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Fighting with our backs toward the wall, 1936.

THE CLEVELAND JEWISH CENTER

Grantwood Avenue at East 105th Street

CONCLUDING FRIDAY EVENING FORUM - SERVICE

March 27th, 1936

8:00 P. M.

RABBI ABBA HILLEL SILVER

will speak on

**"FIGHTING WITH OUR
BACKS TO THE WALL"**

RABBI ARMOND E. COHEN

will officiate

The Public Is Welcome



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Rabbi A. H. Silver,

The Temple,

Cleveland, Ohio.



1. Evil time - Crisis - Persecution - Attack.

2. Germany - Govt - cold pogrom - Nuremberg - Degradation
Tragic recession - Spain -

3. Poland - 3 1/2 - Poverty - Riots - Shchitka -

4. Russia - 3 - Ind. Jew - but - Judaism -

{ Org. communal life -
Heb. prohibited - Zionism prescribed -
Rel. hardly known among young
Even Yiddish -
Intermarriage - Assimilation - assimilation
Not Jew but J. people being destroyed!

I.

5. 1/2 Jews & world on the Rack.

6. It is an exist - Our ideals challenged -
life and death struggle bet. our world-view -

1. Monarchy - Normal - Keep - Samuel - "Plato" - "Aristotle"
"most divine form of govt" - Today ←

2. State never supreme - Totalitarianism - Prophets

Samuel vs Saul

Nathan .. David

Elijah .. Ahah

Jeremiah - Zechariah - "humbled"

3. Human Equality - Supremacy - "Adam" - Nazis ←

4. Tolerance - Stranger - Character - Learning - Hated ←

5. Peace - War - Peace - War - Hated ←

7. What shall we do! Carry on! What shall we do! Carry on!

8. How carry on?

(1) Fight for these ideas - Not lose faith in them!
The Future belongs to them!

(2) Not demoralize! Flight! "Exodus" No place -
"I wish a halter out of words"

(3) We have Right to live every where -
Germany etc.

(4) Political Fight - Not 'Terror'

(5) Homeland -
Use present calamity

9. No respect for Traitors
'Nathel' and 'unashamed'



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Friday Evening Forum Services

March 6, 1936

8:00 P. M.

RABBI ARMOND E. COHEN

will speak on the subject

"PURIM THEN—AND NOW"

March 13, 1936

RABBI COHEN WILL PREACH

March 20, 1936

ALUMNI FRIDAY EVENING SERVICE

Concluding Friday Evening Forum Service

March 27, 1936

8:00 P. M.

RABBI ABBA HILLEL SILVER WILL SPEAK

The services will be chanted by
Cantor Kantor and the Choir

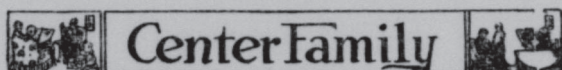
Friday Night Is Synagogue Night



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The membership joins in conveying congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. M. D. Shanman on the happy occasion of their twenty-fourth Wedding Anniversary.

The hearty congratulations of the Congregation are extended to Mr. and Mrs. Fred Stashower on the birth of their daughter, Deborah Leah Stashower.

The Congregation extends congratulations and good wishes to Mrs. Ethel Leah Piorko on the approaching marriage of her son, Bernard, to Miss Sally Goldberg; and to Mrs. Frieda Arnoff on the coming marriage of her son, Philip to Miss Cecile Chiert.

WITH THE RABBI

Rabbi Cohen's recent speaking engagements have taken him to Cincinnati, where he spoke before the Bureau of Jewish Education; Detroit, where he was a guest at the Friday Evening Forum Services of the Shaaray Zedek Congregation; Warren, where he addressed the Annual Dinner of the Orthodox Congregation.

During the coming month, he will speak in Syracuse before the Adath Jeshurun Congregation; in Washington, D. C., where he will lead a discussion on "Capital and Labor Relations in the Synagogue"; in Youngstown before the Anshe Emeth Congregation. Locally, he will address the Willoughby Chamber of Commerce, the Epworth Euclid Church of Cleveland, and the Donor Luncheon of the National Home for Jewish Children at Denver.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

FLOWER FUND: Cantor and Mrs. Abraham Kantor, in honor of their tenth Wedding Anniversary.

In Memoriam

CHARLES BLACHMAN
MORRIS GOODMAN
RONALD GREENBERG
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ISADORE NEWMAN
ANNA SUSSKIND

Purim Festival Service

Saturday Evening, March 7

6:45 P. M.

Program of Services

PROCESSIONAL-----
-----Cantor and Choir
BRIEF MARIV SERVICE

"THE FIRST PURIM"-----
----Rabbi accompanied by Choir

INTRODUCTORY SONG TO
THE MEGILLAH-----
-----Congregation and Choir

THE MEGILLAH
AMERICAN JEWISH
ARCHIVES
SHO SHANOS YAKOV-----
-----Congregation and Choir
HATIKVO

The Congregation is invited to attend the Purim Musical Play to be held in the Auditorium following the Services at 8:30 p. m. The Services will be concluded at 7:45 enabling those with small children to take them home and then return for the Purim play.

"THE LAND OF PROMISE"

Every member of the Jewish Community owes it to himself, his family, and his people to witness the record of Palestine upon the screen. "The Land of Promise" shows in vivid, inspiring fashion the work that has been done by our people in the effort to rebuild Eretz Israel.

This talking movie is being presented at the Hanna Theatre during the week of March 1.

The Sisterhood of the Cleveland Jewish Center

presents

Saturday and Sunday Evenings, March 7 and 8

8:30 P. M.

"PUNCH AND JUDAISM"

A Purim Musical Satire

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A Passenger	Mr. Gerson Chertoff

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Miss Edith Goldstein
Miss Dorothy Rapaport
Miss Edith Sachs
Miss Anita Kaufman

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Mr. Jerome Katzman
Mr. Robert Kohrman
Mr. Manuel Rogozen
Mr. Dave Immerman

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Miss Edith Sachs
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Tickets

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Miss Cyril Unger
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Friday Evening Forum Services

On Friday evening, March 6, the eve of Purim, Rabbi Cohen will preach on "Purim Then—and Now." Members of the congregation are cordially invited to attend this service with their families.

Rabbi Cohen will also preach on Friday evenings of March 13 and 20. On the latter date an Alumni service will be held to which all Youth Groups of the city will be invited.

The concluding Friday evening service will be held on March 27, at which time Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver, one of the great Jewish leaders of the country, will preach the sermon.



Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver

TEACHER-PARENT ORGANIZATION

The Teacher-Parent Organization, under the chairmanship of Mrs. Morris S. Arnoff, has launched its first year program with an enthusiastic response. Mrs. Sam H. Goldman, secretary-treasurer, and Mrs. Benjamin B. Levy, chairman of the Membership Committee, report that 280 families have already enrolled in the T. P. O. With this excellent showing, plans for future educational activities are rapidly going forward.

The first Open House of the Religious School held under T. P. O. auspices on Sunday morning, February 16, 1936, was attended by approximately one hundred fathers and mothers of children enrolled in the Religious School Elementary Department. Our visitors sat in the classrooms with their children to observe at first hand the operations of the school.

T. P. O. parties for rooms achieving highest percentage of parents enrolled as T. P. O. members were held on Sunday morning, February 23, for the IA Class of Mrs. Eisenberg and Miss Moritz, the IIIA Class of Miss Ulevitch and Miss Goldberg, the IB Class of Miss Pearl Lieberman and Miss Faigin, and the IVB Class of Miss Goldberg and Miss Pearl Lieberman.

A large and enthusiastic crowd braved

the weather to hear Mr. A. L. Bittikofer on the latest innovation in child character training, "Human Engineering," on February 19. The speaker was introduced to our audience by Mrs. J. Goodstein, chairman of the Program Committee. A short business meeting preceding the talk was climaxed by the announcement that "Yamelkas" were being presented by the T. P. O. to every boy in the Religious School for Synagogue worship. The musical program featuring the first public appearance of the newly organized Religious School Orchestra, under the direction of Mr. Harry Gold, presented a promising ten-piece group which is expected to add instrumental music to Sunday School Assemblies regularly in the future.

On Wednesday evening, March 11, a meeting of the teachers of the first three grades with the parents of children in the Elementary Department will be held in the Alumni Room at 8:00 p. m.

The success of the first Open House has induced the T. P. O. to sponsor a second Open House for the Intermediate Department, including the 4th, 5th, and 6th grades. Parents of children in these grades are invited to join with their children in attending their classes and meetings on Sunday morning, March 15, at 9:30 p. m.

A Message from the Rabbi

Another Purim

THE approach of another Purim, occurring Saturday evening, March 7, brings pangs of remorse to the realistic observer of the trend of Jewish life in America. For in few synagogues of our land shall we find happy throngs of Jews—hundreds of children who have come to recall a happy escape of the Jews of Persia from the oppressing hand of their Anti-Semitic Chancellor. In our mind's eye, we can picture the huge synagogues of America empty and still, sadly quiet because only a handful of old men and women and a few children will be found in them—only a few who still have the desire or understand the importance of preserving a Jewish holiday. The approach of Purim brings pangs of remorse because we know that Purim is not the only deserted form of Jewish life. What of the Sabbath? What of Passover and Shavuoth and what of Succoth? Fewer and fewer are those who return each year to recall the great historical episodes which the holidays commemorate and to derive therefrom teaching and inspiration for the future conduct of Jewish life.

The remorse gradually converts itself into bitterness, for, in direct proportion as our eyes behold the decline of Jewish forms, our ears hear the increasing crescendo of the babble about "Jewish problems," "programs in Jewish life," "organization," etc., *ad nauseam*. The less we seem to live like Jews, the more we seem to "talk Judaism."

But of what avail is bitterness? An embittered leader must be ineffective. Rather let exhortation be the clarion call to action! Let us then, as a great Congregation, act to revive this Purim as the first step in the revival of the inspiring traditional forms of Jewish living. Would you live the "Judaism" you talk about? Begin by attending the beautiful Purim Festival of our Congregation. We shall assemble on Saturday evening, March 7, in our Synagogue, parents and children alike, at 6:45. Let the prayers of the Mariv service rekindle the glow in dreary Jewish hearts! Let the Purim melodies of Cantor and Choir waken us to a warmer Jewish life! Let the Purim story give us new hope and faith that a kind Providence will again redeem us from Hitler as from Haman!

Armond E. Cohen.

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ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT NEWS

Mr. Charles Schlesinger, director of the Center Athletic Department, announces the holding of the annual Jewish Center Junior Swimming Meet. Under the direction of Miss Ruth Schmittke and Mr. Philip Margolin, a schedule of thirteen swimming events open to boys and girls up to fourteen years of age has been planned for Saturday evening, March 14, at 8:00 p. m. Prizes are to be awarded the winners. An added attraction will be a spectacular exhibition of Life Saving.

The program follows:

1. 20-Yard Free Style Swim—boys up to 10.
2. 20-Yard Free Style Swim—girls up to 10.
3. 60-Yard Breaststroke—boys up to 14.
4. Sucker Race—boys and girls up to 10.
5. 60-Yard Breaststroke—girls up to 14.
6. 60-Yard Free Style Swim—boys up to 13.
7. 40-Yard Backstroke—boys up to 12.
8. 60-Yard Free Style Swim—girls up to 14.
9. Life Saving Exhibition.
10. 40-Yard Backstroke—girls up to 12.
11. Candle Race—girls up to 14.
12. Paper Race—boys up to 14.
13. 100-Yard Free Style Swim—boys up to 14.

Boys and girls of the Center are cordially invited to make their entries at the Gym office before March 12.

ALUMNEWS

The second half of the Alumni Year opened auspiciously on February 22 with an Inter-Temple dance sponsored jointly by the Alumni Associations of the Temple on the Heights and the Center. In charge of arrangements for the Center was Mr. Sanford Chertoff. Spira Hall was patriotically decorated for the occasion with George Washingtoniana. Ingeniously arranged lighting effects and a genial spirit of good fellowship contributed to the gaiety of this first inter-Temple social event.

The Drama Group of the Alumni Association is selecting a drama of contemporary Jewish interest for its next production which will be given early in May. Casting will take place before the end of the month.

ZIMRA

The new Choral Group of the Alumni meets each Sabbath afternoon at 5:00 p. m., in Alumni Hall under the leadership of the Cantor. It is learning the Synagogue melodies and modern Palestinian Folk Songs. All are welcome.

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