



Beth Am COMMENTATOR

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Miami, Florida

Rabbi Mitchell Chefitz

"FUTURE MODELS FOR THE SYNAGOGUE"

Friday, October 21, 8:30 p.m., RELIGIOUS SERVICE

Saturday, October 22, 11:15 a.m., TORAH SERVICE

Art Auction November 5

There will be lithographs, serigraphs, original oils, etchings. There will be works by old masters and new--Picasso, Dali, Calder, Boulanger, and many others. The date is Saturday, November 5. The auction will start at 8:30 p.m., in the Social Hall.

Sponsored by Sisterhood and conducted by Art America, Gary Sher, auctioneer, the auction will be an opportunity to learn about art as well as to buy beautifully and expertly framed original pieces starting at amounts as low as \$30.

In keeping with the theme of the auction, "The Art of Celebration," there will be a wine and cheese party at the preview from 7:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. the night of the auction. There also will be a sneak preview on Friday evening, November 4, after services during the Oneg.

Sisterhood is very pleased to announce that Art America has donated a \$300 work of art, The Dancers, as the raffle door prize. This is one of the fine works of the recently deceased, internationally known Israeli artist, Sandu Liberman. Among his other works is the official portrait of Nelson Rockefeller, commissioned to be hung in the New York Hall of Governors, in the Capitol Building, in Albany, New York.

Admission is free. Come, bring your friends, enjoy a wonderful evening. Browse, bid, and perhaps go home with a fine work of art to grace your living room or office, purchased at a remarkably low price. Chairlady Maxine Gordon notes that art can be purchased with checks made out to Sisterhood.

More Adult Ed Courses Starting

The response to our first series of courses has been phenomenal. We hope that the response to our second series this fall will be as great.

HEBREW FROM SCRATCH

Lenore Kipper can teach you enough Hebrew in four weeks to read the prayers and follow the service, even if you don't know an aleph from a bet. We know she can because she has succeeded a half dozen times already with full classes. Register now! Four Thursday evenings, beginning October 27, 8:00 to 10:00 p.m., in Room 24.

SEXUALITY IN THE JEWISH HOME

Joan Levy will be offering this workshop and discussion for both men and women. She has taught human sexuality at the University of Miami Medical School and Barry College, and last year conducted a Sisterhood workshop here that was well received. Four Wednesday evenings, beginning October 26, 8:00 to 10:00 p.m., in Room 27.

A BRIDGE TO THE KABBALAH

Rabbi Chefitz will conduct an exploration of various early mystical texts. This is an advanced course and is open only to those who have taken his "Introduction to Practical Mysticism." Four Tuesday evenings, beginning October 25, 8:00 to 10:00 p.m., in Room 27.

Havurah Service Friday, October 21

Would your family like to join with a few others to celebrate together, to study together, to become an extended family? If so, then you have an interest in Havurah! Havurah is a Hebrew word which means a fellowship of such families interested in some form of Jewish togetherness. What a single family might hesitate to do, a Havurah does with ease--building a Sukkah, for example. Or having a latke party on Chanukah. Or a second Seder on Passover. Or studying the Prophets, or the Talmud, or Jewish philosophy.

The last time we wrote about Havurot at Beth Am, we had ten. Now we have a dozen. And this Friday, we're going to have a special Shabbat service done by several of our Havurot for the entire congregation. You will have a chance to see Havurah in action, to meet with members of the various Havurot after the service, to find out what it's all about. At the very least, there will be an exciting Shabbat experience, but there might also be the beginning of an association of families, a beginning of Jewish experience and encounter that you will continue to enjoy for years.

Beth Am already has so many Havurot that all cannot participate in a single service. Six Havurot will be conducting the service this year, but all Havurot will be present, and you will have a chance to meet with them at the Oneg Shabbat. Conducting the service will be Havurah Ahat, Havurah Hemdah, Havurah Ha-Rambam, Havurah Atz Haim, Havurah Simhah and Havurah Mishpachat Ahavah. If you are curious as to what all of that Hebrew means, come and find out.

DOROTHY BOSCO WINS AWARD FOR MENORAH SCULPTURE

At the recent conference of the National Interfaith Conference on Religion and Architecture, held in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, in July, our own Dorothy Bosco received the Jury Award for her sculpture of the Menorah which enhances the front of our Teenage Building. The fall issue of "Faith and Form" will feature a black and white display of this art work. We are indeed proud of our talented Dorothy.

SEND US THE NAME OF COLLEGIANS

Send us the names of your collegians. We will send them some information. We will contact them, and we will be visiting certain colleges later in the year.

Name(s) of Collegians _____

School _____

Address _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Parents _____

BOY SCOUTS BEGIN 20th YEAR AT TEMPLE

Beth Am sponsors a Boy Scout group which meets regularly on Thursday evenings. Boys 11 years old and up are invited. Parents must accompany the child to the first meeting. Meetings are held in the Youth Lounge.

This is an excellent way to have your young man live an active and interesting life through this club. For information, call Herb Newman, 238-9637.



FROM THE RABBI'S STUDY

Will You Have Jewish Grandchildren?

Talk to any grandparent, and he or she will tell you that a grandchild is an even greater thrill than one's own child. Why is this so? Probably because in his old age, the grandparent sees the grandchild as proof positive that he will experience a kind of eternity. A potential grandparent without grandchildren feels cut off. He hangs in limbo. He is thrust back upon himself. The meaning of his life is limited to the experience of himself and his childless child.

The same parent, who is stern and demanding with his own child, can become warm and forgiving to his grandchild. Why is this so? Perhaps, because he does not have the immediate pressure of being a parent and is only responsible for the child secondarily. Perhaps, because he is in that phase of life where he is able to give more both materialistically and emotionally. The same parent who grudgingly parceled out things to his child can be a Santa Claus to his grandchild. Each of his visits finds him overladen with presents, smiles, kisses, and good cheer. Why? There is an affinity between grandparents and grandchildren that is not there between parent and child.

What is true of all grandparents and their grandchildren is twice true of Jewish grandparents and Jewish grandchildren. Grandchildren are not only our joy, they are our future. They are our assurance that the Jewish people and Judaism will live.

Potential Jewish grandparents are having a tough time in our generation. First of all, their children don't want to get married (fun and careers are in, marriage is out). Secondly, if they get married, they don't want children because children interfere with their lifestyle, or, if they get married, it is so late in life that they are severely limited in the number of children they can have. Thirdly, if they get married, it may not be to a Jew, which usually means that the children will be reared in a home in which Jewish teachings are ignored, neutralized, or diluted. (When a non-Jew converts and is devoted to raising Jewish children, the results can be positive.)

There isn't much a potential Jewish grandparent can do when his children are already caught in the swirling streams of today's "hep" society, but if you are a young parent and your children are just growing up, you can still make points. You make points by not hiding the harsh reality of Jewish survival from your children. Even as you faithfully observe Jewish rituals, like the Sabbath lights and meal, you speak in your home of the importance of Jewish children and grandchildren. Even as you speak of the need to act ethically as a Jew, you speak of the importance of marrying someone who can help another Jew raise Jewish children. It is especially important that you talk at length to your college students, for they are drawn away from you every day.

Does a potential Jewish grandparent have any rights? You bet he does! Arise, you potential Jewish grandparents, you have nothing to lose but your limbo, and if you are successful, your reward is eternity!

JOAN'S GEMS

By JOAN SCHWARTZMAN

Kudos to Harlan, son of Peggy Bielej and Al Bielej, who graduated with high honors from Christopher Columbus High School and now attends Emory University. . . . Dr. Bernard and Johanna Saper announce the recent marriage of their son, Dr. Clifton Saper, to the former Christy Bowman. The young couple will make their home in Evanston, Illinois. Dr. Clifton Saper is a recent graduate from Loyola University and is a practicing clinical psychologist. . . . Gathered in Israel, representing the Greater Miami Jewish Federation, for the Prime Minister's Mission were Beth Amites Norman H. Lipoff and Norman Braman.

Mazel to Helen Fagin, who has just received her Ph D in the field of philosophy. . . . Congrats to Eric, son of Leonard and Selma Rappaport, who has been accepted to medical school at the University of South Florida. . . . Lee, daughter of Lois and Lennie Waldman, was inducted into the National Junior Honor Society at Palmetto Junior High School. . . . Got some interesting news from Lenny and Joan Hayet. All about recent trip through iron curtain countries--Russia, Poland, and Czechoslovakia. They mentioned their conversations with Jews at the synagogue in Moscow and told us the Jews were eager to talk. The "vibes" were excellent. And Lenny and Joan went out of their way to visit all the synagogues and Jews they could find in these countries. I'm sure that is one trip they'll always remember.

HIGH SCHOOL IN ISRAEL

Being one of the 80 students to participate in this summer's high school in Israel was a truly fantastic experience that I will never forget. Our quin base was in Biet Berl--a college, and headquarters for the Israeli Labor Party. While coming home from one of my free weekends, I passed Mier Hospital going to Kfar Saba, the city where Biet Birl is located and I spotted an ambulance with an injured person inside, which quickly turned into the road for the hospital. The side of the ambulance, in red letters, read, "Donated by Temple Beth Am Religious School, 5th Grade Classes." I obviously was interested, coming from Beth Am, but I was happy to see it, when I remembered that I was one of the members of that class who sold candy bars to raise the money for the ambulance. I not only felt happy, but I felt needed.

Because of the quin itself, I already know that I am part of Israel, and Israel is part of me, but I thought knowing this would help others feel the same way.

--Larry Schwarz

LIBRARY HOURS

- SATURDAY: 8:45 A.M. to 11:45 A.M.
- SUNDAY: 9:15 A.M. to 12:15 P.M.
- MONDAY: 7:15 P.M. to 9:15 P.M.
- TUESDAY: 11:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M.
- WEDNESDAY: 9:30 A.M. to 3:00 P.M.
- FRIDAY: 9:30 A.M. to 3:00 P.M.

FRIDAY EVENING AFTER SERVICES

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Mitzvah

Saturday
October 22
11:15 a.m.



David, son of
Mr. and Mrs. David Azulay
Cindy, daughter of
Mrs. Anita Schwartz and
Dr. Lawrence Schwartz