



Beth Am Commentator

March 25, 1977

Miami, Florida

Rabbi Chefitz

"EXPERIENTIAL PRAYER AN EXERCISE IN SPONTANEITY"

Friday, March 25, 8:30 p.m., RELIGIOUS SERVICE

Saturday, March 26, 11:15 a.m., TORAH SERVICE

Passover Starts Sat., April 2

Saturday, April 2, marks the start of one of our most important holidays, namely Passover.

There are certain significant dates concerning Passover which you should mark on your calendar.

MINYAN SERVICE

Saturday, April 2, 6:00 p.m., in the Sanctuary
This is the first night of Passover at which time you should conduct your home seder

PASSOVER SERVICE

Sunday morning, April 3, 10:00 a.m., in the Sanctuary

TEMPLE SEDER

Sunday evening, April 3, 6:00 p.m., Social Hall

YISKOR SERVICE

Saturday morning, April 9, 11:15 a.m., in the Sanctuary

Special Experience At Service March 25

Rabbi Chefitz teaches a class on prayer to the seventh grade. Prayer is treated not as literature, but as exercise to produce and develop certain feeling tones.

This is not a new approach to Jewish prayer. It has its beginnings with Abraham, the first to sense the unity implicit in the universe. The formal exercises were developed by the students of mysticism nearly two thousand years ago. Surely, the fruits of such study should not be enjoyed by the seventh grade alone. Come this Friday evening, and be prepared to stretch your feelings.

Jewish Women In A Changing Society

Wednesday, April 20, 1977 At Temple

Schedule: 9:30 a.m., Registration 11:00 a.m., Workshop II
9:50 a.m., Welcome 12:00 p.m., Luncheon
10:00 a.m., Workshop I 12:30 p.m., Workshop
Summary

REGISTRATION FEE: \$3.50 (includes luncheon)

WORKSHOP I - 10:00 a.m. Number 1st and 2nd Choice

- A. "Human Sexuality": The art of loving, the joy of sex.
- B. "You and Your Aging Parents": The other generation gap (film).
- C. "Career Retraining": Changing gears in midlife.
- D. "Relating to Teenagers": Adolescent ups and downs.
- E. "Marriage": How to have an even more successful one.

WORKSHOP II - 11:00 a.m. Number 1st and 2nd Choice

- A. "Human Sexuality": The art of loving, the joy of sex.
- B. "The Liberated Woman": At home or at work.
- C. "Middlscence": The best is yet to be.
- D. "The Snoopy Set": Children in a changing society.
- E. "Marriage": How to have an even more successful one.

Please complete and return with check by Friday, April 15. Make check payable to Temple Beth Am Sisterhood, 5950 N. Kendall Drive, Miami, Florida.

Name _____ Phone _____

Amount of Check _____

Committee Of 100 Holds Annual Meeting

On Sunday, March 27, the members of the Committee of 100 have been invited to the home of Rabbi and Selma Baumgard for their annual get-together. As is the custom, all members of the Committee have a chance to meet with the Baumgards and the rest of our executive staff at an informal cocktail party. This is not a fund-raising affair, but an occasion when members of the Committee will have a chance to discuss problems in the Jewish community and on Jewish survival.

Also at this affair, the Committee will award its "Family of the Year" award to that family who has been most instrumental in the success of the Committee of 100 and Temple Beth Am.

Temple Seder Sunday, April 3



Special Rates For Children Under 5

The Temple's annual Seder will be held on the second Seder night, Sunday evening, April 3, at 6:00 p.m., in the Social Hall. The Rabbis will lead the narration of the Haggadah.

In an effort to increase attendance at our Seder for parents with very young children, we are pleased to announce that the price for a complete Passover dinner for children under five years of age will be \$4.00 per child for members and \$5.00 per child for non-members. Children five through 12 are \$7.50 each for members and \$9.00 each for non-members.

SEDER RESERVATION FORM

Mail or bring to the Temple together with your check.

Name _____

Address _____ Phone _____

MEMBERS OF THE CONGREGATION

Adults, \$10.00; Children 5-12, \$7.50; Children 4 years and under, \$4.00.

NON-MEMBERS OF THE CONGREGATION

Adults, \$13.50; Children 5-12, \$9.00; Children 4 years and under, \$5.00.

Check enclosed for \$ _____ Adults _____

Children 5 to 12 _____ Children 4 and younger _____



FROM THE RABBI'S STUDY

The Crisis In Teachers

I was raised in a home in which one did not have to speak too much about Judaism, for Judaism was everywhere. It was present three times a day at the table, where my mother maintained a strictly kosher cuisine. It was present on the Sabbath with the meal consecrated to the introduction of the "different" day. The candles were lit with prayer, and my mother's solemnity in the act was not lost on me. The kiddush was recited, and the prayer over the bread was seriously spoken. The meaning of the Sabbath was reinforced by instructions "You can't ride. You can't write." Saturday morning was spent in the synagogue (Orthodox). My mother was ever the teacher. As I grew older, I developed some different ideas about how Judaism could best be expressed in America, but I never lost the emotional involvement in Judaism that my mother gave me.

Jewish mothers today generally do not observe as many rituals as my mother. They do not apparently consider it their sacred duty to pass on the tradition in this fashion. How then do mothers pass on the love for Judaism today? Do they talk about Jewish history and Jewish values? My mother would say to me constantly, "A Jewish boy doesn't do this." No matter if the crowd engaged in stealing or violence, "a Jewish boy does not do those things." I learned how to act differently from most of my comrades. If the American mother teaches similarly today, does she add, "You have this responsibility because you are Jewish, because you are the bearer of a different code of honor." Does she teach a sense of noblesse oblige?

You will observe that I haven't talked much about my father. Poor fellow, he was trapped by the American dream and possibility of making money. He worked in his tailor shop from dawn to dusk seven days a week. He couldn't teach me much of anything except how to work fanatically. I did know, however, that he was honest, loyal to his family. He was not in pursuit of that demon-god, "pleasure." His pleasure came from helping to put food on the table, which wasn't particularly easy in those days.

But, back to our point, in those days, mother was the teacher of Judaism. Who teaches Judaism today? The religious school? All the studies show that where a child has a deep and profound respect for his faith, he acquires it in the home. The school can only add to what the home stimulates. We have the child two hours a week. You have him/her 146 hours a week.

But you do want the most wonderful person teaching your child in the religious school when he comes to us, don't you? How can you be sure that we have such a person on staff? Maybe, you ought to apply for this job as a contribution to your child and to others. We'll train you. We need "the most wonderful people" badly. Drop a card or call Rabbi Cook at the Temple now. We're training teachers for next fall. Can we hope for some male applicants? Note: not all those accepted for the "teaching class" will be hired

PURIM CARNIVAL THANK YOU

To all those fantastic volunteers who helped make this the best Purim carnival yet, our many thanks.

--Robbie, Suzy, and Millie

SCHOOL NOTICES

Saturday and Sunday, March 26 and 27

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL SEDERS

Saturday, Sunday and Monday, April 2, 3, and 4
Saturday, Sunday and Monday, April 9, 10, and 11

NO RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

Monday through Thursday, April 4 through April 7
and Monday and Tuesday, April 11 and 12

NO HEBREW SCHOOL

Monday, April 4 through Friday, April 8

NO CLASSES FOR

NURSERY/KINDERGARTEN/DAY SCHOOL

SO. FLORIDA FEDERATION MEETING MAR. 24

Barton Udell, president of the South Florida Federation of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations invites all interested members to an open meeting on Thursday, March 24, at 8:00 p.m., at Temple Sinai of North Miami Beach.

There will be a special presentation and discussion of the Jewish view of capital punishment.

PATIO MEETING OF DAY SCHOOL PARENTS

Mark your calendar for special patio meeting to be held at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, April 12. At this time, United Family and Children's Services will present "Hello and Goodbye," a play about growing up and letting go. In addition, it is also the night of our secular annual book fair where you may choose from a selection of fantastic books. As a final treat, we will present an art exhibit. So, mark your calendar now for this special night.

JOAN'S GEMS

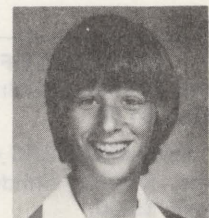
By JOAN SCHWARTZMAN

Mazel tov to our Beth Am families of Marcie and Sheldon Blank and Claire and Ted Sobel upon the engagement of their children, Lizbeth and Peter. The young couple plan a June wedding. . . . A little bird told me that Sid and Syd Efronson are celebrating their 25th wedding anniversary. Mazel tov! . . . To Murray and Florence Birchansky upon their 25th, mazel tov! . . . For kids who want to attend the University of Alabama and are presently sophomores, juniors, and seniors in high school, the school officials will communicate with you directly if you so desire. Write to Mr. Lawrence C. Falk, Director of Information Services, the University of Alabama, P.O. Box 1408, University, Alabama 35486.

B'nai

Mitzvah

Saturday
March 26
11:15 a.m.



Howard, son of
Mr. and Mrs. Myron Morgan