
EUCLID AVENUE TEMPLE

BULLETIN

CLEVELAND, OHIO

FRIDAY EVENING SERVICES, MARCH 18th,

8:15 P. M.

THE SENIOR
CONGREGATION

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Rabbi S. M. Silver

will speak

**IS
ALBERT
EINSTEIN
A JEW?**

ON THE OCCASION
OF THE GREAT SCIENTIST'S
70th BIRTHDAY

8:45 P. M.

THE YOUNG PEOPLE'S
CONGREGATION

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Rabbi Brickner

will speak

**SO YOU'RE NOT
RELIGIOUS!**

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ONEG SHABBAT
IN ALUMNI HALL

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ERWIN BLONDER
in charge of arrangements

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

Torah Portion: "KI TISA", Exodus 30.11-34.35; Haftarah, Ezekiel 36.16-38

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COURSES IN HEBREW AND JUDAISM MONDAY NIGHT

Want to Learn Hebrew? — It is still not too late to register with the Hebrew classes being taught by Mrs. Leo Arian every Monday night in Room 206. Elementary Hebrew at 8:30; Advanced Hebrew at 9:30 P. M.

Also taught Monday nights: Jewish Personalities and Jewish Literature.

FUNDS

The following contributions have been received during the past week:

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IT'S THIS SATURDAY NIGHT

The Alumni Association's

Skating Party

11 P. M. to 1 A. M.

Skateland, 9001 Euclid Ave.

Come Stag or with a Date

Members: 50c; Non-members: 75c

Tickets may be Purchased at the
Temple Office or at the Door.

PASSOVER IS COMING

Passover begins at sundown Wednesday, April 13. The CONGREGATIONAL SEDER will be held that evening in Alumni Hall. Watch the Bulletin for further announcements.

Beautiful Passover articles can be obtained at Sisterhood Sewing or through the P.T.A. Gift Shop.

And . . . if you want to make Passover a real yomtov at home, we recommend the purchase and the use of the Sisterhood Cook Book, available at the Temple Office or at Tuesday Sewing sessions.

RABBI JACK HERMAN HERE NEXT TUESDAY NIGHT

The Discussion Group which is under the auspices of the Alumni Association is pleased to announce that RABBI JACK HERMAN of the Community Temple will speak TUES., MARCH 22nd, 8 P. M., in the Temple Parlor. All are invited to attend. The Alumni thanks Ivan Miller for his stimulating talk on the Constitution of the State of Israel at the last session of the Discussion Group.

ALUMNI MUSIC GROUP TO HEAR COLLEGE PIANIST

The Alumni Association's MUSIC APPRECIATION Group will have as its guest performer, MISS JANET ROSENTHAL, a student at Western Reserve University, in a piano recital at their next gathering WEDNESDAY, MARCH 23rd, at 8 P. M., in the Temple Parlor.

Miss Rosenthal will include in her program her own interpretation of the first movement of the Grieg Piano Concerto and a Chopin-Debussy group.

"AN EXCELLENT IDEA" SAYS JOURNALIST IN RESPONSE TO RABBI BRICKNER'S CALL FOR A MEETING OF AMERICAN JEWISH SCHOLARS AND LEADERS

By Dr. S. Margoshes

(From the National Yiddish Daily, The Day, Friday, March 4, 1949)

Rabbi B. R. Brickner, in his Guest Column in *The Day* a few days ago, expressed a very interesting idea concerning a meeting of Jewish intellectuals in the United States—"writers, columnists, sociologists and philosophers"—to "clarify the direction" which American Judaism is taking and chart the course for the future. Asserting that there is need for a "thorough revaluation of our status as Jews in America," Rabbi Brickner said: "What we urgently need is an assemblage of thinkers which should clarify the direction which our Judaism takes. I call upon our American Judaism, especially its spiritual and cultural guides—Reform, Conservative and Orthodox, Reconstructionist, Yiddish-speaking—to meet together and take counsel. We badly need a meeting of minds to formulate the basic principles of Jewish life in this generation."

Well said, friend Brickner, and not at all too soon. For we do need now, and have needed for some time, as Rabbi Brickner well pointed out, a clarification of the direction in which we, as American Jews, are going. Some say we are going to hell while others are convinced we are proceeding towards a greater and nobler Judaism in this country. Who is right and who is wrong? Let's get together and talk it over. We may not be able to convince each other in the end, but out of this talk may emerge some consensus of opinion on basic trends which may prove very illuminating. And who knows, it may yet serve as a basis for common and constructive action.

Some twenty years ago, soon after the adoption of the immigration quota system and the virtual cessation of Jewish immigration into the United States, I started a symposium in *THE DAY* on the question: Whither American Jewry? Participating in the symposium were orthodox rabbis and labor leaders, Zionists

and Communists, spokesmen of the American Jewish Congress and the American Jewish Committee, Yiddishists and assimilationists. It was a most interesting presentation of various points of view. The trouble, however, with that symposium was that while it afforded an opportunity for representatives of all views and all walks of life to speak out, no one bothered to talk to each other. It was like the old-time Yiddish theatre, where each of the actors spoke his own lines without reference to his fellow. However, what we need today above all is not a monologue but a dialogue; not so much a presentation of a variety of points of view, as an exchange of thought. That only a conference of the type suggested by Dr. Brickner—"a meeting of minds"—could give us.

I like Rabbi Brickner's catholicity in inviting all "spiritual and cultural guides—Reform, Conservative and Orthodox, Reconstructionist, Yiddish-speaking, Hebrew-speaking, English-speaking." Why imagine that any particular group has a corner on all the wisdom that resides in the Jewish community in America? There was a time when wisdom was regarded to be synonymous with a fat bank-book, or with a high government office. Thank goodness, the rule of the bankers and the government office holders is over as far as the Jewish community is concerned. Today, if a scion of an American-Jewish millionaire family wishes to make an impression on the five million Jews of America, he has first to go to Israel before he can be foisted on his American Jewish compatriots as a great leader. At the same time we find Yiddish writers and leaders of Yiddishism in America blossoming forth into oracles in old, established and fashionable periodicals of Reform Jewry. The aristoi and the hoipolloi have

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COMMENTS OF CHRISTIAN CLERGYMEN ON THE E.A.T.'S INSTITUTE ON JUDAISM

(The Annual Institute on Judaism for the Christian Clergy held on February 11th was a notable event. The Institute has always aroused enthusiasm on the part of the clergymen who attend but this year's event elicited special praise because of several new features that were added. The clergymen were allowed to bring their wives for the first time, were the guests of the temple at a Sabbath eve dinner and witnessed the Friday night service when Dr. Solomon Goldman gave the second lecture of the Institute. It was the first time that a group of Christian clergymen attended a Jewish service en masse. Rabbi Goldman, himself, was so impressed by the event that he devoted his sermon last Friday night to a description of the Institute. Herewith, are some samples of the reaction of the clergymen contained in the many letters received by Rabbi Brickner.)

"I have attended many of your Institutes. I liked this one the best."—H. C. Schiering, Parma Evangelical United Brethren Church.

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"Heartily thanks for the gracious hospitality extended to us by your congregation. It was the first time for me to be in a Jewish temple. The whole program was excellent . . . As a Christian, I can truly say that I am proud of my religious inheritance from Judaism. May God's peace and blessing ever abide with you." — Herbert Knowles, Broadway Christian Church.

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"Dr. Goldman's address opened fresh and valued insight . . . I was particularly happy to hear his reply to the last question relative to the messianic prophecies. It is good for us as Christians and Protestants to get our particular interpretations shaken loose a bit now and then." — Eugene W. Pocock, Noble Road Presbyterian Church.

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"In the eight years that I have been privileged to attend your institutes, this one surpassed all others. Your fine exposition on ceremonies, the bounteous Sabbath eve dinner, our glorious worship together, the thrilling address of Dr. Goldman, combined to make a long to be remembered joy."—Horace C. Green-smith, Olmsted Community Church.

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"We were especially appreciative of the message of the afternoon when you

presented in such a fine way the life cycle of your folks. You cleared up a few fallacies in our conception. And you added a few new ideas which we had not known from our studies and contacts with our Jewish friends. It was most helpful."—Virgil M. Crosby, The First United Presbyterian Church.

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"This year there was an additional realization of the love you have for us. We will not forget."—Harold F. Carr, The Lakewood Methodist Church.

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"I think the highlight was the worship service. I was particularly attracted by the thoughts of devotion—and by the language used. I am desirous of obtaining a copy of the Union Prayer Book . . . for I would like to use much of it to enrich our own worship services, and also to use in our own home and family." — Sidney R. Vincent, Columbia Station, Ohio.

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"Modern Christianity, as I see it, has still much to learn from its Mother Beloved."—Charles S. Spivey, St. John A. M. E. Church.

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"The recent Institute reached a very high point—in addresses, fellowship, and dinner. Your interpretation not only gave insights, but made the practice of religion so human and family centered." —Louis C. Wright, former President of Baldwin-Wallace College.

OPEN P T A MEETING**All Parents Are Invited to Hear****SIDNEY VINCENT****Of the Jewish Community Council****"THE JEWISH COMMUNITY AND
THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS"****THURSDAY, MARCH 24th, 8 P. M.****at the Temple****Social Hour with Refreshments***(Continued from Page 3)*

become hopelessly and inextricably intertwined. So why not bring them all together under one roof and have them talk at each other until some sense is put into some head? Of course, nobody can be sure in such cases what the end product will be. Some meetings, even when attended by intellectuals, wind up with sound and fury denoting nothing. Yet, there is no telling. When Yid meets Yahudi, Conservative faces Reform, and Zion-Reconstructionist runs up against Yiddishist-atheist, we may expect not only sparks to fly but also, in addition to the heat, a measure of light. At any rate, the intellectuals certainly could not do worse than the politicians. The latter have been at it since time without end and have produced chaos; maybe once the intellectuals put their mind to it they will get some order out of the chaos.

Dr. Brickner would have this "meeting of minds" subsidized by the great national organizations. Oh, no, friend Brickner. It's here where we part company. Let's leave the national organizations and their finances alone. If you ask me, pure, constructive thought begins just at the point where the realm of the Jewish national organizations stops. Hard put as the Jewish intellectuals may be, they can still afford to spend a week attending the type of conference Dr. Brickner has in mind. And why, pray, must this conference be called at a great and expensive hotel in a big

city? Call it, say, at the Brandeis University and put the facilities of the campus plus the dormitories at the disposal of the Jewish writers, columnists, sociologists, and philosophers. There cannot be very many of them, I mean, the writers, etc., not the campus facilities; so it should not be very difficult to take care of them without asking the great national Jewish organizations for a hand-out.

I am with you, friend Brickner. You have hit on an excellent idea, but now you've got to take the initiative and do something about it. Committees and organizations will not do it; one man or at most three or four people might. How about sending out the invitations yourself?

**YIDDISH MOVIES WITH ENGLISH SUB
TITLES AT ACE THEATRE**

A new source of Jewish entertainment is provided by the Ace Theatre, 11916 Kinsman Road, which now regularly presents Jewish films with English sub titles. Some of the pictures are classical Jewish stories, very well enacted, and some of them deal with contemporary Jewish topics. The sub titles make these pictures intelligible to those who do not speak Yiddish.

For information about the pictures which are shown daily, refer to daily newspapers.

CONGRATULATIONS

To Mrs. J. H. Weidenthal on her 90th birthday.

To Mr. and Mrs. Frank Rosen on the marriage of their son, Howard, to Harriett Morrison.

To Mr. and Mrs. Robert Goldberger on the birth of a daughter, Kim Terry.

To Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Goulder on the marriage of their daughter, Rose, to Melvin Rubin.

To Mrs. Minna Blazar on the birth of a grandson, Lawrence Allan Blazar.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS ABOUT CAMPAIGN OF "CLEVELAND FRIENDS OF REFORM JUDAISM"

- Q. I have been approached to support the Cleveland Friends of Reform Judaism. What is this all about?
- A. It is Cleveland's contribution to the annual combined campaign on behalf of the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion and the Union of American Hebrew Congregations.
- Q. But these organizations have never asked me for money before. Why do they do so now?
- A. Because endowments made a generation ago have now been exhausted.
- Q. What endowments?
- A. Some 25 years ago Julius Rosenwald and Adolph Ochs raised money for the college, but stipulated that the capital of these endowments must be spent within 25 years.
- Q. Why did they do a thing like that?
- A. Their idea was that each generation should assume its own obligation towards the maintenance of Reform Judaism.
- Q. But what is the money needed for?
- A. It is needed for the very survival of the seminary and the Union.
- Q. Does the Hebrew Union College need much money?
- A. It needs enough to train rabbis.
- Q. What does it cost to educate a young man to become a Rabbi?
- A. Approximately \$25,000.00.
- Q. What else does the college do?
- A. It maintains a library of thousands of Jewish books, one of the great cultural storehouses of the world.
- Q. What else?
- A. The Hebrew Union College and the Jewish Institute of Religion, the two liberal Jewish seminaries which merged last year, have brought to this country eminent scholars who have been rescued from Hitlerism and are helping to make our country the citadel of Jewish scholarship.
- Q. Do these colleges do anything to promote good will?
- A. Yes. At the Hebrew Union College fellowships are awarded to leading Christian theologians who later teach in Christian theological seminaries.
- Q. But haven't I given to the college in other campaigns?
- A. No. This is the first call for financial assistance to the college.
- Q. What does the Union do with my money?
- A. Well first of all, it represents you and serves as your spokesman on the American scene.
- Q. How?
- A. The Union is the officially recognized headquarters of American liberal Judaism.
- Q. And what else does it do?
- A. It also is the agency which prepares and publishes the text books which are used in all Reform Jewish Religious Schools.
- Q. How many such congregations does it serve?
- A. Almost 400.
- Q. Does the Union help to train religious school teachers?
- A. Yes. The Union maintains schools for teachers in New York and Los Angeles and distributes manuals and guides for teachers throughout the country.
- Q. But don't I give to the Union when I pay my temple dues?
- A. Yes. 10% of your dues goes to the combined campaign. But this means that members have been giving only a small amount to take care of a very large need.
- Q. What is the total amount needed?
- A. For the year 1948-49 the budget of the colleges and the Union amount to \$1,829,000.00.
- Q. What is my share of that?
- A. Although some give greater sums, annual gifts generally range from \$25.00 to \$100.00.
- Q. Are all the Reform temples of Cleveland participating in this campaign?
- A. Yes they are, and it is important that you give before the beginning of the Jewish Welfare Campaign.