



FAMILY SERVICE, Friday, March 7, 1980, 7:30 p.m.

RABBI STUART WEINBLATT
"WHY I AM PROUD TO BE A JEW -
SOME THOUGHTS ON RETURNING FROM ISRAEL"

SINGLES TORAH SERVICE, Friday, March 7, 9:30 p.m.

RABBI MITCHELL CHEFITZ
In Chapel of Teenage Building

TORAH SERVICE - Saturday, March 8, 1980, 9:15 a.m. and 11:15 a.m.

Beth Am Commentator

March 7, 1980

Miami, Florida

Nominations For Temple Officers And Board of Directors for 1980-81 Year

The Nominating Committee, under the chairmanship of Sam Steen, has submitted its nominations for Temple Officers and Board of Directors for the coming year.

The following recommendations will be voted on by the general membership of the Temple at our Congregational Meeting which will be held on Monday night April 28th.

President	Dr. William E. Silver
Executive Vice-President	Al Leibert
Vice-President	Barry Goldstein
Vice-President	Evelyn Goodman
Vice-President	Dr. Harry Graff
Vice-President	Ira Pozen
Vice-President	Elaine Silverstein
Financial Secretary	Herb Neuman
Treasurer	Marcia Reisman
Corresponding Secretary	Teddi Segal
Recording Secretary	Edie Spiegel

The following members were nominated to serve a three year term on the Board of Directors, term to expire in 1983: Florence Birchansky, Max Brown, Steve Carner, Leslie Freedman, Jonathan Kislak, Marshall Langer, Morton Stubins, Barbara Weiner.

There are three openings on the Board of Directors for a two year term to expire in 1982. Nominated were: Iris Franco, Edgar Lewis, Prof. Robert Sandler.

There are two openings on the Board of Directors for a one year term to expire in 1981. The following were nominated: Michael Brown, Jack Orkin.

Remaining on the Board to fill out their terms which expire in 1982 are: Andrew Dolkart, Shepard King, Gerri Legow, Dr. Arvey Rogers, Jerold Schwarz.

Remaining on the Board to fill out their terms which expire in 1981 are: Irene Baros, Peggy Bieley, Alan Brooks, Charles Simon, Betty Suchman, Michael Weisberg.

ADDITIONAL NOMINATIONS

Additional nominations for any office or for membership on the Board of Directors may be made by filing a petition signed by at least ten (10) members with the Nomination Committee Chairperson at least thirty (30) days prior to the Annual Meeting. No nominations may be submitted without the consent of the nominee.

PRESIDENT SILVER REACTIVATES BOARD OF TRUSTEES

President William Silver is proud to announce that the Board of Trustees of Temple Beth Am has been reactivated with Jordan Bittel as Chairman. The Board of Trustees met for an orientation and planning meeting on Wednesday, February 27th. The Board named below will take office officially on April 28, 1980, at the Annual Meeting.

3 Year Term - Expiring 1983:

Jordan Bittel, Chairman, Richard Pallot, Joe Segal, Sam Steen

The American Jew - A Jewish Perspective

Who is best qualified to review, objectively, the hopes, the fears, the desires, the strengths and weaknesses of an ethnic group? The answer is a person familiar with this group's past and present activities; who, himself, is a living part of their group, and who, daily, is concerned with the group's future.

Eminently qualified to examine "the American Jew" is the speaker at Beth Am's next Congregational Breakfast. Holding degrees from the Yeshiva University, and the School of Law of the University of Maryland, Barry Schreiber possesses the virtues of a Jewish background; the advocacy of the legal profession, and a keen, penetrating mind.

Residing in Dade County since 1969, this young man showed his feelings for people by being elected a Commissioner of Dade County in 1976, a position he still fills today. His affiliations, some of which are listed, indicate his involvement: Greater Miami Jewish Federation; Young Israel of Greater Miami; Religious Zionists of America, Florida Region; Common Cause; Jewish Historical Society; and the Tiger Bay Luncheon Club.

Believing that only an informed congregation can make intelligent decisions, we urge you to attend this breakfast. Beginning at 9:30 a.m., on March 16, 1980, in Beth Am's Youth Lounge. Donations of \$1.50 for Brotherhood members and \$2.00 for all others are in order.

Basketball Concludes Successful Season

The basketball season at Beth Am came to a close with the Awards Banquet Sunday evening, February 10th. Many thanks to everyone who helped make this season successful. Trophies were given to the top two teams in each division. The winners in the Midget Division were Richard Schwartz's team and Alan Lederman's team. The winners in the Junior Division were Mel Rappaport's team and Ron Lerman's team. In the Intermediate Division the winning teams were Henry Glick's team and Mike Jackson's team and the top two teams in the Senior Division were coached by Richard Rubinson and Saul Cohen. Congratulations to all the winners! Congratulations also to Steve Suchman who won the David Berkowitz Award for Sportsmanship, Character and Leadership.

The National Theater Company Presents

"Swiss Family Robinson"

Sunday, March 9, 1980

Beth Am Social Hall - - - 2:00 p.m.

Donation: \$3.00

2 Year Term - Expiring 1982:

Bernard Goodman, Sophie Kirk, Marshal Rosenberg,

Bert Schild

1 Year Term - Expiring 1981:

Harold Brown, Ron Lipton, Leonard Luria, Lee Ruwitch.

Current Trends



FROM THE RABBI'S STUDY
ON THE MODERN SEXUAL SCENE
(Part One)



In recent times, I have heard some people say, "Sexual morality has changed." It may well be that there is a new popular view of sexual relations, but **THERE IS NOT A NEW VIEW SO FAR AS JUDAISM IS CONCERNED.** Indeed, what is called the "modern" view is very close to that practiced by the Canaanites in Biblical days, which our ancestors so vigorously opposed. Those of us who are responsible for the mediating of Jewish attitudes and values are appalled by the increasing laissez faire attitude about sex.

It occurred to me that in view of some of the confusion about what is "right" or what is "wrong", it might be helpful to some for me to describe what is **STILL** the Judaic sexual morality. It is as follows:

1. **SEX IS GOOD AND WONDERFUL** - between husband and wife.

Unlike some other religions, Judaism exhorts its followers to glorify the pleasures of sex, but in the marital relationship. The Talmud advises, "On the Sabbath, sexual relations between husband and wife are a mitzvah." "Always on the Sabbath" is a part of Jewish teaching (not only on the Sabbath).

2. **SINCE THE FAMILY IS THE BASIC UNIT OF THE JEWISH COMMUNITY, SEXUAL RELATIONS THAT THREATEN THE SECURITY AND WELL-BEING OF THE FAMILY ARE CONSIDERED TO BE A THREAT TO THE ENTIRE JEWISH COMMUNITY.**

The most extreme form of this threat is adultery. Adultery, as understood in the Jewish tradition, is the sexual involvement of any person with a party to a marriage. Both participating parties are guilty of adultery.

We are not suggesting that the primitive punishment for adultery be retained. We are saying that when adultery occurs, it is as much a threat to the existence of the Jewish community as it ever was.

3. **MARRIAGE IS A COVENANT, A BRIT BETWEEN TWO CONSENTING ADULTS.**

When two people get married within the Jewish faith, they covenant to build a life together, to rear children, to live by the laws of the Torah. They pledge their trust and faithfulness. The person who violates this trust has committed no small act. He/She has shaken the basic structure of the Jewish community.

4. **PRE-MARITAL SEX, AS IT IS PRESENTLY PRACTICED, IS A SEVERE THREAT TO JEWISH SURVIVAL.**

In the past, pre-marital sex was discouraged because of its effect on the marriageability of the female. In modern times, there are much stronger reasons to be concerned about what some call "sexual freedom." In the open sex environment, marriages are delayed, if they occur at all; the having of children is delayed, if that occurs at all. Since the survival of the Jewish community depends on the having of at least a replacement corps of children (3 per family), the pre-marital sexual scene is bad news for the Jewish community. It is sad and agonizing to see our young people draw into this alternative to healthy marriage.

5. **JEWES HAVE ALWAYS ASSOCIATED THE SEXUAL ACT WITH AN INTIMATE AND LOVING RELATIONSHIP. ANY OTHER KIND OF SEXUAL INTIMACY MITIGATES AGAINST A BASIC JEWISH VALUE.**

The Canaanites and the Greeks, pagans all, glorified the body as a thing of beauty, in and of itself. Bodily pleasures were the supreme goal of pagan society. The ancient Jews spoke of the beauty of holiness, i.e., bodily desires had to be harnessed to spiritual values. For the Canaanites, sex for the sake of sex was an end in itself. The Jews asked the question, "What is the **purpose** of the sexual relationship?" The Jewish view was that sex, like everything else, must serve the higher purposes of the individual and of society. Perhaps, as the centuries wore on, Jewish views of sex became too circumscribed, and they may

BAFTY Meeting

The membership of BAFTY will hold its next general meeting and program on Monday, March 17th at 6 p.m. in the Youth Lounge.

9th Grade Youth Group

The 9th Grade Youth Group is very busy in creating a spectacular retreat for all 9th graders - Sunday, March 23. We will leave Temple at 9:30 and head for Camp Owaisabauer. A full day of activities is being planned by our Retreat Committee: Kelly Willner, Robert Moses, Brian Shulman, Mark Gelband, Lauri Sharp, Barbara Essinger, Paula Jacobson, Joan Silverstein, Sharon Ruttenberg, Karen Korn, Cindy Taylor and Elise Lipoff. Call the Temple for a reservation!

8th Grade Youth Group

Our Youth Group thoroughly enjoyed the live music of Steve Mills! He not only played great dancing music, but involved us all in contests and gave super prizes!

Along with the successful dance was the gracious hosting by Barry and Maddy Brand.

Our members supplied the dessert table with home made goodies!

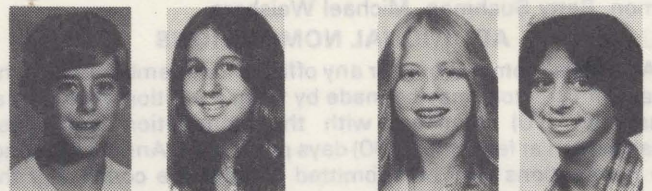
The 8th Grade Youth Group will be selling matzah for Pesach! Let us make your Seder even more special!

Scouts Did Their Good Deed For The Day

Beth Am's Troup #502, under the leadership of Bernard Goodman, Scoutmaster, had occasion to do their good deed for the day when, on their monthly campout, (this time at Cape Florida on Key Biscayne), they were told by the Park Rangers of their being very shorthanded. Ass't. Scoutmaster, Alan Richard came up with the bright idea for the troop to help by "policing" and cleaning up an entire beach area. Needless to say, there were some pretty grateful Park Rangers. And that's what scouting is all about!

The troop's always open to new young members, eleven years of age and up. It's still not too late to join and get in on the fun and learning experiences. The troop meets every Thursday evening from 7:15 to 9:30 p.m.

B'Nai Mitzvah Saturday, March 8



9:15 a.m.

David, son of
Mrs. Susan Gordon and
Mr. Spencer Gordon
Barbara, daughter of
Mr. and Mrs. Allan Zalesky

11:15 a.m.

Marjorie, daughter of
Mr. and Mrs. Ira Bollinger
Jacqueline, daughter of
Mr. and Mrs. Robert Spiegel

well have needed some liberalizing, but can there be any doubt that the Jewish view is overall superior to the pagan view which has such a stranglehold on the modern mind?

(Continued next week)