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FRIDAY EVENING SERVICE

DECEMBER 31, 1948 (Sixth Night of Chanukah)

RABBI BRICKNER

will speak

"JUDAISM"

Concluding the Series on the Great Religions of the Western World . . . The Distinguishing Characteristics of the Jewish Faith as Contrasted with the Religions of Our Neighbors . . . You are urged to join the congregational family, on the eve of the New Year, in prayers for a brighter and more peaceful future. The Chanukah Blessings will be sung.

Assisted with the Torah Last Week: Max Price and Dr. S. R. Michael

Begin the New Year Right by Attending
Sabbath Morning Services in the Chapel 11 A. M. to 12 Noon
TORAH PORTION: "MIKEZ", Genesis 41.1-44.17; Haftorah, Zechariah 2.14-4.7

NEWLY ELECTED BOARD MEMBERS

At the Annual Meeting of the congregation last Sunday, the following were elected to the Board of Trustees of our temple: For a three-year term: Arthur Begam, David Geller, Harold Glickman, Herman Goldsmith, J. W. Grodin, I. J. Kabb, Bernard Kaufman, Mrs. Emery Klineman, I. S. Rose, Harry Wolpaw. For a two-year term: Sanford Schwartz.

Heartiest congratulations!

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ceived during the past week:

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and Mrs. Arthur A. Glick in memory of Mrs.
Fanny Weber; Amelia and Hattie Beer in
memory of their mother; Mrs. Jacob H. Weiden-
thal in memory of her husband; Bernard and
Harvey Starkoff in honor of the recovery of
their father; Mrs. Isadore I. Rosenstein.

ARTHUR E. FRANKEL FUND: Mr. and Mrs.
Fred Frankel in memory of Ellen Mason.

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Cheryl Ruth Stone.

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Mrs. Ira J. Wieder in honor of the birth of
their son, Thomas Herbert; Mrs. Herman Schecht-
man in memory of Bertha Weisberg; Mrs. Ben
Greenwald in memory of Abe Gilblom.

LIBRARY FUND. Sanford S. Meyerson Book-
shelf—Kornman Luncheon Table Group in mem-
ory of Sanford S. Meyerson; Julius Wirtschafter
Bookshelf—Mrs. Helen Wirtschafter in honor of
Mrs. William Grossman's 83rd birthday, and in
memory of Lena Camin and Lena Green.

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and Rose Folkman and Morris and Fannie Tron-
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Sanford B. Meyerson and Lena Green.

YAHREZEIT FUND: Anna Wiener in memory of
her mother.

BRAILLE FUND: Mr. and Mrs. Harry H. Klein
in memory of Victor Mahler; Mr. and Mrs. Simon
Lewis in memory of Neuta Lumberg and Libby
Treister.

JANICE SHAW FUND: Mr. and Mrs. Milton
Shaw in memory of their daughter, Janice.

IN MEMORIAM

Our heartfelt sympathy is extended
to the bereaved families of Ray D. Les-
ser and Joseph Sittler.

IMPORTANT REMINDERS!

**YOUNG PEOPLE'S CONGREGA-
TION:** Your pre-school youngster has
a date at the Chanukah Party, SUN.,
JAN. 2nd, 3:30 P. M. in Alumni Hall.
Mommies and Daddies are urged to come
along for the jolly doings . . . And don't
forget the first YPC Sabbath Eve Ser-
vice, FRIDAY, JAN. 7th, 8:30 P. M., in
the Chapel; Oneg Shabbat follows in
Alumni Hall . . . Other dates—Couples'
Club, Wed., Jan. 12th; Annual Meeting
and Dance, Sun., Jan. 23rd.

ALUMNI ASSOCIATION: Youth
Service and Oneg Shabbat, Friday, Jan.
21st, 8:15 P. M. Speaker, Rabbi J.
Marshall Taxay of Akron. Come and
bring your friends.

MEN'S CLUB: Twenty-Fifth Anni-
versary Supper-Dance, Saturday, Jan.
29th in Alumni Hall.

P. T. A.: First annual meeting and
reception, Sunday, Jan. 16th, 3 to 5
P. M. . . . Election of officers, confer-
ences with teachers, and a program of
entertainment by the children of the
Religious School.

SISTERHOOD: Dramatic Reading of
a popular play, Tuesday, Jan. 18th. Re-
member the meeting begins at 1:30 P.M.
A tea will follow the program.

CONGRATULATIONS

To Mr. and Mrs. Leon E. Horwitz on
the marriage of their son, Morton A.
to Arlene Sternberg.

To Sylvia DeYoung Schwartz on the
marriage of her daughter, Terry De-
Young to Bernard Stern.

To Mr. and Mrs. Joseph H. Schon-
berg on the engagement of their son,
Richard, to Dolores Federhar of Akron,
Ohio.

To Harry Bernon on the occasion of
his 70th birthday.

To Mrs. Isador Wolf on her 99th
birthday.

To Morris J. Devay on his 75th birth-
day and to Mrs. Morris J. Devay on her
birthday.

To Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Walder on
the engagement of their granddaughter,
Lenore May Sobel in Detroit, Michigan.

To Mr. and Mrs. Joseph B. Leeb on
their 35th wedding anniversary.

To Mr. and Mrs. Max Leiberman on
their 35th wedding anniversary.

To Mr. and Mrs. Emil Glick on their
35th wedding anniversary.

To Mr. and Mrs. Paul Tatar on the
birth of a daughter, Eileen Ruth.

CATHOLIC SCHOLAR ON ANTI-SEMITISM

Excerpts from a Remarkable Letter Sent to the International Council of Christians and Jews by an Eminent Catholic Savant. The Full Letter Appears in the Catholic Journal, "Commonweal," for February 27, 1948.

By JACQUES MARITAIN

"With great regret at not being able to be present . . . I beg you to transmit to its members my most fervent wishes for the success of their work. Wholeheartedly I associate myself with the aims of the Congress. The struggle against anti-Semitism is a fundamental duty for consciences and it is a primordial necessity for the moral health of what we have left of civilization.

"So long as a world which adheres to Christian civilization is not cured of anti-Semitism, it will drag with it a sin which will stand between it and recovery . . .

"Six million Jews have been 'liquidated' in Europe. Other human masses have been deliberately exterminated, and by the millions also, in the name of 'Lebensraum,' or by political cruelty. They put the Jews to death through hatred of them as a people, and because they wanted to wipe their race from the face of the earth. And this bestial hatred had eyes that could see beyond natural things. For truly it was the 'chosen' quality of the Jews, truly it was Moses and the Prophets in the Jews, that the persecutors were persecuting. It was the savior who came from the Jewish people whom the persecutors hated . . .

"According to a profound observation made by the Jewish writer, Maurice Samuel, it is not because they killed Christ, it is because they gave Christ to the world that Hitler's anti-Semitic rage dragged the Jews over all the roads of Europe . . .

"Will the Christians understand? That is the question which now arises. How long still will they sleep? . . .

"For there is something that the anti-Semitic fury wounds and irremediably

corrupts, and that is the Christian conscience. The despair of those who killed themselves because injustice triumphed itself is an image of a thing still more terrible: the corruption of the human soul within those who persecuted, and the gulf of perversion into which they risk hurling the human race. If Plato and Saint Thomas Aquinas are right when they say that it is better to suffer unjustly than criminally to make others suffer, and that the evil in the executioners is worse than the evil suffered by the victims, then we are obliged to conclude that the ravages caused by racism in the heart of the racists and the anti-Semites have been even more abominable than the tortures they inflicted upon a multitude of innocents.

"In so far as a man yields to the prejudices of race and to that sort of modified anti-Semitism which, the while it deplors the massacres yet finds for them some excuse, and approves—with a transcendent political resignation to the doom of others—the laws, the customs, the habits of discrimination, and is all the more abject in that it takes shelter in good conscience, that man renders himself spiritually the accomplice of the demons whom the executioners obey. It is not only in order that the iniquity shall cease, it is also for its own salvation, and for the recovery of the world, that the Christian conscience must free itself of racist and anti-Semitic leprosy . . .

"In many countries of the old and the new world, anti-Semitism is growing; Hitler's lesson has made its way in men's minds. The old excuses are still available . . . Faced with the bankruptcy of assimilation, the Jewish conscience turned in despair to the Promised Land.

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The movement which is urging the survivors of the Jewish masses of Central Europe, horrified by the abominations they have suffered and haunted by the clamor of their dead, toward Palestine is an historical phenomenon—and it is irresistible. In one form or another and implying agreement (which in itself does not seem to be impossible) with the Arab inhabitants of the land, it appears that the solution of a Hebrew state in Palestine, inevitably, will be the next solution attempted by the angel of an ever-sorrowful and frustrated history.

"However, necessary and justified this solution may be, we must not hide from ourselves the fact that it risks being exploited by anti-Semitism to the harm of the Jewish citizens of other nations. We shall have to make people understand that the existence of a Jewish state no more separates from their respective nationalities Jews who are members of other states, than the existence of an Irish state separates the Irish people in America from their American nationality. To cover anti-Semitic prejudices there will be a new crop of invalid pretexts, to add to the invalid pretexts which drag about everywhere, and we shall have to refute these new ones as we have the old. . .

"And here stands before us the peculiar responsibility of the Christian conscience; it alone can free the soul from the poison of anti-Semitism, if aware truly of its own spirit, and if it truly carries into the substance of man's history the understanding and the testimony of its faith in Israel's mystery...

"... I am convinced in this connection that a great labor of meditation and of inner purification is required now of Christians. If they draw their nourishment from Saint Paul's doctrine, they will understand the spiritual significance of anti-Semitism, and at the same time they will understand the mysterious solidarity which links them to the elder race... They will understand that they must not only sweep out like refuse...

slandorous legends... but also that they will have most attentively to revise and purify their own language into which a routine, not always innocent, and in any case singularly careless of rigor and exactness, has allowed to creep absurd expressions such as that of the 'Decide Race,' or a fashion, more racist than Christian, of narrating the story of the Passion so that it arouses hatred among Christian children for their Jewish school fellows, or translations... in the Good Friday liturgy, which are no more than vulgar misreadings...

"They will understand that their very manner of approaching the problems created by the Diaspora must be fraternal, and lead them to comprehend in depth, thanks to a sufficiently complete and scrupulous information—and to understand from within, thanks to the experience of co-nature that love carries with it—the anguish and the debate of the Jewish conscience, torn between the obligation of keeping its identity and the will to obtain for Jews the justice and equality due all men..."

COOK BOOK WELL RECEIVED

High praise is being heard on all sides for the Sisterhood Cook Book which made its "debut" at the very successful Mother-Daughter Day program. Everyone regretted that Mrs. Morton Rousuck, who did the lion's share of the work, was too ill to attend the meeting; we hope for her speedy recovery.

The books are available through the Sisterhood at \$2.50 each. Place your order now.

NEW MEMBERS

A hearty welcome is extended to the following who have recently affiliated themselves with our membership. It is earnestly hoped that they will avail themselves of every opportunity offered them through our Temple.

Jerome Goldsmith
James L. Greenbaum
Isadore H. Levine