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What is happening to the American home?, 1928.

104th Anniversary
Rockdale Avenue Temple



"MY HOUSE SHALL BE CALLED A HOUSE
OF PRAYER FOR ALL PEOPLES"

Annual Meeting
Congregational Dinner

JANUARY 18, 1928
HOTEL ALMS
6:30 P. M.

Program

INVOCATION

ANNIVERSARY DINNER

ANNUAL MEETING

Reports of Officers and Committees

Report of President.....Mr. Julius Schild

Election of Officers

INTRODUCTORY REMARKS.....Dr. David Philipson

AN ALLEGORICAL FARCE—

AS WE'D LIKE IT

CHARACTERS

CONGREGATION BENE ISRAEL.....Marguerite R. Kiefer

RABBI BENE ISRAEL.....Gussie C. Egelson

SISTERHOOD.....Rosalind A. Schwab

CENTER.....Helen Bottigheimer

SUNDAY SCHOOL.....Blanche B. Kahn

MEN'S CLUB.....Karline Brown

TIME AND PLACE.....Here and Now

(As We'd Like It)

At the piano, Selma B. Meis

REMARKS—

Rabbi Victor Emanuel Reichert

ADDRESS—"What Is Happening To The American Home"

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, of Cleveland, O.

DANCING

Officers

MR. JULIUS SCHILD, *President*
MR. LAWRENCE L. BING, *Vice-President*
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Annual Meeting and Dinner

104th Anniversary

HOTEL ALMS

Wednesday, January 18, 1928

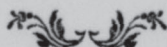
6:30 P. M.

FEATURES OF THE PROGRAM

Speaker: DR. ABBA H. SILVER, of Cleveland

Entertainment—with an all-star cast

Dancing



Reservations must be in by the 12th. Don't Delay! Mail yours now.

SERVICES TO BE BROADCASTED

The services on Sunday mornings during the month of January will be broadcasted from Station W S A I. This new feature in our congregational life is sponsored by the Men's Club that has undertaken this broadcasting as one of its activities.

The broadcasting of the services is done particularly for the benefit of the people outside of Cincinnati who have not the opportunity of attending such services. Naturally it is hoped that all our members and their friends who are living in the city will not make this broadcasting an excuse to remain away from the Temple.

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DR. BOGEN TO ADDRESS MEN'S CLUB

Those of you who have forgotten that Tuesday Night is still MEN'S CLUB NIGHT will be happy to jot down in your calendars that Dr. BOGEN, the genial and versatile Managing Editor of the B'NAI B'RITH MAGAZINE will address THE MEN'S CLUB next Tuesday night, January 10th, at 8:00 o'clock, on the Subject "Current Events." The remainder of the revised schedule for January is as follows:

Tuesday, January 17—Dr. Philipson on "Reform Judaism."

Tuesday, January. 24—Dr. Cronbach on "The Social Outlook in Judaism."

Dr. Philipson's Bible Class will meet Monday morning, January 9, at the usual hour.

SISTERHOOD

For the January meeting on the 12th, Mrs. Jacob S. Hermann, Chairman of the day is arranging a Biblical drama "Nabal." Mrs. Hermann will read the prologue and the cast of characters is as follows:

Nabal.....Mr. Philip E. Phillips
Abigail, (his wife).....Mrs. Myron D. Kahn
Martha, (her mother).....Mrs. Mae Herz
David, King of Israel.....Mr. Henry Thurman
A Messenger.....Mr. Maurice Jacobs

A vocal selection by Mr. Henry Thurman and incidental music by Milton Rappaport.

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SISTERHOOD STUDY CLASS

Rabbi Reichert resumes his Sisterhoods' "Study Class" on the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month at 10:30 A. M.

CENTER ACTIVITIES

"Judaism in the Early Christian Centuries"

Rabbi Reichert resumes his Center Study Class next Wednesday night, January 11 at 8 o'clock. The discussion will deal with "The Pharisees of The Mishnah." Rabbi Reichert will discuss the growing understanding of the Pharisees and will undertake to point out the injustice of the Gospel prejudice. All members of the Center and their friends are cordially welcome.

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YAHREZIT STUDENT AID FUND

During the past week the following contributions were made to the Center Yahrzeit Student Aid Fund:

Mrs. Jacob Eppstein, in memory of daughter, Mollie Eppstein Marcus.

Mrs. Milton Schloss and children, Betty and Milton, in memory of husband and father, Milton Schloss.

Mrs. Larry Jacobs, in memory of mother, Henrietta Israel.

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THEATER WORKSHOP

The Theater Workshop group of Rockdale Temple Center is working on three interesting plays under direction of Mr. S. Burnett Jordan.

Roles have been assigned Mrs. Mae Herman Herz, Mrs. Jack Hermann, Mrs. Sidney Rosenberg, Mrs. Bert Weil, Mrs. Bert Levy, Miss Alice Pollack, Miss Nettie Weil, Miss Elsie Westheimer, Maurice Jacobs, Lawrence Levy, Alfred Meyers, Lester Waldman, Wilber Rosenthal, Paul Katz, Herman Snyder, Albert Rauh and P. Elias Phillips.

Other roles will be announced later.

The plays selected are swift-moving character comedies with one genuine satirical farce. They will be presented late in January or early in February.

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CONGRATULATIONS

Miss Ruth Wolf, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Wolf, and Mr. Bernhard Hirschhorn were married Tuesday evening. Hearty congratulations!

Heartiest Congratulations are extended to Miss Edith Bernstein, of Nashville Tenn., and Mr. Ferdinand Westheimer II; and to Miss Annette Louise Hagedorn and Mr. Irwin Krohn Jr., whose engagements were announced last week.

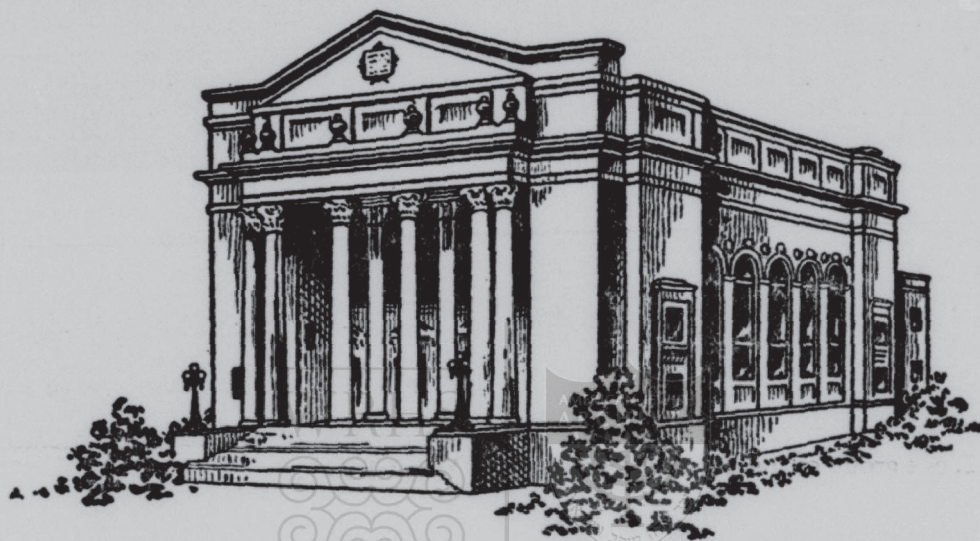
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CINCINNATI, O., JANUARY 26, 1928

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"IS FREEDOM A MYTH?"

Saturday Sermon by RABBI VICTOR EMANUEL REICHERT

Contralto Solo—"By the Waters of Babylon"

Mrs. Elsa Staud Denton

Service at 10:00 A. M.

"ON THE HEIGHTS"

Sunday Address by DR. DAVID PHILIPSON

Duet—"In His Hand are all the Corners"—*Mendelssohn*

Mrs. Bowman and Miss Stein

Service at 10:45 A. M.

Text for the week: "Everything is foreseen, yet freedom of choice is given"—Pirke Aboth 3:19

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President.....Mr. Julius Schild
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Treasurer.....Mr. Julius W. Freiberg
Secretary.....Mr. Harry A. Friedman

Information of interest to the Congregation
should be sent to Miss Herzog for publication
no later than Monday morning.

THE WEEK'S CALENDAR

Thursday, Jan. 26—Girl Scout Meeting, 4:00 P. M. Boy Scout Meeting, 7:30 P. M.

Friday, Jan. 27—Divine Services, 5:30 P. M.

Saturday, Jan. 28—Divine Services, 10:00 A. M.

Sunday, Jan. 29—Elementary and High School
Departments of Religious School, 9:30 A. M.
Divine Services, 10:45 A. M.

Monday, Jan. 30—Sisterhood Braille Class,
9:30 A. M. Council Bible Class, (Dr. Philip-
son) 10:30 A. M. Ruth No. 18 U.O.T.S.
Braille Class, 10:00 A. M.

Tuesday, Jan. 31—Religious School Classes,
3:45 P. M.

Wednesday, Feb. 1—Branch No. 5 American
Red Cross, Hospital Sewing and Surgical
Dressing. Society for Relief of Sick Meeting,
11:00 A. M.

Thursday, Feb. 2—Ruth No. 18 U.O.T.S.
Parliamentary Law Class, 1:00 P. M.
Ruth No. 18 U.O.T.S. Meeting, 2:00 P. M.
Girl Scout Meeting, 4:00 P. M.
Boy Scout Meeting, 7:30 P. M.
Trustees' Board Meeting, 8:00 P. M.

Daily—Divine Services, 5:30 P. M.

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IN MEMORIAM

At the request of members, Kaddish was
recited for their dear ones last week as follows:

Allie Adler	Rachel Franklin
Henry Adler	Samuel Heyn
David F. Brown	Hannah Kohn
Mina Fechheimer	Mary Wise Moss
Nathan Moses	

“A POET’S PRAYER”

We were at our Ohio Valley Poetry Society meeting the other evening. Edward Davison, a brilliant young English poet, was our guest. He had been talking lucidly about the younger English poets and their work. Then he read some of his own talented verse. He had finished his selections when a deeply spiritual and poetic member of the Society requested him to read one of the poems from his “Harvest of Youth” called “O Hand Unseen.” At the close of the evening he whispered in conversation to the lady who had called for this poem, “I’m so grateful you asked me to read ‘O Hand Unseen.’ It’s one of my favorites and it’s rarely requested.” We print it in our corner because it is a poem by a young man who revolts—revolts against the vulgarities that threaten to turn our youth from the Beauty that endures to the cheap, tarnishing side of life.

*O HAND UNSEEN be gentle and kind to me,
Touch me in desperate hour*

When I forget thy guidance; though I be

Impatient of thy power

Yet doth my heart elect

To turn along the way thou dost direct

To meet the ultimate end,

Content on thee, thee only, to depend.

Put forth thy healing fingers, close mine eyes

When on the hill of sleep

I stumble entangled in my memories,

And weep, or seem to weep,

Because of those upturn—

O not alone the rose but even the thorn

That has her beauty too,

Lovelier far than ever yet I knew.

Wake me with urgent influence to the sun

With sleep’s dark summit past.

O when the happy morning is begun

Be visible at last!

Descend in mantling light

Below the clouds till I behold thee bright

Where thou dost intervene,

Shed over me thy peace, O HAND UNSEEN!

The sympathy of the Congregation is extended to Mrs. Si. Bluestein and Mrs. David Davis, on the death of their dear father, Meyer Nathan, who passed away in Indianapolis this past week.

The sympathy of the Congregation is also extended to Mr. Jacob I. Fleicher, on the death of his beloved father.

104TH ANNIVERSARY DINNER SIGNAL SUCCESS

Annual Congregational Dinner Memorably Commemorated

The 104th Anniversary Dinner and Meeting of our Congregation will go down in our Temple Chronicle as a great occasion. The spirit of democracy and genuine fellowship evidenced Wednesday night, January 18th, at the Alms Hotel was a striking testimony to the strength and stability of our historic Congregation. Under the aspect of eternity we are very young, hardly out of our swaddling clothes; but in the chapter of the Jew in America, we are a lusty veteran. The presence of so many young men and women was the eloquent assurance of the future influence and development of our Congregation.

By general consent, the evening was the most delightful the Congregation has had since the historic 100th anniversary when Israel Zangwill was the distinguished guest. Last Wednesday night we were honored by the presence of Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, of Cleveland. Speaking with rare eloquence and charm on the theme "What is Happening to the American Home," Rabbi Silver held the undivided attention of his auditors and left them profoundly stirred and inspired by his striking utterances.

The program proceeded flawlessly. Dr. Philipson offered a moving invocation. Mr. Julius Schild, President of the Congregation, read his report, which, though comprehensive, was brief and lucid. The climax of the evening came when Mr. Schild recommended a fitting celebration to be held next November in honor of the fortieth anniversary of Dr. Philipson's spiritual leadership of K. K. Bene Israel. The warm and spontaneous applause that greeted this recommendation revealed the profound love and admiration in which our Congregation holds its senior Rabbi.

After Mr. Harry H. Friedman, Secretary, and Mr. Ralph W. Mack, President of the Men's Club had made the parliamentary proposals to carry out the President's proposals, applause once more shook the rafters of the Alms Hotel.

Dr. Philipson, deeply touched, delivered a short address, imploring Divine guidance and blessing upon the officers and members of the Congregation.

To relieve what otherwise might have been too serious a program, Mrs. Julian Schwab and Mrs. Carl Keifer composed and presented an Allegorical Farce called "As We'd Like It." Its appeal was instant and elicited enthusiastic praise. The entire cast is to be congratulated. They were:

Congregation Bene Israel.....	Marguerite R. Kiefer
Rabbi Bene Israel.....	Gussie C. Egelson
Sisterhood.....	Rosalind A. Schwab
Center.....	Helen Bottigheimer
Sunday School.....	Blanche B. Kahn
Men's Club.....	Karline Brown
At the Piano.....	Selma B. Meis

Rabbi Victor Emanuel Reichert spoke a few words and Dr. Silver followed with his impressive address. Dancing completed the evening's program. Mrs. Harry Bohm was roundly applauded for her indefatigable labors to make the evening a marked success. The newly elected officers and trustees are as follows: President, Mr. Julius Schild; Vice-President, Mr. Lawrence L. Bing; Treasurer, Mr. Julius W. Freiberg; Secretary, Mr. Harry H. Friedman; Trustees: Messrs. Philip A. Cohen, Samuel Gutmann, Harry Meiss, Nathan Ransohoff, Eugene F. Westheimer and Dr. Albert H. Freiberg.

A CARD FROM DR. PHILIPSON

I cannot refrain from giving public expression in our Bulletin to the great joy that was given me last Wednesday evening on the occasion of the remarkable gathering and demonstration at our Congregational dinner. I have never seen a finer spirit of congregational devotion and fellowship displayed. I wish to express my own appreciation, which I know is that of every person present, of the fine service of Mr. Julius Schild, the President of the Congregation, Mr. Samuel Gutmann, the Chairman of the Committee on Arrangements and Mrs. Harry A. Bohm, the President of the Sisterhood and their aides. They toiled hard for the success of the dinner, but their toil was wonderfully rewarded.

OUR RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

Following the service, read by Mr. Ephraim Rosenzweig, at the Assembly of the Religious School last Sunday, a short sketch was presented by the children of the fifth grade. This grade has been attending classes on Tuesday afternoons under the leadership of Miss Herbst. The work taken up has been for the most part birth-days of great Jewish men. In this connection the lives of Moses Montefiore, Moses Mendelssohn, Max Lilienthal and Isaac Lesser have been studied. The last great man brought to the children's notice was Josef Israels, who was born on January 27, 1824. The children became very much interested in this great artist and decided to write a short sketch woven about his life and present it to the school. This was given in the form of a short dramatization in which stereoptican slides of Israel's paintings were thrown upon the screen. The little actors who wrote and presented this playlet were Regine Altman, Frieda Goldstein, Idyllun Herzberg, Marion Weiland, Sigmund Valin and Mildred Ann Rosenberg. They are planning to submit their production to the *Scroll*.

Room 11, one group of the Confirmation Class, reported perfect attendance and group 1 of Room C had one child absent. Room A of the fifth grade, sent in the largest philanthropic collection. This was followed very closely by Rooms 5, 2 and 8.

Sunday, January 29, will be Birthday Blessing morning. It is hoped that all parents of the January birthday children will be present for this very impressive ceremony.

The High School Assembly last Sunday morning was very well attended. Mrs. Sol Meis gave a delightful program on the organ. Dr. Philipson led the service and spoke to the young people on the present unusual situation in England, where Jews who are members of Parliament have been criticised for voting on the question of the Revision of the bill of Common Prayer, the ritual of the established Church of England. He set forth the situation from various angles and explained why it was not only the privilege but also the duty of these Jewish members who are representing constituents to vote as such representatives but not as Jews.

Messrs. Peiser and Schifrin, teachers of the Junior and Senior Classes conducted these classes to the Jewish Hospital for a lesson in modern philanthropy.

CENTER ACTIVITIES

Last Sunday afternoon the Rockdale Center offered a delightful tea-dance which was well attended. All present enjoyed the afternoon.

Miss Leona Rosebaum, Chairman of the Membership Committee, held a meeting last Sunday. The Committee is anxious to add to the membership and will welcome any suggestions that are offered.

The Religious Committee is taking care of the ushering in the Temple on Sunday morning. Mr. Sylvan Rothschild, Chairman, Avon 1815, will be happy to hear from any young men belonging to the Center who would care to offer their services in this connection.

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YAHREZEIT STUDENT AID FUND

Contributions were received this past week to the Yahrzeit Student Aid Fund as follows:

Mrs. Bertha Mann, in memory of mother, Clara Seligman.

Mrs. Hazel S. Saloshin, in memory of husband, Harry Saloshin.

Mr. Myron D. Kahn, in memory of father, Samuel Kahn.

Mr. Lee Rosenbaum, in memory of wife, Elka Rosenbaum.

Mrs. Louis Lehman, in memory of husband and mother, Louis Lehman and Regina Lehman.

Mrs. David F. Brown, in memory of husband, David F. Brown.

Mrs. Jacob Shroder, in memory of mother, Mina Fechheimer.

Further contributions will be gratefully received by Mrs. Mae Herz, the Chairman of this committee, Avon 2316 R.—40 Haddon Hall.

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Dr. Philipson was in New York the early part of the week, where he presided at the meeting of representatives of Protestant, Catholic and Jewish religious educational bodies. There were present also representatives of the Public Schools, appointed by the President of the National Education Association. The meeting was called to discuss the very important problem of week-day religious instruction.

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CONGRATULATIONS

The Congregation extends heartiest congratulations to Mrs. Sol Fox on the occasion of her 75th birthday.