
EUCLID AVENUE TEMPLE
BULLETIN
CLEVELAND, OHIO

FRIDAY EVENING SERVICE

MARCH 4th, 8:15 P. M.

RABBI BRICKNER

will speak

INSIDE
THE HEART OF
JOHN GUNTHER

A Discussion of His Recent Book, "DEATH, BE NOT PROUD,"
the Heart-Breaking Account of a Father and His Dying Boy

GET READY
FAMILY

MEGILLAH
NIGHT

FRIDAY
MARCH 11, 8:15 P. M.

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

TORAH PORTION: TERUMAH, Exodus 25.1-27-19; Haf:orah, I Kings, 5.26-6.13

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PURIM THEME AT COUPLES' CLUB

On WEDNESDAY, MARCH 9, the Couples' Club devotes its session to a discussion of "Jewish Wit and Humor" to be led by Rabbi Brickner. The meeting will be followed by a reception featuring Purim delicacies.

FUNDS

The following contributions have been received during the past week:

ALTAR FUND: Mr. and Mrs. Bert Sampliner in honor of their new grandson, John Sampliner; Ida and Rose Schott in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Maurice J. Devay's fiftieth wedding anniversary.

SISTERHOOD SCHOLARSHIP: Mesdames Sam Unger, I. H. Taplin, Fanny Hershey, Morris Spiegle, Ida Riegelhaupt, William Dasch, Harry Glick, Harry Korach, Joseph F. Korach, Sam Firth, Albert Grossman, Sol Klein, Adolph Klein and Max Greenwald in honor of Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Devay's golden wedding anniversary; Mrs. Richman.

BETTY FINKLE PRIZE FUND: Mr. and Mrs. O. C. Birnfield in memory of their father, Lewis Birnfield.

LIBRARY FUND: Mr. and Mrs. David Loveman; Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Wilson in memory of their mother, Celia Wilson; Rae Horwitz in memory of Betty H. Kalter.

MEMORIAL FUND: Sam Morris in memory of Rebecca Pohl; Mrs. Harry J. Glick in memory of her brothers, Jac D. and Harvey L. Mandelbaum; Miss Della Bloch in memory of her sister, Hanah Hyman; Mr. and Mrs. Jerome Greenbaum in memory of Moritz Greenbaum, D. H. Kornhauser, Samuel Schwartz.

PRAYER BOOK FUND: Mrs. David Atlas and Mrs. Ben Rothman in memory of Ben Singer; Mrs. D. Seidenfeld and children in memory of David Siedenfeld; Mr. and Mrs. Paul M. Spitz in memory of Samuel Budin.

NORMAN ROMAN MUSIC LIBRARY: Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Devay in honor of their golden wedding anniversary.

A CHURCH EDITOR COMMENTS ON THE MINISTERS' INSTITUTE

"As one who has enjoyed the hospitality of the Euclid Avenue Temple for many years at the annual Institute on Judaism, it seems to me the event last Friday was the most impressive and enjoyable of any previous occasions of similar nature.

"The addition of the wives was a happy idea on your part and the attendance at the Sabbath Eve service was thrilling to all your guests. I just wish you could have heard the comments of the clergymen and their wives. One minister of my acquaintance made the visit to the temple the subject of his sermon yesterday.

"The women of the Sisterhood, your men, your staff, Rabbi Silver and your own good self along with Mrs. Brickner made wonderful hosts.

"As I sat at the table Friday night I thought, "Why in the name of God cannot men live together like this?" Euclid Avenue Temple has again shown us the real pattern of life.

"With deep appreciation of your hospitality and best personal wishes to you and Mrs. Brickner."

Sincerely

FRANK STEWART
The Cleveland Press

CONGRATULATIONS

To Mr. and Mrs. Maurice J. Devay on their golden wedding anniversary.

To Mr. and Mrs. Albert Singer on the birth of a grand-daughter, Ellin Carol Lee.

To Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Bondy on the birth of a son, Kenneth.

A MODERN MAN'S GRAPPLING W

WHAT'S THE LATEST IN WOMEN'S FASHIONS?

See for Yourself
at the

SISTERHOOD'S

Style Show and Tea

Honoring New Sisterhood Members and
PTA Mothers

TUESDAY, MARCH 8, 1:30 P. M.

SISTERHOOD MEMBERS will model
latest fashions in Spring and
Summer Apparel.

Also a Gay Nineties Style Show.

A Kindergartener will look after
the small children.

Cookies at the Tea to be provided
by authors of recipes in
Sisterhood Cook Book.

ALL WELCOME — ADMISSION FREE.

Committee: Mrs. Julius Matz, Mrs. Raymond
Metzner, Mrs. Maurice Winograd, Mrs. Max
Price, Mrs. Sidney Moss, and Mrs. Jerome
Berger.

SISTERHOOD SEWING

Every time you see Mrs. Marjorie Beyer she has an apron in tow; that's because she's in charge of that department at Sisterhood Tuesday Sewing. Mrs. Beyer and her group have made any number of mother and daughter apron and pinafore sets, coveralls and tea aprons in many attractive styles.

If you wish to order anything from this department, call Mrs. Marie Gruber, FA. 6876.

RULES GOVERNING A BAR MITZVAH

Parents who want their sons to become Bar Mitzvah must see to it that the training begins early. All Jewish religious institutions in Cleveland are bound by an agreement through the Cleveland Bureau of Jewish Education, that Bar Mitzvah must be preceded by at least three years of special Hebrew education. Only those who meet fixed scholastic standards can qualify for the ceremony. For further information, consult Mrs. Braverman.

JOSEPH B. HOROWITZ ON OVERSEAS JDC TOUR

A group of 35 American Jewish leaders is currently making a trip to Europe and Israel to observe operations of the Joint Distribution Committee of the United Jewish Appeal.

Included in this group is Cleveland Joseph B. Horowitz, an officer of the Iron and Steel Division of the Jewish Welfare Fund campaign. Mr. Horowitz, a member of the Board of Directors of the Euclid Avenue Temple Men's Club, has agreed to send reports of some of his observations to this bulletin.

MOTHER LOVE

A mother tenderly guided her four-year-old daughter down Second Avenue.

As they crossed 14th Street, the child sneezed. "God bless you, my sweet!" breathed Mama, patting the child's head.

As they crossed 13th Street, the child sneezed again.

"Ah, may your health be a thing of wonder, my jewel," Mama sweetly sighed.

At 12th Street, the child sneezed again and once more Mama patted her head and uttered a fervent "Gesundheit!"

At 11th Street, she sneezed again and received a smart slap in the face. "Go to the devil!" cried Mama. "You're catching another cold!"

—From a Treasury of Jewish Folklore

BE LIBERAL TOWARD LIBERAL JUDAISM . . .

Join
"THE CLEVELAND
FRIENDS OF REFORM
JUDAISM"

LIFE'S MYSTERIES IS RABBI BRICKN

AMERICAN JEWRY NEEDS AN INTELLECTUAL CLEARING HOUSE

By RABBI BARNETT R. BRICKNER

(A Guest Column, written at the invitation of Dr. Samuel Margoshes, which appeared in a recent issue of The National Yiddish newspaper, "The Day")

When I was a boy on the East Side of New York, it would have been unthinkable that a Reform rabbi should be invited to contribute even to a liberal Yiddish newspaper like THE DAY. He was regarded as a "goy"—an assimilator—an outsider.

Today, my good friend, Dr. Margoshes, does not hesitate to expose his readers to the words of a rabbi who leads a congregation of "yahudim".

What has happened during these forty years which has made this change possible? Has traditional Judaism changed? Have the "yahudim" changed? Have the Reform rabbis changed? Have the "Yiddin" become assimilated?

Obviously, we have all changed. On the social front, the cessation of immigration has affected American Jewish life in innumerable ways. Witness the upsurge of Jewish literature in English. Witness the decline of the "landsman-shaften". Witness the Jewish melting pot at work, obliterating the lines between German and Russian Jews and creating a distinctive American Jewish type. Witness how the establishment of the State of Israel is working both Zionists and anti-Zionists out of their jobs.

On the religious front, obviously the "yahudim" are no longer German Jews. The membership of the Euclid Avenue Temple in Cleveland, for example, which I have had the honor of serving for the past twenty-four years, is composed of Jews of all Europeans strains. The Reform rabbis themselves are from the grass-roots of our people. Some eighty-five percent of the students of the liberal seminaries, Dr. Wise's Jewish Institute of Religion and the Hebrew Union College in Cincinnati, which are now merged, are of East-European stock.

And, of course, traditional Judaism has also undergone decided transformation. The "frumer yid" of a half century ago would not recognize the man-

ners, style of living, and outlook of his descendants, even those who still are affiliated with Orthodox and Conservative congregations. The Modern Orthodox and Conservative rabbis can scarcely be differentiated from the liberal rabbis even by the cut of their clothes, the style of their English, and the general ideas they espouse. As a matter of fact, reports that reached me from "my" chaplains during the war indicated that the GI's were unable to tell which of their military rabbis were Orthodox, Conservative, or Reform. And, on the administrative level, a perfect example of the solidarity within the rabbinate, cutting across all denominational lines, was the Committee of the Army and Navy Religious Activities of the Jewish Welfare Board. As Administrative Chairman of CANRA, I sat alongside of my colleagues of all stripes, and together we interpreted the teachings of Judaism as they were applied to wartime situations. Our relationship was most congenial, and we proved the essential unity—not uniformity—of our thinking in a way which might well be carried over into peacetime.

What obstructs the even closer unification of our people is our failure to root out certain fictions.

Fiction No. 1 is the belief that a member of a traditional congregation is a person who observes all the customs laid down by the Shulchan Aruch from davening thrice daily to blessing the new moon. As a matter of fact, the nature of modern life does not permit even the most pious Jew from fulfilling even a small fraction of the 613 commandments. And it is about time that the traditional rabbis recognize this simple fact and cease giving their parishioners a guilt complex by exhorting them to live as their grandfathers did in Eastern Europe. Even Shammai would counten-

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THE WHOLE FAMILY IS IN FOR A JOLLY TIME

at the

Purim Carnival

SUNDAY, MARCH 13, 2 P. M.

MOVIES AT 2 P. M.

ATTRACTIVE BOOTHS

DELICIOUS REFRESHMENTS

COSTUME PARADE

DANCING

SHUSHAN THEATER

ADMISSION FREE

There is still time to enter the MURAL
CONTEST. Get your paper at once in the
School Office.

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ance modification of the dietary laws when 90 per cent of the people were ignoring them.

Fiction No. 2 is the notion that the Temple is goyish, churchlike, and that a member of a Reform congregation is one who can blithely ignore all the practices of Judaism and be an Am Ha-Aretz. Reform rabbis are trying to develop some minimal code of Jewish conduct which will bring home to our congregants the beauty and the exalted character of Jewish customs. They are teaching them Judaism, albeit in English. At my own congregation, which has recently become the largest liberal temple in the United States, with a membership of over two thousand families, I have been endeavoring for years to make this clear to my people, and we have restored numerous Jewish customs which classical Reform had dispensed with. We have a program of Adult Jewish Studies. We have synthesized Reform with Yiddish art and Palestine. Is it not about time that more Jews understand that the old bugaboos about Reform are no longer true?

Fiction No. 3 is the idea that Judaism can survive in America through agencies other than the synagogue. Jewish culture without Judaism is a paradox. Yes, in Israel our people will be-

come a nation—a Kehillah. In Russia, too, the Jews are one nationality among others. But in the United States the only normal form which Judaism can assume and be understood by our neighbors is that of a religious community—a Keneseth. Our non-Jewish neighbors simply cannot understand why Jews must swim together, or play golf together, or have their own unions. But they do understand that Jews must pray together, and, under the auspices of the synagogue, preserve their culture, which includes modern as well as ancient literature, art, etc., and hand its treasures down to their children. The reason the Jewish chaplain in the Army and the Navy received such magnificent support from our government during the war was that the authorities readily understood that a spiritual leader had the right to guide the men of the Jewish faith. So on the college campuses, the directors of the Hillel Foundations, which are miniature Jewish communities, are rabbis. That arrangement fits in with the natural pattern of American life.

In the cramped confines of this column, I have touched upon a number of subjects with necessary brevity. Nonetheless, my observations obviously suggest the need of a thorough re-evaluation of our status as Jews in America. We badly need a meeting of minds to formulate the basic principles of Jewish life in this generation. We have all sorts of meetings under Jewish auspices—meeting of doers and *machers*, social workers, money-raisers, secretaries, executives and trustees of boards, administrators and professionals, etc., etc. What is urgently needed is an assemblage of thinkers, who shall clarify the direction which our Judaism take. I know that there took place last year the Jewish Cultural Congress, and that it brought together men of brains. But that congress was devoted primarily to the promotion of culture in Yiddish. A similar convocation on a wider scope—a meeting of intellectuals, representing every group within the household of Judaism

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**MEN'S CLUB MEMBERS MARK
THE DATE!**

TUESDAY, MARCH 15th, 6:30 P.M.

*Round Table and
Dinner*

SPENCER IRWIN, Speaker

HICKORY GRILL

Tickets: \$2.50

Co-Chairmen: David Gold and Arthur Simon

**FAMILY NITE WAS HUGE MEN'S CLUB
SUCCESS**

A new institution was born at the Euclid Avenue Temple when the 1200 people who attended the Men's Club Family Sports Nite, February 21, had the time of their lives—and clamoured that "we ought to do it again next year".

Fathers, mothers, sons, and daughters enjoyed the talks by the sports personalities as they were presented by Bob Neil, popular WGAR announcer. Bill Veeck summarized the chances for Cleveland's winning the pennant and was obviously delighted with the questions asked of him by the many youngsters. He was also pleased to note that most of the men were dressed in tieless sports shirts to make him feel at home. Otto Graham, Bill Willis, "Bun" Cook, Hy Buller ("I'm the only Kosher player in the American Hockey League"), also pleased the huge audience by their comments.

Rabbi Brickner cited the sports world as one area where the ideals of Brotherhood Week are put into practice.

Chairman Ted Spilka and his large hard-working committee are to be highly commended for this wonderful event which will no doubt be repeated for many years to come.

IN MEMORIAM

Our heartfelt sympathy is extended to the bereaved families of Arthur Rosenblatt, Carrie Bernstein, Joel I. Epstein, and Celia Wilson.

ALUMNI NOTES

A Skating Party is the next major event on the calendar of the Alumni Association. The party takes place SATURDAY, MARCH 19, from 11 P.M. to 1 A.M. when the rink at Skateland, Euclid at E. 90th Street will be turned over exclusively to our organization.

Tickets at 50 cents for members and 75 cents for non-members are now available at the temple office.

James Elsoffer is chairman of this event.

THE MUSIC APPRECIATION GROUP of the Alumni Association announces its next meeting for WEDNESDAY, MARCH 9, 8 P.M. in the temple parlor.

TODAY

So here hath been dawning another blue day;

Think, wilt thou let it slip useless away?

Out of eternity this day is born;

Into eternity at night will return.

Behold it aforesaid, no eye ever did;

So soon it forever from all eyes is hid.

Here hath been dawning another blue day;

Think, wilt thou let it slip useless away?

— Thomas Carlyle.

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—has never taken place. Why not? Why have we never addressed ourselves to the important question of raising our morale as a people with the same éclat with which we forgather to raise money?

I call upon American Judaism, especially its spiritual and cultural guides and "wort-sagers"—Reform, Conservative and Orthodox—Reconstructionist, Yiddish-speaking, English-speaking, and Hebrew-speaking—writers, economists, sociologists, and philosophers—to meet together and to take counsel. It is not enough to cry out, Let my people go. In my credo the five million Jews in America are not expendable; nor is anti-semitism an integral part of Western culture. A glorious future awaits us here if we plan it.