



RELIGIOUS SERVICE, Friday, March 21, 1980, 8:30 p.m.
 RABBI HERBERT M. BAUMGARD
 "JEWS ON THE COLLEGE CAMPUS"

TORAH SERVICE, Saturday, March 22nd, 9:15 a.m. and 11:15 a.m.

Beth Am Commentator

March 21, 1980

Miami, Florida

Israel Bonds Champagne Breakfast Sunday, April 27 at Temple

Al Leibert, Chairman of our Israel Bonds Committee, is happy to invite all congregants to attend the Israel Bond Champagne Breakfast on Sunday, April 27, at 9:45 a.m., at the Temple. On this occasion, we will be honoring Bernard and Evelyn Goodman who have been chosen to receive the "Israel Peace Award" for the many years of work in behalf of the State of Israel.

Dr. Arieh Plotkin to Speak

At this breakfast, Dr. Arieh Plotkin will be our guest speaker. Dr. Plotkin is a Haganah veteran and a former officer in the Intelligence Corps of Israel's Defense Forces. Dr. Plotkin was educated at the Universities of Jerusalem and London and received his Ph.D. from Princeton University and the Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs. He is keenly attuned to the changing moods and currents of Israel's public opinion. He brings to American audiences a fresh and first-hand knowledge of the current mid-eastern scene. He has a keen insight into Israeli and Arab problems with an acute awareness of Israeli's economic plans and needs.

All Temple members should plan to attend this free breakfast to honor Bernard and Evelyn Goodman, one of Temple Beth Am's most active and dedicated families.

Adult Jewish Studies: 3 Courses Beginning in April

A COMPARISON OF ISLAMIC AND RABBINIC THOUGHT: Rabbi Jerome Gurland. Moslem thought has already made a great impression upon us this year. The more we can understand it, the better we can cope. Rabbi Gurland has a national reputation in the area of Jewish-Christian relations. Now he reaches out to a different culture. Four Tuesday evenings beginning April 22 in Room 26, 8:00-10:00 p.m.

THE PSYCHOLOGICAL FOUNDATION OF JEWISH TRADITION: Rabbi Aaron B. Ilson. Rabbi Ilson is Rabbi Emeritus of Temple Sinai of Pittsburgh, Pa. He is known not only as a rabbinic scholar, but also as a counsellor of great understanding and compassion. He has been the coordinator of guidance and counselling at Columbia University. Four Wednesdays, beginning April 16 in Room 26, 8:00-10:00 p.m.

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THE PASSOVER STORY

By Rabbi Herbert M. Baumgard

(Passover begins the night of March 31st)

Passover is one of the three original Jewish Holidays. Thousands of years ago it was the New Year Festival. It is natural to think that the year begins with the rebirth of vegetation in the Springtime. Passover is thus the season of hope. But the distinctive character of Judaism is that it tied together the symbol of nature and of human history. Passover also marks the time when the ancient Hebrews were given their freedom from the Egyptian slave-masters. Thus the Hebrews joined together the themes of mankind's struggle for a world of meaning and the struggle of nature to be born again.

Consider, for example, the interweaving of the symbols of nature and of history in the Holiday.

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PASSOVER WORKSHOP

THURSDAY, MARCH 20 8:00 P.M. IN THE YOUTH LOUNGE

Rabbi Chefitz teaches how to conduct a creative seder

Joan Schwartz teaches creative cooking

No reservations required

If you have a Haggadah, bring it along with your imagination and your appetite!

Annual Congregational Seder

TUESDAY, APRIL 1st 6:00 p.m. SOCIAL HALL

(on the second night of Passover)

TO: BETH AM SEDER RESERVATIONS
 5950 North Kendall Drive, Miami 33156

FROM: Name (Please print) Address Phone

PLEASE RESERVE THE FOLLOWING:

MEMBERS OF THE CONGREGATION:

_____ ADULTS@\$12.50 each \$ _____

_____ CHILDREN 5 years to 12 ... @\$ 9.00 each _____

_____ CHILDREN 4 years and under@\$ 5.00 each _____

NON-MEMBERS OF THE CONGREGATION:

_____ ADULTS@\$17.50 each \$ _____

_____ CHILDREN 5 years to 12 ... @\$10.50 each _____

_____ CHILDREN 4 years and under@\$ 6.50 each _____

ENCLOSED IS MY CHECK FOR \$ _____

PLEASE SEAT US WITH THE FOLLOWING:

WE WILL HAVE A TOTAL OF _____ PEOPLE.



LAST CALL
25th Anniversary
Dinner - Dance
Sunday
March 23, 1980
Gala Dinner Dance
Intercontinental Hotel

For information call 271-1712 or 667-5587.



FROM THE RABBI'S STUDY
ON THE MODERN SEXUAL SCENE
"LIVING TOGETHER"

(Part Three)

When I was younger, a boy and girl who wished to go to bed together got married. And, except in rare cases, they stayed married. Today, the latter life-style has a popular competitor. Today many young people say, "Let's sleep together first, and if we like each other, we'll consider the possibility of getting married". One would think that this kind of "trial marriage" would make for better and more lasting marriages. Not so. The latest statistics demonstrate that there are more divorces after trial marriages than with people who do not live together before marriage. In other words, "trial marriage" as a scientific procedure making for good marriages doesn't work. The reason is simple. Marriage is a great deal different than trial marriage. Marriage involves commitment, planning, mutual compromise, sacrifice. It is precisely the futuristic implications of marriage that make it so different from "trial marriage". A togetherness based on pleasure alone simply has no relationship to marriage. The latter takes maturity. The former is obviously a kind of indulgence. "Trial marriage" is like window shopping without making a purchase. Isn't it really like child's play?

Even more important is what the wide-spread practice of living together does to young people. I know a young couple who went together through undergraduate school. The girl assumed they would be married. When he went to graduate school, she hoped they would go as man and wife. Instead he asked her to live with him....no guarantees, no commitments. She was smart enough to say, "no dice".

But think what this does to the girl. The serious game that she is playing, the mature game, is not the one that so many others are playing. She gets to feel like an outsider. In some areas, "the only game in town" is the living together game. If you don't live together with somebody, you get no dates at all. Some girls are fearful that if they don't live with someone they'll be left completely behind. Better, they say, to live together, than to stay home every Saturday night alone. Just imagine, here you are ready to sleep with someone and no one is willing to sleep with you! Here you are ready to surrender something so precious to you and no one regards you enough to let you make that sacrifice. This is the situation to which many of our girls have been reduced.

And think what is happening to the boy. I know a young man who has a special athletic ability in the sexual act. After having relations with many different girls, he said to his friends, "You know, I just realized that I am being used". Sex without love is not fulfilling for long. And other young men are put off by the open sex scene because they are not sexual athletes, and they don't perform as expected or as required by athletic girls. Some of these young men are now afraid to get married less their experienced wife find out that her husband is a neophyte and not as dynamic as some of her previous lovers. A girl recently confided to me in my office, "My husband is not as good a lover as some of my previous boy friends. I want a divorce".

Look around you! Notice how many girls in their late twenties and thirties have never been married. Notice the men who are still playing the sexual game in their late thirties and forties. Notice the divorces that are caused because there is someone else waiting to become the divorced person's sexual partner. And notice also the absence of children....the absence of Jewish children. All of these things are by-products of the open sex scene.

Have fun as you dance around the sexual calf, you "modern" life-stylers, because in your later years, you will yearn for love and children and grandchildren, and find that neither is around. What will you do then when your sexual attractiveness is lessened, and the time for window shopping has passed by?

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**SAVE MAY 3rd.....
AND WATCH THIS SPACE!**

Calling All Runners

The first meeting of the BAR (Beth Am Runners) will convene Sunday, March 30 at 8:00 A.M. in the East Parking Lot of Temple Beth Am.

Dr. Stuart Leeds will teach us appropriate stretching exercises to warm up and then we will jog 1, 3, and 6 miles according to your ability. New runners are encouraged to join us.

Please be certain you have had a recent cardiovascular evaluation by your physician and he approves.

Any minors attending should be accompanied by an adult or have a note granting permission to participate.

Any questions prior to the first meeting, please call Dr. Gil Snyder, 324-0536.

Religious School Works For Combined Jewish Appeal

The Saturday Religious School, consisting of children from Kingergarten through eighth grade has made a generous contribution to the Combined Jewish Appeal, which gives money to Israel and to local Jewish charities.

The Monday Night school is now in the process of raising money from ninth and tenth graders.

The drive was an attempt to train the children to discuss the needs of the Jewish community, to project a goal, to make a pledge, and to raise the funds. The Saturday class most effectively doing these things was the eighth grade class of Margie Buchbinder which reached its goal through personal gifts and the proceeds of a bake sale. Other Saturday classes which fulfilled their objectives include Kathy Lynne's fifth grades, Sam Hollander's fourth graders, and the second grades of Jane Sukert, Staphanie Ross, and Celia Isaacs. Overall Saturday champion workers were the kindergarten of Judy Clein who raised the most money at the primary level and placed third in overall per capita giving.

Other Saturday classes whose achievements deserve honorable mention include Charlotte Klieman's fourth graders.

Most money raised in the Sunday School was the eighth grade of Mickey Futernick. Close behind on Sunday was David Halberg's seventh grade and Beverly Lefcourt's third grade. The latter class was overall champion for Sunday. Honorable mention goes to the Kindergarten class of Judy Clein and the first grade of Jane Sukert and Linda Kaplan and the fourth graders of Charlotte Klieman and Sam Hollander, and the fifth graders of Raisa Edelman.

B'Nai Mitzvah

Saturday, March 22



9:15 a.m.
Jordana, daughter of
Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Colan
Jocelyn, daughter of
Mr. and Mrs. Howard Frank



11:15 a.m.
Jeffrey Kaufman, son of
Mrs. Arthur Gilbert and
Mr. Jeffrey S. Kaufman
Gary, son of
Mr. and Mrs. Emanuel Palgon

