
THE EUCLID AVE. TEMPLE

BULLETIN

CLEVELAND, OHIO

FRIDAY EVENING,

MARCH 21st, 8:00 P. M.

RABBI BRICKNER

will speak on

"What I Saw in *Palestine*"

First-hand impressions of Palestine gathered on our Rabbi's recent overseas mission. The truth about the Terror, the Role of Haganah. Rehabilitation and Re-settlement of the DP's in the Holy Land. The attitude of the British authorities, the declaration of martial law; and its effect. What is the outlook for Palestine's future.

STANDING ROOM ONLY

A standing room congregation filled the Temple for the second Friday night in succession at last week's Sabbath Eve service when Rabbi Brickner reported on "What I Saw in Europe." Radio Station WGAR broadcast the sermon, in transcription, last Sunday. Among those in the congregation last Friday night was the Young People's group of Trinity Methodist Church of Sandusky, O., and their pastor, Rev. Mr. Louis Quade.

*Assisted with the Torah last week:
M. J. Devay and Dr. S. L. Bernstein*

OUR SEDER

The congregational Seder will take place in Alumni Hall on the first night of Passover, Friday, April 4th. The Seder will be preceded by a vesper service.

A special Passover dinner will be served and reservations will be: \$3.50 per adult and \$3.00 per child. Reservations can now be made in the Temple Office.

Sabbath Morning Service in the Chapel, 11 to 12 Noon

Weekly Torah Portion: "VAYIKRA"—Leviticus 1.1-5.26.

Haftorah: Ezekiel 45.16-46.18.

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CONFIRMATION NOTES

Plans for Confirmation will be outlined at a meeting of the parents of confirmands to be held Wednesday, April 2 at 8 P. M. Rabbi Brickner will attend this third meeting of the group and committees will be formed to handle the various aspects of Confirmation, which takes place this year on Sunday, May 2th. The presence of all parents at this meeting is essential.

Confirmands are invited to enter the Bondy Speaking Contest in which prizes are awarded to the winners. The preliminaries will be held Sunday, April 13th and the finals on Saturday, April 19th.

PASSOVER PREVIEW

"How to Conduct a Seder" will be the theme of the meeting for parents of Kindergartners and First Graders to be held in the Parlor, Tuesday, March 2th at 8 P. M. Parents concerned are urged to reserve this date.

CONGRATULATIONS

To Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Messing on the birth of a granddaughter, Ann Rosalind Schwartz.

To Mrs. J. H. Weidenthal on her 88th birthday.

To Mrs. Jacob J. Ripner on the betrothal of her daughter, Virginia to Lawrence Edwin Abt of New York City.

To Mr. and Mrs. Harry A. Bollotin on the engagement of their daughter, Rosalind, to Wilbur Schachtel, son of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Schachtel.

To Max Lefkovich on the occasion of his 60th birthday.

To Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Leeb on the marriage of their daughter, Dorothy M., to Mr. Felix E. Syle.

To Mr. and Mrs. Milton Cowan on the Bar Mitzvah of their son, Barton.

CAN YOU WIND YARN?

Many people know how to spin a yarn but our Sisterhood is looking for women who can wind yarn. If you can, why not join your friends at Sisterhood Sewing each Tuesday morning in Alumni Hall?

The Sisterhood is also on the lookout for your state tax stamps. Don't throw them away; save them for the Sisterhood.

MEN'S CLUB MEMO

The Purim dance of the Men's Club proved to be a truly fine social affair. Congratulations to all who helped arrange this enjoyable event.

Men's Club members are urged to mark their calendar for the next event: A Round Table to be held at the Hickory Grill, Tuesday, April 22nd.

GOING DOWN

"There has been a lot of talk about quotas. The Congress as you know set a quota of people to enter the country. In 1939, 62,502 people came in under the quotas. In 1946, 29,000 came in. That is going down. In 1941 it was 36,000. In other words, for the amount of the total quotas only less than 50 per cent is being used.

"I think myself that if the Congress back there in 1920 thought that the United States could admit and assimilate 150,000 people, they certainly didn't have their intentions carried out, because for the 10-year period, and statistics will show, only 20 per cent of that number came in.

"Assuming that the Congress intended that, it would be very easy to have the law extended to where for certain periods, three or four years if you wished—if you wanted to you could clamp down later—to let them come in regardless of nationality. Then you would only have 150,000, what the Congress in 1920 intended to come in. At the same time you would be taking care of the so-called displaced persons.

"I think myself that the United States could help in this problem that is confronting the world, with reference to displaced persons. That would be one way; by amending this particular statute. However, that is a matter for the Congress. As Attorney-General, I always try to leave the policy questions to you."—Tom Clark, Attorney General of the U. S. to the Senate Civil Service Committee.

Coming NEXT WEEK . . .

TWO MAJOR EVENTS
of

The Alumni Association

FRIDAY, MARCH 28th, 8 P. M.

Annual Youth Service

IN THE TEMPLE

SERMON BY RABBI BRICKNER

"THE YOUTH OF EUROPE AND PALESTINE"

Based on the Rabbi's recent overseas tour.

AN ONEG SHABBAT for Alumni after the service in Alumni Hall.

—Come to this Service and Bring Your Friends—

SUNDAY, MARCH 30th 8 P. M.

Musicale and Dance

A Recital of Modern Jewish Music
in the Auditorium.

Euclid Avenue Temple Quartet
directed by

REUBEN P. CAPLIN

Tillie S. Fine, Samuel C. Levine, Adele Levy, Milton Book
Accompanied by Pauline R. Cole

Dancing in Alumni Hall

Al Russo's Orchestra

Free to Members

Non-Members, \$1.00

And don't forget the Highlight of this year's program: our 35th Anniversary Dinner Dance, Saturday, April 26 at the Hotel Carter. Confirmands of all ages are invited to make this affair a grand reunion.

IN THE WORLD OF REFORM JUDAISM

58th C.C.A.R. CONVENTION TO BE HELD IN MONTREAL JUNE 24-29.

Macon, Ga.—The 58th annual convention of the Central Conference of American Rabbis will be held in Montreal, Canada, at the Mount Royal Hotel from Tuesday, June 24th, through Sunday, June 29th, it was announced by Rabbi E. Marcuson, Administrative Secretary of the Central Conference. This year's conference in Montreal will mark the second time in the history of the organization, which was founded in 1889 by Dr. Isaac M. Wise, that this convention has been held outside of the United States, the rabbinical convention having previously met in Montreal fifty years ago in 1897.

H. U. C. BOARD PAYS TRIBUTE TO DR. MORGENSTERN

Cincinnati, O.—Tribute to Dr. Julian Morgenstern, President of the Hebrew Union College, was paid by its Board of Governors in accepting the resignation of Dr. Morgenstern who has been head of the institution since 1921.

The resolution, declaring that "the College has made its greatest strides under the leadership of Dr. Morgenstern," said in part:

"He made it a world institution and not merely an American rabbinical seminary. Under his splendid guidance, the College not only became known in all the continents, but what is more important his disciples have gone forth to all parts of the world, preaching Liberal Judaism as expounded as well as inspired by him. The head of no contemporary rabbinical seminary has sent forth to this and to other lands so many rabbis. He lived up to the rabbinical dictum of establishing many disciples."

Dr. Morgenstern's resignation, to be effective at the end of the academic year, will not sever his connection with the Hebrew Union College. He will continue as a professor of the Hebrew Union College from which he graduated, and on whose faculty he has served for forty years.

Everywhere the human soul stands between the hemisphere of lightness and darkness.—Carlyle.

AGAINST BIBLE DISTRIBUTION IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Davenport, Ia.—The Davenport School Board halted distribution of the New Testament to school children in the school system by the Gideon Society following a protest by Rabbi Abram V. Goodman of Temple Emanuel, the local affiliate of the UAHC.

Expressing opposition to such distribution on the traditional grounds long held by the Central Conference of American Rabbis and the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, Rabbi Goodman said that "distribution of sectarian literature violates the historic separation between church and state" in this country. He said that permission for distribution of copies of the New Testament within the school system offers a precedent for the dissemination of literature by other groups. The letter said: "The Knights of Columbus might distribute Catholic catechisms, and the B'nai B'rith, Jewish Prayer Books. 'This,' he said, 'opens the door to even more fantastic operations in the name of religion. Since the school system is non-sectarian, there is no justification for the division of children according to religious backgrounds in the classrooms.'"

The refusal of the Davenport School Board to allow distribution of the New Testament follows the precedent set recently in Boston and other communities throughout the country.

TWO NEW CONGREGATIONS ESTABLISHED IN NEW YORK

New York, N. Y.—Two new congregations have been established in New York by the Committee on New Congregations under the direction of Rabbi Albert G. Baum, it was announced by the Union of American Hebrew Congregations. The congregations are in Spring Valley, N. Y., a suburb twenty miles outside of the metropolis, and in Riverside, a new community in the upper part of Manhattan.

Rabbi Baum, a former Lt. Commander in the Navy, has been devoting himself exclusively to the work of organizing new congregations since he joined the Union staff a few months ago. A graduate of the Jewish Institute of Religion, Rabbi Baum served before the war for thirteen years as rabbi of the temple in Alexandria, La.

Editor Recalls Famous Darrow-Brickner Debate

Edgar Phillips, the lawyer, has published privately a book, "Beauty for Ashes," a philosophical work on the dangers and the few defenses of the atomic bomb age. He says very simply that, unless moral law takes the place of what we must consider selfish political law, most of us are doomed to become an ash in the next holocaust between nations which are hostile but equally sure their causes are right.

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I mention the book not to advertise its existence, but because Mr. Phillips has included in it his side of a debate he had with the late Clarence Darrow, renowned criminal lawyer and atheist, at Clearwater, Fla., in 1931 on man's soul and after-life, and that reminded me of the famous Darrow-Brickner debate in Cleveland.

That remains one of the most fascinating episodes of all my 29 years in Cleveland. It created local excitement of a degree that nothing since that night has ever aroused in Cleveland. Darrow, never averse to the limelight for his non-believer views, had been jousting around the country with preachers and orators, sometimes by telegraph, sometimes by newspaper. Rabbi Barnett R. Brickner, then a new and youthful pulpiteer at Euclid Avenue Temple undertook to preach about a book in which Darrow had published his views. It occurred to the Cleveland Advertising Club that here was the making of a wonderful promotion.

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So the Ad Club asked Dr. Brickner and Mr. Darrow if they would appear on the same platform and debate "Is Man a Mere Machine?" They accepted, and on the night of February 9, 1928, Masonic Hall was filled and hundreds sat in the aisles in defiance of the fire laws to hear these two oratorical tycoons.

The Ad Club, of which Wilbur Hyde then was president, invited Chief Justice Carrington T. Marshall of the state Supreme Court to be moderator and chairman, and with his own pretensions to oratory and his black spade beard, Justice Marshall was impressive. People came to the debate from as far as Youngstown, Akron, and Painesville. It seemed as if the issue as to whether

man had a soul or was merely part of an automatic universal production line was the one thing people hereabouts wanted settled.

All three newspapers carried the debate verbatim, for pages and pages—they have not since that time devoted that much space to mere locally produced talk,—and replete with cartoons and photos of the principals and opinions of leading citizens next day as to who had the better of the debate. One newspaper named as its board of judges Mayor John D. Marshall, Judges John J. Sullivan and Maurice Bernon, Charles W. Mears and Professor William R. Veazy of Case. Another newspaper had the W. R. U. department of public speaking arrange for an audience poll. The other quoted the solemn verdicts of Judge Manuel Levine, Carl W. Brand, Dr. R. W. Frye, and John A. Cline.

The radio stations, then still new, carried the debate in full, and much was reported in print about prominent people who listened by radio (through horn or earphones.)

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By the verdicts of all whose judgment was asked, Rabbi Brickner had the better of it, with, of course, the popular side—that man had a soul and a possible hereafter and wasn't just an automaton without any say in his own destiny. In his conclusion, Dr. Brickner quoted Henley's lines,—“It is such a fine thing to reach out and say, ‘I am the master of my fate, I am the captain of my soul,’ Mr. Darrow.” That brought down the house, even though a moment later, in his closing, Darrow sneered, “He repeats that drivel of Henley! The captain of his soul! He isn't even a deckhand on a raft.”

For some months afterwards, it was stylish wisecracking to say, “You're not even a deckhand on a raft, my boy.”

If I could think of an equally good mystic or spiritual debate topic these different days, I would suggest to the Ad Club, as a twentieth anniversary or something, it go after another such platform howler as that turned out to be.

—N. R. Howard, Editor, Cleveland News,—From Cleveland News, March 12, 1947.

FUNDS

TO THE BRAILLE FUND: Miss Sade Isaacson in memory of her father, Samuel Isaacson.

TO THE ALTAR FUND: Mr. and Mrs. Ben Folkman in memory of Louis and Katherine Schomer; Misses Rollie and Nora New and Mrs. E. N. Goodman in memory of Ellen and Morris New; Mrs. Minnie Mahler in memory of Setta Goldsmith and Clara Seiner; M. J. and M. T. Devay, Pauline Wertheimer, Mrs. M. Rosenberg and Bert Wertheimer in memory of Nettie Nieman; Mrs. M. L. Deutsch, M. Field, Carl Celosse, Mrs. E. Reisz, Mrs. A. Jacobson, Miss Pearl Schwartz, Mrs. H. Loeb, Mrs. B. W. Jackson, Mrs. Molly Weiss, Mrs. M. Resek, Mrs. Eva B. Rose, Miss Selma Baum, Miss Bessie Cohen, Miss Tillie Cohen, Miss Lucille Americus, Mr. and Mrs. W. Kaplan, Mr. and Mrs. K. Furrow, Mr. and Mrs. Jos. De Oreo, Mr. and Mrs. J. Meyers, Mrs. Rhea Fox, Ben Zieve and Mrs. Nate Lando in memory of Maybelle Pollock.

TO THE ARTHUR E. FRANKEL MEMORIAL FUND: Mrs. Adolph Weinberg in memory of her husband, Arthur Frankel's birthday and all her other loved ones.

TO THE BETTY FINKLE FUND: A. N. Jappe in memory of William Benjamin; in loving memory of Rebecca Gold by her daughters and in loving memory of Louis B. Reich by the sisters of Mrs. Sadie Reich, Mrs. Harry Weiss, Mrs. Adolph Baumel, Mrs. Herman H. Finkle, Mrs. William Rosefeld, Mrs. David Benjamin and Mrs. Oscar Birnfeld.

TO THE YAHRZEIT FUND: Mrs. Laura Spivack in memory of her son, David; Mrs. Frank Vanone in memory of Morris H. Cohen.

TO THE PRAYERBOOK FUND: Janet Manburg in memory of Meyer Gerdy and Charles Kwait; Mrs. Nathan Tronstein and daughters in memory of Nathan Tronstein; Miss Addie Adams in memory of Lottie Adams.

TO THE NORMAN ROMAN LIBRARY FUND: Mabel Lechner in memory of Joseph Beriman; Mrs. J. Nagusky in memory of Ethel Nagusky and Hyman and Lena Fryer.

TWO ONLY

Two men I honour, and no third.
First, the toilworn craftsman who with
earthmade implements laboriously con-
quers the earth, and makes her man's
... A second man I honour, and still
more highly: him who is seen toiling
daily bread, but the bread of life.

—Carlyle.

HEARING AIDS

Hearing Aid instruments are available for all services in the Temple. Ushers will provide instruments and instructions upon request.

For this service we are indebted to the fund established in memory of Sidney Cohen by his family.

ACCEPTANCE

Things cannot always go your way.
Learn to accept in silence the minor
aggravations, cultivate the gift of
taciturnity and consume your own
smoke with an extra draught of hard
work, so that those about you may not
be annoyed with the dust and soot of
your complaints.—Sir William Osler.

RICHARD TUCKER RETURNS

Richard Tucker, Metropolitan Opera star, comes to Cleveland Tuesday, April 1, 8:30 p. m. for a concert at Severance Hall, under the auspices of the Jewish Singing Society. The great tenor was last heard locally, through the cooperation of Morris Traeger, of the Jewish Singing Society, at the Centennial celebration of the Euclid Avenue Temple. Don't miss this event.

JUDGE ROSENMAN NAMED TO H. U. C. BOARD

Cincinnati, O. — Judge Samuel I. Rosenman, former member of the New York Supreme Court and confidential advisor to the late President Franklin D. Roosevelt and President Harry Truman, has been named to the Board of Governors of the Hebrew Union College. A graduate of Columbia College and Law School he was awarded the honorary degree of doctor of Hebrew Letters by the College in 1943. He edited and compiled "Public Papers and Addresses of Franklin D. Roosevelt" in nine volumes (1928-41).

BERNARD BARUCH TO BE HONOR- ED BY BROTHERHOOD.

New York, N. Y.—Bernard M. Baruch, former United States representative in the United Nations Atomic Energy Commission and advisor to Presidents from Wilton to Truman, will be given the annual award for "outstanding service to humanity during the last year" made by the Metropolitan Conference of Temple Brotherhoods at its meeting to be held at Temple Emanu-El on April 9th. The award, it was announced by Emanuel Harris, Conference president, will be presented to Mr. Baruch by Mayor William F. O'Dwyer.

DR. MARCUS GRANTED LEAVE TO WRITE BOOK.

Cincinnati, O.—To enable Dr. Jacob R. Marcus, the Adolph S. Ochs Professor of Jewish History at the Hebrew Union College, to complete a three-volume work on American Jewish history, the Hebrew Union College has granted him a leave of absence for the academic year 1947-48. The tentative title of the new historical work, which will tell the story of the American Jew from 1665 to 1924 on the basis of original records, especially personal letters, is "The Moving Finger Writes." Dr. Marcus, who is a graduate of the Hebrew Union College and has been a member of its faculty since 1930, is also the author of "The Rise and Destiny of the German Jew."