
THE EUCLID AVE. TEMPLE
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CLEVELAND, OHIO

DECEMBER 28 AT 8 O'CLOCK

FRIDAY EVENING SERVICE

RABBI BRICKNER

will speak on

"1945---YEAR OF CRISIS AND DECISION"

A Review and Interpretation of the World-Shaking Events of 1945
that are destined to shape human history.

Religious School Notes

The religious school will be closed on the week-end of December 28, 29 and 30 for its winter vacation. Sessions will be resumed the first week-end of January.

Report cards will be issued the week-end of January 6 and 7 to all children in grades 4 through 9. Parents are requested to examine the cards carefully, sign them, and return them promptly to the teachers.

The annual Parent-Teachers Reception is scheduled for Sunday, January 13, from 3 to 5 p. m.

ASSISTING WITH THE TORAH:

Dr. Al Marcus and J. W. Grodin

ASSISTED WITH THE TORAH LAST WEEK:

Max and Bert Amster

Sabbath Morning Service

in the Temple

11 o'clock to 12 noon

Rabbi Brickner will preach

Weekly Torah Reading:

"Shemot"—Exodus 1.1-6.1

Haftorah: Isaiah 27.6-28.13

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JEWISH NURSERY JINGLES

Mother Goose Rhymes for Jewish Children.—By Sara G. Levy.—61 pages.
New York, Bloch Publishing Co., 1945.

In "Mother Goose Rhymes for Jewish Children," Sara G. Levy has been so successful in adapting the well known nursery jingles for primary pupils in Jewish Religious Schools that one wonders why the experiment has not been tried before. One quotation must suffice:

To market, to market
To buy a big fish
For Shabbos, for Shabbos
Oh my, what a dish!

To market, to market
To buy Chalos two
For Shabbos, for Shabbos
My work is all through.

Here we find a child-like simplicity and a musical swing which children love. Its material deals with his own experiences, told in lines easily memorized and pantomimed. And for good measure the youngster painlessly learns two Hebrew words!

There are verses for the holidays, again dealing with familiar objects like the Sukkan, a Haman Tash, etc., which every young child will enjoy hearing time and again, or will read for himself. One can understand why they were so popular in the Cleveland Religious Schools where they originated.

Perhaps the children will like exceedingly the delightfully natural and animated drawing which Jessie B. Robinson has contributed for every poem. Rabbi and Mrs. Louis Feinberg have also added a number of jingles.

Elma Ehrlich Levinger.

OUR THANKS TO THE HOSTESSES
who have served at the Chanukah Rededication Service: Mesdames James Miller, L. J. Cort, Norman Less, Herbert Rosenblatt, Harriet Freedman, R. R. Miller, William Rosenfeld, Irving Sugarman, Raymond Metzner, Martin Goulder, Henrietta Gittelson, Mark Mirsky, Sam Harris, Arthur Elsoffer, Harry Gilman, Morris Keller, and Edwin Schanfarber.

IN MEMORIAM

Our heartfelt sympathy is extended to the bereaved families of Mrs. Amelia Bayer, Louis Kessler, Herman Ripner, Philip Miller, Milton Grossberg, and Ethel Wolpaw.

EDITORIALS IN DAILY PRESS PAY ANNIVERSARY TRIBUTE

The Cleveland News

Rabbi Brickner's Leadership

Clevelanders whose memories go back 20 years will recall the day when Rabbi Louis Wolsey bade farewell to the town and moved to larger opportunities in the East.

They will recall the young successor to Rabbi Wolsey—the financial and spiritual responsibilities he was assuming as rabbi of Cleveland's new Temple, set down in a new environment.

They will recall their first impressions of the vigor and eloquence of Rabbi Barnett R. Brickner as he became a force in both civic and religious affairs in Cleveland.

Last night Clevelanders braved zero temperatures and icy streets to visit the Euclid Avenue Temple and to observe a two-fold anniversary. One was the ninety-ninth anniversary of the founding of this congregation which is now moving into the final cycle of its first hundred years. The other event was the twentieth anniversary of Rabbi Brickner's leadership as rabbi of the Euclid Avenue Temple.

Much has taken place in these twenty years. The scars of World War I were just healing as Rabbi Brickner, young liberal from Toronto, took up his new duties. Now World War II is coming to a close with undreamed of problems facing mankind. Because of his knowledge of world problems, Rabbi Brickner was selected by President Roosevelt to visit many of the war theatres as his special representative. He saw much and served well in this perilous flight over a world at war.

Today the congregation of the Temple may well take pride in the leadership which has been theirs for the past two decades.

The News joins with The Temple's congregation in congratulating Rabbi Brickner on this anniversary and in the hope that he will be with us for many years to come.

The Cleveland Press

Rabbi Brickner's 20 Years

Tomorrow night the Euclid Avenue Temple will celebrate the 99th anniversary of its founding and the completion of 20 years of service as its spiritual leader by Rabbi Barnett R. Brickner.

Cleveland, which soon observes its own

MEN'S CLUB

ROUND TABLE DINNER MEETING



MONDAY EVENING

JANUARY 7th, AT 6:15

Fenway Hall



DOROTHY FULDHEIM

will speak



\$1.75 PER PERSON

(Men's Club Members Only)

Reservations limited and close Jan. 4

150th birthday, was still a village of some 10,000 people when its pioneer Jewish citizens met to organize their first synagogue. They had come from Europe to find a new land of freedom and democracy. They had brought with them the deep religious feeling and the love of Biblical scholarship that has characterized the Jew throughout the ages. The religious institution which they founded has served well, not only its own membership, but the whole city.

Twenty years ago, when Rabbi Louis Wolsey left for Philadelphia, his place was taken by a youthful rabbi of spiritual courage, broad outlook, and eloquent speech. Twenty years of service here have strengthened the fine attributes of Rabbi Brickner. He has served the city and the nation as well as his own temple. During World War II he flew to the African and European theatres of war on a special mission for President Roosevelt.

At all times he has been a force for spiritual enlightenment and civic righteousness. Cleveland wishes Rabbi Brickner many more years of useful service as the spiritual leader of a great religious organization, the Euclid Avenue Temple.

TWO LETTERS FROM GERMANY

From Berlin:

"I hope you received my postcard from Berlin. In the meantime, I was put to work to clean the city up (at least a little bit because it's impossible to do a 100 percent job on account of an impossible discharge policy.) I have the satisfaction that due to my work a lot of Nazis are where they belong—in jail. It would be only a waste of time to tell you how Berlin looks today; you probably know it from reports and articles published in the States.

"I am very much concerned with the situation of a few thousand Jews in Berlin and their position is quite hard to understand. In the U. S. and British sectors, they have only a few privileges; like a little more food (on paper only, because there is practically nothing to buy even with stamps) and they don't have to wait in line if they have the KZ (concentration camp) insignia in their buttonhole. But still our Military Government employs a lot of "Frauleins" and in very rare cases a Jewish girl. The reasons are obvious. In the Russian sector, the situation is much worse. The Russians say the Jews are not victims of Fascism because they were not persecuted for their political convictions but only for the reason of their religion! And therefore they should be treated like ordinary Germans! I hope the Russians will change their attitude soon!

"I attended services in the Temple. The Germans had used the building as a warehouse. The undernourished old men and women, recently released from concentration camps were a terrible sight. But they are the lucky ones because they are at least alive. During the Kadish, everybody in the Temple was crying.

"After the service, a few Jewish officers and soldiers brought their weekly rations of candy, cigarettes, soap, and other things to the "Gemeinde haus" for distribution. But of course, this is not enough. There is a very big need and everybody is writing home for packages.*

"Please send me some food for distribution, no fancy stuff, some candy, shortening, (crisco), coffee, canned meat.

"If you have some friends in Berlin you want to have the packages delivered to; I would be glad to do it. You could also talk to your friends in Cleveland, and if they have relatives in Berlin, I would be glad to visit them (or locate them) and help them in any possible way. I am sure the situation of the Jewish population in Berlin is worse

than anywhere else in Germany, and as long as I am stationed here, I would like to do something to change the situation."

Severin Wallach.

From Bamberg:

"I am leaving Germany for LeHavre tomorrow, homeward-bound at last after two years overseas. I could hardly leave Europe with a clear conscience, however if I did not express my sincerest thanks and appreciation for all the cheer and regularly received messages from you and various organizations of our Temple.

"All of you at Euclid Avenue Temple should feel rightly proud of the excellent manner in which you have remembered all of us in service. Your holiday greetings, packages, special greetings, and especially the "Bugle Call Rag" have kept us in constant touch with home and with our friends all over the world. I want to add my heartfelt thanks to the many you have already received. My gratitude goes to the Alumni Association, to the Sisterhood, to you Rabbi, and to all of you who have served us so well while we have been away.

"I have been saddened deeply by the long casualty list that the war has inflicted on the Temple family. There are many of my friends and long associates, and those who only a few short years ago were bright-eyed students in my high school classes, among those who have given their lives in the grim struggle. To the families of all of them who have made the supreme sacrifice please extend my sincerest sympathy. I pray that they shall not have died in vain, and that all of us will have the wisdom and fortitude never to allow the scourge of war to bring these sorrows again.

"The men and women of the Temple have served their country more than well. As each month's "Bugle Call Rag" arrived, I read with pleasure and pride of the fine record that all have helped make throughout the world.

"I feel that my own army experience has been both valuable and interesting. We have had plenty of rough times throughout the European campaigns with the Third Army, but have fortunately come through safely. The outfit I've been in served as the forward replacement battalion for the 20th Corps. Our camp was the last stop in the combat zone before new replacements joined a unit on the lines. We have been awarded four battle campaign stars for

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*Make all contributions through the Sisterhood.

THE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

A page of Alumni News edited by Fern Metzenbaum

It won't be long now before New Year chimes in and we of the Alumni Executive Board would like to chime in too with our best wishes that all your best wishes are realized. We have a lot of happy plans in store for the new calendar year, starting with a European Relief Dance on January 27th (first memo on your date book). February promises a Friday evening affair in Alumni Hall, and just as surely as Purim rolls around we will present a gala program. We don't dare brag that these forthcoming affairs will be bigger and better than our recent events, but we expect you'll vote them on a high par.

Mention of the Cultural Program can't be repeated too often, as testified by the enthusiastic response to both the Study Group and Beginning Hebrew Class. The Hebrew Class is now definitely organized and meets Wednesday evenings and the Study Group meets, as a rule, on Tuesday nights. To make assurances doubly sure, as to time and date, Florence Susan will give you the information and put you on the mailing list to receive notices.

Now that we can finally "praise the Lord," without the accompaniment of "pass the ammunition," it seems a good time to stop making excuses about long hours at the war plant and letters to write, as reasons for missing Friday Night Services. A survey made by the Cleveland Press shows that while 70.5 percent of Clevelanders hold church membership, only 42.5 percent attend regularly. The one-half who do attend are obviously getting something the non-attenders are missing. We'd like to further the suggestion that you "Make Friday Night Your Temple Night." That leads to bigger and better audiences, inspired sermons, new ideas, discussions, Oneg Shabbats, and, if you will, a chance to see your friends oftener. Hope to see you Friday.

ADDENDA

Our tabulator of totals tells us that the Thanksgiving Thrill at the Hotel Cleveland drew a crowd of about 500

people . . . running a close numerical second, we have a paid-up membership in the Senior Alumni of 438.

. . . Orchids to Bugle Call Rag Editor, Ruth Gal, for carrying through her policy of presenting thought-provoking material to servicemen readers. We especially commend the recent issues, reprinting Chaplain Roland Gittlesohn's (a confirmand of our congregation) memorable memorial speech and a timely, "must read" article by our Rabbi Brickner, discussing present conditions in Palestine. And not only does Editor Gal provoke thought, but inspires it too with a G. I. Contest, the subject matter pertaining to war experiences. Any and all forms of written expression are eligible, this month's winner being a prose poem entitled "Furlough," by Pvt. Herb Gold.

ATTENTION ALL VETERANS: In order to keep the Alumni's vital statistics in working order, the keepers of the lists request your cooperation in letting us know you're home . . .

Our Temple's Post War Activities Committee is arranging for a welcome home party shortly. There is also being set up a committee of business and professional men with the Rabbi who will be available for consultation on personal matters.

Enough has been heard and read about the desperate situation in Europe to bring home the importance of the national Victory Collection of Canned Food. Dates for the local collection are January 2—12th and collection centers will be announced. All commercially canned foods are acceptable and will be sent overseas to relieve the starvation conditions now existing.

Remember: the food you can spare can be used over there. Again comes the Victory Clothing Collection, January 15—31. If you'll clean out your closets and attics as thoroughly as you did during the last drive, it is an assured success. We note that cloth campaigns bear the word "Victory" in their titles. It is the victory of the people overseas, too. Help them share the fruits of it.

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our work in the combat zones, and numerous commendations.

"We have also seen first hand the plight of our fellow Jews who have been released from the concentration camps. A committee of ushas worked with our Depot Chaplain, Chaplain Spiro (of New Mexico), to do what we could in our spare time to facilitate conditions for the more than 900 Jews, all of whom were in concentration camps, and have come to Bamberg since the end of the war. Chaplain Spiro, by the way, has done magnificent work. He has not only ministered well to our needs as soldiers, but has done a tremendous job in every free moment, of helping to better the conditions of Jews throughout this and the Nurnberg area. The Chaplain has worked with about 3000 displaced Jews in recent months. During the last month he has secured two former Nazi estates and farms and has set up two cooperative farms, one in the Bayreuth area and one in the Bamberg area. Conditions of displaced Jews are gradually improving. There is evidence that the letter and the spirit of President Truman's and General Eisenhower's directives are being more fully carried out."

—Harold Arian."

RABBI PRESIDED AT CAPITAL FUNCTION

—Washington, Dec. 19—Rabbi Barnett R. Brickner of the Euclid Avenue Temple, Cleveland, presided here today at a luncheon of the Army and Navy religious activities committee of the National Jewish Welfare Board. Secretary of War, Robert P. Patterson, was the principal speaker.

Patterson paid tribute to the mutual regard of Army Chaplains for faiths other than their own, and pointed to this regard as a praise worthy symbol of desirable world unity.

The committee of which Rabbi Brickner is administrative chairman, is the group which supplied 311 Jewish Chaplains during the war.

Secretary Patterson said victory had purged the world of the menace of "two fanatical gangs whose only creed was race hate, and whose chief political weapon was racial and religious intolerance."

"In so doing, we have restored a large measure of human unity and sanity to the world," he asserted.

Rabbi Brickner yesterday visited General Dwight D. Eisenhower, Army Chief of Staff, and discussed a number of problems with him.—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

GRATEFULLY YOURS

Rabbi Brickner, the Officers, and the Board of Trustees extend their sincere thanks to the members of the Alumni Association in appreciation for the excellent service administered by them at the dinner honoring Rabbi Brickner. Among those who contributed their time and energy are: Frances Halpern, Dolly Koslen, Nathalie Heiner, Ruth Gal, Helen Lerner, Miriam Licht, Rosalie Siegal, Lucille Lesser, Marcella Shulman. Special thanks are extended to Gladys Persky for her invaluable assistance in organizing the group.

Our thanks go also to Mrs. Myron Rice, chairman of the hostesses, to Mrs. Harriet Freedman for her assistance, to Mrs. Morris Keller and her commissary committee, and to all the Cleveland newspapers.

JEWS IN EUROPE APPEAL FOR BOOKS

Requests from Jewish Chaplains and information from other sources indicate that the need for Jewish books for the surviving Jews of Europe is not only urgent but desperate. Not long ago Jewish books crossed the Atlantic westward to America; dire necessity today compels a return voyage across the Atlantic from America eastward to Europe.

To aid in the spiritual and cultural rehabilitation of our European brethren is a Mitsvo in which we all are anxious to share. And to facilitate this aid, the Library Committee and the Board of Governors of the Hebrew Union College have approved a program whereby the H. U. C. Library will be constituted a "Book Pool" for the collection and transshipment of Jewish books for the European Jewish communities.

An urgent appeal is therefore being made to the Jewish community of our city for Jewish books of all kinds, on all subjects, and in all languages, especially in Hebrew. The need for Sifre Torah (scrolls of the Torah) is equally great.

Books and Sifre Torah should be sent to the Librarian, Hebrew Union College, Library, Cincinnati 20, Ohio, from where they will be trans-shipped abroad.

THE WORLD WAS a dismal place to Yankel and he complained bitterly to Zorach. The mood was contagious and soon Zorach too became morose. He found some consolation, however, in "tzorres Rabbim" and said, "Our lot is shared by many, and we can envy only the unborn."

"But," quickly retorted Yankel, the sceptic, "how many such are there?"