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 TORAH SERVICE, Saturday, February 9, 1980, 11:15 a.m.

Beth Am Commentator

February 8, 1980

Miami, Florida

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL CALENDAR CHANGE

There will be school on the 16th and 17th of February. There will be no school on February 23rd and 24th.

Body Health Course To Be Taught Four Tuesdays Beginning Feb. 19 - 8 To 9:30 P.M.

The adult Education Institute announces UNDERSTANDING YOURSELF THROUGH YOUR BODY, a four week course beginning Tuesday, February 19th, designed to help you use your body as a tool for self-awareness, stress reduction, and personal growth. The course description reads:

"As a participant, you will gain an introductory understanding of the body as a vehicle for communication.

"You will learn some of the techniques which will enable you to use your body to ease psychological and physical stress. Through the use of movement, you will learn to integrate the connection between the body and the mind."

Our instructor is Shira Baumgard, who has her Masters in Social Work, and is a dance/movement therapist who has taught this course throughout the city and gives workshops on the subject as well. She works as a dance movement therapist in several mental health facilities.

The course will continue on Tuesday evenings for 1½ hours each night for four weeks. There is a fee of \$20. Registration is limited to 20 people. (Wear anything comfortable for movement).

Make your check payable to "Temple Beth Am, Adult Education."

Members of Chavurah Braisheet Pledge Guardianship

Five families who make up Chavurah Braisheet have joined together and pledged to contribute \$10,000 as Guardians of the Learning Center.

This Chavurah group is made up of Arnold and Maxine Gordon, Sandor and Susan Magnes, Ian and Linda Rosenfield, Dr. Mark and Gail Snider and Dr. Ed and Carolyn Wallach.

Temple Beth Am is thankful for their kind generosity.

Guardians of Beth Am

Chavurah Braisheet



Rabbi Herman Speaks on "Boat People" Friday, February 15th at Service

It is a privilege to announce that distinguished Rabbi Erwin Herman, longtime Regional Director of the Pacific Southwest Council/UAHC, and leading American Reform Rabbi, will occupy our pulpit to commemorate the beginning of the Vietnamese "Boat People" re-settlement program in the Greater Miami area. Rabbi Herman has served the UAHC and the Social Action Commission for 22 years and created the Regional Office in the Los Angeles area. Together with Rabbi Steven Jacobs of Temple Judea/Los Angeles, Rabbi Herman has developed a step-by-step program of "Boat People" re-settlement for temples and synagogues all over the United States. He and Rabbi Jacobs represented the Jewish people, the UAHC, and the United States at the Conference on Refugees sponsored by the United Nations in Geneva, Switzerland this past November. Rabbi Herman will address the issues and outline a program of participation for the Greater Miami temples.

Purim Carnival "Haman Race" March 2 Attention All Runners

The Annual Purim Carnival is just around the corner—Sunday, March 2nd - mark your calendar now!


A new feature of our carnival will be the three mile catch "Haman Race." Prizes galore for the winners. Race will begin at 8:00 a.m. on Sunday morning in designated areas. Anyone can sign up by filling out the coupon below. Mail or bring your coupon in to the Temple office.

Attention: Dr. Stuart Leeds, Beth Am Purim Carnival "Haman Race"
 I wish to participate in the "Haman Race" on Sunday, March 2nd, 1980.

Name _____ Address _____

Phone _____ Male Female Age _____

IF YOU ARE MISSING YOUR MENORAH PLEASE CALL JEAN GILLIS, 666-2536. WE HAVE ONE AND WE DO NOT KNOW WHO THE OWNER IS.



The Committee of 100

The Committee of 100 is happy to welcome to its ranks the following new member family:

Leonard and Cydell Ivans



FROM THE RABBI'S STUDY

Looking Back 25 Years

(Part two)

Last week we talked about the Beth Am building program which has carried us to seven buildings on about 15 acres. This has been visibly and measureably a spectacular development. Not so easy to see or to measure is the development of the Beth Am religious, educational, and social program, which yields an equally dramatic panorama, after some time spent in studying it.

While we were at the University of Miami for services and in various churches for our Hebrew School, we were limited in the number of programs we could develop. As soon as we got to our own campus, however, we immediately began the organization of our Nursery School and our Summer Camp. Rose Ashbes has been in command of the Camp, almost from the beginning. Edith Stark was chairperson of the committee instituting the camp. After a year of seed-planting, Minna Goldblatt took over the Nursery/Kindergarten for a number of years and helped it to grow. For the last fifteen years or so, Sima Lesser has supervised this part of our program, and under her leadership, we began our Day School program (through six grades). The Nursery/Kindergarten/Day School has over 400 students in its daily program and is recognized as one of the finest in the nation.

Last week we spoke of the Religious School begun by Lillian Ross. Today, the Religious School (the week-end school) has about one thousand students, down about one hundred and fifty from our all time high. The Religious School meets Saturday and Sunday morning and Monday night. We have a large number of people supervising the various parts of the school, including myself. Rabbi Chefitz, Dorothy Herman and Marilyn Harrison all supervise a department while Rabbi Weinblatt is active in the mid-week Hebrew School. The mid-week school (Monday and Wednesday afternoons) has about 400 students.

Once we obtained our first building in 1958, we began holding Adult Ed classes in what is now the Rabbis' offices. Courses in Bible, Midrash, and Yiddish were an instant success along with courses in human relations. As early as 1958 we were drawing 50-60 people to a class and a hundred people to a discussion group on family problems. This same kind of success is with us today in a broadened Adult Ed program that includes four Rabbis amongst the teachers along with psychologists and psychiatrists. A number of our adults are preparing for Adult Confirmation, a privilege which is earned by completing four of the text courses. Courses are taught in the evening and in the morning. Rabbi Chefitz reports that over 500 adults participate in our adult courses each year.

A Place That Cares

While our Rabbis do not participate in long-term counselling, we spend a considerable amount of our time speaking to people about marriage problems, family problems, problems related to health, visiting the sick, etc. The volume of this work is considerable, and I would like to think that it is an indication that we have established an inviting atmosphere for counselling at Beth Am. It is a place where you will find someone who cares about you and your problems. In these areas, numbers are not important, but actual counselling situations go well into the thousands each year. With Diana Elson as Director of our Hospital Visitations Program, we make several thousand hospital visitations each year. Even though we are a large congregation, we make more visits to the hospital per patient than any congregation of which I know. First, Diana finds you (if you let us know where you are) and makes the first visit, then one of our Rabbis visits. Each of these people reports to the Senior Rabbi who is thus kept informed of each person who is ill. Those who are seriously ill may be visited by as many as three different staff people repeatedly. We can be very proud of our concern for sick people. Our program in this respect is full evidence of our attempt to be involved in the real problems of our members.

(To be continued)

Youth News

BAFTY Goes Boating

Members of the Senior High Youth Group will go on a boating trip this Sunday, February 10. We will meet at the Temple at 11 a.m. and depart from Matheson Hammock by boat to an island for a picnic and day of fun in the sun. Come and join us for another sensational day with BAFTY!

Young Singles to go Camping

Beth Am's Young Singles are going on a camping trip this weekend to Fish Eating Creek in Lake Okeechobee. Plans are to leave early Saturday morning, February 9, and to return Sunday afternoon. If interested, call Rabbi Weinblatt to see if there are any spaces left.

Kathy Revitz and Selma Rappaport Chair Purim Carnival, Sunday, March 2

Gil Snyder, Vice President of Beth Am, and coordinator for the Purim Carnival, states this year's Purim Carnival promises to have it ALL! Rabbis Baumgard and Chefitz will preside over the Dunking Booth! Our Temple's 25th Anniversary will be celebrated on this day too! Our Resident Clown, Ronald Revitz, will be selling "collector-item" anniversary balloons for this special occasion. All the fabulous food will be served by Brotherhood.

So much will be happening on this day! Read more about it next week. Call Kathy now - 233-6436, or Selma at 271-1712, to donate a cake for the Cake Sale and to let her know if you are an artist or craftsman who wants exhibit space, or just volunteer your services.

Sisterhood Invited To
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Tu B'shvat Marked at Beth Am

Concern for the environment has always played an important role in Judaism.

Many laws in the Torah teach us to recognize our responsibility to care for the earth by planting trees and by caring for the ecology. Tu B'shvat is a holiday which celebrates the importance of trees in our daily lives. This holiday is also an opportunity to further demonstrate the link that we have with the people and the land of Israel.

Students in our Religious School are being encouraged to purchase trees in Israel as a means of showing their appreciation of the significance of trees to Israel and of Israel's significance to American Jewry. In addition, the children participated in tree planting ceremonies this weekend and saw a play put on by members of the Temple's Youth Group dramatizing the holiday.

This holiday is yet another celebration of man's role in the universe as a partner in creation.

How You Can Renew your Bond With Israel

Do you have a State of Israel Fourth Development Issue Savings Bond purchased in 1968 or a Third Development Issue Coupon Bond purchased in 1965 and the first two months of 1966?

If you do, did you know that these Bonds will mature in 1980, the Savings Bonds throughout the year, the Coupon Bonds in March? Your matured bond, however, will not help you or the State of Israel unless it is reinvested.

Bonds, at maturity, cease adding interest. Moreover, Israel cannot use these funds since they are held in escrow for payment to the Bonds' owners. Israel needs these re-invested Bond dollars more than ever before to carry out the timetable for implementing the peace treaty between Egypt and Israel.

A call to the Israel Bond office, 531-6731, is all that's necessary to learn how to redeem your matured bonds and to re-invest them again to meet the present development programs.

Contemporaries Meet Sunday, Feb. 10

The regular monthly meeting of Beth Am Contemporaries will be held in the Youth Lounge, February 10, 1980 at 2 p.m. There will be a musical program.

Reservations will be taken for the March 4th Shabbas dinner. Many thanks to Dr. Gilbert Snyder for his informative talk at our last meeting, which was followed by our annual Latka Party.

Iran, Oil & Israel Topic for Breakfast

"IRAN, OIL AND ISRAEL" will be the topic of discussion at the next Brotherhood Breakfast Forum on Sunday morning, February 17, at 9:30 a.m., in the Youth Lounge. Speaker will be Mr. Itzhak Aloni of Tel Aviv, Israel. Mr. Aloni is the representative of the Jewish Agency and is serving as Director of the Israel Programs Office in Florida. He is also currently serving in the Israeli Military Reserve attached to the Engineering Corps.

The first of the foreigners invited into Iran by the new Revolutionary Government was Yassir Arrafat. What does all this bode for Israel? the Iranian Government today is trying to inflame the Moslem world against Israel. How will this affect the present peace negotiations with Egypt? This discussion is an excellent opportunity to focus in on the proper perspective of Israel to its Islamic neighbors. Bring your questions.

Admission to the Brotherhood Breakfast Forum is \$1.50 for Brotherhood members and \$2.00 for non-members. Your friends and neighbors are also invited. All Brotherhood breakfast discussions are open to the ladies.

CHILDREN OF DIVORCE

A FOUR WEEK WORKSHOP FOR PARENTS

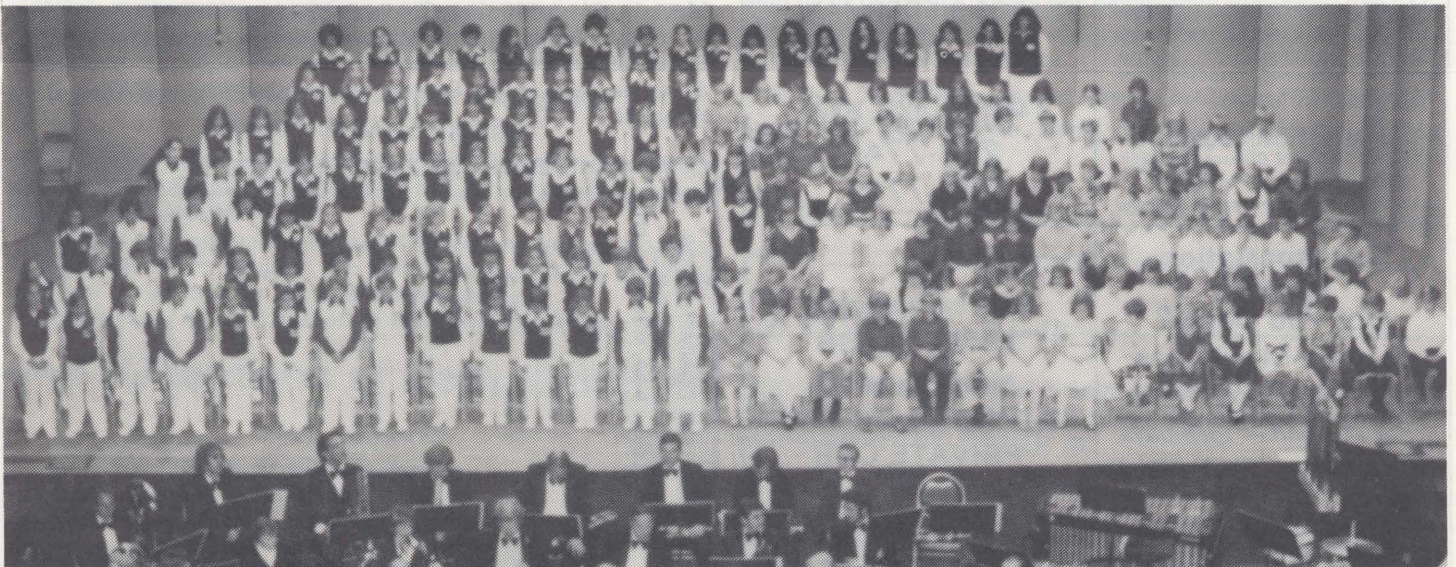
How do children at various ages respond to the divorce process? How do they adjust? What problems develop, and how can both parents work to overcome these problems and provide a loving environment in which the children can grow?

A four week workshop for parents involved in this process will be conducted at Beth Am on four Thursday evenings beginning February 21 in Room 26 at 8:00 p.m.

Lee Strassman, an instructor at Miami-Dade Community College and an experienced psychiatric social worker will conduct the workshop. A \$5 registration fee will be collected at the door. Call the Temple office to reserve a place.

PURIM WORKSHOP Wed. Evening, Feb. 20

What was Haman doing in Queen Esther's bed? How much wine are you supposed to drink on Purim? Is this really the Jewish gift-giving holiday? Rabbi Chefitz will teach the history, the lore, the rituals, the songs and the delight of Purim in a special one night workshop, Wednesday evening, February 20, 8:00 p.m. in the Youth Lounge. Wally Chefitz will teach you to make hamantashen. No reservations required. Just bring your appetite for delight.



The Beth Americans and New Generation gave a sterling performance in conjunction with the Old Cutler Presbyterian Church Choir at Gusman Hall on December 19th. There were 1,500 in attendance to witness and participate in this unique festival of music. The guest conductor was Robert Mandell from London.



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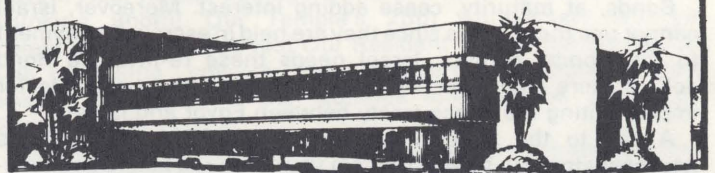


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Dedication of Learning Center

Friday, February 22, 8:30 P.M.
Watch the Commentator for details



Vahrzeit

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21 SHEBAT

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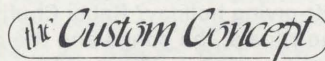
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