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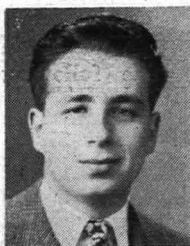
Student Rabbis

BALFOUR BRICKNER

and

ROBERT RAAB

will deliver Sermonettes



Robert Raab

"WHAT SECURITY FOR JEWISH YOUTH?"

A Homecoming Function for Out-of-Town College Alumni and a
Get-Together for All Alumni

IN THE SERVICE:

Annette Matyas, Elmer Shapiro, Stuart Frensdorf, Beryl Feldman,
Alan Gutman, David Babin, Norma Falcovich and Ronald Jaffee.

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After the Service

AN ONEG SHABBAT AND REUNION

between Rabbi Brickner and his former students in Alumni Hall.

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Assisted With the Torah Last Week: Joseph Horwitz and Max Price

Sabbath Morning Services in the Chapel 11 to 12 Noon

Torah Portion: VAY'CHI, Genesis 47:28-50:26; Haftorah: 1 Kings 2.1-12

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NEWLY ELECTED MEMBERS OF OUR BOARD

The following were elected to the
Board of Trustees of our congregation
at the 101st Annual Meeting held on
December 21st:

For a three-year term: Maurice Ber-
non, Henry Frankel, Irwin Freiburger,
Jefferson Ganger, Harry Jacobson, Mar-
vin J. Laronge, William Rosenfeld,
Howard Silver, Alfred I. Soltz, and Mrs.
Samuel Urdang.

Congratulations!

A HABIT THAT CAN EASILY BE FORMED

You are familiar with the bromide
that "we are creatures of habit." I
prefer to believe that we are Creators
of Habit. That is the difference between
us and our animal friends.

Attending Temple Services on Friday
nights is a habit that is easily formed.
Once you make up your mind that you
have a "regular date" to be at Temple
on Sabbath eves your other dates be-
gin to revolve around "Temple." Your
friends get to know this, too, and they
stop inviting you to parties or dropping
in just when it is time for services.
When anyone asks you to "come along
to the movies," don't merely say, "Sor-
ry, I'm going to the Temple." Say, "This
is my Temple time. Why not come
along? We can be together there, too!"
Stop being apologetic for being relig-
ious. Be enthusiastic. Instead of "run-
ning with the others" get them to follow
you into the Synagogue. To put the
whole thing in a phrase: Why be the
creature of other people's habits of in-
difference to Judaism when you can be
the Creator of the habits of Synagogue
Attendance for all.—Temple Israel, New
York.

IN MEMORIAM

Our heartfelt sympathy is extended
to the bereaved family of Jennie Wis-
low.

THE ADULT EDUCATION COMMITTEE

announces the following

SESSIONS AND COURSES

MONDAY NIGHT INSTITUTE, be-
ginning Jan. 5th at the Temple,
8:30 P. M.

HEBREW IN TEN EASY LESSONS
WHAT JUDAISM SAYS
MODERN JEWISH LITERATURE

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**MONTHLY MEETINGS OF CON-
FIRMATION PARENTS**

Next Meeting Wed., Jan 7th—
8:30 P. M. at the Temple.

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HOME STUDY GROUPS

1. Sponsored by Mr. and Mrs.
Bernard M. Kane, with Rabbi
Brickner.
2. Sponsored by Dr. and Mrs.
Simon Fuerst, with Rabbi Sil-
ver. Next meeting Tuesday,
January 6th, 8:30 P. M.

Other Groups Will be Formed on Request.

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COUPLES CLUB

A Discussion Group, led by
Rabbi Brickner, for young mar-
rieds. Meets Wednesday, Jan.
14, 8:30 P. M. at the Temple.

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Planned for Next Spring

A Course of Five Lectures on "NEWER
PSYCHOLOGICAL TRENDS IN CHILD
DEVELOPMENT.

A Lecture Course on "CURRENT JEWISH
BELIEFS."

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ENROLL NOW, if you have not
already done so. Write or call
the Temple Office.

A LAYMAN LOOKS AT THE SABBATH

By Carl Alpert

Laziness is regarded, in modern times, as a vice. From the epigrams of Benjamin Franklin down to the latest exhortations for display of energy and drive, it has been placed in very much the same category as cowardice, immorality and illiteracy. The accelerated tempo of our times, however, has confused our discernment to the extent that we are unable to distinguish adequately between laziness and relaxation. The latter has truly become a lost art.

Whistles blow, machines turn, traffic lights change, signals flash, telephones ring, gears grind, presses roar, messengers run, crowds clamor—who has not felt tempted, in the midst of the hustle and bustle, the clang or jangling of a busy day, to put his hands up to his ears and to shriek out: "Quiet! Wait a minute!"

Pressure Takes Its Toll

The demands made upon modern man by twentieth century American life are well exemplified by three successive directors of the Zionist Organization of America. The late Simon Shetzer, a sweet and blessed man, was overwhelmed by the weight and pressure of his duties, collapsed and passed away prematurely after several tragic and agonizing years. His successor, Saul Spiro, a true scholar and man of spirit, had not the physical frame to stand the pace of public life, and withdrew on urgent demand of his physicians.

Sidney Marks was strong and carefree and not the worrying type. He would survive them all. Yet the demands made upon Dr. Marks by the organization, and the weighty responsibilities he was asked to bear, took their toll and left their marks. Wisely he has taken a leave of absence for an extended rest.

These men happened to be in top positions. Similar effects are evident on those in lesser positions in communal activity, as well as upon many average business men and professionals who drive themselves, or are driven by the commercial exigencies of the day.

Sabbath Rest Would Have Helped

And I am inescapably led to the conclusion: that the nervous breakdown, early deaths and suicides which annually decimate the ranks of our best men are caused by inability to relax, to rest, to unwind. And there is this further belief: that if Simon Shetzer or Saul Spiro or Sidney Marks had been loyal Sabbath observers, in the tradi-

tional and orthodox spirit, if they had faithfully utilized this one day in seven to set down their burden and find ease and comfort in Oneg on the Shabbat, they would have felt few of the ill-effects which overtook them. In all fairness, it should be added that this would have been true, likewise, if they had been permitted to rest, by those who drove them. On some other occasion, perhaps, something might be said about the relationship which exists between the lay leaders, the volunteers in organized Jewish life, and the much maligned professionals who serve as their bondservants.

But today it is the Sabbath of which I speak. Volumes have been written about the theological aspects of the day of rest. Apologists have ventured to rationalize the wisdom of our forebears in this as in kashruth and other matters of Jewish tradition. My own discipline of life involves Sabbath observance, but I leave the interpretations to the rabbi. He is more learned than I in such matters.

Utter Relaxation

I need have no recourse to Biblical injunctions to find contentment on my Sabbath, though I know full well that without the historic stamp placed upon that day by my people I would never have found it. And so instead of questioning it, rationalizing it, criticizing it, I accept it with gratitude.

Sabbath is my day of utter relaxation; I should say laziness were it not for the ill repute into which that word has undeservedly fallen. It is a day of complete absence from work, physical and mental. Oh, it is not to be compared with Sunday at all, for the latter is a day occupied with dozens of boring and tiresome social amenities which we hypocritically and falsely label pleasure. Nobody ever reports for work on Monday morning without commenting on the hectic preceding Sunday.

Rest is Not Easy at First

Not so our Sabbath. It is a day of absolute rest. I read aimlessly in my

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Rabbi Brickner delivers his annual Radio Talk on Christmas day over Station WGAR, 6:30 P. M.

CONGRATULATIONS

To Sally Rosenblatt on her 80th birthday, December 23rd.

To Judge and Mrs. Maurice Bernon on their 35th wedding anniversary on December 25th.

To Mr. and Mrs. Phil Sobel on the engagement of their son, Robert D. to Miss Barbara F. Bainer of Baltimore, Md., and on the birth of a granddaughter, Sallie Linda Reiter.

To Mrs. William Grossman on her 82nd birthday, December 19th.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry A. Schwartz on the marriage of their daughter, Arlene Frances, to Martin Lindsay.

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library. I go for a walk. I watch the trees or the grass. I doze, and this, too, is in the tradition of the Sabbath. I simply contemplate, and it is a glorious feeling.

It was not always easy. To begin with it was "work" to relax. I wanted to be up and doing. I couldn't stand the "waste of time." There were odd jobs to be done. I still fight these temptations, but it is no longer as difficult.

And now I begin to understand the inner peace and serenity of our sages and patriarchs of old. "More than Israel has kept the Sabbath, it is the Sabbath that has kept Israel"—this utterance of Achad Ha-Am is rich with significance. We have been too quick to discard the Sabbath, in its traditional form as archaic, as something in conflict with the economics of our times.

But I do not intend to sermonize. This is merely how one layman, by no means a "good Jew", regards the Sabbath.

—From the National Jewish Post.

FUNDS

The following contributions have been received during the past week:

BERKOWITZ FUND: Mr. and Mrs. Phil Sobel in honor of the engagement of their son, Robert D. to Barbara Bainer, and in honor of their granddaughter, Sallie Linda Reiter.

BETTY JANE FINKLE FUND: Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Rosenblum in memory of David Gold; Mr. and Mrs. Phil Sobel and Mr. and Mrs. Myron Rosenblum in memory of David Gold and Morris Wohl.

GENERAL SCHOLARSHIP: Mrs. Mary Goodman in memory of her father, Samuel Lerner, and brother, Arthur Lerner.

LIBRARY FUND: Mr. and Mrs. Harry L. Wolpaw in memory of Ethel Wolpaw; Mrs. Rae Wolpaw in memory of Jacob and Ethel Wolpaw.

YAHREZEIT FUND: Mrs. Arthur Haupt in memory of her father, Jake Soglovitz; Merle W. Kann in memory of his father, Isaac M. Kann.

NO SESSIONS OF RELIGIOUS SCHOOL THIS WEEK-END

JEWS OF U. S. ASKED TO GIVE \$250,000,000 FOR AID IN '48

Atlantic City, N. J., Dec. 14—The Jews of the United States were asked today to dig deeper than ever into their pockets and produce an unprecedented sum of \$250,000,000 in 1948 to help establish a Jewish state in Palestine, care for displaced and needy brethren in Europe and provide necessities for Jewish immigrants to this country.

Some 1,300 delegates to the United Jewish Appeal's national conference voted unanimously for the 1948 quota—the greatest fund-raising effort ever attempted by any organization in the country—in spite of an accumulated debt of \$65,000,000 resulting from campaigns over the last five years.

The nation's Jews will have provided \$132,000,000 by December 31 for similar purposes in 1947, a cash-and-pledge contribution that will be \$38,000,000 short of the \$170,000,000 goal set last year by the Appeal.

Two of the U. J. A.'s three major spending agencies—United Palestine Appeal and the Joint Distribution Committee—were faced with the prospect of seeking loans from banks to make up the difference between their requests and their allotments in the new budget.

With the United Service for New Americans, the third agency, the U. P. A. and J. D. C. requested \$395,367,000 to meet next year's world Jewry requirements. Only the U. S. N. A. received the full sum for which it pleaded.

The agencies, their duties, and the sums for which they asked and received:

U. P. A., help established the Jewish state, provide for 75,000 immigrants to Palestine, asked \$283,156,000, received \$146,250,000.

J. D. C., provide for displaced Jews in western Europe and needy Jews in eastern Europe, asked \$98,547,000, received \$88,750,000.

U. S. N. A., care for Jewish immigrants to the United States and make them self-sufficient, asked \$13,664,000, received full amount.—Cleveland Plain Dealer.