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RABBI MITCHELL CHEFITZ

"APOCALYPSE NOW!" A COMMENTARY

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Art Auction at Temple Sunday Evening, Jan. 27

Sisterhood and the Jewish War Veterans South Dade Post 778 and Ladies Auxiliary invite you to attend a special ART AUCTION on Sunday, January 27th in the Social Hall. The art may be viewed at 7:00 p.m. The auction begins at 8:00 p.m. Wine, Cheese, and Coffee will be served. Admission \$2.00. Please R.S.V.P. by calling the Temple Office - 667-5587.

The Family Of The 80's: Alternative Life Styles Beginning this Tuesday Evening

Dr. Samuel Greenberg, psychoanalyst and author of "Neurosis Is a Painful Style of Living", Reva Wiseman, a psychiatric social worker, and Rabbi Chefitz will conduct a colloquium on alternative life styles for the new decade, beginning this Tuesday, January 8, 8:00-10:00 p.m., in Room 26.

Among the subjects discussed will be the critical periods of marriage, living together, living alone, divorce, changing times and the women's movement. Come to class.

Sex Ethics: Be The First On Your Block To Know Beginning this Wednesday Evening

Rabbi Chefitz will repeat his popular course on Sex Ethics and the Jewish Tradition one last time beginning this Wednesday evening, January 9, 8:00-10:00 p.m., in Room 26. There is nothing in human sexual experience that has not been treated somewhere in the Jewish tradition. Pre-marital sex, extra-marital sex, homosexuality, sexual technique All of this is discussed openly and frankly in the Torah, Talmud, Responsa literature, and in the Sex Ethics course. Come to class.

Classroom Donated For Learning Center

Norton and Teddi Segal who had previously pledged funds to become a Guardian of Beth Am for the Learning Center, this week increased their pledge and are dedicating a classroom in the new building.

Temple Beth Am and all of its members join in giving thanks for this generous gift.

Guardians of Beth Am

Norton and Teddi Segal



FROM THE RABBI'S STUDY

"NEW AND IMPROVED FOR 1980"

How many times have you seen the slogan "New and Improved"? At Beth Am we are using this slogan to indicate that our SUMMER PROGRAM is NEW AND IMPROVED. Counsellor interviews have been held. The Summer Program Advisory Board with Michael Wexler as Chairman, Nancy Weinfeld Camp Director, and made up of the following: Rabbi Baumgard, Iris Franco, Sima Lesser, Stan Mintz, Eleanor Robbins, Joan Schwartzman, Edie Stark, David Stuart, Betty Suchman and Rabbi Weinblatt, have been holding meetings to plan for the Summer of 1980.

Many new innovations and activities are planned. Watch the Commentator for details.

Current Events And The Jewish Family A Discussion of Anti-Semitism Jan. 20

The recent events in Iran; the upswing in Neo-Nazism in Spain and Germany; decisions affecting quotas as interpreted by our Supreme Court, and the upsurge of KKK activities in our own country are being studied and analyzed to determine if funds are developing which may concern us as Jews. When you add to the above the remarks, and then study the records of our Presidential candidates, it takes the wisdom of a modern day Solomon to interpret the results.

One person who maintains a close watch over events as they occur - events which may affect us as Jews - is Arthur Teitelbaum. As Southern Area Director of the Anti-Defamation League of the B'nai B'rith, he is responsible for the multi-faceted human relations programs in twelve southern states, containing six of the twenty-six regional ADL offices.

Mr. Teitelbaum spent three years in the U.S. Army. He holds a B.S. degree in Speech, has been a radio broadcaster, and public speaking coach. He served as the Assistant to the Director of Research and Evaluation in ADL's Civil Rights Division in New York. He then assumed the position of Director of ADL's Plains States Regional Office, covering Nebraska, Kansas and parts of Missouri and South Dakota. He brings to his present position the knowledge and background so necessary when directing resources available to him.

The time is 9:30 a.m. on January 20, 1980. The place is our Youth Lounge. The donation is \$1.50 for members of Brotherhood and \$2.00 for guests. We cordially invite the ladies who seem to enjoy our speakers, and our beautiful repasts. Remember, only an informed congregation can make intelligent decisions.

CELEBRATE with your friends

Friday, February 1, 1980
Rabbi Schindler, President
of the UAHC will speak.

Sunday, March 23, 1980
Gala Dinner Dance at the
Intercontinental Hotel.





FROM THE RABBI'S STUDY

KNOW HOW TO ANSWER "Palestinian Rights" (Part II)

Last week, we discussed the increasingly repeated charge that Israel owes the Arab refugees their "rights". We urge you to read that column if you haven't seen it. Copies are available at the Temple office. The question for this week is:

QUESTION: The Arab nations, like Saudi Arabia, tell us that if Israel will only agree to establish a Palestinian state that this will solve the problems of the Middle East. They tell us that oil prices will go down and Middle East unrest will cease, if only the Israelis would do what is "right and just". Why doesn't Israel recognize this and make this small compromise?

ANSWER: a) The first part of the answer to this over-simplistic question has to do with the price of oil. The truth is that **the price of oil is not related to the Israel-Palestine question at all.** To relate the two is to create a smoke screen to conceal the fundamental factors. Hitler made a similar type charge. He said that if Germany could only solve its Jewish problem, then Germany's problems would disappear. When the Jews of Germany disappeared (Hitler killed them), Germany's problems first began to show up in heightened form. To blame the Jews for the world's oil problems is to use them as a scapegoat once again.

The price of oil has to do with supply and demand. It has to do with America's unceasing need for energy and our unwillingness to turn to fuels other than oil. It has to do with our unwillingness to conserve energy and to use less. The countries blessed with large supplies of oil, the Arab nations among them, are going to get all they can for their much demanded product, and they will use every reason they can to explain to the world why they are so greedy. Take Venezuela, for example. That Latin-American country is hardly involved with the Israel-Palestinian problem, yet it charges as much for its oil as anyone. Whether the Israel-Palestinian problem is solved or not, we will still pay even higher prices for oil, unless we do something about getting other sources of energy, or unless we cut down on our usage.

When the Rev. Jesse Jackson links America's oil problems to America's detachment from the P.L.O., he is using an irrational ploy. Recently Jackson was reminded on T.V. (Channel 2, December 16th) by a newsman that **early Americans justified the need for slavery because America had to have its cotton crop.** On that program, a Christian Science "Monitor" article on Jackson's meeting with Arafat was quoted. The "Monitor", one of America's great newspapers, reported that Jackson said to the P.L.O. emissaries in Beirut, "Unless you start sending funds immediately to Black organizations, Black leaders will forget three letters in the alphabet, P., L., and O." Jackson made no attempt to deny this report. One does not connect oil with Israel unless one has other motives.

b) The second part of the answer to our question is that the **Arab nations have, on the one hand, showed an amazing lack of sympathy for the Palestinians,** and, on the other hand, they want Israel to solve a Palestinian problem that the Arab nations have, singly or together, been unable to solve. When the Palestinians were defeated in the wars they initiated against Israel, some of them stayed in Israel to benefit from the prosperity Israel brought to that area, while others fled, either voluntarily being unwilling to remain in a Jewish state, or as many other defeated peoples have fled throughout human history. In almost no Arab state were the refugees welcomed and integrated as the State of Israel welcomed and integrated the huge number of Jews who had to flee the Arab nations, in which the Jews had lived in some cases for 2500 years (which is a thousand years before the Arabs got there.)

Many of the Palestinians fled to Jordan, a new nation which had been created by Great Britain only short decades before the State of Israel was created by the U.N. Jordan was created from a large part of the land, formerly known as Palestine, which the

Camp Coleman Scholarship Applications

Applications for scholarships to Camp Coleman are now available at the Religious School Office. If you are interested in applying, come by the office as soon as possible. Deadline for filing the application with Rabbi Weinblatt is February 15, 1980.

"Ideas Through Books" Meeting Notice

BOOK: "KING OF THE JEWS" by Leslie Epstein. South Miami Library has a few copies of this highly acclaimed novel.

REVIEWER: RABBI STUART WEINBLATT

DATE: THURSDAY, JANUARY 24th
Morning Group meets at 9:30 a.m.
Evening Group meets at 8:00 p.m.
(Coffee first, review one-half hour later)

PLACE: **MORNING:** Home of Elaine and Jack Zagoria
5935 Twin Lakes Drive
R.S.V.P. 665-8314 or Gail at Temple

EVENING: Location to be announced
R.S.V.P. Gail at Temple 667-5587

League of Nations had mandated to Great Britain as a homeland for the Jewish people. But this Palestinian country, Jordan, did not welcome the Palestinians to the west. They refused to absorb them. As a result, there was a bitter war in Jordan, as the refugees sought forcefully to integrate themselves into Jordan and to gain power. I recall reading the dispatches from newsmen who were disgusted by the bitterness and cruelty exhibited in this war of brother against brother.

Expelled from that part of Palestine now called Jordan, the Palestinians, led by the P.L.O., went to Lebanon. Within a short while, there was a bitter civil war there. The Christian Lebanese, who were in Lebanon before the Arabs got there in the seventh century B.C.E., found themselves losing status in the country of their long domicile. The P.L.O. steadily increased its military power and attempted to gain control of large sections of Lebanon. It is only a few years now since this bloody war took over 50,000 lives with 200,000 wounded!

It is not only Jordan and Lebanon who have suffered because of the P.L.O. led refugees. Saudi Arabia has great fears concerning the P.L.O. Compared to the total population, there are only a few inhabitants who are native to Saudi Arabia. Tens of thousands of Palestinians are there, helping to run the oil fields, but **Saudi Arabia does not make citizens of these Palestinians,** nor indeed does it grant citizenship to anyone other than the native Saudi Arabians. Saudi Arabia does not integrate its Arab brothers. On the other hand, it holds them at a distance. Fearful that the Palestinians might make a bid for power in its own country, Saudi Arabia wants to export their drive for power to Israel. So here we have at least three Arab countries (there are others), who are fearful of their brethren, who refuse to integrate them, who have suffered grievously from the militancy of the Palestinians, and who want Israel to solve all their problems with the Palestinians by taking them back "home".

Israel, on the other hand, is surely entitled to say, "You don't want these Palestinians because they cause you so much trouble. **They have started four wars against us and still terrorize our people.** Why should we trust them any more than you do? You want us to do what is 'just and right'. Is it not also just for a people to defend itself against an enemy that has repeatedly attacked it? Would it not be folly to accept a mere statement of their change of heart?"

By the way, this statement of change of heart has not been forthcoming. On the contrary, the P.L.O. maintains, as it always has, that the Israelis should be a minority in a Moslem "democracy". No doubt the P.L.O. defines democracy as does its Khomeni led ally.