



RELIGIOUS SERVICE, Friday, February 29, 1980, 8:30 p.m.
 RABBI HERBERT BAUMGARD
 "KRAMER vs. KRAMER: ON MARRIAGE AND DIVORCE"
 TORAH SERVICE, Saturday, March 1, 1980, 11:15 a.m.

Beth Am Commentator

February 29, 1980

Miami, Florida

FUN! GAMES PRIZES RAFFLES FUN!
 Fun! Prizes



Purim Carnival

Sunday, March 2nd

11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Join the fun!

An Open Letter to All

Dear Congregants:

A most happy occasion will take place at the Temple on Sunday, April 27, at 9:45 a.m.

On that occasion, the Temple Committee for Israel Bonds will honor Bernard and Evelyn Goodman at a Champagne Breakfast.*

You will be invited to attend the breakfast as a guest. You might want to make a note of this date on your calendar.

We have appointed Al Leibert as Chairman of the affair. He will need your help.

Cordially,

William E. Silver
 President

Herbert M. Baumgard
 Senior Rabbi

*The State of Israel has chosen to give the Israel Peace Award to Bernard and Evelyn for their many years of work in behalf of the State of Israel.

HAMENTASHEN BAKE Judging on Friday nite, February 29th. Enter your specialty.

RACE CLINIC - Saturday, March 1st, 4-6 p.m. Learn how to keep fit, eat properly, avoid injuries in running, Dr. Stu Leeds. Register for Sunday's race.

FIRST ANNUAL PURIM RUN - Sunday, March 2nd

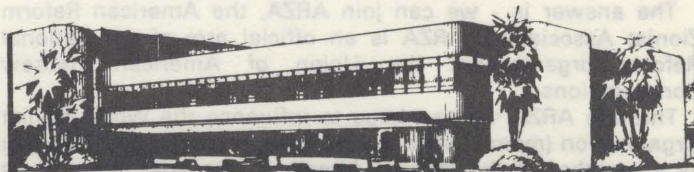
A) 7:00 a.m. - register (if you didn't register Saturday at 4 p.m.)
 B) 8:30 a.m. - race begins - 3 miles. Trophies awarded for 1st, 2nd, 3rd place in categories of men, women, 17 and under; 18-35, 35 and over.

C) Special Purim Run T-shirts to be distributed with race packets (\$5.00 for the packet).

D) Don Adams, Track Coach, supervising.

COSTUME CONTESTS - 11:00 a.m., March 2nd - for people of all ages. Dress like one of the Purim characters (Queen Ester, King Ahasueros, Haman, Mordecai, the White Horse). **PRIZES!**

CARNIVAL - 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Booths, games, rides, fortune telling food, etc.



ADULT/ASSEMBLY ROOM DEDICATED

The Adult/Assembly room in the Learning Center which is the largest room in our new facility, has been dedicated by a group of Temple members, in honor of Harriet Potlock.

Norton and Teddi Segal who had previously contributed toward the dedication of a classroom, joined forces with Charles and Sandra Simon who are Guardians, to help raise the necessary funds to dedicate this room in honor of Harriet. In addition, several sets of parents of children actively involved with the Beth Americans, the New Generation, and the Troubadours are contributing the balance of the funds.

Children's Art Show For Purim Carnival

During the Purim Carnival on March 2nd, from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., there will be an Art Show in the Gym of the Teenage Building. We will be displaying art work prepared by the children in the Kindergarten/Day School, under the supervision of Mickey Lipton, and art work prepared by the children in our Religious School under the supervision of Sandy Goldman.

Everyone attending the Purim Carnival should take time to see this inspiring display in the gym.

Occasion: Brotherhood Congregational Breakfast
Subject: The American Jew - A Jewish Prospective
Time: 9:30 a.m., March 16, 1980
Place: Youth Lounge, Temple Beth Am
Speaker: Honorable Barry D. Schreiber
 Commissioner, Dade County



FROM THE RABBI'S STUDY

REFORM JUDAISM IN ISRAEL

In spite of the fact that Reform Jews in America strongly support the state of Israel, and in spite of the fact that we are amongst the most generous financial supporters of Israel, as we ought to be, we have some dissatisfactions with that state.

The Orthodox leadership in Israel would like to see the state as a theocracy, that is, a state ruled by God; which is to say, they would like to see the Rabbis or their appointees ruling, instead of those who are the elected leaders of political parties.

The party which has ruled Israel for most of its modern life, MAPAI, has considered the Orthodox leadership as a thorn in its side. Nevertheless, it has had to join with the Orthodox on occasion to establish a majority government. Once this alliance is made, the Orthodox are given certain concessions to control religious affairs in the nation. Amongst the Israeli leaders of MAPAI who have resented these concessions are Ben Gurion and Golda Meir. The MAPAI is against the influence of religious leaders in political affairs.

The party of Menachim Begin is open to greater influence by the Orthodox bloc, especially since it represents less of the voters than does MAPAI. Begin needs the Orthodox votes even more than MAPAI to stay in power. The Orthodox control about ten percent of the voters.

Reform and Conservative Judaism have both suffered from the intransigence of the Orthodox in Israel. Reform and Conservative Rabbis cannot perform weddings officially. In spite of this fact, Reform and Conservative congregations have made a foothold in Israel and are beginning to prosper. Reform Judaism has a branch of its Rabbinical Seminary in Jerusalem. (Visit the Hebrew Union College next time you are in Jerusalem.) All first year students studying to be Reform Rabbis must spend the first year of their rabbinic training in Jerusalem.

The question is - HOW CAN WE EXTEND THE INFLUENCE OF NON-ORTHODOX JUDAISM IN ISRAEL? The parallel question to that is - how can we help to make Israel a non-theological state? How can we help preserve its democratic orientation?

The answer is - we can join ARZA, the American Reform Zionist Association. ARZA is an official arm of our national Reform organization, the Union of American Hebrew Congregations.

Through ARZA we can hope to influence the World Zionist Organization (membership in ARZA automatically qualifies you as a member of the W.Z.O.) Already in the brief years of its existence, ARZA has made substantial progress within the W.Z.O. We need your help badly. Won't you fill out the enclosed form and mail your check for \$15 today. Let's not surrender Israel to the Orthodox.

Dear Rabbi Baumgard:

I would like to join ARZA. Enclosed is our check for \$15.

Name: (Print) _____

Address: _____

mail to 5950 N. Kendall Drive, Miami, Fla. 33156

Israel

Youth News

9th GRADERS RETREAT MARCH 23rd

The ninth graders will be going to Camp Owaissa Bauer on Sunday, March 23rd for a one day retreat.

The students will meet at the Temple at 9 a.m. on Sunday, and return at 3:30 p.m. for a day of fun and relaxation.

BAFTY HAPPENINGS

Applications are available for the next BAFTY convention from Matthew Silverstein. The spring convention will be sponsored by Temple Israel here in Miami on the weekend of March 14-16. Anyone who would like to house people should contact Matthew.

The senior High Youth Group will hold its monthly Board meeting at 6 p.m. on Monday March 3rd in the BAFTY room. Plans for the next several months will be discussed.

Joan's Jems By Joan Schwartzman

Kudos to Lee, son of Bob and Nancy Sterling who was selected all conference by a football poll of Dade County coaches. Lee is also one of six Palmer students chosen to apply to the National Endowment to the Humanities Foundation for a grant covering a research project.... Mazel tov to Kermit and Rhoda Bernheimer who have become grandparents for the ninth time and to Hattie Kott who has become a great-grandmother again. Born to Kermit and Rhoda's daughter and son-in-law Marcia and Bill Glick is a girl, Abbe..... One of our successful new groups is the "Young Singles." Beth Amite Pam Kessler has been elected President and is doing a super job. Open to young singles 23-34. For more information call Rabbi Weinblatt at the Temple.... Mazel tov to David and Sondra Shore upon the engagement of their daughter Francie Lee to Austin Jan Kazinetz. The young couple plan a June wedding at Beth Am.....

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.

B'Nai Mitzvah

Saturday, March 1
11:15 a.m.



Susan, Daughter of
Mr. and Mrs. Richard Fishman



Jeffrey, son of
Mrs. Donna Cohen and
Dr. Richard Lipman



Reserve This
Date!
Sunday
March 23, 1980
Gala Dinner Dance
Intercontinental Hotel