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APRIL 28, 1978

MIAMI, FLORIDA

YISKOR SERVICE, Friday Morning, April 28, 10:00 a.m.

RABBI MITCHELL CHEFITZ

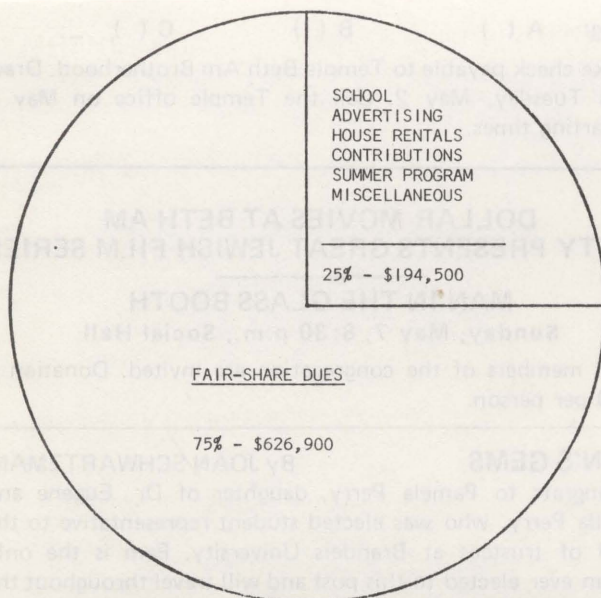
Friday, April 28, 8:30 p.m., RELIGIOUS SERVICE
"SYMPATHETIC MAGIC"

Saturday, April 29, 11:15 a.m., TORAH SERVICE

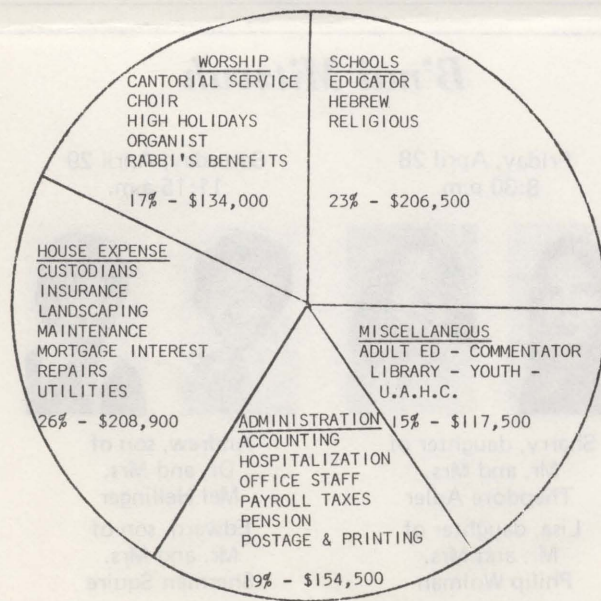
Budget For 1978-79 Approved By Board

At the April board meeting, the Temple Board approved the budget as proposed by the budget committee under the chairmanship of Herb Neuman, our financial secretary. The budget totals over \$800,000. This does not include the operation of the Nursery/Kindergarten Day School which is handled as a separate entity. Shown below are two "pies" which show our sources of income and our areas of expense.

WHERE DOES THE MONEY COME FROM?



WHERE DOES THE MONEY GO?



NOTE CHANGE IN PROGRAM

Palestinian-Arab Editor To Address Brotherhood April 30

Ibrahim Sh'bat, editor of the Arab newspaper El-Mirsad, Nazareth based newspaper, will address the next Brotherhood breakfast forum on Sunday morning, April 30, at 9:30 a.m., in the Youth Lounge. In addition to being an editor, Mr. Sh'bat is a television producer and author of a book, "Face to Face with the Survivors of the Holocaust," soon to be published in English. The topic of his talk will be "Bridging the Confrontation-How Can Arab and Israel Live Together?" Mr. Sh'bat has maintained close and friendly ties with the Israeli government during the Rabin and Begin administrations. His views are those of moderation, but they are challenging for the Jews of both Israel and abroad.

Admission to the Brotherhood breakfast is \$1.50 for Brotherhood members and \$2.00 for non-members. Please bring your friends and neighbors, they will appreciate it. The ladies, of course, are always welcome to these forums.

**TEMPLE BETH AM
and
United Family and Children's Service
present**

'Eye Of The Hurricane'

a play for living
Thursday evening, May 11, 8:00 p.m.
in the Social Hall
ADMISSION FREE

a summer place

Beth Am's summer program



emphasizes sports and activities structured for different age groups . . . half day program for three year olds . . . full day for four to 14 year olds . . . an atmosphere of Jewish identification through healthy peer group association . . . two four week sessions starting June 19.

Transportation available. Call Rhoda Bernheimer, 667-5587, for more details.



FROM THE RABBI'S STUDY

Why Should The Jews Survive As A People?

If there is anything the average, modern Jewish teenager does not want to accept, it is the fact that the Jew is different from other people. Some adults, also, driven by the same kind of emotional needs that help to motivate the teenager, want desperately to believe that in every respect they are no different from the non-Jew around them. This belief is based on a desire to be accepted by the majority group, a desire which we all share in part. It may also be based on the fear of persecution for being different, a fear that we can all understand.

The sociological facts, however, support the conclusion that Jews, as a group, are different from non-Jewish groups, not in all respects, to be sure, but in some very significant respects. And individual Jews tend to be different from non-Jewish individuals for subtle and complex reasons. Even the fanatic desire on the part of some Jews to lose their Jewish coloration and to become identical with the prevailing majority makes them DIFFERENT from the majority, for no member of the relaxed majority struggles as hard as this individual Jew to be LIKE THE AVERAGE. The very INTENSITY of this Jew reveals the fact that he is a member of a minority group struggling to be accepted by the "in" group. This, too, is understandable.

So, let us admit something about ourselves. However you may strive to be like the "others," you cannot be like them if you know that six million of your people were killed by a modern nation short decades ago. However we may dress like the "others," or use the accepted hair-dos, or drink the popular brands of liquor, or dance the vogue dances, we still react sharply when the newspaper headlines inform us that Syrian invaders tried to blow up an Israeli water line. However relaxed we may be at the office Christmas party, we are suddenly removed from the group when the Christmas carols begin and someone says joyously, 'Christ is born in Bethlehem.'

HOW DIFFERENT?

Some Jews are different for positive reasons. That is, they believe that God is one and not three. They believe that God is in all men and that He didn't come to fruition just in the man, Jesus. They believe that the Jewish people have a role to play in human history of helping to lead man to the "messianic day" of brotherhood. They believe that the experience of wandering and suffering of the Jews has helped to prepare them ESPECIALLY for the role of objective critic and the liberal vanguard. Some Jews, while believing in the equality of all men, nonetheless, believe that the Jewish people are particularly well equipped to serve as the "yeast in the dough," the planter of the seed.

Other Jews are not blessed with this positive orientation towards Judaism. They either are ignorant of its specific content or they have the emotional need to be blind to it. Still, they cannot escape their being different, even if this difference leads them to compulsive imitation of the fads of the majority. How much healthier it would be for all Jews if they could accept their Jewishness and apply their energies to the positive values of the Jewish group. How much happier they would be, and how much more effective would be our voice in the community!

ANNUAL BETH AM TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIP

On Saturday and Sunday, May 13 and 14, at 5:00 to 10:00 p.m., Beth Am will hold its second annual tennis championship. This event will be held at Tennis Centers of America, 6601 So. Dixie Highway, Miami, Florida. Entry fees will be as follows: Singles, \$8.00; Singles and Doubles, \$12.00; Doubles only (per team), \$12.00.

A player may enter two events. There will be a consolation tournament--space permitting.

Name _____

Address _____

Telephone _____

Men's Singles () Doubles () Mixed Doubles ()

Partner _____

Rating: A () B () C ()

Make check payable to Temple Beth Am Brotherhood. Draw closes Tuesday, May 2. Call the Temple office on May 4 for starting times.

DOLLAR MOVIES AT BETH AM BAFTY PRESENTS GREAT JEWISH FILM SERIES

MAN IN THE GLASS BOOTH Sunday, May 7, 8:30 p.m., Social Hall

All members of the congregation are invited. Donation is \$1.00 per person.

JOAN'S GEMS

By JOAN SCHWARTZMAN

Congrats to Pamela Perry, daughter of Dr. Eugene and Priscilla Perry, who was elected student representative to the board of trustees at Brandeis University. Pam is the only woman ever elected to this post and will travel throughout the country in this capacity. . . . Mazel to Adele and Gerald Klugerman upon the engagement of their daughter, Linda, to Larry Shedd. The young couple plan a fall wedding.

B'nai Mitzvah

Friday, April 28 8:30 p.m.

Saturday, April 29 11:15 a.m.



Sharry, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Adler



Lisa, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Philip Wolman



Andrew, son of Dr. and Mrs. Mel Hellinger



Edward, son of Mr. and Mrs. Sherman Squire