

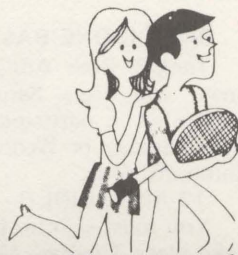


Beth Am commentator

March 19, 1976

Miami, Florida

Looking For Athletic Activities For Your Children?



Summer Program Is The Answer

Beth Am's summer program features all forms of athletic activities. Our most important activity is swimming under the guidance of a qualified Red Cross swimming instructor. If your youngster does not know how to swim, we will teach him. If he knows the dog paddle, we'll teach him the crawl and the backstroke and teach water safety.

We are also big on tennis, baseball, football, basketball, volleyball, badminton, soccer, golf, and karate, all under the guidance of mature, competent instructors.

Naturally, we have other activities such as arts and crafts, music and dance, field trips, cookouts, and a host of other forms of recreation.

It's time to register. Summer program starts on June 14 and runs for eight weeks. Call Rhoda Bernheimer at 667-5587 for details.

Spring Adult Ed Starts Soon

ZIONISM, ISRAEL AND YOU! The important facts concerning the growth and nature of Zionism, and the present crisis situation, taught by Rabbis Julian Cook and Jay Miller, beginning Tuesday, March 23, at 8:00 p.m.

MYSTERIES OF THE PASSOVER HAGGADAH AND THE LITURGY. Just in time for Passover, taught by Rabbi Chefitz, also beginning Tuesday, March 23, at 8:00 p.m.

YOUNG SINGLES PLAN BACKGAMMON NIGHT MAR. 17

Singles Limited, Temple Beth Am's group for singles in their 20's, will have a special backgammon event Wednesday evening, March 17, at 8:00 p.m., in the Youth Lounge, open to all young singles in the Jewish community. Professional backgammon players, rank amateurs, even those who don't care for the game, but just want to meet people, are all welcome. So bring a backgammon set, and a friend. If you come with neither, we'll try to provide both.

Registration Open

BETH AM PRE-SCHOOL AND DAY SCHOOL

Call School Office — 665-6228

Member registration priority ends as of April 1

RELIGIOUS SERVICE

FRIDAY, MARCH 19, 8:30 p.m., RABBI BAUMGARD

"Why Is The Younger

Generation So Unhappy?"

Henry LeClair, Cantorial Soloist

SATURDAY, MARCH 20, 11:15 a.m., TORAH SERVICE

Sisterhood Gals To See Panama Hattie

Those hard-working Sisterhood ladies who are on their way to making their \$60 donor can look forward to a wonderful day on Wednesday, May 12--the date of the fantabulous donor affair.

The group will meet at the Temple at 11 a.m., board a chartered bus (donated by Barbara and Stan Mintz), then laugh, talk, sing and enjoy the scenery as the bus whisks them over to the elegant Roney Pub for a scrumptious full course luncheon. Then, off to the Theatre of the Performing Arts to see that energetic, veteran show stopper, Ann Miller, in Cole Porter's "Panama Hattie." After a wonderful afternoon of beautiful music, exuberant dancing, and just plain good entertainment, then back to the bus for a leisurely ride home.

After all this, you will undoubtedly say, "I'm certainly happy I made donor this year!" Remember, you have till April 30 to hand in your slips and make donor. For information, call Ann Fernandez, 274-9040, or the Temple office.



The Temple's annual Seder will be held on the second Seder night, Thursday evening, April 15, 1976, at 6:00 p.m., in the Social Hall. Joan Schwartzman, in our Temple office, can answer all questions at 667-5587.

SEDER RESERVATION FORM

Mail or bring in to Temple office, 5950 North Kendall Drive, Miami, Florida 33156.

Name _____

Address _____ Phone _____

MEMBERS OF THE CONGREGATION

Adults, \$10.00 each; children, \$7.50 each (under 12).

Check enclosed for \$ _____ Adults _____ Children _____

NON-MEMBERS OF THE CONGREGATION

Adults, \$13.50 per person; children, \$9.00 each (under 12).

Check enclosed for \$ _____ Adults _____ Children _____

Special price for university students. Call Temple office for details. Reservations must be received by the office no later than April 9.

I would like to be seated with _____

MONDAY EVENING, MARCH 15, 7:30 p.m.

Purim Service

IN THE GRAND OLD TRADITION

Reading of the Megillah, Purim Torah, and festivities for the whole family



FROM THE RABBI'S DESK

The Differences Between Reform And Orthodoxy

1. The Orthodox Jews believe that the Bible is the work of God. Reform Jews believe that the Bible is the work of inspired men and therefore subject to criticism.

2. Orthodox Jews believe that the ceremonial law and the rituals are as much of divine origin as are the moral laws, and therefore are mandatory. Reform Jews believe that the moral laws are of divine origin, but that the ceremonial law and the ritual were created by men for particular periods. Therefore, Reform Jews say that the moral law is mandatory and the ceremonial law is voluntary. Accordingly, we never say, "You must perform a certain ritual," or "God will punish you," but we urge upon our people that they observe certain rituals and ceremonies because they have ethical value, historical value, reminder value.

3. Orthodoxy stresses the fact that the fear of God is necessary and that He will punish you if you do not follow His laws. Reform Judaism stresses the merciful nature of God and His forgiveness. Reform selects that part of the tradition which is most meaningful to it. God is merciful and forgiving, also in the tradition, but Reform claims that God does not wish to punish at all and is not to be feared, but loved.

4. Reform Judaism generally follows the Biblical description of the festivals in terms of the days of observance, i.e., first and last days of Sukkos, Passover, and one day for Shavuot. Orthodoxy follows the custom of the Diaspora which is two days.

5. Reform emphasizes understanding of the service which is why so much of it is in English, and trims the service to make it more compact and absorbable in a meaningful way by modern Jews.

6. Reform emphasizes the need for action by men in solving their world's problems, while Orthodoxy stresses the saving power of God. Further again, it is important to point out that Reform has selected this emphasis from the midst of the tradition.

7. Reform emphasizes the universalistic aspects of our teachings, while Orthodoxy emphasizes the special relationship of God to Israel.

Varnavitskis Granted Permission To Emigrate

The following telegram was received on January 24 by Sisterhood's Soviet Jewry committee member, Cynthia Lewis. It came from the Israel Varnavitski family, a family whom we have been aiding for many years in their attempts to emigrate from Leningrad to Israel: "Got permission. Happy. Many thanks. Yours, Israel Ludmilla Varnavitski."

They are not out yet, but they have permission. Keep writing to your senators, congressmen, and president.

Support Buy Israel Program

Every Jewish family can participate in the Mitzvah of helping Israel in her current difficult times by buying Israeli products.

The Buy Israel slogan is "\$1.00 per week per person," (\$50.00 a year), and even this small amount can increase many times the sales of Israeli products.

The Passover holidays are approaching and the Israeli Passover quality food products will be available in many supermarkets and stores. Include Israeli Passover products in your shopping lists.

Girls Basketball Team Opens Season

Temple Beth Am's girls basketball team, The Hot Shots, were beaten Saturday, February 28, by the City of Miami's Coral Gate Park basketball team. Believe it or not, our only basket was scored by Lisa Margolis.

Well, it could have been worse. Would you believe no points? Fans, don't forget that old saying, "We have not yet begun to play basketball."

ONE-ON-ONE BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT STARTS

Temple Beth Am's one-on-one annual basketball tournament will begin Saturday, April 3, at 2:00 p.m. Anyone interested in participating, please contact Barry Friedman on any Tuesday or Wednesday night at the gym. There will be three divisions:

12 AND UNDER - 14 AND UNDER - 16 AND UNDER

You must sign up by Saturday, March 27. The drawing will take place Tuesday, March 30, at 7:30 p.m., at the gym. You will be called and told who you play and when.

PASSOVER CENTERPIECES EARN DONOR CREDIT

Passover is a time of joy and remembrance. Brighten your Passover table and your home with magnificent, traditional or modern, Passover floral arrangements. Sisterhood is now taking orders for spring flower centerpieces. Twenty percent donor credit is being given. Cost is \$10, \$12.50, \$15, or \$20. Please place all orders before April 5. Call Sheila Hellinger at 253-3236.

YOUR JUDAICA SHOP SERVES YOU

Ten percent donor credit, gifts, candles, cards, books, toys, and all your holiday needs. Large discounts on invitations. New hours: Wed., 3:30 to 5:00 p.m., Fri., after Oneg Shabbat, Sun., 9:30 to 12:00 noon. For information, call Millie Infeld, 238-2238.

Joan's Gems

By JOAN SCHWARTZMAN

Did you know that Sandra Goldman, who teaches in our Religious School, recently showed her new series of prints and paintings at Beth Am? Sandy studied in Miami and Boston and had had numerous one-woman shows in the area. . . . It was so nice seeing old friends at our recent anniversary weekend celebration. Come around more often; we miss you. . . . Don't miss the Purim Carnival, March 14. It's so much fun for the adults and the children. . . . Congratulations to Thelma and Sidney Schreer upon the forthcoming marriage of their son, Andy, to Gail Coplein. The wedding is scheduled for May in New Jersey.

Bnai

Mitzvah



Saturday
March 20
11:15 a.m.

Howard, son of
Mr. and Mrs. Robert Baker
David, son of
Mr. and Mrs. Richard Littman