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ARE AMERICANS DRIFTING TOWARD SEX ANARCHY?

With special reference to Professor Pitirim A. Sorokin's  
recent study "The American Sex Revolution"

by

DR. ABBA HILLEL SILVER

A popular novel -- a best seller -- was recently ordered banned by the police of two metropolitan cities for the same reason, and considerable controversy followed these two actions. Cries of censorship were raised and men rushed in to defend the rights and the freedoms of authors and artists and to warn against thought control.

I, for one, do not know why a Cardinal, or for that matter, any minister of religion or any layman, or anyone whose opinions might influence public opinion, should not have the right to denounce a picture or a book which he regards as lewd and vicious and corruptive. And I, for one, do not know why good acting, or artistic writing, should necessarily condone indecent subject matter.

I do not wish at this moment to enter into the question of censorship. It is a very involved question and not at all one-sided. It has its uses and it has its patent dangers and one cannot be dogmatic about it at all.

But this I know and anyone who has followed cultural trends in American life must know, that there has been a growing coarsening and vulgarization and sexualization in our novels, plays, magazines, movies, television and the press, which no amount of eloquent talk about the freedom of writers and artists and entertainers can cover up or explain away.

Now people may differ as to the causes of these phenomena. People may differ as to their possible cure, but there can be no difference in my mind as to the facts and the facts are very disturbing indeed.

I recently received a book from Professor Pitirim Sorokin, of Harvard, called "The American Sex Revolution". Professor Sorokin, you may recall, was for many years Professor and Chairman of the Sociology Department at Harvard, and is today the Director of the Harvard Research Center in Creative Altruism. He is the author of numerous and important scientific studies in the fields of social sciences and human behavior.

Professor Sorokin is greatly disturbed over what he calls "this growing sex laxity, this sex freedom" of our day. He is persuaded that Americans are drifting toward sex anarchy. "We are completely surrounded", he maintains, "by a rising tide of sex which is flooding every compartment of our culture, every section of our social life. The nations sex obsession is reflected in the mounting divorce rate and upsurge in sex crimes, in the emphasis which is placed upon sex in radio and TV programs, in stage plays, movies, in popular songs and pictures, reading matter, advertising and in the wild, jungle music of our day". "We are living through the descent", he maintains, "of an art forms into social sewers". "Rock and Roll" is not merely the fantasy of crazy teen-agers, but a symptom of a decaying art form in America. He sees a disastrous revolution in the sex behavior of our people which is radically changing the lives of men and women.

Now Professor Sorokin's study is carefully documented. He writes as a scientist, not as a puritanic crusader. He records facts and on the basis of historic precedents, he points to what these facts will inevitably lead to - how they will affect the lives - how they do affect the lives - of individuals and of a community and of the future of society generally.

The Professor first draws attention to the status of marriage and the family in our day. The institution of marriage and the integrity of home and family have been severely shaken by this sex revolution of our day and the startling increase in divorces is an indication of it.

"In 1870 there was one divorce for every forty marriages contracted" states the Professor, "in the last few years, one divorce for every three marriages". As a result of the mounting number of divorces and separations and desertions

about twelve million out of the forty-five million children in the United States do not live with both parents and are forcibly exposed to all the inclemencies of the half-parental or non-parental homes or of no homes at all."

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"Increasing divorce and desertion, and the growth of pre-nuptial and extra-marital sex relations are signs of sex addiction somewhat similar to drug addiction", the Professor maintains.

And this sex addiction has invaded other departments of American life besides the home and the family. Take our recent literature, the books, novels, plays -- "in its topics, personages and scenes and aims our literature is largely centered on sex, especially in its pathological forms" and a good deal of it borders on the pornographic.

"Large scale manufacture and commercial exploitation of these sex-saturated books would not be possible if they did not appeal to the common literary tastes of millions, and whether we like it or not", says the Professor, "the obsession with sex in our literature is an ugly fact beyond any reasonable doubt". And very often, even a good book is somehow made to drag in sex scenes - not because they help to develop the plot of the story, or are necessary to the development of character, but simply to increase the sale of the book.

The pornographic pulp-literature/maintains the Professor, has a reading public far in excess of fine, serious literature. And he states, " This pulp stuff is poured onto the market in hundreds of thousands of copies of dime and quarter novels, in millions of copies of various magazines, in many millions of erotic comics and periodical stories. The sadistic novels of Mickey Spillane have sold more than 25 million copies! The total output of this sort of stuff is to be counted in the hundreds of millions. In addition, some of this material is turned into popular movies, is brought into millions of homes by radio and television, and is even dramatized on the legitimate stage. All in all, this stuff has become omnipresent in our lives, and everyone of us is incessantly and increasingly exposed to its deadly radiations."

This sexualization of American culture is manifest also in the popular music of our day. The bleating of the crooners of our popular songs is "underscored by their gyrations and their contortions and their bodily rhythms all too clear is sexual inuendo. Records of this sort of "music" are sold by the millions. The records of a recent, especially epilectic kind of a crooner has accounted for more than 65% of all the records sold by the most important record making organization in our country.

Our popular entertainment, according to Professor Sorokin, is likewise sex obsessed. A study, in 1930 disclosed that about 45% of the topics of our movies was devoted to sex and about 28% more to crime, frequently associated with sex. And since that time the trend has been <sup>in the direction</sup> of increase rather than decrease. You take up a newspaper - any newspaper in any city of the United States - and look upon the advertising page which announces our movies and our entertainment - and the columns, the page, looks like either some shooting gallery, with guns and pistols popping all over, or like a sailors' tattoo on his arms. This is true also of television. Professor Sorokin makes sharp strictures about our television. I am not entirely in agreement with his thorough-going indictment, but there is considerable truth when he says that "so far, almost the only important achievement of this new instrument of communication has consisted in bringing into <sup>millions of</sup> our homes the erotically charged, alcoholic atmosphere of night clubs, ugly commercials and endless murder-and-sex plays". Television has also brought into our homes some magnificent things - educational as well as entertainment. But I think there is considerable truth in what the professor says. Take these western pictures which are especially directed toward our juveniles, toward our children -- so full of violence - so much of shooting, killing, gouging, fighting, beating. Every day a young boy or girl watching these westerns is treated to a half hour or an hour of unleashed violence and the fact that at the end the thing is sweetened up by the fact that virtue is triumphant does not at all this very serious and in my judgment very dangerous period of wrong education that is given to the youth of America.

Our serious drama, with some notable exceptions, likewise tends to the eroitic and the pathological, while the popular shows fairly exude sex appeal.

And Professor Sorokin turns his attention to the American Press - the newspapers - they have not escaped the vulgarization. The front pages of our newspapers regularly contain spicy stories about sensational crimes, scandal, divorce, the sex adventures of notorious playboys and playgirls, the love affairs of heiresses, entertainment stars and other such stuff, vividly reported and still more vividly illustrated. Yesterday our newspapers carried front page stories of an actress returning to the United States - an actress who was taken in adultery - who had a child with her Italian film director while she was still a married woman with a husband back home. Now the difficulty there is that while we have been admonished - and I suppose properly admonished - not to cast the first stone - we were not admonished to throw orchids at such people. And yet this returning actress is being acclaimed by masses of people and is being given lead stories on the front pages of our newspapers like a conquering hero returning home.

The covers of our popular magazines, regularly treat us to pictures of seductive females suggestively radiating sex by posture and facial expression. And this is true also of advertising, maintains the professor, "Sex appeal has become a 'must' in commercial advertising" of all sorts, whether we advertise cosmetics or automobiles. And he sums up his indictment, if such it be called, in this way:

"Thus, whatever aspect of our culture is considered, each is packed with sex obsession. Its vast totality bombards us continuously, from cradle to grave, from all points of our living space, at almost every step of our activity, feeling, and thinking. If we escape from being stirred by obscene literature, we may be aroused by the crooners, or by the new psychology and sociology, or by the teachings of the Freudianized pseudo-religions, or by radio-television entertainment. We are completely surrounded by the rising tide of sex which is flooding every compartment of our culture, every section of our social life. Unless we develop an inner immunity against these libidinal forces, we are bound to be conquered by the continuous pressure of a gigantic army of omnipresent sex stimuli".

The Professor then proceeds to call attention to the consequences of such moral decadence -- consequences for the individual and for society. He maintains

that a drift toward sex anarchy has everywhere been matched by a steady increase in mental disturbances.

"In the United States, our population has doubled since 1880. During the same period the number of patients in mental hospitals has increased by twelve times". \* \* \* "There are about 650,000 patients in mental hospitals today, comprising some 47 percent of all hospital patients in the United States."

Now the author does not contend that sex laxity is the only cause of mental illness - far from it. He maintains however, that there is a causal relationship between the increase in sex freedom in our day and the increase of cases of neurosis and psychosis. The destructive consequences of sexual anarchy go deep into the vitals of a society. They degrade the value of manhood and womanhood - of motherhood and fatherhood - of childhood and venerable age - of marriage and family and even of love itself. They contribute to the decline of cultural creativity, in an age.

He brings an interesting example from Russia. Russia, which in the early stages of the Revolution experimented with free love and sexual freedom.

"During the first stage of the Revolution, its leaders deliberately attempted to destroy marriage and the family. Free love was glorified". \* \* \* "One could marry and divorce as many times as desired. Husband or wife could obtain a divorce without the other being notified. It was not even necessary that "marriages" be registered. Bigamy and even polygamy were permissible under the new provisions. \* \* \* Premarital relations were praised, and extramarital relations were considered normal. \* \* \* Within a few years, hordes of wild, homeless children became a real menace to the Soviet Union itself. Millions of lives, especially of young girls, were wrecked; divorces skyrocketed, \* \* \*. The hatreds and conflicts among polygamous and polyandrous mates rapidly mounted -- and so did psychoneuroses. Work in the nationalized factories slackened.

The total results were so appalling that the government was forced to reverse its policy". Free Love "was declared to be counter-revolutionary, and its place was taken by official glorification of premarital chastity and of the sanctity of marriage. \* \* \* The liberty of divorce was radically curtailed; by decree of July 14, 1944, it was made impossible for the vast majority of citizens. By now the cycle has been completed, and a slight relaxation of this too severe repression of sex is making it moderately normal. Soviet Russia today has a more monogamic, stable, and victorian family and marriage life than do most of the western countries."

Its very disturbing to read this book - in places, quite frightening. What is the cure? Now the Professor is not merely interested in stating facts or

indicting conditions, but in pointing the way, to amelioration, improvement and sanity. What is the cure for this sex obsession which has contributed so much to adult criminality and juvenile delinquency and mental disease. He doesn't rely much upon legal enactments - upon censorships. He dwells very little upon that. But he does make his appeal to the heart and the mind and the spirit of the average man and woman. He calls for an effort to ennoble our cultural life - a desexualization of our culture. He speaks directly to the individual and he speaks words as wise as have been written on the subject.

j "If the ordinary citizen refuses to buy and read the contaminating publications, to attend erotic shows, plays, and movies, to patronize joints, to vote for libertine politicians, to listen to sexy music, he can greatly contribute to the task of desexualizing the whole cultural and social life. If one is a business man, he can undercut many roots of sexual poison ivy by refusing to participate in business enterprises which commercially exploit sexual dregs, by not sponsoring unsuitable programs of radio, television, movies or press entertainment, by contributing nothing to all the causes, persons, and institutions which breed and propagate the 'sexual borers.' If a person is graced by a spark of creativity, he can tangibly ennoble the sociocultural world by using his talent for creation of real values, and by refusing to misuse it for accretion of sham-values generally and of sexual muck specifically. If a considerable and ever-increasing part of our women and men follow this path in their thoughts, words, and deeds the infection discussed will rapidly diminish until its ugly scales, rashes and sores disappear from the cultural and social world in which we live. Such is the triple operation of desexualization of ourselves, our culture, and our social life."

And I maintain, that when all is said and done, this is the answer. The reformation of a culture of a people must begin with the people themselves.

Judaism waged war upon sexual license ever since its inception. Judaism looked upon sex as holy - not to be degraded by any form of coarseness or indecency. It even looked upon the human body as the temple of the soul. It did not extol celibacy or asceticism. It never built monasteries or nunneries. The renunciation of normal sex life was never regarded as a virtue by Judaism. To marry - build a home - beget children --- it is a Divine commandment to be fruitful and multiply -- it is the first Commandment of the Bible.

But Judaism abhorred all forms of animalism - the coarseness and the brutalizing of what the author calls the sexualization of human life, because man is much more -- man has a soul and a mind and a spirit -- he is made in the image of God! Judaism bannished the sex motif from religion. A SEX motif, which you will remember was universal in all the religions of the ancient world. It bannished all the orgiastic rites -- the institution of sacred prostitution -- which were associated with the fertility cults and the nature worship of all the peoples in all the world. The Bible abounds in denunciation of all these obscene practices. It outlawed them.

Purity of family life, to a degree practically unknown in the ancient world --even among its most advanced circles -- purity of family life \*\*\*\*

-- became the norm of Jewish life and it has remained a characteristic of Jewish behavior throughout the ages. It is beginning to give way. Jews sometimes learn from their environment not the best that is in the environment, but sometimes the worst.

Modesty was urged upon men and women by Judaism... The principle laid down was: "Sanctify yourself even in things permitted to you." New concepts were introduced by our religion zni-'ut which means 'modesty' - moral delicacy; boshet, which means moral reticence, sensitiveness to all that is gross. "There is nothing more beloved of God than zni-'ut," said the rabbis, "and He who does not possess the quality of bushah," of moral reticence, "it is certain that his ancestors were not present at Mount Sinai." It is certain that he is not a Jew.

Now this code of boshet, of moral cleanliness in act and word and speech and attitude - this reticence - it did not result from ~~the result of~~ any prudery on the part of the people of Israel. It was an expression of reverence for life itself. FOR THE dignity of man. It was the esthetics of morality which Judaism introduced to the ancient world, the "beauty of holiness." What is holy should be beautiful - not brutalized - not cheapened - not vulgarized. Three thousand years of Jewish literature are distinguished by a remarkable freedom from vulgarity and lubricity. GO THROUGh Hebrew literature, from the earliest times to the latest and you will be proud of the moral cleanliness of that literature which reflected

the spirit and the attitudes - the basic attitudes toward life and human relationships on the part of our people.

The rabbis said that it was man's duty to keep away from unseemliness, from what resembles unseemliness, and from the semblance of a semblance of unseemliness.

There is clearly, dear friends, a great need for a moral housecleaning on the part of every American -- but it is not limited to America by any means -- we are interested in America because that is our country -- there is a great need for a housecleaning in Jewish life. We used to set the standards in the world on these matters of basic human relationships and I find Jews who permit themselves the same coarseness, the same vulgarization of speech, the same inclination to commercialize on these things and I am very saddened for them and for the standards of our people.

The sex revolution which is clearly indicated for us is a return to the noble standards of life which our ancestors defined for us, and which, in my humble judgment, have been responsible for our survival along with our faith. For a small people to have come through thousands of years of persecution of the cruelist forms of discriminations, calculated deliberately to undermine and destroy them -- forced to live in the filthiest of quarters -- reduced to the filthiest and humblest of occupations - for a people to have survived two thousand years of that sort of world treatment and to come into the modern age, strong, clean, healthy people, is a tribute to basic attitudes toward life -- to fundamental moral commitments which kept the family clean and wholesome -- which enabled a family to raise children in an atmosphere of nobility of reverence for human life and for the basic institutions of society. You ought to return to them.

Who shall ascend the mountain of the Lord? He that hath clean hands and a pure heart. Purity of heart will dictate the proper relationship to all these situations of which this author so correctly complains. Purity of heart. AMEN.

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Prof. S. is greatly disturbed over the ~~sex~~<sup>growing laxity</sup> of our day. He is persuaded that Americans are drifting toward sex anarchy. "We are carefully <sup>being warned</sup> surrounded by a rising tide of sex which is flooding every compartment of our culture, every section of our social life. The nation's sex behavior is reflected in the mounting divorce rate, the upsurge in sex crimes, in emphasis which is placed upon sex in radio and TV programs, stage plays and movies, popular songs, pictures, reading matter and advertising; in the wild modern music. We are living through the descent of our art forms into sordid ~~savagery~~. "Rock and Roll" is not merely the fantasy of crazy teen-agers, but a symptom of a decaying art form <sup>is a threat</sup> to civilization. He sees a dangerous ~~disorder~~<sup>sex revolution</sup> sweeping over our ~~entire~~<sup>life</sup> which is radically changing the lives, ~~manner~~<sup>manners</sup>.

3. Prof. S.'s study is carefully documented. He writes as a scientist - not as an emotional <sup>pious crusader</sup> ~~fanatic~~. He records facts - and on the basis of historical precedents, points to what their ~~likely~~<sup>inevitable</sup> bad. How they affect the lives, the individuals, the community and the future of society.

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5/ This sex addiction, <sup>so disruptive to home and family</sup> has invaded other phases of Am. life.

Take our literature. "In its titles, passages, scenes, and  
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such stuff vividly reported and still more vividly illustrated.  
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the corner of popular magazines regularly treat us to  
pictures of seductive females "suffering" <sup>to her own</sup> ~~the~~ <sup>an</sup> ~~the~~ <sup>devotion</sup> ~~whole~~ <sup>the</sup> ~~unlucky~~ <sup>grand</sup> ~~50 million~~ <sup>way</sup> ~~long~~ <sup>can't</sup> ~~forget~~ <sup>the</sup>  
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6). The consequences of such <sup>sexual</sup> ~~debauchery~~ <sup>debauchery</sup> for the mind. It readily  
can be easily deduced. Over-indulgence in sex ~~undermines~~  
the physical and mental health of the individual. The draft  
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Comprising some 47% of all hospital patients in the U.S.  
The author does not contend that sex freedom is the only  
cause of mental illness. He maintains, however, that there is a  
causal relationship between the increase in sex freedom in our  
day and the increase of cases of neuritis and psychoses.  
Excessive indulgence in sexual pleasure is one of the important  
factors in the development of psychoneuroses and ~~various~~ <sup>various</sup> psychoses.

The destruction of marriage & sexual morality is deep into the vitals of a society. It degrades both man and society. It degrades the value, unsuited and manhood, motherhood and fatherhood, childhood and venerable age, marriage and family, and even love itself. It contributes to the decline, the cultural creativity of an age.

7/ Soviet Russia - During the first stage, the Revolution - its leaders attempted to destroy marriage and the family - capitalistic institutions - one could marry and divorce as many times as he wanted. Husband and wife could obtain a divorce without the other party's consent.

8/ As far as America is concerned, what is the cure for this condition? The cure is to admit criminality, prevent delinquency, not too late to start. Not whole story. (Mph - decay - danger by Gresham's law) 1) Change in the mind, heart, and character - 2) Environment of culture & social life - a "desexualization" of culture. (Intro p. 185 x) as wide words as can be spoken on the subject

10/ Judaism (waged) war upon sexual license since its inception. It looked upon sex as holy - not to be degraded by indecencies of any sort. It looked upon the human body as the temple of the human soul. It did not extol celibacy or asceticism. It never had monasteries or nunneries. The renunciation of normal sex life was never regarded as a virtue in Judaism. To marry and have children in order to preserve the race is a divine command in J. - Be fruitful and multiply is the

the first commandment, the Bible.

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... created by Judaism in an unparalleled way. Purity of family life, to a degree practically unknown in the ancient world—even among its most advanced circles—became the norm for the Jewish way of life, and it has remained a characteristic of Jewish behavior throughout the ages. ~~To perceive~~ ... but recall the previously mentioned

The writings of Seneca, Juvenal, Martial, Tacitus, Suetonius, Dio Cassius all reveal the moral degeneration of Roman society, in which promiscuity, sodomy, and lesbianism were widely prac-

ticed. They help us to realize the violent contrast between the standards of this society and the Jewish standards of sexual decency, the sanctity of marriage and of family life.

Modesty was urged upon men and women by Judaism. The principle laid down was: "Sanctify yourself even in things permitted to you."<sup>7</sup> New concepts were introduced: *zni'-ut*—modesty, moral delicacy; *boshet*—reticence, sensitiveness to all that is gross. "There is nothing more beloved of God than *zni'-ut*";<sup>8</sup> and, "He whose does not possess the quality of *bushab*, it is certain that his ancestors were not present at Mount Sinai."<sup>9</sup>

This code of *boshet* (Ecclus. 41:16) did not result from any prudery on the part of the people of Israel. It was an expression of reverence for life itself and for the dignity of man. It was the esthetics of morality which Judaism introduced to the ancient world, the "beauty of holiness." Three thousand years of Jewish literature are distinguished by a remarkable freedom from vulgarity and lubricity. "It is a man's duty to keep away from unseemliness, from what resembles unseemliness and from the semblance of a semblance."<sup>10</sup>

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Friday Evening Services  
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### **SUNDAY MORNING SERVICE**

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In honor of Family Day, members of The Temple Men's Club will participate in the worship service. Assisting with the reading of the service will be Albert S. Amster; Harry A. Cohn; Max Gladstone; Bernard Isaacs; Sanford Sugarman and Henry Tobin.

Mr. Ben Silverberg, violinist, who has on former occasions added so much of beauty to our Service, will play.

Following the service, Temple Men's Club members and their families will gather for lunch in the Lincoln Room of the Wade Park Manor. A musical program by Jack Liebling and Fred Wildau has been planned.

If your reservation has not already been made please contact Mr. Leo Bamberger at the Temple office.

Nursery facilities are provided for pre-school children whose parents wish to attend the Sunday morning services, provided these children are at least three years of age.

Attendance at Sunday morning services has as always been most gratifying. The Temple welcomes its members and their families on this Family Day Sunday.

### **MUSIC FOR SUNDAY**

|                                 |                    |          |
|---------------------------------|--------------------|----------|
| Organ                           | Fantasia and Fuque | Douglas  |
|                                 | Canzone Della Sera | d'Evry   |
|                                 | Pastorale          | Lemare   |
| Opening Psalm—Mah Tov           |                    | Grim     |
| Bor'chu (Congregational)        |                    | Sulzer   |
| Sh'ma - Boruch (Congregational) | Traditional        |          |
| Michomocho (Congregational)     |                    | Sulzer   |
| Kedusha                         |                    | Moses    |
| Silent Devotion—Yihyu lerotzon  |                    | Algazi   |
| Before the Address:             |                    | Saminsky |
| Chasidic Suite                  |                    |          |
| (a) Chasidic Dance              |                    |          |
| (b) Meditation                  |                    |          |
| (c) Hamavdil                    |                    |          |
| Mr. Ben Silverberg, violinist   |                    |          |

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| After the Address:    |  |           |
| Fear ye not, O Israel |  | Spicker   |
| Alenu—Vaanachnu       |  | Goldstein |

### **ACKNOWLEDGMENT**

The flowers which will grace the altar on Sunday morning, January 20th are contributed in memory of brother, Maurice S. Nusbaum and sister, Celia Abrams, by Mrs. Louis Cohen.

#### **REMINDER**

#### **ADULT HEBREW CLASS**

The newly formed adult Hebrew class has begun to meet on Tuesdays at 8:00 P.M. in Room 20 of The Temple School building.

Miss Lillian Sugarman is conducting the course.

Registration Fee is \$5.00.

#### **FATHER-DAUGHTER BANQUET FEBRUARY 10, 1957**

The Temple Religious School will this year hold the Father-Daughter Banquet on Sunday, February 10th and the Mother-Son Banquet on Sunday, February 17th. Both affairs will be held in Mahler Hall at the close of the Religious School session.

Outstanding programs are being planned for both affairs and a delicious hot luncheon will be served. Souvenir gifts will be given to all children present. This event has always been happily welcomed and greatly enjoyed as it gives all parents and children an opportunity to visit and meet each other.

#### **THE MR. and MRS. CLUB**

present

#### **RABBI**

**ABBA HILLEL SILVER**

in

#### **"The Inside Story"**

Wednesday, January 23, 1957

8:30 P. M. — Mahler Hall

Rabbi Silver will take you behind the scenes in the publishing world.

Different than a book review!

Reactions of the critics!

Publishers' problems!

Amusing incidents!

Social Hour

#### **HIGH SCHOOL DEBATING TEAM**

On Sunday, January 13, 1957 in the Chapel, the Temple High School Debating Team engaged the debating team of Temple Israel of Columbus, Ohio in a debate on the subject, Resolved that "American Foreign Policy in the Near East is inept."

The Temple team, composed of Harvey Irlen, David Polatsek and Rhoda Zuckerman, maintained the affirmative.

The judges awarded the verdict to the Temple team and congratulated both teams on their excellent and interesting arguments.

#### **MOTHER-SON BANQUET FEBRUARY 17, 1957**

Mrs. Morton Golder and Mrs. Theodore Levine are Co-chairmen in charge of the Father-Daughter Banquet and Mrs. Joel Garver and Mrs. Sidney Kyman Co-chairmen in charge of the Mother-Son Banquet.

Reservations must be made either by mail or in person at The Temple office and should be done at your earliest opportunity. Tables of ten may be reserved. Adults, and children over 10 years of age, \$2.50 per plate; children 10 years of age and under, \$2.00 per plate. Reservations are open to Temple members and their children.

# TEMPLE WOMEN'S ADVISOR

## ONE-DAY INSTITUTE OUTSTANDING SUCCESS

Gries Memorial Chapel, which was to have been the scene of the morning session of the Temple Women's Association's One-Day Institute, had to be abandoned in favor of the larger facilities of the Temple, when the ladies gathered on Wednesday, January 9th. The fine audience was well rewarded with a very enlightening discussion on the subject "Today's Children in Tomorrow's World".

Following the opening prayer, which was given by T. W. A. Program Chairman, Mrs. Joseph Gould, Mrs. S. L. Dancyger, Chairman of the day, introduced Dr. A. F. Richey, Director of the west side branch of the Cleveland Guidance Center. In his discussion of "The Child at Home", Dr. Richey emphasized the need to love and understand our fellowman. He went on to say that a child will reflect in his

future life the love and understanding given to him today by his parents; however, a child should be allowed to develop into an independent individual.

Dr. Mark C. Schinnerer, Superintendent of the Cleveland Board of Education, spoke on, "The Child at School". He discussed the parent's obligation of home training which is needed for the child to adjust to the school environment, and thereby gain the most from the opportunities offered in school.

Following the morning lectures there was a brief question period and some lively discussion followed.

A hot buffet lunch was served in Mahler Hall to over 400 women. Mrs. Marc Goldstein and her co-chairman, Mrs. Richard Adler, were in charge of lunch arrangements. Under the direction of Chairman, Mrs. Malcom Zucker,

table settings were handled by Mrs. Morton Soss, Mrs. Elliott Glicksberg, Mrs. Maurice Burnley, and Mrs. Morton Golder.

Mr. Bertram Beck, Associate Executive Director of the National Association of Social Workers was the afternoon speaker. Mr. Beck, in discussing, "Youth and the World", spoke of the community's obligation to provide the necessary attitudes and services for the guidance of adolescents into desirable adults.

Two cashmere sweaters were awarded to the workers selling the largest number of tickets. First prize was won by Mrs. Max Rapport and second prize by Mrs. Harry Tucker.

Thanks is extended to these women and to all of the women who expended time and energy to make this a successful day.

## THE RELIGIOUS SCHOOL COMMITTEE

The religious school committee is a group of women whose interest in their children draws them together for their mutual enjoyment and for the benefit of their children. They dedicate themselves to maintaining a home atmosphere favorable to the preservation of that sense of unity and continuity acquired by their children through the study and practice of their religion under the tutelage of the Temple rabbis and teaching staff. The successful planning of a religious school committee requires the cooperation of a considerable number of women. Details are assigned to sub-committees, each with a definite task. These are set up in accordance with interests expressed in a questionnaire mailed out at the beginning of each year.

Members serve as room-mothers for the annual parent-teacher meeting. They decorate Mahler Hall for the festivals of Purim and Chanukah. They are experts at designing and sewing costumes. They are in charge of hospitality, a word including a multitude of small but important functions. Mrs. Edward Friedman and Mrs. Allyn Kendis are co-chairmen of the

Religious School Committee this year, and Mrs. Harry Silverman is the Secretary. Co-chairmen of the sub-committees are: Hospitality, Mrs. Richard Adler and Mrs. Paul Meldon; Costuming, Mrs. Robert Rothschild and Mrs. Monroe Mendelsohn; Holiday, Mrs. Irving Sadugor and Mrs. Harry Meldon; Enrollment, Mrs. Irving Stern and Mrs. Sol Scholnick; Father-Daughter Banquet, Mrs. Morton Golder and Mrs. Theodore Levine; Mother-Son Banquet, Mrs. Joel Garver and Mrs. Sidney Kyman; Carnival, Mrs. Philip Gilman and Mrs. Milton Kravitz; Junior High Room Mothers, Mrs. Robert Levin and Mrs. Jared Faulb; Elementary Room Mothers, Mrs. Jessie Shepard and Mrs. Melvin Lazerick; Confirmation, Mrs. Rubin Pyner and Mrs. Alvin Spira.

To sum up, mothers on the Religious School Committee focus their attention on the religious training of their children, the teacher, providing a proper home atmosphere by the observance of ceremonials and rituals, keeping their minds alert by discussions, and having a good time with congenial friends, while widening the horizons of their interests.

## ADDRESSOGRAPH COMMITTEE

The Addressograph Committee is one of our Sisterhood's well organized service groups. Its chief function is to address and send out the regular announcements of major meetings and other mailings.

The work of the addressograph committee falls into four categories: ordering and filing alphabetically new plates for change of address and for new members; running off all sisterhood mailings on automatic addressograph; occasional folding of literature and stuffing envelopes; checking the plates at the end of the year against the list of the financial secretary to make sure they are correct.

Mrs. Sylvester Marx, Chairman, is assisted by Mrs. Louis Gutterman and Mrs. Jeff Randall, who alternate with her in getting out the mailings. On occasion, Mrs. Samuel Greenwald, Mrs. Leon Meisel and Mrs. Jacob Singer assist in folding literature and stuffing envelopes.

All of the members of this committee are regular participants in Tuesday Sewing activities.

January 20

**A VALUE — FOR ONE MONTH**

February 20

A discount of 20% is being offered, for one month, on Pacific Cloth Bags. There are many bags in stock in various sizes for silver trays, bowls etc., and orders will be taken for any sizes desired. Take advantage of this tremendous saving by buying or ordering your Pacific Cloth Bag during this one month offer.

## ADULT SEMINAR

### Four Fridays in February

In response to many requests from members of The Temple Women's Association and The Temple Men's Club, Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver and Rabbi Daniel Jeremy Silver have consented to conduct an adult seminar on

### Some Historic Controversies In Jewish Life

- On February 1 RABBI DANIEL JEREMY SILVER  
will discuss  
THE CHASIDIM VERSUS THE MITHNAGDIM  
Musical Program: An Introduction to Chassidic Music
- On February 8 RABBI ABBA HILLEL SILVER  
will discuss  
THE PHARISEES VERSUS THE SADUCEES  
Musical Program: Music of the Traditional Synagogue
- On February 15 RABBI DANIEL JEREMY SILVER  
will discuss  
THE ORTHODOX VERSUS THE REFORMERS  
Musical Program: Music of the Modern Synagogue
- On February 22 RABBI ABBA HILLEL SILVER  
will discuss  
THE SABBATEANS VERSUS THE ANTI-SABBATEANS  
Musical Program: Melodies of Modern Israel

A social hour will follow each program

Enrollment is open to all Temple members and their friends

Registration Fee — \$2.00 per couple

The course will meet at The Temple at 8:30 P. M.

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