# THE EUCLID AVE. TEMPLE BULLETIN CLEVELAND, OHIO

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

## **RABBI BRICKNER**

will speak on

# IF I COULD TALK TO STALIN

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> TUESDAY, MARCH 23rd, 1:30 P. M. IN THE AUDITORIUM

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Next Speaker in Series: "Newer Trends in Child Development" DR. ELIZABETH BREMNER, Child Psychiatrist, University Hospitals, Tuesday, March 30, 8:30 P. M.

Sabbath Morning Services in the Chapel 11 to 12 Noon Torah Portion: VAYIKRO, Leviticus 1:1-5:26; Haftorah: I Samuel 15:2-34

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#### NATIONAL PRESIDENT TO SPEAK AT SISTERHOOD CELEBRATION

Mrs. Louis A. Rosett, president of the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods will be the guest speaker at the fortieth annual meeting of our Sisterhood Tuesday, April 20th. The anniversary meeting will be in the form of a luncheon in Alumni Hall. Members are urged to save the date.

Sisterhood members enjoyed a stimulating afternoon at their last meeting when Rabbi Brickner offered a book review. A lovely tea was presided over by Mrs. Edwin Schanfarber and Mrs. Albert Heller, who were assisted by Mesdames E. M. Bloom, A Licker, I. Krulak, A. Glick, R. Metzner, C. Fish, S. Deutsch, H. Burger, B. Krohn, and L. Friedman.

#### WHO "RUNS" THE TEMPLE?

Do the Rabbis "run" a temple? Does the staff do all the work in the operation of the temple? It would be an illusion to believe that either the ministers or the staff are entirely responsible for our operations. The brunt of the policy-making and operating is borne by the Board of Trustees and its various committees. The committees continually meet, study, and act upon Temple matters. To them the membership is indebted for the smooth functioning of the Temple.

Last week President Otto J. Zinner announced the appointment of committee chairmen for the current year. The committee heads are: Harry L. Wolpaw, Activities; Emil Elder, Administrative; William H. Rosenfeld, Adult Education; David Schlesinger, Building and House; David Skall, Cemetery; Mrs. A. Gitson, Choir; J. W. Gredin, Finance and Budget; Henry Frankel, Insurance; Jefferson Ganger, Membership; J. H. Shulman, Rehabilitation; Jefferson Ganger, Personnel; Eugene M. Klein, Religious School; Maurice Bernon, Ritual. THE DILIGENT AND THE LAZY

Emperor Hadrian, on his way to war, rode past a garden where he observed a very old man planting a fig tree. He halted his horse and asked: "Why in your old age do you labor so zealously? Do you expect to eat the fruit of the tree you are planting?"

The old man replied: "If it be the will of God, I shall eat of it; if not, my sons will enjoy it."

Three years later the Emperor passed the garden again. The same old man approached Hadrian with a basket of figs, and handing it to him, said: "My Master, be good enough to receive this gift. I am the man to whom you spoke three years ago."

The Emperor was touched and commanded that the basket be filled with gold pieces and given to the diligent old man.

The wife of his neighbor chanced to be in the graybeard's home when he returned with the gold. She heard his story and immediately commanded her husband to take to the Emperor a large basket filled with varied fruits.

"He loves the frait of this region," she said, "and he may, as a reward, fill your basket with gold pieces."

The husband followed his wife's commands, and bringing the fruit to the Emperoor said: "Sire, I have heard that you are fond of fruit, and I have brought these for your enjoyment."

On hearing the whole story, the Emperor became incensed at the man's impudence, and gave orders to his soldiery to throw the fruit at his face. Bruised and half-blinded, the schemer returned to his home.

"How did you fare?" asked his wife greedily.

"I fared excellently," replied her husband. "Had I taken etrogim (citrons), I would have died from their blows."

-Wayyikra Rabbah, 25

#### CONGRATULATIONS

To Mr. and Mrs. Henry Gottfried and Mr. and Mrs. Maurice E. Rymond on the birth of their great-grand and granddaughter, Pamela Jean Warren.

To Mrs. Meyer Miller on the marriage of her son, Alan, to Janet Alfred on March 10th.

To Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Klein on the birth of a grandson, Peter Jay Hodges.

To Regina (Mrs. J. E.) Kurlander on the acceptance of her play, "The Fifth Wife," by the local Playhouse. The play was written in collaboration with Stephen Norbert Lineck.

To Mrs. Minna Blazar on the birth of a grandson, Joseph Eugene Blazar.

#### HOW THE WELFARE FEDERATION USED E.A.T. CENTENNIAL GIFT Dear Rabbi Brickner:

The Board of Trustees of the Welfare Federation has instructed me again to express to you and the other members of the Euclid Avenue Temple its deep appreciation of the contribution of \$1,000.00, which you made some time ago to this work, in connection with your Centennial Celebration.

The Board thought it would interest you to know that it has appropriated \$750 of this gift toward establishing on our staff a full time person to assist the agencies in developing recreational resources for elder persons. The lonely lives led by many older people have resulted sometimes in the embracing of ill-advised political movements, in extreme brooding and unhappiness even to the point of insanity in a number of cases, and in other misfortunes to themselves and to the community. The plan thus to be undertaken by the Welfare Federation has grown out of a demonstration by the Benjamin Rose Institute, which has now joined with other groups in recommending this program under the Welfare Federation and is also helping to finance it.

The contribution of \$750 from your Temple probably made the difference between our being able to undertake this and not being able to do so, as this was the only money which we had available.

The Board also appropriated the remaining \$250 of your gift toward the expense of conducting the Golden Age Hobby Show in the year 1948. Again this was the only money available for our part in financing this project. We had thought that you would wish us to retain this gift until an occasion like this where it would accomplish something which could not otherwise be done...

Very sincerely yours, (S) Edward O. Lynde, Executive Eecretary.

#### "WHO IS IT?"

A little boy once wrote: Each time that I pass by a church

I stop to pay a visit, So that when I am carried in

The Lord won't say, "Who is it?" —From Temple Beth Israel Bulletin.

—From Temple Beth Israel B Hartford, Conn.

#### FUNDS

The following contributions have been received during the week:

ALTAR FUND: Mr. and Mrs. Henry Krause in memory of Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Weil; Mrs. Cora Kohn in memory of Clara and Mannie Weil.

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PRAYERBOOK FUND: Mrs. Sarah B. Freyer in memory of Max Cohen and Albert Cole; Mrs. N. Tronstein and daughters in memory of Nathan Tronstein; Saturday Night Club in memory of Ben Singer; Mr. and Mrs. Edward E. Schwartz in memory of Tina Bernstein; Mrs. Max Levitt and Mrs. Sherman Bernon in memory of Max Levitt; Mr. and Mrs. Robert L. Lewis in memory of Samuel Roskoph: Bertha H. Harris in memory of hersister, Edna E. Harris.

RABBI BRICKNER PRIZE FUND: Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Loventhal in memory of Tina Bernstein.

SISTERHOOD SCHOLARSHIP FUND: Mr. and Mrs. Victor Fishel, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Ginsberg, and Mr. and Mrs. J. Tronstein of Syracuse, N. Y., in memory of Emanuel Weil; Mrs. J. Bubis.

YAHRZEIT FUND: Mrs. F. Vanone in memory of Morris H. Cohen; Mr. and Mrs. M. Reichman in memory of Samuel Isaacson.

#### A HEARTY WELCOME

Is extended to the following who were admitted to temple membership at the March meeting of the Board of Trustees: Mrs. Mae Oppenheim, William J. Kraus, and Lozer Kabat. Page Four

#### RECONSIDERATION BY UN MEANS WAR, RABBI SAYS

Flaming oratory held 1,000 people spellbound in Temple Adath Yeshurun last night when Rabbi B. R. Brickner of Cleveland discussed "The Crucial Days Ahead."

There was lightning in the air as he played with the word "Reconsider" as applied by the United Nations in relation to Palestine partition. He warned that such reconsideration would lead to bloody war that would shock the world. The 700,000 Jews there will not "take it lying down" until every man and women has first stood up to give life and all for their heritage.

He said, "We're fighting the same power that the Colonists fought—the power of British imperialism." He quoted Bevin in the House of Commons to the effect that every British worker has a wage-pocket interest in maintaining connections with the Middle East.

**Cite Feudal Conditions** 

"It's morally reprehensible on the part of the British to profit by maintaining feudal conditions in Arabia," he said.

He characterized American statements about the need for Arabian oil as "a swamp of lies;" called the hookup of Arabian oil with the Marshall plan "a phoney argument;" and cited the shelving of the Stratton bill as evidence of evil influences around the president.

The British objected to shiploads of Balkan refugees as providing possible cover for Communists. Rabbi Brickner called their objection "a crime no civilized people should be guilty of."

#### To Open Campaign

He was in the city primarily to start an educational campaign for the coming United Jewish Welfare Appeal. He stated that \$50,000,000 is needed within the next few weeks ,or it may never be of any use.

One project actually on the way is to have a fleet of Jewish ships ready for immediate service when the British pull out May 15.

-From the Syracuse, New York, Post Standard.

#### IN MEMORIAM

Our heartfelt sympathy is extended to the bereaved family of Morris Chipman, and to Mrs. Bernard Pincus on the loss of her father.



## VASHTI, THE SUPREME COURT, AND LESSING ROSENWALD

By RABBI SAMUEL M. SILVER

As the day of Purim (March 25) approaches, it is interesting to note that a woman by the name of Vashti is in the news.

Mrs. Vashti McCollum is the woman who refused to allow her son to receive religious training during public school hours. The Board of Education of Champaign, Ill., like school boards in all parts of the land, had instituted religious sessions on school time, but Mrs. McCollum objected to them, claiming they would embarrass her son who was being reared non-religiously. Furthermore, she contended, the practice was unconstitutional.

Mrs. McCollum was living up to her first name. In the Esther story, Vashti, the queen, also objected to an edict on the grounds that it would be embarrassing. And in narrating the story of Purim, we often fail to give her full credit for her conduct. After all, she was made of the same stuff as Mordecai. The hero of the Purim story defied Haman's arbitrary decree; Vashti defied Ahaseurus'.

In some quarters, the Supreme Court decision that religion must not be taught during school hours is being hailed as a victory for atheism.

The decision is not a triumph for atheism, at all. It is a re-affirmation of the principle laid down in the First Amendment that the church and the state must remain separate. Our government makes many concessions to religious institutions, acknowledging the importance of religion, but the intrusion of the church into the domain of government, or vice-versa, are dangerfraught developments. The Supreme Court does not interfere with any church or synagogue; it merely reiterates the American idea that the two must not merge.

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The McCollum case, therefore, does not vindicate atheism, but it underscores the independence of the church and reminds it that it must go out on its own to win the minds of men in the market-place of ideas.

The decision does not enunciate anything new. We are only back again, in this idea, to the time of the writing of the Bill of Rights. But there is so much retrogression in the world today that we would be satisfied to "move ahead" to where we were long ago.

For example, in the South, it would be making much progress if we could catch up to where we were in 1865, when the Fourteenth and Fifteenth Amendments were written.

Another example: Great Britain would be scoring a great advance if she were to move up to where she was in 1917, when the Balfour Declaration was announced.

Time, of course, marches on, but oftei great ideas are left behind.

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Jews were shocked and non-Jews must have been bewildered by the article in last week's Colliers purporting to show "The Fallacies of Palestine." The writer, Lessing Rosenwald, speaks only for a tiny organization, the smallest in Jewish life, but the editors of the magazine failed to point that out. For several years Mr. Rosenwald's anti-Zionist group has been trying to enlist members, but many of the rabbis who at first joined the movement have left it in disgust, since its only purpose is to combat and discredit Zionism.

Only last week Rabbi Leo Franklin, of Detroit, a former sympathizer, turned on Mr. Rosenwald's organization, (Continud on Page 6)

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and charged that it has been a negative force in American Jewish life.

None of Mr. Rosenwald's charges against Zionism is valid, and some are downright libellous, as for example, his wild statement that Zionists "freely collaborate" with anti-Semites. Mr. Rosenwald says he opposes Zionism because he is a universalist, but then he waves the American flag so frantically you'd think he was being coached by the D. A. R. He has every right to be patriotic, but he should not try to question the patriotism of American Zionists. Nor should he pose as an opponent of nationalism, in general. He would be more honest if he said: "I approve of every form of nationalism except Jewish nationalism."

In his article, Mr. Rosenwald correctly depicts the Arab Mufti as a war criminal and warns that he is threatening to "exterminate" the Jews of Palestine. But he does not call upon his country to punish the Mufti; instead he pictures the struggle against him as hopeless. Suppose we would have handled Hitler that way!

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Mr. Rosenwald has nothing to say against the policy of Great Britain toward his people.

He ignores the marvelous things accomplished by the Jews in Palestine. Instead, he contends that the country is undevelopable.

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He does not cite the benefits which the Arabs have received in Palestine. He is too busy maligning his people to think of praising them. He makes no mention of the findings, all favorable to Zionism of the many surveys, including that of the United Nations.

We must understand what lies beneath Mr. Rosenwald's words. Way down in his heart he is afraid. He fears that anti-Semitism may come to the U. S., and when it does, Jews may be shipped off to Palestine. So, for all his protestations of loyalty to his country, he really has little faith in it. He trembles at what might happen here. Zionists, on the other hand, know that Americans will understand the yearning of some Jews for a land of their own. They don't want to settle in Palestine, any more than Mr. Rosenwald does, but they feel that those who want to do so, or have to do so, should have that right. They are not worried about the effect of a Jewish state upon America's attitude toward the Jew, for they are confident that equality will endure in our land. But Mr. Rosenwald is afraid and by beating his breast in patriotic frenzy, he is trying to assure his safety. He is saying to Americans, "Look, I'm not one of those Jews interested in Palestine. I love the U. S. and I can only thrill to the Star-Spangled Banner. Don't put me in the same class with the others."

Mr. Rosenwald doesn't realize that IF anti-Semitism comes to the U. S., it won't make a bit of difference if he is a Zionist, anti-Zionist, or a Christian Scientist.

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But it will not happen here. The heart of America is too warm, and the spirit of America is too noble. As Rabbi Brickner has pointed out in his detailed refutation of the Colliers article, better Jewish patriots than Mr. Rosenwald have already sealed the bond between Americanism and Judaism with their life's blood. And these patriots were not a whit less true to Americanism because they were stirred by "Hatikvah" as well as by the strains of the "Star-Spangled Banner."

Mr. Rosenwald needs some of Mrs. Vashti McCollum's courage and some of her faith in America's unshakable democracy.

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