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Sabbath Services

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will speak on:

"BIRTHDAY IN JERUSALEM"

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"ORDEAL IN PARIS"

Sabbath Morning Services

11:15 o'clock

April 23, at 11:15 o'clock

Bar Mitzvah of

LLOYD PHILLIP LEVIN

Son of

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur A. Levin

April 30, at 11:15 o'clock

Bar Mitzvah of

PETER HIRSCH

Son of

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred H. Hirsch

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Kaddish List

(Taken from Memorial Tablets)

April 22

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April 29

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In Memoriam
JULES M. ETENHEIM, JR.
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SERMON NOTES

"BIRTHDAY IN JERUSALEM"

April 22

Next Wednesday, the seventh birthday of the State of Israel will be celebrated with joy wherever Jews live all over the globe.

The prophets of doom, who thought the new state could not possibly survive its difficulties, whether financial, political or military, are growing scarcer and scarcer. The roster of enthusiastic friends and supporters, who delight in the progress being made, is growing larger and larger. Many members of our own congregation, recently returned or currently touring in Israel, have the most glowing reports of their experiences.

True, there are still serious problems facing the infant state. The borders are frequently aflame, and the treasury is frequently empty. But with will and determination on the part of her citizens, and relying heavily for support on those of us in the rest of the world who are her friends, Israel can face the future with confidence and hope.

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"ORDEAL IN PARIS"

April 29

In the thirteenth and fifteenth centuries there occurred three of the most unusual experiences in the constantly unusual history of the Jewish people. In Paris, Barcelona and Tortosa public religious debates were held between Christians and Jews. These disputations extended over many months and were conducted in the presence of reigning royalty, popes, high church officials, nobility and the mob.

Defending the Jewish faith were scholars and rabbis. Attacking it were apostates, who claimed to know Judaism because they had once been of its household. The Christian clergy sat and hoped that mass conversions would take place if the defenders of Judaism could be sufficiently embarrassed and defeated in debate.

The whole story of their fascinating episodes is now available in English. Dr. Morris Braude, the father of one of our members, has translated documents from Hebrew and Latin, and published them under the title "Conscience on Trial".

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MEN'S CLUB MONTHLY LUNCHEON

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 27, 12 o'clock NOON

Rabbi Friedman will lead the discussion

Call ED 2-9850 — Make your reservation today!

MEN'S CLUB ANNUAL MEETING WEDNESDAY, APRIL 20

The annual meeting of the Men's Club will be held at the Temple on Wednesday, April 20, at 8 o'clock.

An interesting program has been planned featuring Rabbi Friedman in an "Ask the Rabbi" session followed by a showing of full color movies of all Men's Club activities of the past year.

Women of the congregation are cordially invited to attend.

Officers and Directors will be elected from the following slate which was presented by the Nominating Committee:

President—Robert L. Mann
1st Vice Pres.—Burton C. Zucker
2nd Vice Pres.—Edward B. Elkon
Treasurer—Louis H. Heller
Secretary—Jack A. Berland

Board of Directors (One Year Term)

Milton Foster
Alvin G. Kaplan
Dr. Morris Moel
Harry Stern

(Two Year Term)

Jack Abraham	Eugene Kerns
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Erwin Diwald	Lou Rosenblum
Joel Goodman	John Rupp
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If you have a son or daughter in the United States Armed Services, please submit their names and addresses to the Temple Office. We are most anxious to keep in touch with these young people.

NOTICE!

Classes in all departments of the Religious School will resume sessions during the week end of Sat. and Sun., April 23-24.

SISTERHOOD CLOSES YEAR WITH "ORCHIDS TO YOU!"

The Sisterhood is planning a delightful event which will conclude this year's activities. An "orchid" luncheon will be held in the Community Hall on Tuesday noon, May 10th, at which time there will be an election and installation of Officers and Trustees.

Rabbi Herbert A. Friedman will review a currently popular book.

Reservations for the luncheon, at \$1.35 per plate, may be made now by sending your check to Mrs. George Lowe, 4711 N. Woodburn Street.

Sisterhood's Annual Mother's Day Sabbath will be held on Friday evening, May 6, at 8 o'clock. Members of the Sisterhood will participate in the service.

Watch the next issue of the Temple Bulletin for further details.

FLOWERS FOR OUR ALTAR

The Sisterhood Floral Fund acknowledges the receipt of contributions:

IN HONOR OF:

Bar Mitzvahs of Gordon Eisendrath,
Harvey Marks and Stuart Goldberg.
The recovery of Dr. Herman Weil.

IN MEMORY OF:

Dr. Louis A. Weisfeldt
Birthday anniversary of Joe Goldman
Birthday anniversary of Sophia Good-
sitt

RESERVE THE DATE

SUNDAY MAY 22

*Annual Meeting of
Members of the
Congregation*

DINNER AT 6 o'clock
MEETING AT 8 o'clock

"The First Lady of the World"

Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt

will be the principal speaker
at the Community Rally
of the 1955 Campaign
of the

MILWAUKEE JEWISH WELFARE FUND

on

Thursday evening, April 28, at 8 p.m.

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Yechiel-Domin

No oath - 40

two Jesuses - 43 + 46

*Charge that Jews do not keep ^{word} oaths
with non-Jews + also kill non-Jews
without penalty*

47 + 52

Answer to this: 54 + 55

Nachmanides - Christians

opening comments + subject 71

continuation of dispute 88 - 9

object was to convert the Jews 93

King pays his confessions 94

I. Describe general background of disputations

1. Tournament atmosphere - "lots" etc.
2. Purpose to achieve intellectual embarrassment of Jews - and also conversion

II. D. Brundage translated some documents pertaining to Mee of these debates

III. Paris - 1239

R. Yechiel \leftrightarrow Nicholas Donin

(left France after debate, went to aze, died there few years later)

(apostate, excommunicated by R. Yechiel, denounced Talmud to Pope Gregory IX as being the stumbling block in path of conversion of Jews)

Disputation was ordered by King, held in his palace, in presence of his mother, Queen Blanche.

1. Question of swearing, taking an oath - Yechiel refused, Queen desisted. - p. 40
2. Question of two Jesus' - p. 43 + 46
(and two Louis')
3. Question of Jews' not being required to keep their word to non-Jews - p. 47
answer p. 55

IV. Barcelona - 1263

R. Moses Nachmanides ↔ Fra Pablo Christiani
(went to Palestine - died here in 1270) (apostate - born in France - became a Dominican)

debate in palace, in presence of King, ministers, church dignitaries, and crowd. Several sessions were held, last being in synagogue.

1. Three questions constitute agenda (plus intention to speak freely)
- whether Messiah has already come
 - whether Messiah is really god or common mortal
 - whether Jews possess true faith.

p. 71

2. At synagogue session, King asserted Jesus was Messiah, Nachmanides strove to contradict him.

p. 92

3. Pablo started discussion of Trinity. N. answered sharply that not even angels could understand it.

p. 94

4. King gave N. 300 gold pieces for travel expenses.

V. Tortosa — Feb 1413 — Nov 1414

Group of Spanish rabbis → Beronimo de Santa Fe

(apostate Jew who became physician to Benedict XIII)

In presence of Pope Benedict, ranging over year and a half, consisting of 69 sessions.

1. Pope set terms of debate, including Koster Jew p. 105
2. Again subject was whether Messiah had come.
3. Accusation that Jews change the subject + answer the question with another p. 107

VI. What conclusions?

1. Jews were not afraid to speak up for their beliefs
2. Jewish leaders were able to defend the faith through knowledge.
3. Medieval despots recognized Power higher than they — which modern despots do not.

Lessons

Let Jews be fearful + learned — let society keep its absolutists under control.