing a story of courage, determination, and ingenuity. One man, for example, now director of a large children's agency, was in the hands of the Gestapo, as a result of his activities, a few months before the invasion in France. His wife, who was pregnant was also seized, but I am glad to tell you that the whole family was able to escape the fate that seemed so certain at that time. The full details of the story, as well as many others, must await opportunity for discussion when I return home.

The situation in France is a very difficult one, not only for the French Jews who survived, but also for the thousands of Polish Jewish refugees who are receiving assistance through our subsidiary agencies. I will not soon forget my visit last June to an institution for adolescent boys who had just been released from Buchenwald. Most of these boys had seen their own families killed before their eyes and they were husky enough to work for the Nazis. Their reaction to these experiences was one of expecting that from now on everything would be taken care of for them with little effort on their part. The director of this institution, a French Jew, who had been a captain in the Maquis, told me that he found his work more difficult than when he was fighting the Germans! These boys had lost all sense of moral value and need the most skillful kind of direction and help if they were again to take their place in society.

There were other more satisfying experiences. Just outside of Paris I inspected an institution for small children run by a Zionist organization with JDC funds. All these children had been hidden in the homes of friendly peasants

while their parents had been seized and deported. Many of them were suffering from various kinds of nutritional deficiencies; for example, there was an eight year old child, who looked like 3 or 4; a five year old child who was just beginning to learn to talk as his previous experiences resulted in a temporary arrest of both mental and physical growth. All of these children were making progress but, of course, many problems still lay ahead of them.

I remember, too, a group of 70 young men and women also recently liberated from Buchenwald whom we assisted in travelling to a Palestine transport from Marseille. They had been temporarily interned at Metz after an unofficial entry into France. Mr. George Rooby, another JDC representative and I spent a hectic afternoon helping them to fill out their applications for Palestine certificates. In the end it was good to see them climbing on the trucks that were to take them to the station to entrain for Marseille and better still to hear them say: "Auf Wiedersehn, Metz" and see their happy anticipation of the days to come. I hope soon we shall have more such experiences.

In Italy, during the few weeks I was there, I travelled from Rome to Florence, Milan, Venice and Trieste. In all of this area, as well as in southern Italy JDC is sponsoring a vast program of assistance, both to the Italian Jewish population and the Polish-Jewish refugees who await an opportunity for emigration. We are supporting almost 2,000 people in Hachsharahs and are ready to increase this kind of activity whenever the opportunity presents itself. In Italy as in France there have been both discouraging and encouraging experiences. In lovely Venice there are five synagogues, all beautiful examples of architecture of the period 300 to 500 years ago. You see the old prayer-books used by many generations and the name plates on the seats that are no longer needed for the fraction of the Jewish population that still survive. At the time of my visit to Venice to work out our program of assistance to the community, only one of the five synagogues was needed for the Jews who were left.

In Trieste there is a great synagogue and community center, which reminded me very much of our own temple in its architecture. This building had been

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A DOUBLE CELEBRATION ON SUNDAY EVENING, DECEMBER 16th

## **Our Congregation's 99th Anniversary**

### **Dr. Brickner's Twenty Years as Our Rabbi**



DINNER AT SIX FIFTEEN IN ALUMNI HALL

Reservations are \$1.50 per person—Limited to 500.

Make your reservations immediately to assure yourself a place.



in the Auditorium at 8 o'clock

A CONCERT BY THE DISTINGUISHED GUEST ARTIST.



### **FREDERICK LECHNER**

noted baritone of the Metropolitan Opera Company and soloist on the radio program, "Message of Israel." Mr. Lechner will be accompanied by Mr. ERWIN JOSPE.



Judge Maurice Bernon, president of the congregation, will submit his annual report.

Nathan Loeser, the oldest living ex-president of the congregation, will deliver the testimonial address honoring Dr. Brickner.

Mrs. Richard Bergman is chairman of the Annual Meeting Committee. Mrs. Morris Keller, chairman of the Sisterhood commissary committee will prepare the dinner. The other members of the committee are: Myron Cohen, B. B. Eisenberg, Irwin Freiburger, Marvin Gardner, Mrs. A. Gitson, Clarence Goldsmith, J. W. Grodin, Dr. S. F. M. Hirsch, Mrs. Bernard Kane, Mrs. Elmer Kaufman, Adolph Keller, Howard Klein, Stephen Krause, Irwin Loeser, Mrs. J. C. Newman, James Miller, Mrs. Myron Rice, Mrs. J. O. Stein, Otto Zinner.

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desecrated by both the Nazis and the Italian Fascists. Here again the community was beginning to pull itself together on a slow painful road to reconstruction.

One can take satisfaction in recording that anti-Semitism never took a strong hold amongst the big majority of the Italian population. They did not take the anti-semitic laws seriously and help was given to the Jews by many minor officials, policemen, and some high church dignitaries. In fact, during the occupation it was through such help that the JDC program was maintained.

Austria, of course, presents a very much different picture than either France or Italy. Our work here and in Germany is extremely difficult and exacting. There are almost 20,000 Jews in all Austria—American, British, French, and Russian zones. I travelled almost the length and breadth of this country and the situation of the people in the camps is not a happy one. Recently in the American zone there has been a very definite improvement, partly as a result of the President's letter and the publicity which has followed. We have been instrumental in bringing about some changes which will carry out many of the recommendations of the Harrison report. By the time this letter reaches you, a substantial number of the approximately 5000 Jews in the American zone will be housed in apartments from which Germans have been removed or in hotels in a famous resort town, Bad Gastein. We have already distributed food for supplementary feeding and at this very time we are completing arrangements for army transport of supplies being purchased from Switzerland and Denmark. Our Paris office has informed us that one million pounds of clothing has been sent by the JDC from the U. S., and should be here soon. It is very badly needed especially in this cold, mountainous area.

In Vienna, which I visited recently there are approximately 7000 to 9,000 Jews dependent on community assistance with JDC supplementation. Vienna formerly had a Jewish population of almost 200,000 and the Kultusgemeindle once employed 1800 people. Now it is difficult to find even a small group of competent

Jewish leaders to help administer our program.

Throughout Austria there was Jewish property amounting to hundreds of millions of dollars, practically all of which is still in non-Jewish hands. When and if it will be restored to Jewish heirs or trustees remains to be seen. Some of the property no longer exists. For instance in Graz I stood in the center of a field which was formerly the site of the synagogue, burned to the ground during the November 1938 pogroms. Only a few bricks of the foundation gave any indication that there was once a religious edifice.

Perhaps the greatest problem of all that confronts us in establishing a rehabilitation program is the almost complete demoralization of many of the survivors of concentration camps. The experiences they have gone through and the fact that as yet they have no prospect for definitely reestablishing themselves elsewhere contribute to this attitude. If some definite plan could be worked out soon for opening Palestine, where almost all of the refugees hope to go, our job would be infinitely easier. However, now that conditions in the American zone at least are to be definitely improved, we are hopeful that we can establish a good vocational training and educational program to help people prepare for the future. Everything must be done at once and shortages and obstacles of all kinds confront us. One cannot help but wonder whether the people back home have any understanding of these problems. It is important that they should have such an understanding, because the strength of the people in America and particularly the American Jews represent the chief hope for help to the survivors of the Nazi reign of terror.

Sometimes Cleveland and all it represents seems very far away. I hope it is not, for our people here need as never before your understanding and strong support.

Please remember me to all my friends at the Temple, to my former associates in the high school department, and to Rabbi Brickner.

My best wishes for a successful year.

Sincerely yours,

Jim Rice."