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## Sabbath Services

Friday Evening, December 31, at 8 o'clock

~~RABBI HERBERT A. FRIEDMAN~~

will speak on:

"WHAT STRANGE THING HAPPENS AT MIDNIGHT?"

Friday Evening, January 7, at 8 o'clock

RABBI HERBERT A. FRIEDMAN

will speak on:

"THE THIRD GENERATION -- LOST OR FOUND?"

(Topic originally announced for Dec. 10)

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## Sabbath Morning Services

11:15 a.m.

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## *Kaddish List*

(Taken from Memorial Tablets)

December 31

George S. Braunfeld	Joseph Laev
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January 7

Roy R. Blumberg	David Karger
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In Memoriam  
**EDITH M. EPPSTEIN**

## SERMON NOTES

### "WHAT STRANGE THING HAPPENS AT MIDNIGHT?"

December 31

### "THE THIRD GENERATION — LOST OR FOUND?"

January 7

It is now becoming apparent to careful observers that the present Jewish community in America, in its adult make-up, is to be considered "the third generation."

The first generation of European-born immigrants largely ignored the new environment in which it found itself, and did not try to adjust to America. The people retained an old-world, exclusively Jewish outlook on life.

The second generation, consisting of American-born or reared children of immigrants, ignored its Jewish background. These people wanted to integrate themselves wholly into America. They wanted to be considered equals with other Americans. They became a "lost generation" of Jews in the sense that their knowledge of and loyalty to the Jewish tradition was weak.

The third generation today is trying to achieve a harmonious equilibrium between the twin forces of American and Jewish reality. It is a valiant effort. With what success is it meeting thus far?

H.A.F.

### RESERVE THESE IMPORTANT DATES!

SUNDAY, JANUARY 30 and MONDAY, JANUARY 31, at 8 P.M.

### TEMPLE MEN'S CLUB AND SISTERHOOD

will present

Arthur Honegger's great lyrical Cantata

"KING DAVID"

Produced by Cantor Sol Altschuller

Orchestra and Chorus under the direction of Milton Rusch

## INSTITUTE OF ADULT STUDIES

consisting of lectures and discussions

on

### "Immortal Jewish Personalities"

will be held on five consecutive Tuesday evenings  
in January (including February 1) and  
five consecutive Tuesday evenings in March 1955



**Registration and first lecture**

**Tuesday evening, January 5, at 7:30 p.m.**

Fee for series — \$2.00 per person

(Watch for special brochure in the mail)

### 43rd UAHC GENERAL ASSEMBLY

The Union of American Hebrew Congregations has issued an official call to all affiliates to attend the 43rd general Assembly at the Statler Hotel in Los Angeles, February 13-16, 1955.

Discussions and workshops will center about three themes: Social Action, Adult Education and Worship. These themes have been classified as "the three E's— Education, Ethics, and Exaltation." The convention will also include exhibits and clinics on practical congregational problems.

Convening concurrently with the Union, will be the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods.

Members of the Congregation may attend the sessions as official visitors. Call the Temple Office for more information.

### MOTHERS STUDY GROUP CIRCLE

Mothers of Kindergarten and First Grade pupils in our Religious School meet each Saturday afternoon, from 1:30 p.m. until 3:00 p.m., in a study group conducted by Rabbi Friedman.

This group is sponsored by the Kindergarten and First Grade Mothers' Circle of the Sisterhood, and an invitation is extended to all parents who would like to attend these interesting sessions.

### CLASSES RESUME SESSIONS

Students of our Religious School

will return to classes:

**Sat., and Sun., January 8-9**

### MEN'S CLUB SABBATH

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 14th**

The annual Men's Club Sabbath will be held at the Temple on Friday evening, January 14, at 8 o'clock. This special service will be dedicated to the Jewish Chautauqua Society.

Following the ritual service in the Main Temple all congregants will go to the Community Hall to view the motion picture "LET THERE BE LIGHT", starring Ben Grauer.

Members of the congregation and their friends are cordially invited to be guests of the Men's Club at a coffee hour at the conclusion of the program.

### UNIONGRAMS

Remember your dear ones and friends with UNIONGRAMS for holidays, weddings, anniversaries and on the occasion of bereavement. UNIONGRAMS—35¢ each or a package of 4 for \$1.40.

Call Mrs. Clair Krom, WO 2-7573 or Mrs. Robert Mann, WO 4-1038. Send a message to someone today!

### FLOWERS FOR OUR ALTAR

The Sisterhood Floral Fund acknowledges with thanks the receipt of the following contributions:

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*You are Cordially Invited to Attend*  
the  
**SISTERHOOD DESSERT LUNCHEON**

TUESDAY, JANUARY 11, at 12:00 Noon

*presented by*

MRS. LIBBIE BRAVERMAN

Cleveland, Ohio

noted educator and author

will speak on:

**"CHILDREN ARE NO WORSE THAN THEIR PARENTS"**

Dessert — 50 cents per person

**MEN'S CLUB MONTHLY LUNCHEON**

Temple Vestry — Served by Sisterhood

Wednesday noon, January 12, at 12:00 o'clock

Reservations, at \$1.25 per plate, must be made in advance

CALL ED 2-9850

RABBI FRIEDMAN WILL LEAD THE DISCUSSION

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I. TOYNBEE has written a New Year article for N.Y. Times. He says:

"As we enter 1955 we face a fateful decision: to substitute a new spiritual vision for the secular ideals (science) that have guided us for 250 years.

Our annual celebration of New Year's Day is the symbol of a perennial human quest for spiritual rebirth.

II. Tell the story of "THE BET" by Chekhov, as exemplifying a certain kind of spiritual rebirth. The hero came to despise the world and ran for heaven. He changed from a person who sought money + knowledge, to one who repudiated both these things.

III. You cannot drown out the world by running from it. <sup>(2)</sup>

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IV. Nor can you drown out the passage of time in noise, revelry and intoxication, as New Year's is ~~so~~ celebrated today.

Reconstructionist magazine editorial:

"Early church observed New Year's Day as the circumcision of Jesus. Today this holiday has become a pagan Bacchanalia. Any religious person must be revolted by the orgiastic manner in which men and women seek to drown out their knowledge of the flight of time in noise, revelry and intoxication."

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V. LIFE should be taken in <sup>(3)</sup>  
stride, accepting the various  
stages and developments from year  
to year in a healthy and  
wholesome manner. One should  
not run from responsibility, either  
by metaphysical flight into  
heaven, or by physical flight into  
obscurety.

VI. Two EXAMPLES of THOMASIC  
WISDOM in describing the stages  
of life — take these and  
see their healthy-mindedness.



A.

SEVEN STAGES OF LIFE

(4)

Shakespeare's seven stages of life have been anticipated in the Midrash: 'The seven vanities which Ecclesiastes mentioned correspond to the seven worlds which a man experiences. At one year old he is like a king, placed in a covered litter, and all embrace and kiss him. At two or three he is like a pig which pokes about the sewers. At ten he jumps about like a kid. At twenty he is like a neighing horse; he adorns his person and seeks a wife. Having married, he is like an ass (bearing a heavy burden). Then having become the father of children, he grows bold like a dog to procure sustenance for them. When finally he has grown old, he is (bent) like a monkey'



*Cher*

*Everyman's Talmud*

*TP 72*

B.

MAN'S DEVELOPMENT

Another classification from a different standpoint is given in the ethical treatise Abot: 'At five years the age is reached for the study of Scripture; at ten for the study of Mishnah; at thirteen for the fulfilment of the Commandments; at fifteen for the study of Talmud; at eighteen for marriage; at twenty for seeking a livelihood; at thirty for entering into one's strength; at forty for understanding; at fifty for counsel; at sixty a man attains old age; at seventy the hoary head; at eighty the gift of special strength; at ninety he bends beneath the weight of his years; at a hundred he is as if he were already dead and had passed away from the world'.



Cohen,  
Everyman's Talmud  
p. 73

VII. WHAT HAPPENS AT  
MIDNIGHT ?

(6)

Nothing at all.

If we accept life, then we know we are simply flowing from one stage to another across an invisible line.

The fruit of next year is already to be discerned in this year's seed.

Let us all ~~be~~ be glad we are a little older and hope we are a little wiser.

Browning's Rabbi Ben Ezra

"Grow old along with me  
The best is yet to be -  
The best of life for which the  
first was made."