



RELIGIOUS SERVICE, Friday, April 11, 1980, 8:30 p.m.  
SISTER KATHERINE HARGROVE  
"OBERAMMERGAU: MYTH OR REALITY"

TORAH SERVICE, Saturday, April 12, 9:15 a.m. and 11:15 a.m.

# Beth Am Commentator

April 12, 1980

Miami, Florida



**The Goodmans  
To be Honored  
At Breakfast  
Sunday, April 27**

Bernard and Evelyn Goodman, two of the most deserving and dedicated members of Beth Am have been chosen to receive the "Israel Peace Award" for their many years of work on behalf of the State of Israel. Al Leibert, Chairman of our Israel Bonds Committee is happy to invite all congregants to attend the Israel Bonds Champagne Breakfast on Sunday, April 27th, at 9:45 a.m. at the Temple.

### Israel Defense Officer Speaks

At the Israel Bonds Breakfast, Dr. Arieh Plotkin, formerly Intelligence Officer in the Israel Defense Forces, will speak. Dr. Plotkin has served in the Haganah and is a veteran of several Israeli wars. He understands the changing moods and political ideology of Israel at the present time. He will bring us a first hand report on the current Israel-Arab scene. He has first hand knowledge of Israel's plans and needs and should be an enlightened speaker for those who attend the Breakfast.

All Temple members should plan to attend the free breakfast to honor Bernard and Evelyn Goodman.

### "A Choice To Make" At Temple Wednesday, April 16, at 8:00 P.M.

The PLAYS FOR LIVING is being brought to our Temple by Sisterhood on Wednesday, April 16th at 8:00 p.m. in the Social Hall. "A Choice To Make" is a play about aging, change, and sense of self. Everybody who has ever attended PLAYS FOR THE LIVING, presented by the United Family and Children's Services, has found the presentations both stimulating and worthwhile. So mark your calendar now, call Rhoda at the Temple Office (667-5587) to make your reservation, and plan to have Danish and Coffee with us on that evening. Donation: \$1.00.

### BLOOD BANK SUNDAY

May 18, 1980

Reserve the Date

### Beth Am Singles Meet

WHO! Beth Am Singles (over 40)  
WHAT! Wine, Cheese, Coffee, Cake, Dancing, Conversation, \$2.00 donation  
WHEN! Sunday Night, April 20th, 7:30 p.m.  
WHERE! Temple Beth Am Youth Lounge  
5950 N. Kendall Dr.  
Further Information — 274-9069, 221-2416



Sister Katherine Hargrove

### Catholic Educator Speaks at Beth Am Friday, April 11th at 8:30 P.M.

Sister Katherine T. Hargrove, Professor of Philosophy at Manhattan College in Purchase, N.Y., Chairperson of the National Committee on Programs for the National Conference of Christians and Jews, and well known for her work in religion and films, will speak at Beth Am on Friday evening, April 11th, at the 8:30 p.m. service. Her appearance here is part of our "Yom Ha-Shoah" observance (Holocaust Remembrance Day).

Sister Hargrove will speak on the theme, "Oberammergau: Myth or Reality." Oberammergau is the passion play, concerning the crucifixion of Jesus, which is presented yearly in Germany, and which is attended by thousands of Christians from around the world. The play makes a big point of the participation of the ancient Jewish "mob" in the crucifixion of Jesus. Sister Hargrove has made a study of the play and the historical situation of 2,000 years ago, and she is speaking around the country presenting her conclusions.

### Rabbi Weinblatt Speaks At Breakfast, Sunday, April 20, 9:30 A.M.

"THE JEWISH LOBBY IN WASHINGTON - IS IT AS STRONG AS ITS ENEMIES SAY IT IS?" will be the topic of discussion at the next Brotherhood Breakfast Forum on Sunday morning, April 20, at 9:30 a.m., in the Youth Lounge. Speaker will be our own Rabbi Stuart Weinblatt.

Before coming to the rabbinate, Rabbi Weinblatt worked in Congress for a few years. From time to time, we hear and read that the Jewish Lobby was instrumental in the firing of U.N. Ambassador Andrew Young, or that they forced President Carter to publicly deny a vote in the U.N. on Israel concerning Jerusalem. There are many who will deny the existence of a Jewish Lobby. What then is the real story? This is a very intriguing topic not often publicly discussed and should make for a very enlightening session for all who attend.

Admission to the Brotherhood Breakfast Forum is \$1.50 for Brotherhood members and \$2.00 for non-members. Your friends and neighbors are always invited, and so are the ladies.

### ONE WAY TRAFFIC

Please remember that we are back to one way traffic at the Temple. ALL TRAFFIC SHOULD ENTER AT THE EAST END, towards Red Road. ALL TRAFFIC SHOULD EXIT AT THE WEST END, towards Ludlam Road. We have had a few minor scrapes and near misses by people ignoring the traffic pattern at the Temple. It takes less than a minute to do it the right way.

J.P.



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!

#### Fine Arts Committee Needs Help

The Fine Arts Committee of Temple Beth Am needs the following materials for its exhibit on May 1st.

1. Display cases
2. Turn of the century furniture such as: Chairs, Sofas, Tables, Stoves, Ice box.

If any member of the congregation can help with these items, please call:

Nancy Greenberg 667-1324  
Cynthia Lewis - 595-6306  
Loretta Siegel 235-0873

### Cultural Series Falls Into P.A.C.E.—Uh, Place!

May 3rd is the date you were asked to reserve—and it's going to be a great night! In keeping with the spirit of our 25th anniversary year, we will have the nostalgic sound of the 40's and 50's through Gene Roy's Big Band. He will play the music many of us danced to in those years, (—when ballroom dancing was still a practised art!)

We are sponsoring this night in conjunction with PACE, and offer it to the congregation and community at no admission charge—with refreshments, yet! So reserve Saturday evening, May 3rd, and watch for more details.

### Hebrew From Scratch

#### Lenore Kipper teaches Hebrew in four weeks

Hundreds of us already know Lenore to be a master teacher. She really can teach HEBREW FROM SCRATCH IN ONLY FOUR WEEKS! Her work is a labor of love, and her classes fill early. Call now and reserve a place. Four Thursdays, beginning April 17, 8-10 p.m., in Room 24.

### "Ideas Through Books" Meeting Notice

- BOOK:** "DUBIN'S LIVES", by Bernard Malamud  
**REVIEWER:** ROSE SOBOL, Assistant Temple Librarian  
**DATE:** Thursday, May 1, 9:30 a.m. or 8:00 p.m.  
**PLACE:** **Morning:** Home of Ruth and Jay Leshaw  
275 Solano Prado, Coral Gables  
R.S.V.P. Darlene, 238-0902 - a.m.  
**Evening:** Home of Rita and Leonard Deutsch  
7971 S.W. 89 St.  
R.S.V.P. 271-4946

## Teachers

needed

BY OUR RELIGIOUS SCHOOL  
(4th - 8th GRADES)

If you have an educational background, or if you have good experience with children in groups, we can give you the Judaic information.

Special training class for possible teachers (no guarantees) begins Wednesday evenings, April 23, 30, May 7, 14, at 8:00 p.m.

### B'Nai Mitzvah Saturday, April 12



9:15 a.m.

William, son of  
Mr. and Mrs. Joel Margol  
Scott Jarret, son of  
Mr. and Mrs. Martin Tabor

11:15 a.m.

Anthony, son of  
Mr. and Mrs. Bennett Cooper  
Charles, son of  
Dr. and Mrs. Robert Marlin