
EUCLID AVENUE TEMPLE
BULLETIN
CLEVELAND, OHIO

FRIDAY EVENING SERVICE

JANUARY 21st, 8:15 P. M.

The Entire Congregation — Adults and Young People Alike



ALLANE POCRASS

Is Invited To

The Annual Youth Service

Sponsored by the

ALUMNI ASSOCIATION



DR. TAXAY

DR. J. MARSHALL TAXAY

will speak

"YOUNG PEOPLE ARE FUNNY"

In the Service: Norma Falcovich, Mervin Goldberg, Myron Eichler, Aaron Fleck, Kurt Wallach, Robert Zimmerman, Stanley Stein, and Allane Pocrass (Chairman of Youth Service Committee).
Greetings, Arnold Aaron, President.

RABBIS BRICKNER AND S. M. SILVER WILL SHARE IN THE SERVICE

ONEG SHABBAT IN ALUMNI HALL

Ilene Bernstein, Hospitality Chairman

Assisted with the Torah Last Week: Arthur Simon and Stanley Simon

Junior Service

Theme: "Brotherhood and Peace"

from the Braverman-Brilliant Junior Prayer Book

SATURDAY, JANUARY 22nd, 11 A. M.

In the Temple

Participants: Garry Shaber, Barbara Bruder, Elaine Harris, Paul Singer, Sally Schaffer, Sheila Somberg, Gary Friedman, Sheldon Kamen (Torah Reader)—of the 1949 Confirmation Class.

Sermonette by Rabbi Brickner

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CONGREGATION OFFICERS RE-ELECTED

Confidence in the high calibre of leadership given to our congregation last year was reflected in the re-election of all officers at the last meeting of the Board of Trustees.

Unanimously re-elected were: Otto J. Zinner, president; J. Wm. Grodin and David Skall, vice presidents; William Rosenfeld, secretary; Eugene M. Klein, treasurer.

Heartiest felicitations!

SISTERHOOD COOK BOOK WELL RECEIVED

Enthusiastic reviews of the recently published Sisterhood Cook Book appeared in the Cleveland newspapers and from every side the volume is being praised. It has been acclaimed as one of the most ambitious projects of its kind and special notice has been taken of the illustrations, the special section on the Sabbath and Festivals and the valuable food and household hints.

You and your friends may still secure copies of the book at Tuesday Sewing or at the Temple Office. The price is \$2.50.

OTHER CONGREGATIONS PLEASE NOTE

Our printer has agreed to preserve the plates of the Brilliant-Braverman "CHILDREN'S PRAYER BOOK" for a few more weeks. Therefore, you can still order quantity copies or sample copies of this work. The price is \$2.50 for individual copies and \$2.00 for ten or more.

FUNDS

The following contributions have been received during the past week:

BABY BLESSING FUND: Mr. and Mrs. Paul L. Tatar in honor of their daughter, Eileen Ruth.

BETTY JANE FINKLE FUND: Mrs. Samuel S. Fox, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond N. Fox in memory of Samuel S. Fox.

RABBI BRICKNER PRIZE FUND: Mrs. Ann Romanoff for the speedy recovery of Adele and Sanford Herman.

ARTHUR E. FRANKEL FUND: D. F. Crawford in memory of David Frankel; Mr. and Mrs. Fred Frankel in memory of David Frankel.

GENERAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND: Mrs. Frank Rothenberg, Mrs. Harry Lusher, Mrs. William Bryar in memory of Yetta Wollaston.

JANICE SHAW FUND: Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Berk in memory of Janice Shaw.

LIBRARY FUND: Mr. and Mrs. Henry Becker in memory of Ray Lesser; Mrs. H. L. Wolpaw in memory of Rose Fidler; Mrs. Estelle Wattenmaker and Ellis Corday in memory of B. F. Corday; Mr. and Mrs. B. Hersch in memory of Sandra Hersch.

PRAYER BOOK FUND: The Livingstons in memory of Max Shapiro; Mrs. Bert Friedman in memory of Rachel Barnett Klinger; Mrs. Ben Rothman, Mrs. David Atlas in memory of Yetta Singer; Lillian S. Sey in memory of Harry J. Fisher; Mrs. Sarah Freyer and family in memory of Fanny Stone.

YAHREITZ FUND: A. M. Gordon in memory of Ray Weidenthal.

BRAILLE FUND: Mr. and Mrs. H. Klein in memory of Myer Einstein; Mr. and Mrs. Charles M. Korach in memory of Nathan Freeman and Harry Fisher; Mrs. Bert Friedman in memory of Mrs. Rachel Barnett Klinger.

R-TFUL FELLOW

On his way to shul on Yom Kippur, a Jew spied his partner at a table in the very window of a sea-food restaurant. Storming into the restaurant, he planted himself at his partner's elbow.

"How can you do such a thing?" he bellowed. "How on this day of all days can you sit here and eat oysters?"

"What's the matter?" asked the culprit. "There's no 'R' in Yom Kippur." From "A Treasury of Jewish Folklore."

WELCOME

A hearty welcome is extended to Charles Flaxman, who recently affiliated with our congregation.

The name of Ellen Passau, of the 5B, was omitted from the Merit Certificate list. Sorry.

THE

YPC

THE YOUNG PEOPLE'S CONGREGATION

News

MRS. MARC WYSE, Editor

FIRST ANNUAL MEETING AND INAUGURAL BALL SUNDAY, JAN. 23

COUPLES' CLUB PONDERES THEOLOGY

The discussion on "What to Tell Your Children About God" at the last Couples' Club meeting provoked conversation around the coffee table last Wednesday night. One mother reported that her youngster asked her "Is God Jewish?" Another mother said she tells her children, "You can see what God makes, but you can't see God." Every parent agreed the problem is a real one. Rabbi Silver is available, by the way, for home discussion groups for further exploration of the subject. Just phone him.

Next meeting Wed., February 9. Your suggestions for a topic will be welcomed by Cultural Chairman, Mrs. Jac Geller.

YPC SABBATH SERVICE WELL RECEIVED

Amid the excitement usually accompanying an opening night, the first YPC Sabbath Eve service was held Jan. 7, with over 100 in attendance. Innovations included the reciting of the blessings over candles and bread (by a couple) the Torah blessings by two YPC's (Alan Mittleman and Alex Siegler), abridgements of the ritual, and an informal talk about the prayerbook by Rabbi S. M. Silver.

Comment about the service at the Oneg Shabbat, which followed, was generally enthusiastic. Thanks are due Mr. and Mrs. Irv Haiman, who were in charge. The next service takes place Feb. 18. Herbert Ackerman is head of the Arrangements Committee.

BUSINESS AND PLEASURE

AWAIT EAT-YPC MEMBERS

It's business and then pleasure for YPC members at the First Annual Meeting this Sunday, Jan. 23, 8:15 P. M. At the business session, a Board will be elected, a Constitution will be adopted, Provisional Pres. Joseph H. Persky will present a report, and greetings will be extended by EAT Pres. Otto J. Zinner and Rabbi Brickner. Robert Wurzman of Elmer Shapiro's Social Committee, will preside.

After the meeting comes the Inaugural Ball in Alumni Hall, which will be gaily decorated. Earl Rose's orchestra will play, and refreshments will be served. The Dance Committee is headed by Mr. and Mrs. Marc Wyse.

Line up a "sitter" and join the crowd at this historical event!

THAT CHANUKAH PARTY

For that wonderful Chanukah Party for pre-school children, the first of its kind ever held at our Temple, we are grateful to Mrs. Eugene Bondy and her co-chairman, Mrs. Hartley Bergman, and to their committee: Mmes. Phil Gillen, Muriel Rosenberg, William Cohen, Arnold Friedman, Charles Moss, Ted Wohl, Millard Newman, and Leonard Sicherman. Our thanks also, to Rabbi Brickner and Mrs. Harry Rosewater for the program which delighted the 70-odd toddlers. Next: the pre-school Purim Party, Saturday, March 12.

A FUN-OMENAL EVENT
THE MEN'S CLUB
25th Anniversary
Supper-Dance

SATURDAY, JAN. 29th, 9 P. M.
 Alumni Hall

BOBBY HANSON
AND HIS RADIO ORCHESTRA

Professional Entertainment
 A Beautiful Souvenir for Every Lady
 Catered Supper

Tickets: \$7.50 per couple; **RESERVE NOW!**

HELP US COMPLETE TEMPLE RECORDS

Every member of the congregation has received a mimeographed questionnaire with regard to family records. The purpose of this project is to complete the congregational files so that we can serve you more efficiently. If you have not yet returned the questionnaire, please do so.

DEAR RABBI BRICKNER

The following is a letter received last month from a young lady of the Catholic faith who heard one of Rabbi Brickner's lectures in the Comparative Religion series:

"I want to express my enjoyment of your scholarly and generous lecture on Roman Catholicism. So many of the things you said I hoped you would say and you were eminently kind in saying them.

"Your Temple is a very beautiful house of worship and I think it is too bad that you, unlike the Catholics, don't have compulsory worship. A great many of your parishioners are missing so much that would give them joy and understanding.

"I learned more about Reform Judaism through the comparisons with my church that you drew . . .

"I'm glad that you like us and think that our church bears your people no ill-will. I believe that sincerely . . .

"Thank you again for a very interesting and stimulating evening."

"THERE IS NO DIVINITY WITHOUT RELIGION"

(In response to many requests the following information is published:)

HEBREW UNION COLLEGE —

JEWISH INSTITUTE OF RELIGION

TRAINS Rabbis. Over seven hundred have been ordained at the Hebrew Union College—Jewish Institute of Religion, five hundred in Cincinnati and two hundred in New York. It costs approximately \$25,000 to train each Rabbi.

SAFEGUARDS the learning and tradition of Judaism with great libraries in both Cincinnati and New York which house over 150,000 books and 2,500 rare manuscripts.

SYNTHESIZES religion with the great modern sciences of psychiatry, sociology, economics and psychology through a Department of Human Relations, which sponsors thought-provoking seminars in uncharted areas.

DEVELOPS better understanding between Christians and Jews through Exchange Lectureships with leading Christian theological seminaries and by Fellowships for graduate young Christian ministers.

FURTHERS the development of Jewish music through a School for Sacred Music in New York, which trains cantors and stimulates the composition of synagogue music.

GATHERS the source materials that comprise Jewish Americana through the recently organized American Jewish Archives.

REFRESHES and inspires Rabbis, Temple Secretaries and other synagogue functionaries through Summer Institutes.

OFFERS in cooperation with the University of Cincinnati a program of lay study for Jewish leadership leading toward the B.A. degree.

PROVIDES a haven in Cincinnati for eleven famous scholars driven from their homes by Hitlerism, the last remnant of the great Jewish culture of Europe.

JEWISH SPIRIT IN THE POETRY OF LONGFELLOW AND BROWNING

By M. H. Cohen

The middle of the 19th century produced some of the greatest intellects in English poetry since the Elizabethan renaissance. Browning and Longfellow, giants of this period, had this in common. They used their great powers of description, prophecy and beauty of expression as weapons against the intolerance and persecution that the world has meted out to the Jews.

Robert Browning was influenced in his boyhood by the deeply religious environment of his home. His father possessed a rare collection of Bibles, and Robert, whose knowledge of the Hebrew language was very considerable, had his own Hebrew Bible, with his own annotations.

Browning's great religious poem *Saul* is a dramatization of the story of David in his ministrations to the disordered mind of King Saul. Better known, perhaps, is the poet's *Rabbi ben Ezra*, in which the philosopher-rabbi states his conviction that the trials of life, the struggle of humanity, and the appearance of good and evil in the world are all parts of one complete divine design.

A humorous bit of satire with an historical foundation is *Holy Cross Day*. On this day the Jews living in Rome were compelled to listen to a sermon preached by the bishop, and on the way to the Cathedral, one of them indulges in this ironic monologue of the absurdity and hypocrisy of the whole bad business.

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In addition to modern languages, Longfellow, while a professor of languages at Harvard, added to his linguistic attainments a working knowledge of Hebrew.

Longfellow's best known poem of Jewish interest is *The Jewish Cemetery at Newport* in which he apostrophizes the dead in dignified stanzas, describing their advent and their passing.

"... What burst of Christian hate,
What persecution, merciless and blind,
Drove o'er the sea—that desert desolate

These Ishmaels and Hagars of Mankind?

"Trampled and beaten were they as the sand

And yet unshaken as the continent."

Tales of a Wayside Inn was written on the poet's return from a tour of Europe. Whilst there he made the acquaintance of a Moroccan Jew named Israel Edheri, whom he immortalized as the Spanish Jew, one of the guests, at the inn. He is the "Spanish Jew from Alicante with aspect grand and grave" who had for company round the fire-side the student, the theologian, the poet and the musician. He tells two tales. In the first he declaims the "Legend of Rabbi ben Levi" to whom appears the Angel of Death with his naked sword, just as the rabbi was reading "No man shall look upon my face and live." The Rabbi asks the angel to permit him to see Paradise while still alive. By a ruse the Rabbi gets possession of the sword and returns it only on the promise by the Angel that from then onwards the Angel "walks on earth unseen for evermore."

The Spanish Jew's second tale is also a legend of the Angel of Death. A Hindu guest of King Solomon has seen the Angel, and in fear asks the king for permission to return to India. When Solomon gives permission the Angel thanks him, and forthwith goes to India to meet that selfsame guest.

The Talmudic story of the angel who gathers the prayers of the faithful and turns them into flowers is the basis for the poem *Sandaphon*.

Judas Maccabeus is a five-act tragedy of the conflict between Hellenism and Judaism.

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In the poems of both Browning and Longfellow, one finds a deep-seated friendliness for the Jew, and an intellectual appreciation of the dignity with which he has borne and survived his "life of anguish."

—From *YMHA News*,
Sydney, Australia.

CONGRATULATIONS

To Mrs. Ann Goodweather on the birth of a grand-daughter.

To Dr. and Mrs. Samuel R. Siegel on the Bar Mitzvah of their son, Richard.

To Mr. and Mrs. Ben Goldberg on the Bar Mitzvah of their son, Martin.

To Mr. and Mrs. A. Stanley Ginn on the engagement of their daughter, Suzanne, to Raymond D. Recht.

To Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Darnovsky on the engagement of their son, Morris, to Betty Zake.

To Louise Merlin, Barbara Less, Phyllis Shapiro, Phyllis Peltz, all from our Senior High School Class, for attaining membership in the National Honor Society.

To Mrs. Sarah Blachman and Dr. L. E. Blachman on the engagement of their daughter, Anita, to Donald B. Grossberg.

THE DOMESTIC SCENE

There are only 12 cities in the United States where the Jewish population exceeds 40,000 . . . They are: Baltimore, Boston, Chicago, Cleveland, Detroit, Los Angeles, New York, Newark, Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, St. Louis and San Francisco . . . And there are no more than 14 cities with a Jewish population between 15,000 and 40,000 . . . They are: Buffalo, Cincinnati, Denver, Hartford, Jersey City, Kansas City, Miami, Milwaukee, Minneapolis, New Haven, Paterson, Providence, Rochester and Washington.

—By Boris Smolar,
Jewish Telegraphic Agency.

MY CREED

Here is my Creed. I believe in one God, Creator of the Universe. That He governs it by His Providence. That He ought to be worshipped. That the most acceptable service we tender Him is doing good to His other children. That the soul of man is immortal, and will be treated with justice in another life respecting its conduct in this.

—Benjamin Franklin.

IN MEMORIAM

Our heartfelt sympathy is extended to the bereaved family of Mary Schwartz.

MEDITATIONS FOR AN AMERICAN JEW

As a human being, let me so live that I may give to mankind the best that is in me, and make the best that others give a part of myself.

As an American, let me hold my heritage at its true worth, and make myself a valiant battler against the "isms" that people poisoned by fascism and nazism are trying to foist upon us and our country.

As a Jew let me be conscious of the honor of my religion, and so live that I will do nothing to besmirch it.

As a member of a congregation, let me be quick to discharge my responsibilities to it, even if sometimes this may involve sacrifices.

As one who regards the House of Worship as my spiritual center, let me devote to it that time necessary for congregational worship and communion with my Maker.

As a human parent, let me be sure that I show my child how best to attain the highest human ends, and to desist from unjust and inhuman practices.

As an American parent, let me be quick to impress upon my child, the greatness of our American heritage and its way of life, and the importance of being loyal to them.

As a Jewish parent, let me not be negligent in helping my child to secure a religious training in the history, the essentials and the aspirations of my religion.

As a member of a group persecuted in other lands, let me impress upon my child through my good example, the necessity of aiding and assisting all men whether of my faith or not, who are suffering because of their ideals, their religion or their racial origins.

—Temple Beth El., Detroit.