



RELIGIOUS SERVICE Friday, December 12, 1980, 8:30 p.m.

RABBI MORTON HOFFMAN
"NARRATION OF THE CHANUKAH FESTIVAL"

TORAH SERVICE Saturday, December 13th, 9:15 a.m., 11:15 a.m.

Beth Am Commentator

December 12, 1980

Miami, Florida

Breakfast Of Presidents To Discuss 'Outlook For Reform Judaism in the Year 2000'

'The Outlook For Reform Judaism in the Third Millenium - Year 2000' will be the next topic for discussion at the Brotherhood Breakfast Forum on **Sunday morning, Dec. 14 at 9:30 A.M.** in the Youth Lounge. This forum will be a panel discussion consisting of the presidents of some of our local Reform Temples.

Dr. Bill Silver, President, Temple Beth Am

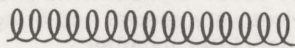
Dr. Larry Stein, President, Temple Bet Breira

Aaron Podhurst, President, Temple Sinai

**This Brotherhood Forum is honored to have as its moderator -
Rabbi Lewis Bogage, S.E. Area Director, UAHC**

Everyone has heard, at one time or another, that old expression "it's 'shvere' to be a Jew." In many parts of the world it is even more "shvere" to be a Reform Jew. What will be the outlook in the next century, the year 2000, which is less than 20 years off. These are some of the questions our most informed panel will tackle. With your assistance it could be a meaningful discussion.

Admission to this all-you-can-eat-of bagels-and lox Brotherhood Breakfast Forum is \$2.00 for Brotherhood members and \$2.50 for non-members. Ladies, of curse, are always welcome. Also, don't forget to bring your friends and neighbors.



HAROLD MALIN ELECTED TO NATIONAL FEDERATION OF TEMPLE BROTHERHOODS EXECUTIVE BOARD



Harold M. Malin was elected to the Executive Board of the National Federation of Temple Brotherhoods - Jewish Chautauqua Society for a two year term at its 28th Biennial Convention November 12-16 at Stouffers Inn On the Square.

The NFTA is composed of 450 reform temple brotherhoods with 60,000 members in the United States and Canada. The Chatauqua Society is its major educational project which helps promote better interfaith understanding. Both are affiliated with the Union of American Hebrew Congregations.

Malin, of the Merchant's Credit Bureau, is past president of Temple Beth Am Brotherhood, and a past member of the temple board of directors. He is JCS chairman, and director of Temple Beth Am Brotherhood, as well as being actively involved with the Greater Miami Jewish Federation, and a member of the Progress Club of Miami.

Rekindle Your Kindred Spirit!!

*** Attend Your Congregational Breakfast/Forum *
Youth Lounge - Sunday, December 14th - 9:30 a.m.**

Chanukah Music Festival, December 12th At Religious Service, 8:30 P.M.

The Adult Choir will perform its Annual Chanukah Concert at the Friday evening service to be held in the Sanctuary on December 12th at 8:30 p.m.

The musical program which is performed in place of a sermon will include many well known favorites, especially arranged for Choir as well as serve new pieces sung by Choir and solo voices. Among the favorites will be "O Chanukah, O Chanukah"; "Mi Yemalle"; and "Maoz Tzur". In addition, the new songs selected for performance this year are songs which are extremely popular in Israel, including one newly composed in the aftermath of the Yom Kippur War: "Shiv-chei Tzur" by Naomi Shemer. Naomi Shemer is the prize winning composer and poet whose most famous work is "Jerusalem of Gold". In her Chanukah song she writes of a soldier far away at the front who prays to God that he may survive the war and overcome his enemy as did the Maccabees. The soldier expresses his detestation of war and his longing for his peaceful home with the orange orchard next door giving off its sweet scent.

Another Chanukah song from Israel which will be performed by the Choir: "Anu Nosim Lapidim" comes from the 1930's when the Chalutzim were building the land, turning barren rocky wastes into fertile soil. The words of the song proclaim that while the Maccabees performed a miracle with a cruse of oil lighting the Menorah in the Temple for eight days, the modern Chalutzim not finding oil, created light out of their sweat and blood.

All those familiar with the high professional standards of the Beth Am Adult Choir will want to enjoy the Music Festival.

Join The "Mitzvah" Caravan Today!

Drivers attention! Help your fellow member. Volunteer your services today! Mort Stubins, Chairman of our Mitzvah Caravan announces that many members need rides to services or other functions held at Beth Am.

If you want to help, CALL THE TEMPLE OFFICE AT 667-6667. Leave your name and phone number with the receptionist. Let us know when you plan to drive to the Temple and how many people you can accommodate.

IF YOU NEED A RIDE to services or a specific Temple function, call the Temple office. We hope to help you. Let's make this a family project. **REMEMBER WE NEED DRIVERS.....**

Protest Issue Of PLO Stamps By UN

Members of Beth Am are urged to send a protest to the UN Postal Administration concerning its plan to issue in January a set of stamps honoring the PLO and "the legitimate rights of the Palestinian people." We would be wise not to let this go by unnoticed.

Many philatelic groups around the nations have protested this action already. We have information that income derived from the sale of these stamps will go to the PLO. This procedure further demonstrates the current bankrupt position of the UN which has sold out to Arab and Third World claims with an assist from the Soviet Union.

We do need an international organization which binds the nations together, but the UN is currently not performing that function.

Rabbi Herbert Baumgard



FROM THE RABBI'S STUDY

"WHY JUDAISM?"

An Excerpt From a High Holiday Sermon (Part III)

One does not have to read too deeply into European history to see that humanism did not arise from the religion which emphasized man's sinfulness. Rather, it was from Judaism and its emphasis that man is born in the image of the divine that humanism got its impetus. A decade ago, the gifted psychoanalyst and humanist, Eric Fromm, published a book called, "Ye Shall Be As Gods." In this book, Fromm describes how his humanism, his belief in human potential, came from the Bible he studied as an Orthodox Jew in the yeshiva. Historians like Lecky tell us that it is from the Old Testament rather than from the New that the founders of American Democracy got their inspiration. When the American revolutionaries in the 18th century wanted scriptural support for the right to revolt against King George III of England, they could not find it in the New Testament. Indeed, the Book of Romans in the New Testament tells us specifically, "He who disobeys those who govern is twice damned, once because the king is the ruling power and it is sinful to oppose him, and secondly because the king is the agent of God and to disobey him is to disobey God."

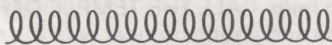
The pro-revolutionary churches in early America did not quote this passage from the New Testament. It would have mitigated against their purpose. Instead, they quoted from the Book of Samuel in the Old Testament, for it was Samuel who told the early Hebrews that he who desires a king rejects God.##

It is no wonder that the Hebrew language was an important part of the curriculum of the early colleges in America like Yale and Harvard. Indeed, one could not graduate from Harvard in those days without opening the Torah and reading from it at sight. Because those who sought democracy in America identified so closely with the spirit of the Hebrew Bible, they chose a teaching from the Book of Leviticus to engrave on the Liberty Bell, "Proclaim liberty throughout the land to all the inhabitants thereof."

When Benjamin Franklin and his committee were asked to choose an official seal for the United States, they proposed a seal which pictured Pharaoh, that ancient Egyptian king, being overwhelmed in the waters of the Red Sea, and under that scene the committee proposed the slogan, "Rebellion against tyrants is obedience to God."

For a full discussion of the reliance of revolutionary Christian ministers on the Hebrew Bible, see "Origin of Republican Form of Government," Oscar J. Straus, 2nd Edition Revised, G.P. Putnam's Sons, N.Y. & London, the Knickerbocker Press, 1926.

Copies of Rabbi Baumgard's sermon are available in the Temple Office.



"Ideas Through Books" Meeting Notice

- BOOK: "ST. URBAIN'S HORSEMAN" and "JOSHUA THEN AND NOW", both by Mordecai Richler. The former is out a while and available in paperback; the latter is a new book.
REVIEWER: SHEILA GOLDEN. (She did "The Arab Mind" for the morning group last year.)
DATE: THURSDAY, DECEMBER 11, 1980, 9:30 a.m. or 8:00 p.m. (Combines November and December meetings)
PLACE: MORNING: Home of Mickey Cohen 7980 S.W. 154 Terrace RSVP: 235-3697
EVENING: Home of Selma and Leonard Rappaport 8470 S.W. 103 St. RSVP: 271-1712, or Temple

Summer Program Counsellor Interviews Dec. 23

Interviews will be held on Tuesday, December 23, 1980, at 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m., at Temple Beth Am, in Room 101. If you are 16 years old or over, have experience in working with young children or skills in tennis, gymnastics, music or drama, crafts, soccer, baseball, basketball or swimming, please obtain an application form from the front office. If you wish to interview but are not available on this date, please call Nancy Weinfeld at 553-4218.

A National Camp For Gifted Teen-Agers



This past summer I had the wonderful opportunity to spend four weeks at the greatest place I know—Kutz Camp in Warwick, N.Y. This is the National Camp for gifted teen-agers by our National Reformed Movement. At first I said to myself, "What's a Kutz camp?" Well only a few months later I found out.

This is a special place where 250 Jewish teenagers gather from all over the world to share their talents and learn. Because of the limited size of the camp you get to know almost everyone. I went there knowing no one, but I came home with friends from Europe, Israel and the U.S.

Kutz offers classes in songleading, dance, drama, music, art and leadership training. Along with these majors we also get to pick courses in Jewish studies like Bible, how to pray and Israel's past. Now don't think this is all work and no play. On Saturdays there are camper vs. faculty baseball games, and every day there is swimming, soccer, boating and for people who like to stay up at night there are 3:30 a.m. raids.

One of the best things that I liked were the song sessions. We have them every night and twice on Saturday. Everybody stands up and joins in. No one is inhibited about their voice. I got to learn so many more new Hebrew songs.

Another thing I liked were the creative services. Because Kutz is surrounded by beautiful mountains and overlooks the lake, it makes the services very special and brings you and your new found friends a lot closer together.

I think Kutz Camp is just about the best place anybody can spend a summer at. It left me with a deeper feeling for Judaism and gave me a greater feeling of responsibility to get other teenagers involved in Judaic studies and activities.

Hope Tieman

Attention All College Students!

The Beth Am Young Singles Group (18-22 years old) and Hillel of South Dade are sponsoring a Collegiate Reunion Picnic, December 19th, at Dante Fascell Park, at 2:00-6:30 p.m.

The club is also going to Disney World on December 25th. For more information, call Jeff Kahn at 261-0363.

B'Nai Mitzvah

9:15 a.m.

Saturday December 13



David, son of Dr. and Mrs. Larry Kessler

11:15 a.m.



Laurie, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. William Cooper



Todd, son of Mr. Lee Leshaw