



Beth Am Commentator

September 10, 1976

Miami, Florida

RELIGIOUS SERVICE

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 8:30 p.m., RABBI CHEFITZ

"Ascending To The Days Of Awe"

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 11:15 a.m., TORAH SERVICE



The Committee Of 100

The Committee of 100 is happy to welcome to their ranks the following families:

Marvin and Betty Florman
Dr. Karl and Madelon Green
Paul J. and Helen Jo Sykes

The following member family has voluntarily REJOINED the Committee of 100 for the 1976-77 year:

Bernard and Evelyn Goodman

S'lichot Service Saturday, Sept. 18

Bring your friends to the entertaining program which we will hold on Saturday night, September 18, prior to the S'lichot, or Forgiveness Service. The entertainment begins at 9:30 p.m., in the Social Hall. Refreshments will be served at 11:00 p.m. The brief service begins at 11:30 p.m.

The service, an original one by Rabbi Baumgard, is a mood service performed without prayer books. Those who are mystically inclined will find the very brief service deeply moving. It is based on the Traditional S'lichos, or "Forgiveness" theme, and it introduces the High Holiday period. A program of entertainment will precede the service, beginning at 9:30 p.m. The program will include something for young and old. The service begins at 11:30 p.m. sharp.

Problems Relating To Aging Parents

If you are experiencing some difficulty relating to parents as they grow older, you're not the only one. We sense this "Other Generation Gap" is creating friction in many families, and so we have arranged a six week workshop entitled "You and Your Aging Parents--the Other Generation Gap." The focus of the course will be to help the families of elderly relatives through the aging process. We hope to demonstrate a method that can provide opportunities for mature adults to assess their own philosophy and to develop an understanding of the changing relationships within the family.

The workshop is scheduled to begin Tuesday evening, October 5, at 8:00 p.m., and will continue for six weeks. Faculty will come from the staff of the Jewish Family and Children's Service. The registration fee is \$25 for an individual, \$40 for a couple. Registration will be limited, so send your check made payable to Temple Beth Am to the office as soon as possible.



It's Later Than You Think

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL STARTS THIS WEEK

(Class assignments have been mailed to all registered students)

Saturday Classes Start at 9:00 a.m., September 11

Sunday Classes Start at 9:30 a.m., September 12

Hebrew School Classes Start on Monday, September 13

Monday Night Classes Start at 7:15 p.m., September 13

HIGH HOLIDAY ADMISSION CARDS MAILED TO REGISTERED MEMBERS SEPTEMBER 10

SISTERHOOD OPENING FASHION SHOW, WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

S'LICHOT SERVICE, SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

BROTHERHOOD OPENING BREAKFAST, SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

HIGH HOLIDAY SERVICES START FRIDAY EVE, SEPTEMBER 24

Post Confirmands Meet Sept. 12

The most recent confirmation class, confirmed in June, 1976, will hold an informal reunion at the Temple in the Youth Lounge, on Sunday, September 12, at 5:00 p.m.

FUN AND GAMES

JUKE BOX

FOOD

PING PONG

POOL

Do you want to help?

Call: Linda Fernandez . . . 279-6110
Shelly Epstein . . . 271-2625
David Roth . . . 235-0765

HIGH HOLIDAY ADMISSION CARDS WILL BE MAILED TO ALL REGISTERED MEMBERS SEPTEMBER 10



FROM THE RABBI'S STUDY

The Sexual Revolution

You better believe that there has been a sexual revolution, and it is intensifying. Pre-marital sex for girls, as well as boys, is something generally accepted by the young people. The question now seems to be not "if," but "when" and "with whom." Those young people who take a stand along traditional lines (wait until you're married) increasingly find themselves in the minority. They frequently have to pretend to have liberal views if they are not to be considered "square" or "out of it." Whereas boys used to lie about their conquests in order to be "in" with the gang, now girls find a similar pressure to talk about their sexual experiences.

The first standard to be overwhelmed by the new revolution was that which restricted sex to marriage. The second standard in the process of being overwhelmed is that which restricts sex to a "love relationship." Many of the young people support this standard as strongly as some of us used to support the sex and marriage standard, but there does not seem to be complete agreement about what a "love relationship" is. For some, this means the relationship into which one enters as a "trial" before marriage (many of these do not result in marriage and studies show that more people who have lived together before marriage get divorced than those who don't). For many others, the "love relationship" is simply one in which you are going steady with one person whom you like rather much. Next month, you might not like him/her that much, but right now you do. Shortly after one breaks up with this latter kind of "love relationship," one enters into a new such relationship which is equally valid because, after all, it is "love."

For those who are in the middle of such developments, as a Rabbi necessarily is, it can easily be seen that the new sexual freedom is very bewildering to our youngsters. They don't really know how to handle it. There is obviously a progressive diluting of the nature of "love." Only the strongest kind of youngster, who is innately conservative, seems to identify the love relationship with the person he/she intends to marry. Many others are involved in continuing sexual relationship that does not have futuristic implications. One enters such a relationship simply to have a boy friend or girl friend, so that one won't be lonely, or bored. When this relationship ends, one goes on to the next relationship, hoping that it might be more satisfactory.

Then, there is the legion of young people who are not even so fortunate as those who, at least, have a continuing relationship with one person. The legion is involved with fly-by-night sexual associations. These people simply hope to find a person who will be kind enough to sleep with them overnight or over the weekend. For them, life is a constant stream of "Hellos" and "Good-byes" and experiments.

The next result of the sexual revolution is the decline in the number of marriages, the delaying of marriage, the decline in families with children, the mingling of people of different religious faiths and cultural backgrounds, and a surging stream of people who use each other for so long as the situation permits. All of these facts together are disastrous for the prospect of the continuation of the Jewish people and the Jewish faith. Our youngsters are either not getting married (since sex is available at all times anyhow) or getting married so late in life that they will have very few children, if any. The already small Jewish community in America is consequently rapidly declining and our very existence is challenged.

Quite apart from whether the sexual revolution is moral or good for society is the question whether it is good for the Jewish people. The answer is clear for us; it is catastrophic. If there are no Jewish children, there is no Jewish community of tomorrow. Consequently, we must take our stand against the revolution if only for this reason.

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Yizkor Service 'Book Of Memorial'

To remember your loved ones, have their names listed in our "Book of Memorial" which will be distributed at our Yizkor Service on Monday, October 4. Fill in the form below and mail to the Temple office. As a guide, may we suggest the following:

- Tree of Life \$500.00
- Shelf of Library Books \$100.00
- Memorial Plaque \$250.00
- Five Prayer Books \$ 25.00
- One Library Book \$ 10.00

Please include the following names in the "Book of Memorial." I have circled the item I wish dedicated.

_____ Contribution _____

Signed _____ Telephone _____

Beth Am Sisterhood IDEAS THROUGH BOOKS

The first meeting of this stimulating group will be held on Thursday, September 23, 9:30 a.m., at the home of Miriam Cherkas, 7480 S.W. 132 Street, 235-7974.

Blanche Brass will discuss "Humboldt's Gift," by Saul Bellow. It is advantageous to have read the book, but not a pre-requisite. The book will be available soon in soft back. Anyone interested may attend.

Beth Am Singles Discussion Group

The first meeting will be held September 15, at 8:00 p.m., in Room 23 of the Teenage Building. Our speaker for the evening will be Rabbi Chefitz and his topic will be "The Art of Discussion."

Bnai

Mitzvah

Saturday
September 11
11:15 a.m.



Jeffrey, son of
Dr. and Mrs. Joel Kallan
Stuart, son of
Mrs. Arlene Sheldon

