
THE EUCLID AVE. TEMPLE
BULLETIN
CLEVELAND, OHIO

FRIDAY EVENING SERVICE, 8:00 to 9:15 P. M.

RABBI BRICKNER

will preach

What's Happening to the Marshall Plan?

Will it put Europe back on its feet? Will it stop Communism?
Will the U. S. benefit from it? How has the plan been changed?
Can it Succeed?

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JUNIOR SABBATH SERVICE AND PAGEANT

SATURDAY MORNING, JANUARY 24th
11 A. M. in the Temple

In the Service

"THE NEW YEAR OF THE TREES"

Written by Nathan Brilliant and Mrs. Sigmund Braverman

Phyllis Raab, Audrey Lecht, Elton Marcus, Janice Golden, Carol Yoelson,
Howard Cort and Abba Kastin

In the Pageant

"DEEP ROOTS"

Written and Directed by Mrs. Donald Palay

Music Arranged and Played by Pauline Cole Bushman

Edith Adelstein, Barbara Cort, Elaine Harris, Edith Pillersdorf, Elaine Halper, Marcia
Lubeck, Diane Levitt, Alice Levitt, Gary Friedman, Gary Shaber, Abba Kastin, Sheldon
Sofer, with the Special Hebrew III Class in the Chorus.

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CHAMISHA OSOR B'SHVAT

On January 26, the Jewish Arbor Day is observed. That day corresponds with the 15th day of the Hebrew month of Shvat (Chamisha Osor B'Shvat), referred to in the Talmud as the "New Year of the Trees." The day is marked in Palestine by tree-plantings, elsewhere, by purchase of trees for planting in Palestine's thirsty soil.

BY THE WAY

Long life is denied us; therefore let us do something to show that we have lived.—Cicero.

The need of a good job for every man is no greater than the need of a good man for every job.

Did you ever stop to think how many little things are permitted to become great troubles by simply thinking them over? Most trials and difficulties start that way.

Each day is an opportunity to start all over again, to cleanse our minds and hearts anew, and to clarify our vision. And let us not clutter up today with the leavings of other days.—Oliver Wendell Holmes.

Three rules of life were given me some years ago. I pass them on, for I have found them practical: The first is "Go", the second is "Keep Going", and the third is "Help someone else to go."

—Theodore Adams, from Turner Topics.

THANKS TO

Miss Rae Horwitz for the pair of brass candle holders donated to the library in memory of her sister, Betty H. Kalter.

ELECT NEW OFFICERS FOR CONGREGATION

New officers of our congregation were elected at the Board of Trustees meeting last week. Otto J. Zinner, former vice president, was elected president to succeed Judge Maurice Bernon. Also elected were: J. W. Grodin and David Skall, vice presidents; William Rosenfeld, secretary, and Eugene Klein, treasurer.

A salute to all outgoing officers and hearty congratulations to the new administration.

WHY JEWS DO NOT SEEK CONVERTS

"Your question, why I do not try to make converts, has, I must say, somewhat surprised me.

"The duty to proselytize springs clearly from the idea that outside a certain belief there is no salvation. I, as a Jew, am not bound to accept that dogma, because, according to the teachings of the Rabbis, the Righteous of all nations shall have part in the rewards of the future world."

"Your motive, therefore, is foreign to me; nay, as a Jew, I am not allowed to attack any religion which is sound in its moral teachings."

—Moses Mendelssohn, 1729-86.

FOR ADULTS ONLY

Off to a good start last week, the Couples Club announces the dates for future meetings—February 11, March 10 and April 7 . . . The Monday night classes for adults continue next week and will continue for six Mondays thereafter . . . The next meeting of the parents of the Confirmation Class takes place Wednesday, February 4th, 8 p. m. . . Mothers, don't forget to buy your tickets for the Mother - Daughter Luncheon, February 14th. An outstanding program is planned . . . Men's Club members are asked to invite a Christian friend to the Fellowship Night program, Tuesday, February 17th, 8:30 P. M., when five ministers and Rabbi Brickner conduct a round table on "Interfaith Relations".

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 philosophy and motivation behind the Jewish concept of one God?
- A. In proclaiming the oneness of God, the prophets intended more than a repudiation of idol worship. They were bent on establishing the principles that reality is an order, not an anarchy; that mankind is a unity, not a hedge-podge; and that a universal law of righteousness holds sway over men, transcending borders, surmounting all class lines.
- Q. What are the characteristics of an Orthodox Congregation?
- A. Its total adherence to the historic prayerbook, the almost exclusive use of the Hebrew tongue in worship, the absence of instrumental music, the segregation of men and women during services and the usage whereby the former pray with covered heads.
- Q. What is the principal function of a rabbi?
- A. To teach the Tradition. He is generally called on to discharge additional functions as pastor, preacher, administrator, and communal leader, but first and foremost he is a teacher—that is the essence of his being.
- Q. What does Judaism have in mind when it speaks of immortality?
- A. Death cannot be and is not the end of life. Man transcends death in many altogether naturalistic ways. He may be immortal biologically, through his children; in thought, thru the survival of his memory; in influence, by virtue of the continuance of his personality as a force among those who come after him; and ideally, through his identification with the timeless things of the spirit. Man contains something independent of the flesh and surviving it: his consciousness and moral capacities, his essential personality—a soul. That is what transcends mortality and which is recompensed in life after death.
- Q. What three traditional functions pertain to the synagogue?
- A. It serves as a "house of prayer," the sanctuary where public worship is conducted; the place, too, to which men may repair for their individual meditations and prayers; it is a "house of study", a school of Judaism, offering Jewish instruction to child and adult alike; or, if not itself the school, then its parent and stay; it is the "house of the people," where Jews may seek out other Jews, and through association with like-minded persons be strengthened in their loyalties.
- Q. What is the outlook of the Jewish modernist on the comparative values of the various religions?
- A. Modernists refuse to look on the diverse communions as though they were so many systems of propositions of which only one can be true while all others must be false . . . the Jewish modernist prefers not to put religions in contrast with one another. He is content that each has its share of verity and worth, that all have the right to be, that out of their diversity, God, man, and the truth are better served in the long run.
- Q. What is prayer?
- A. Prayer is the bridge between man and God; in prayer, one establishes a face interchange with him . . . Prayer consists in two elements; that a soul shall be oriented toward God, and that, whether with words or not, it shall address him. Since man turns to God in many moods and designs, prayers are equally numerous and diverse as to temper and purpose . . . There are prayers of contemplation, adoration, thanks giving, affirmation, resignation, penitence, protest, quest, petition.
- Q. What is the Jewish version of The Kingdom of God?
- A. When the prophets first spoke of the Kingdom of God, they were introducing a notion radically new to man's imagination—such a vision as had never been seen before in all the ancient civilization of the East. God's Kingdom lies in the future, when the present world order must pass away, yielding to a new order, free from the ancient evils of human history, consonant with the worth of every soul, conformable to the moral law, properly reflective of the God who stands behind the scene of things. Touch Judaism where you will, and you will come upon this dream of a perfected world peopled by regenerated men.

FUNDS

The following contributions have been received during the past week:

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BABY BLESSING FUND: Mrs. I. G. Shapiro in honor of her grandson, Dale Frederic Shapiro.

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CONGRATULATIONS

Mr. and Mrs. Michael Bogomolny on the Bar Mitzvah of their son, Richard.

TO BE A JEW

To be a Jew . . .

It is to look over one's shoulder at patriarch, prophet and psalmist.

It is to feel about the earth the presence of one's brothers bound to one in deep ways. Even if I wished to repudiate them, the world will not let me. Tragedy binds me to them even when dreams do not.

It is to be the result of a severe process of selection, to be the scion of those who have breasted the billows of ages.

It is to feel many things blended in one's heart; people, faith, mission, martyrdom. Fear is in it for the weak, and glory for the strong, confusion for the bewildered and clear vision and simple faith for the stout of heart.

It is to love one's own people and to know that this love conflicts in no wise with utter loyalty to lands like America which have given us liberty and equality.

It is to realize that one has been chosen to be a touchstone of the progress of the human soul, to live through some days that witness the recrudescence of the evil in men, to see it wreak itself upon my people.

Israel is partly a legacy, partly a social entity most deeply and fully a religion co-extensive with life. It is all these fused into unity, into one way, one vision.

Israel is as diverse as life and as unitary as life; as plural as history and as consistent as God's purpose in history, as mysterious as the union and interaction of body and spirit.

This is my people and my faith, which I love, and in which I take deep pride!

—James G. Heller.

IN MEMORIAM

Our heartfelt sympathy is extended to the bereaved families to Sandra Hersh, James R. Levi, Lincoln Feniger, and to Mrs. Irvin N. Klein on the loss of her father, Harry Lipman.

ALUMNI TEA DANCE

Alumni members, watch announcements for tea dance, Sunday, February 1, 3 to 5 p. m. in Alumni Hall.