



RELIGIOUS SERVICE, Friday, February 22, 1980, 8:30 p.m.
RABBI HERBERT BAUMGARD
"DEDICATION OF THE LEARNING CENTER"

TORAH SERVICE, Saturday, February 23, 1980, 9:15 and 11:15 a.m.

Beth Am Commentator

February 22, 1980

Miami, Florida

A CORE JUDAICA LIBRARY FOR THE HOME

It is assumed that you already own a copy of the Bible, the Sabbath prayer book and the High Holiday prayer book.

REFERENCE

"The New Jewish Encyclopedia" - Behrman House, publ., \$12.95

HISTORY

"My People" - by Abba Eban - \$20.00

RELIGION

"Basic Judaism" - by Milton Steinberg

"Where Judaism Differed" - by Abba Hillel Silver, \$5.95, \$1.95

"Reform Judaism Today" - by Eugene B. Borowitz, 2 vols., \$2.45

"The Sacred Books of the Jews" - by Harry Gersh, \$2.95

"Gates of the House", The New Union Prayer Book - CCAR, \$6.95

"A Shabbat Manual" - Ktav, ed. G. Plaut, \$2.50

LIFE CYCLE

"Gates of Mitzvah", A Guide to the Jewish Life Cycle - CCAR, ed. S. Maslon

"Liberal Judaism at Home" - Morrison Bial, UAHC, \$3.00

"The Jewish Catalog" and the "Second Jewish Catalog" ed. by the Strassfelds, \$7.50 (each)

"A Passover Haggadah" - ill. by Leonard Baskin, deluxe: \$17.50, \$4.00

"Union Songster" - CCAR, \$3.50

ISRAEL

"My Country" - by Abba Eban, \$15.00

HOLOCAUST

"Holocaust" the destruction of European Jewry - by Nora Levin \$8.95

"Out of the Whirlwind" a reader of Holocaust literature, ed. by A.H. Friedlander, \$7.95

SOVIET JEWRY TODAY

"The Jews of Silence" - by Elie Wiesel, \$4.95

HASIDISM

"Hasidism and Modern Man" - by Martin Buber, Horizon Press, N.Y.

"Tales of the Hasidim, Early Masters" - by Martin Buber, Schocken Bks., N.Y. \$4.95

PURIM WORKSHOP

At last! Rabbi Chefitz reveals
the truth about Purim!

Wednesday evening, Feb. 20
8:00 PM in the Youth Lounge



The Committee of 100

Arthur and Ivy Scheinholz

Beth Am Learning Center Formal Dedication Friday Night, February 22nd, 8:30 p.m.

At the religious service on Friday night, February 22nd, at 8:30 p.m., Rabbi Baumgard will formally dedicate the New Learning Center. A special committee of Teddi Segal, Jeanne Dinnerstein and Barbara Gittleman, are preparing for a special Oneg Shabbat to commemorate this occasion.

We will be honoring all members of the Temple who have helped build this "Jewel In The Crown Of Beth Am," but in particular, we will be honoring the Guardian families who are listed below:

Mimi Abel and Family
Irwin and Helene Adler
The George Aibel Family
Dr. Donald H. and Linda D. Altman
The families of Jerome Asch and Sherman Squire
Donald and Elaine Berkowitz
Alan Brooks' and
Richard Kohn Families
Jon and Karen Cedar
Bill and Jay Cooper Families
Dr. Harold and Nanci Deutsch
In Memory of Lillian Dinnerstein
Jules and Edythe Freeman
Marshall and Marlene Furshman
The Gaines Family
Harold and Jill Gaffin and Family
Martin Gallant and
Rose Blank Kramer
Joseph and Ruth Gittleman
Robert and Barbara Gittleman
Henry and Frances Glick
Linda, Laura and Jill Goldberg
Lois Goldstein and Family
Barry and Wendy Goodman
Havurah B'raisheet
Marvin and Mimi Hollub
Herman Isis
Arthur and Joan Jacowitz
Rafael and Sara Kapustin
James, Barbara, Jill, Joely and Jamie Kaufman
Shepard, Bernita, Russel and Tamara King
The Kislak Family
David and Shifra Kossman
Max, Stephen and Dale Kulvin
Irving and Ida Lax
Alan and Jo Ann Lederman
Jay and Ruth Leshaw
Neal H. and Gail Levine

Ethel Light
Norman and Nancy Lipoff
Ronald and Mickey Lipton
The George and
Harold Malin Families
Dr. Joel and Sallie Mann
Albert and Joan Morrison
Peter and Yiska Moser
Mark and Nedra Oren
Norton and Gloria Pallot
The Ravich Family
Marvin and Janet Rosen
The Family of Gary Rosen, Ph.D.
Sigmund and Elaine Rosen
Marshal, Danny and
Lynn Rosenberg
The Ferdinand Rosenthal and
Robert Rosenthal Families
Neil and Barbara Schiff
Marvin and Jean Schild
Joshua and Elsie Segal
Norton and Teddi Segal
Dr. Harold and Cecily Silberman
Charles and Sandra Simon
Dr. Harvey and Rona Simovitch
Joshua and Carolyn Sirkin
Beth Am Sisterhood
Robert and Constance Snider
Ira Sochet and Family
In memory of
Arnelle Rudnick Solomon
Dr. Reuben and Selma Sorkin
and Family
Dr. Firth and Edith Spiegel
Morton and Louise Stubins
Sanford and Betty Susman
Norman and Sondra Weiner
Harry and Trudy Weitzer
Allan and Barbara Wolk
Sydney and Sabina Wolofsky
Alden and Letty Ziemann

Our 25th Purim Carnival To Have It All!!!

Sunday, March 2 - 11:00 A.M.



FROM THE RABBI'S STUDY

INTERMARRIAGE

Questions and Answers

1. I HAVE FOUND CHRISTIANS TO BE MUCH MORE LIBERAL ABOUT INTERMARRIAGE WITH JEWS THAN VICE-VERSA. DOESN'T THIS SHOW PREJUDICE ON OUR PART?

Jews have long been among the liberals of the world where human rights are concerned and where the poor are concerned. But Jews have always been conservative where intermarriage is concerned. It is true that the Bible admonishes us to be in the moral vanguard for positive reasons, but it is also true that Jews have been politically liberal for the same reason that they have been conservative where intermarriage is concerned. The reason in both cases—**survival**.

As an oppressed minority, Jews have had to fight for their rights, and in fighting for their rights, they fought for the rights of all citizens. The first civil rights organization in America was Jewish organized (The American Jewish Committee), and most of the civil rights organizations which are not completely Jewish in origin and operation (Anti Defamation League, American Jewish Congress) were organized with considerable Jewish help (American Civil Liberties Union, Urban League, NAACP) and are maintained with considerable Jewish support.

As a minority religion, however, Jews have had to take a conservative position on intermarriage for the sake of survival. Sociological studies clearly show that where the parents take a "neutral" stand on religion, the children tend to go towards the majority religion, and their children tend to marry a spouse in the majority faith. While the original partners may intend that their children be outside the boundaries of religion, actually social forces sweep them towards the majority religion. In other words, the Jew who marries a non-Jew, with the intent that his children have the choice of Judaism or Christianity or nothing, actually is starting a new Christian family tree. He is, to all intents and purposes, abandoning his religion and the Jewish people.

Jews are conservative with respect to intermarriage because they intuit that a kind of surrender is involved. The Jewish partner involved in the marriage may think only in terms of love for his intended mate, but those around him see a certain sadness in what would otherwise be a wonderful situation. They see the diminution and dilution of the strength of the Jewish people.

KNOW THE FULL WEIGHT OF YOUR DECISION

This is not to say that a person born into Christianity cannot become a Jew and bring his/her strength into our community. This has been done many times. Where the non-Jew converts to Judaism in good faith and commits himself/herself to the having of a Jewish family and home, our community is strengthened by the marriage. But anything short of this weakens our community, and the Jew involved ought to know this and make his/her decision based on this knowledge.

We are not talking now about the worth of an individual. A particular Christian may be a nicer person than a particular Jew. This is not the issue. The issue is Jewish survival. If the Jewish community wants to survive, it cannot afford to be liberal with respect to intermarriage. Christians can afford to be liberal in this regard, because the odds are strongly in their favor that the child of a "neutral" marriage will drift to the side of the majority religion. Christianity has two chances in an intermarriage; one, if the marriage is committed to Christianity; a second, if the marriage is "neutral". Jews have only one chance in an intermarriage and that is - if it is fully committed to Judaism and the Jewish community.

We Goofed

As will happen with all top flight newspapers, we misspelled a name two weeks ago. In the announcements of the B'Nai Mitzvah the right announcement should have read: "Mitchell, Son of Dr. and Mrs. Edward Feller."

We apologize for this error.

"OFF THE WALL!" RABBI CHEFITZ OFFERS A FINAL COURSE FOUR WEDNESDAYS BEGINNING MARCH 5

"Off the Wall?!" All of the potential courses Rabbi Chefitz hasn't yet offered are up on the wall on memos. Bits and pieces of exotica and erotica, that now come off the wall in his last course to be offered at Beth Am.

A touch of theology and liturgy. A mystical text or two. The situation in the Middle East from the perspective of Talmudic logic. The Song of Songs, with Midrash attached. Jonah. Lot. and lots more.

Four Wednesday evenings, beginning March 5, 8:00 PM in Room 26. Call to reserve a place. No fee.

CULTS AND MISSIONARY MOVEMENTS A FOUR WEEK COURSE BEGINNING TUESDAY, MARCH 4

Why are so many young Jewish people attracted by cults and missionary movements? Gary Eisenberg has had years of counselling experience with young people who have had such an involvement. His courses and lectures on the cult phenomena have been well received locally and throughout the Southeast. For the past two years he has served as Southeast Regional College Coordinator for the U.A.H.C. and also as a member of our Confirmation Class faculty.

Now he is providing an opportunity for parents and young adults to explore the nature of those cults and movements which indeed are a threat to our youth. The best way to combat such a threat is through understanding.

The course will be offered on four Tuesday evenings, beginning March 4, 8:00 PM in Room 26. Call the Temple office to reserve a place. No fee.

"Ideas Through Books" Meeting Notice

BOOK: "THE ARAB MIND" by Raphael Patai. South Miami Library has a few copies of this book.
REVIEWER: RABBI HERBERT BAUMGARD, EVENING
MS. SHEILA GOLDEN, MORNING
DATE: THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 28
Morning Group meets at 9:30 a.m. Evening Group meets at 8:00 p.m. (Coffee first, review 1/2 hr. later)
PLACE: MORNING: Home of Ellie and Harold Aibel, 7360 SW 133 Terrace, R.S.V.P. Darlene at 238-0902
EVENING: Home of Irene and Bill Baros, 12785 SW 64th Ct., R.S.V.P. Darlene at 238-0902

B'Nai
Mitzvah

Saturday, February 23



9:15 a.m.
Howard, son of
Mr. and Mrs.
Stephen Mittler



11:15 a.m.
Randal, son of
Mr. and Mrs.
Harold Kassewitz
Ilene, daughter of
Dr. David Rubin and
Mrs. Judith Rubin

