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FRIDAY EVENING SERVICE

JANUARY 7, 1949

RABBI BRICKNER

will speak

"A CONSTITUTION FOR ISRAEL:

HOW WILL THE NEW STATE BE GOVERNED?"

Will Religion and State Be Separate? . . . Will It Be Predominately "American"
or "European"? . . . What Provisions for Arabs and Others? . . . Etc.

FIRST SEPARATE SABBATH SERVICE OF

Young People's Congregation

FRIDAY, JANUARY 7, 1949, 8:30 P. M.

in the Chapel

"THE MEANING OF THE PRAYER BOOK"

By RABBI S. M. SILVER

Samuel C. Levine, Soloist

Pauline Cole Bushman, Organist

Service Followed by Oneg Shabbat in Alumni Hall

Sabbath Morning Services in the Chapel 11 A. M. to 12 Noon

TORAH PORTION: "VAYIGASH", Genesis 44.18-47.27; Haftorah, Ezekiel 37.15-28

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PLAIN DEALER EDITORIAL PRAISES RABBI

"The 24 years that Rabbi Barnett R. Brickner has served the Euclid Avenue Temple coincide with the doubling of the congregation's membership until today it is the largest Reform Jewish synagogue in the United States.

"This is a notable achievement in which any religious leader could take pride as can the whole community of which the Temple and its membership are a part.

"It is not the grand total of 2,055 families making up the organization which constitutes its power and influence, but the way in which they apply their religion for a better life for themselves and for others. This the Euclid Avenue Temple has done to an effective degree.

"Through its distinctive and autonomous Young People's Congregation, its parent-teacher association and other intra-synagogue groups it has built up a center of religious and educational leadership of the first order.

"Through it all can be seen the dynamic personality of Rabbi Brickner who is already laying plans to move the congregation to more spacious quarters on its 32-acre tract in Beachwood Village—a proof positive that leadership and adherence to ideals bring their own dividends."

12-28-48.

The Alumni Association's *Annual Youth Service*

FRIDAY, JAN. 21, 8:15 P. M.

Guest Speaker

RABBI J. MARSHALL TAXAY

"YOUNG PEOPLE ARE FUNNY"

Followed by an Oneg Shabbat in Alumni Hall

All Are Invited

IT'S A SMASH HIT

The Sisterhood's Annual

DRAMATIC READING AND TEA

**Tuesday, Jan. 18,
1:30 P. M.**

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**PRESENTATION
OF A
POPULAR
BROADWAY
PLAY**



Chairman of the Day,
Mrs. Wm. S. Weinberger

PTA MEETING, JANUARY 16th

The Nominating Committee of the PTA announces that the following slate will be submitted at the organizational meeting, Sunday, January 16th, 3 P. M.: For President, Mrs. Rueben Glazer; Vice Presidents, Mrs. Arthur Glick and Theodore Spilka; Recording Secretary, Mrs. Rudy Miller; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Dan Kronheim; Treasurer, Mrs. Hans Seidemann. Members wishing to submit additional nominees must do so in writing to the acting secretary by Jan. 14th with the signatures attached.

The meeting will be featured by a program of entertainment by the children in the Religious School. There will be conferences with teachers and a social hour with refreshments in Alumni Hall.

YPC INAUGURATES MONTHLY SABBATH EVE SERVICES

This week, the Young People's Congregation sponsors the first of the Sabbath Eve Services which are to take place once every month. Some time ago the provisional Board of the YPC decided that members would be asked to attend the Senior Congregation services on Friday nights but that once a month a special service for the YPC be held. Ivañ L. Miller, Ritual Committee chairman, announces that Irwin Haiman will be in charge of the first service. The ritual will consist of an adaptation from the Union Prayer Book and Rabbi S. M. Silver will speak on "The Meaning of the Prayer Book." An Oneg Shabbat in Alumni Hall will follow the service.

A BRIEF OUTLINE OF THE PROPOSED ISRAELI CONSTITUTION

Israel's draft constitution is composed of a preamble and seventy-six articles divided into nine sections: General Provisions; Fundamental Rights; The Legislature; The Executive; The Judiciary; Amendments to the Constitution; Constitution and Legislation; The Law; and, finally, Promulgation.

General Provisions

The first section, General Provisions, deals with the official name of the State: Israel, and defines it as a "sovereign, independent, democratic republic." It declares that the "State of Israel is designed to be the National Home of the Jewish People and shall admit every Jew who desires to settle within its territory subject to such regulative provisions as may from time to time be enacted by the Chamber of Deputies." It proclaims that all citizens within the jurisdiction of the State shall be entitled in equal measure to the protection of the law. "No discrimination of any kind shall be made by the State between the inhabitants of the State on the grounds of race, religion, language or sex." It recognizes Hebrew as the official language, but provides the Arabic-speaking citizens with adequate facilities for the use of their language, orally or in writing, in the Legislature, before the courts and before the executive and administrative authorities. The official flag is described; it is the traditional Zionist flag. All natural resources are declared to belong to the State "subject to any rights therein vested in any person or body," to be controlled and administered by the Government in accordance with legislative regulations. Finally, it declares that the State of Israel will seek to settle all international disputes "of whatever nature or origin" by pacific means only.

Fundamental Rights

Section II is what in our constitution is popularly known as the Bill of Rights. Phrases often quoted in our courts and schools occur frequently in this division. But the Israeli draft constitution contains provisions which go even further. Article 12 provides that "the State shall ensure the sanctity of human life and uphold the dignity of man," that there shall be no death penalty, "nor shall anyone be subjected to torture, flogging or humiliating punishment."

Guarantees of freedom of conscience

and the free exercise of all forms of worship are accompanied by the declaration that the "existing rights in respect of Holy Places and religious buildings or sites shall not be denied or impaired. The liberty of access, visit and transit to Holy Places shall be guaranteed, in conformity with existing rights, to all without distinction, subject to the requirements of national security, public order and decorum."

The Sabbath and the Jewish holidays are declared days of rest and spiritual elevation, and are to be so recognized in the law of the land, but at the same time "the holidays of other religious denominations shall equally be recognized as legal days of rest for the members of such denominations."

Freedom of speech and assembly is guaranteed to all citizens, but to prevent the catastrophe which engulfed Europe as a result of unlimited freedom of assembly, the draft constitution provides that "this constitutional guarantee shall not extend to assemblies or associations aiming at the suppression of human rights or of the democratic form of government." The same freedom and limitations are extended to speech and press.

Its social security provisions are the outstanding feature of this Bill of Rights. Article 21 states: "The economic order of the State of Israel shall be based on the principles of social justice. Every citizen shall have an equitable share in the national income and the right to social security. The State shall encourage and aid every form of cooperative effort." The right to work is proclaimed and the State will endeavor to ensure "to all citizens without distinction a decent standard of living and a fair and equal opportunity of earning a livelihood." Workers are guaranteed the right to form trade union associations, to enter into collective bargaining contracts and to strike in defense of their economic rights and interests. Care for the health of the population is a primary duty of the State.

The State shall provide facilities for primary and secondary education, "to be given to Jews and Arabs in their own language and cultural tradition." Each community will have the right to maintain its own schools for its own members in its own language. Foreign edu-

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FUNDS

The following contributions have been received this week:

ALTAR FUND: Mrs. Clara Krienberg in honor of her grandchild; Mrs. Minnie Mahrer in memory of Adolph Mahrer; Mr. and Mrs. Ben Folkman; Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Friedman in memory of Herbert Lederer Cohn; Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Friedman in memory of Idabelle Reis Levy.

BRaille FUND: Mr. and Mrs. Ben Folkman as a Chanukah gift.

SISTERHOOD SCHOLARSHIP FUND: Mrs. Gertrude Handel in memory of her mother, Rebecca Forstener; Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Metzner in memory of Mrs. Singer, also in honor of the birthday of Oscar Brown.

BABY BLESSING FUND: Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Grodin in honor of Sally Mae Grodin.

BONDY PRIZE FUND: Mr. and Mrs. Richard Bondy in memory of Mrs. Sidney Levy.

JANICE SHAW FUND: Mrs. H. H. Finkle in memory of Janice Shaw.

LIBRARY FUND: Mr. and Mrs. Otto J. Zinner in memory of Idabelle Levy; Jacob and Ethel Wolpaw Bookshelf—Marc J. Wolpaw in memory of Jacob and Ethel Wolpaw; Mrs. William I. Levy in memory of Herbert L. Cohn; Clara E. Goodman Bookshelf—Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Hofman in memory of Lena Green and Pauline Rosenblum; Sanford B. Meyerson Bookshelf—Kornman's Luncheon Table Group in memory of Sanford B. Meyerson.

PRAYERBOOK FUND: Mrs. J. Elias in memory of Isabelle Reis Levy; Mrs. Ben Faulb in memory of Ray D. Lesser.

YAHREIT FUND: Mrs. Morris Resek in memory of Morris Resek; Mrs. Henry Klein and family in memory of Henry Klein; Mrs. R. H. Miller and children in memory of Morris H. Miller; Mrs. Clara Stein and sons in memory of Benjamin Stein.

THE JUDICIARY

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cational institutions will be permitted to continue their activity on the basis of their existing rights.

Section V lists the branches of the judiciary from the Magistrates' Courts to the Supreme Court and the Religious Courts of the various communities, which have jurisdiction in matters of personal status. The High Court and the Supreme Court have power to review the constitutionality of legislative acts.

The process of amendment (Section VI) is less rigid than in our constitution. It calls for a two-thirds vote of the total membership of the Chamber and it must be passed by the same majority at two

successive sessions, not less than six months apart.

The best of Jewish tradition and the best of Western democratic thinking were combined to form the underlying principles of the constitution. The sanctity of man and his freedom, the responsibility of the government for the welfare of its citizens, and the desire of the State to make it possible to welcome and absorb in the country all Jews who wish to live in Israel were the ideals that went into the writing of the draft. This is best illustrated by the preamble:

WE, THE PEOPLE OF ISRAEL

HUMBLY giving thanks to Almighty God for having delivered us from the burden of exile and brought us back to our ancient land;

RECALLING the tenacious endurance of the generations of the Exile and their heroic sacrifices for the survival of our People and the preservation of its spiritual heritage;

GRATEFULLY remembering the faithful remnant who maintained the continuity of Jewish settlement in Palestine throughout the centuries, and the inspired efforts of the pioneers of the national revival;

RESOLVED to rebuild our Commonwealth in accordance with the ideals of peace and righteousness of the Prophets of Israel, to welcome home every Jew who seeks entry, and to promote the security and well-being of all who dwell within our gates.

CONGRATULATIONS

To Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Urdang on their 30th wedding anniversary.

To Mr. and Mrs. J. Goldberger on their 40th wedding anniversary.

To Mr. and Mrs. Harry S. Rose on the birth of a grandson, Lawrence David Gilson.

To Mr. and Mrs. Morris Efros on the birth of a granddaughter.

To Mrs. Blanche New on her 75th birthday.

To Betty Zavelson Abrahams on her marriage to Earl Gordon.

To Lena Heiser Spizel on the marriage of her son, Philmore, to Ann Finck.

To Mr. and Mrs. Sol Friedman on the engagement of their son, Stanford, to Louise Glatt.

To Judge and Mrs. David Copland on the birth of a granddaughter, Carol Sandra Grossman.

To Dr. and Mrs. Robert S. Rosner on the birth of a daughter, Nancy Ann.