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Statement on death of Rabbi Barnett Brickner, Cleveland, 1958.

STATEMENTS TO PRESS AND RADIO RE DEMISE OF RABBI BARNETT R. BRICKNER  
MAY 14, 1958

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I HAVE BEEN DEEPLY SHOCKED BY THE NEWS OF THE DEATH OF RABBI BRICKNER. HIS SUDDEN PASSING IS A GREAT LOSS, NOT ALONE TO THE JEWISH COMMUNITY OF CLEVELAND, BUT TO ALL OUR PEOPLE, REGARDLESS OF RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION, FOR DR. BRICKNER WAS A FRIEND OF ALL MEN AND HIS SPIRITUAL MINISTRY WAS NEVER LIMITED TO ANY ONE COMMUNION.

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ish paper re-) that he derived deep satisfaction and happiness from his recent visit  
lease, only } to Israel on the occasion of its 10th Anniversary celebration.

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PSALM 8 WAS A FAVORITE ONE OF RABBI BRICKNER. I HAVE  
*requested*  
BEEN ~~ASKED~~ BY THE FAMILY TO READ IT AT THIS SERVICE.

I AM PLEASED TO DO SO IN TRIBUTE TO A DISTINGUISHED  
COLLEAGUE WHOSE PASSING IS A GREAT LOSS TO OUR ENTIRE  
COMMUNITY.

AND ALSO IN THE HOPE THAT IT MIGHT BRING SOME COMFORT  
TO THE MEMBERS OF HIS BEREAVED FAMILY.

THIS EXALTED PSALM SPEAKS OF THE SURPASSING GREATNESS  
AND MAJESTY OF GOD AND OF THE UNIVERSE WHICH HE  
CREATED IN WHICH MORTAL MAN, BECAUSE OF HIS PHYSICAL  
LIMITATIONS, IS BY CONTRAST, QUITE INSIGNIFICANT.

BUT THE PSALM ALSO PROCEEDS TO EXTOLL MAN, WHO, BECAUSE  
OF HIS SPIRITUAL ENDOWMENTS, OCCUPIES AN EMINENT  
ROLE IN CREATION IN SPITE OF HIS FRAIL MORTALITY.



PSALM 8

O LORD OUR LORD, HOW EXCELLENT IS THY NAME IN ALL THE  
EARTH! WHO HAST SET THY GLORY ABOVE THE HEAVENS.

OUT OF THE MOUTH OF BABES AND SUCKLINGS HAST THOU  
ORDAINED STRENGTH BECAUSE OF THINE ENEMIES, THAT THOU

