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FRIDAY, JANUARY 16th, 8:00-9:15 P. M.

ANNUAL
Men's Club Service

A Colloquy by

RABBIS BRICKNER and S. M. SILVER

"IF I WERE A LAYMAN"



READING THE SERVICE

Harry Wolpaw, Milton Lang, Sol J. Battler, Samuel Winograd, George Pillersdorf, Mark Barris, Dr. Simon Fuerst and Joseph Persky (Torah Reader).

AN ONEG SHABBAT IN ALUMNI HALL FOLLOWS THE SERVICE.

ALL ARE WELCOME.

Assisted with the Torah Last Week: Leo Rossmann and Marvin Gardner

Sabbath Morning Services in the Chapel 11 to 12 Noon

Torah Portion: BO, Exodus 10:1-13:16; Haftorah: Jeremiah 46:13-28.

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Classes in HEBREW, with Miss Lil-
lian Sugarman; in PRINCIPLES OF
JUDAISM with Rabbi Silver; in JEW-
ISH BOOKS, with Rabbi Stephen Sher-
man, meet next MONDAY, JANUARY
19, 8 P. M. at the Temple.

Come along and "get educated."
Courses open to members of Temple
and all agencies.

FUNDS

The following contributions have been received
during the past week:

ALTAR FUND: Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Heiner in
honor of the 45th wedding anniversary of Mr. and
Mrs. J. M. Anthony.

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in memory of Carrie Salk; Mr. and Mrs. A. F.
Wolf in memory of Louis Brust and Abraham
Wolf.

PARENTS, WE AWAIT YOU

at the

PARENT-TEACHERS' RECEPTION

THIS SUNDAY, JAN. 18th
3:00-5:00 P. M.

Visits to Classrooms

Movie in Auditorium for
Younger Children

Entertainment by Junior Choir
and Hebrew Class

Refreshments
Courtesy of Sisterhood

AN APPEAL FOR THE KINDLING OF SABBATH LIGHTS

We urge the women to light candles
at their homes on the eve of the Sab-
bath. But the ceremony is not to be
performed hastily and thoughtlessly.
Our mothers were wont to close their
eyes and stand before the Sabbath
candles in meditation. It brought them
much peace and serenity. They dwelt
lovingly on every member of the fam-
ily, and remembered the children of
Israel wherever they were, and prayed
for the coming of a better day. You,
too, can think of all these things and
pray for an enduring peace. The tradi-
tional blessing over the candles is as
follows:

"Boruch Atto Adonoy Elohaiu Me-
lech Ha-alom Asher Kidshonu B'mits-
vosov V'tsivonu L'hadlik Ner shel Shab-
bos.

"Blessed art Thou, O Lord our God,
King of the Universe who has sancti-
fied us by Thy laws and commanded us
to kindle the Sabbath Light.

"May the Lord bless us with Sabbath
joy.

"May the Lord bless us with Sabbath
holiness.

"May the Lord bless us with Sabbath
peace."
—Bulletin Exchange.

BASIC JUDAISM

Test your knowledge of Judaism in this series of questions. The answers are from Rabbi Steinberg's new book, BASIC JUDAISM, published by Harcourt, Brace & Co., an excellent "primer for adults" on the beliefs and principles of Judaism.

Q. What is the meaning of the word "Torah"?

A. "Torah" is a Hebrew noun derived from the verb which mean "to guide" or "to teach." Quite simply and literally therefore it stands for "guidance" or "teaching" or, to use a word of Latin origin, "doctrine."

Q. What is the basic difference between the traditionalist and modernist interpretations of Judaism?

A. Traditionalists believe the whole Torah to be God-revealed, therefore unimpeachably true and good throughout; modernists hold that truth and goodness are to be found in the Torah, and to the extent of their presence it is God-inspired. To traditionalists, the entire Torah book every word, every letter, every punctuation mark—was imparted by God either directly to the whole people of Israel at Mount Sinai or indirectly through Moses. The fact of revelation is decisive. It is a guarantee of absolute validity, intellectual and moral . . . Since the Torah-Tradition like the Torah-book is of divine inspiration, significant conclusions follow: One is that Judaism can not be susceptible to consequential change—Judaism was complete and perfect at Sinai. As for the historical growth through which the Tradition seems to have passed, this is an illusion. The prophets, sages, and rabbis neither modified it a whit nor added aught to its substance. All they did was to recapitulate it in fresh idioms or to give it timely applications . . . So, under all the restatements, Judaism has persisted as one and the same from Moses to our day . . . and constancy, despite the changing times and circumstances, is a major characteristic of Torah in the view of the traditionalist and under his hands.

Q. What is the modernist's view of Torah?

A. To the modernist the first criterion of the truth of a proposition or of the validity of a principle is not its conformity with the Tradition but

its consonance with reason and experience. Far from judging all things by the standard of Torah, he tests Torah against the standards by which he judges everything else. And only in so far as Torah passes muster does he accept it as authoritative . . . (For) the modernist has been persuaded by the biological and social sciences that the law of change is universal and that Judaism is no exception to it; that it is no fixed and constant entity, as the traditionalist holds, but the end product of a long and still continuing growth. Even the Torah-Book, according to the modernist, did not come into being all at one time, as the work of the single hand of Moses. To the contrary, it achieved its familiar shape and dimensions only as the result of an evolutionary process. The typical modernist, in other words, follows higher criticism in the conclusion that the Torah text as we now have it is a composite of several documents done by diverse authors and sewn into unity by some unknown editor or editors.

Q. Are there dogmas in Judaism? Is there anything in Jewish tradition akin, let us say, to the Apostles, Nicene, and Athanasian Creeds of the Roman Catholic Church, the Augsburg Confession of Lutheranism, or the Westminster Confession of Presbyterianism?

A. There are three views in the matter: One denies the presence in Judaism of a binding creed, the second vigorously asserts there is, and the third maintains a midway position. Those holding the moderate viewpoint point out that the "dogmatists" and the "non-dogmatists" both have some of the truth, but neither has it completely. The "dogmatist" is correct in saying that Judaism has a very definite religious outlook, but it is also true that Judaism has been chary about translating its outlook into precise propositions, avoiding dogmas as far as it could, since it requires formal creed less than do other faiths.

SOME AMERICAN JEWISH TYPES

American Jews today may be divided into the following categories:

1. Suicidal Jews — who through a conscious effort have completely broken with their people.

2. Escapist Jews—who run away and eventually eliminate themselves from the community.

3. Cardiac Jews — who constantly boast of their "Jewish heart," but do nothing to lead a Jewish life or to perpetuate their faith.

4. "Ersatz" Jews—who as an expression of concern for their people engage in petty and frequently objectionable activities.

5. Self-Respecting Jews—who by promoting the interests of the living synagogue are making Judaism a potent force in their own lives, in the lives of their children, and in American life.

Since to be a Jew is a voluntary matter, each of us must decide to be a good one.

—Rabbi S. Felix Mendelsohn, Temple Beth Israel, Chicago, Ill.

SHORT SERMONS

Start the day right and you will end it right.

Those who are always right are always wrong.

Try to help; try not to hurt.

Abundant living depends on abundant giving. Courtesy sweetens labor.

Nothing which is morally wrong can be politically right.

Not where I breathe, but where I love, I live.

Anger punishes itself.

MOTHER-DAUGHTER SERVICE

Tickets are now available at the Temple Office for the luncheon following SISTERHOOD'S MOTHER-DAUGHTER SERVICE, SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 14. Last year several hundred people were unable to secure tickets. So purchase yours on time this year and don't miss one of the year's brightest events.

Price: \$2.00 per person to include full waiter service and tip.

CONGRATULATIONS

To Mr. and Mrs. Philip H. Herman on the Bar Mitzvah of their son, Peter.

To Mr. and Mrs. David Frankel on their 25th wedding anniversary.

To Mr. and Mrs. Harry A. Gilman on the marriage of their daughter, Lois, to Edward Lowry.

To Mr. and Mrs. Harry Marmaros on the marriage of their son, Jerome, to Madyline Lichtenstein.

To Sigmund Haiman on his 75th birthday.

To Judge Maurice Bernon on his reelection as chairman of the National Council of the Joint Distribution Committee.

CONDOLENCE

Our heartfelt sympathy is extended to Mrs. Howard Abrams on the loss of her father, Morris Bergman.

THREADS OF GOLD

Little self-denials, little honesties, little passing words of sympathy, little acts of kindness, little silent victories over favorite temptations—these are the select threads of gold which, when woven together gleam out so brightly in the pattern that God approves.

—Canon Farrar.

TWO SPIRITS IN US

Two spirits in us over reach their hands
To grasp the cloak as ruler of the mind—
The one would be a king of all the lands,
Arrayed in purple, arrogant and blind
To any need but his. The other one
Seeks nothing for himself, his only aim
To walk beneath the mantle of God's truth

And foster love and beauty in His name.

So battle rages in us day by day
And, being pulled in two directions, we
Are somehow made to walk a middle way—

Earth-cast, yet held by our divinity
That keeps us striving upward from the sod

With hands outstretched to touch the robe of God.

—Helen Howland Prommel.