



FAMILY SERVICE, Friday, November 7, 1980, 7:30 p.m.  
RABBI STUART G. WEINBLATT  
"ON BEING YOURSELF"

SINGLES SERVICE, Friday, November 7th, 9:30 p.m.  
RABBI MORTON HOFFMAN  
In Chapel of Teenage Building

TORAH SERVICE, Saturday, November 8th, 9:15 a.m. and 11:15 a.m.

# Beth Am Commentator

November 7, 1980

Miami, Florida

## The Problems and Promises Surrounding Soviet Jewery Topic At Breakfast, Sunday, Nov. 16th

Our hearts are stirred and our emotions run high when we read of the treatment meted out to Jews in the Soviet Union. Letters are written, telegrams sent, our government is asked to intervene, and funds are collected to aid those still in the Soviet Union and those few who are permitted to emigrate. And as our protests grow, so does the flow of Jewish emigrants diminish.

Of concern to us, too, is what happens to those who do manage to leave Russia. This concern grows when we perceive the small number who go on to Israel, where they all promised to go, and the ever increasing number who come here and other Western countries.

What should our attitude be? What should we or what can we do? How many become Jews, deserving of our assistance, and how many merely blend into the overall population and forget their Jewish heritage?

To help us consider these problems we have secured the services of Elaine Bloom. As Public Affairs Director of Radio Station WKAT; as a former member of the House of Representatives of the Florida Legislature where she served with great distinction, as a member of the Board of Trustees, F.I.U.; Elaine Bloom brings her vast experience and background to us to help us understand the problems and promises of this interesting dilemma.

Breakfast begins at 9:30 a.m. in our Youth Lounge. The date is November 16, 1980, and donations as usual are \$2.00 for Brotherhood members and \$2.50 for guests. The ladies always are welcome.

## Join The Chanukah Menorah Contest

All Beth Am families are again invited to enter the Temple's Chanukah Menorah Contest this year. Prizes will be awarded at services the first Friday in December. While the prizes will be awarded to the children, the entire family is invited to get in on the planning and execution - provided that the child has a significant part in the creation.

All children entering the contest will receive an honorary certificate. Prizes will be awarded as follows: Pre-school (through Kindergarten) - 3 prizes; Primary (K-3) - 3 prizes; Middle Grades (4-6) - 3 prizes; Grades 7-8 - 3 prizes; Grades 9-10 - 3 prizes; a total of a dozen prizes.

Hand in your menorah as soon as possible. Contest ends Nov. 30th.

## Open School Board Meeting - Nov. 4, 7:30 P.M.

There will be a School Board meeting on Tuesday evening, November 4, 1980, in Room 28 of the Teenage Building, at 7:30 p.m. This is an open meeting to all interested Temple members.

## 9:30 P.M. Singles Service November 7th In Chapel

Continuing with what is developing into a very popular tradition, singles of all ages will gather in the chapel (behind the library at the rear of the Teen Age Building) at 9:30 P.M. on November 7th for an evening of prayer, singing, study and Israeli Folk Dancing.

The Kabbalat Shabbat service and the study will be led by Rabbi Hoffman, and the dancing will be led by Dianne Stahl of our religious school staff. Refreshments are served following services in the Social Hall. All singles are cordially invited.

## New Adult Education Course On Jewish Art Begins

No Jewish Adult Education program would be complete without balancing the study of texts, history and ideas with some study of the great Cultural Arts legacy which Judaism has developed.

Beginning on Tuesday evening, November 18, Rabbi Lewis Bogage, Director of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations Southeast Region, will begin four weeks of study of Jewish Art here for Beth Am members. In addition to a brief survey of the graphic arts within the Jewish tradition—a tradition which put severe limitations on art through the second of the Ten Commandments—Rabbi Bogage will deal with individual artists, Jewish and non-Jewish who have dealt with Jewish themes.

Some of the fascinating questions to be discussed are: How did art survive despite the religious taboo against it? Is Andy Warhol a Jewish artist when he sketches famous Jews? Is Marc Chagall a Christian artist when he paints the Crucifixion? What makes Jewish art Jewish?

All interested in this course are invited to join Rabbi Bogage in Room 24 of the Teen Age Building at 8:00 P.M. on Tuesday, November 18th. Credit toward Adult Confirmation and/or Bar or Bat Mitzvah.

## Chanukah Starts In Early December

Don't look now, but Chanukah is creeping up on you! The first candle must be lit Tuesday evening, December 2nd.

The Temple Judaica Shop, now located in the refurbished administration office, has all kinds of Chanukah merchandise, including menorahs, candles, books and gifts.

Chanukah always comes on the 25th day of Kislev, but the ancient Jewish calendar is a lunar calendar (not a solar one) and an extra month is added in leap years to bring the calculating even with solar projections.

Get your latke batter ready.



FROM THE RABBI'S STUDY

"I'M GOING TO BURN THESE BOOKS"

A colleague of mine told me a story recently of a young lady being tutored for her Bat Mitzvah ceremony who said to her tutor, "When I become Bat Mitzvah, I'm going to burn all these books." Since the tutor was a very mild mannered young man, much respected and beloved by others, we can assume that the hostility manifested in this outburst was not directed towards the tutor. It was directed to things and persons more closely tied with her life.

We find in the Temple that the attitude a child exhibits towards his Jewish studies is a reflection of two things: a) his or her relationship to family members as persons, and b) the quality of Jewish orientation at home. To be sure, not all of our teachers are equally wonderful, and, at times, we do have a problem with a teacher, but when a teacher has a proven record, and when most of his or her students like the teacher, you have to look for other reasons to discover why a child is so poorly motivated.

It is not enough to tell a child, however repeatedly, that he/she should be a good Jew or a learned Jew. A child learns best by what you do, not by what you tell the child. A child learns by the look on your face when you light the Sabbath candles. He learns by the seriousness with which you perform the ritual over the wine on Shabbat. He learns by the way you act when he sits beside you in the synagogue. He learns to rejoice in Judaism as you rejoice in singing the Chanukah songs. He has fun in Judaism as he follows you around the Temple in the Torah parade on Simchat Torah.

A child learns that Bar/Bat Mitzvah is just the first ring on the ladder of Jewish education when he knows you are participating in the Adult Education program. He knows the importance of his own Confirmation when he knows you are studying for your Adult Confirmation.

On the other hand, when the child sees you doing none of these things, HE LEARNS THAT THEY ARE UNIMPORTANT! You teach by what you do and by what you don't do, and nothing that the religious school teacher says will make any difference in changing the atmosphere that YOU are creating day by day.

It is also generally true that when there is a good personal relationship between parent and child, there will also be a good relationship between the child and the teacher. Those in positions of authority (like a Rabbi) discover that they are generally liked by those who related well to their parents and disliked by those who did not relate well to their parents. It is frequently a matter of prejudice, of predisposition.

How unhappy that child who threatens to burn her books must be! But then, we have so many children who treasure their books, those same books. How fortunate they are to come to us from a background which teaches a reverence for books - even for Jewish books.

Workshop Scheduled For Parents Of Bar/Bat Mitzvah Children

On Wednesday, November 12th, Rabbi Weinblatt will conduct a workshop for parents of children who will have a bar or bat mitzvah between now and February 28th. At this workshop, Rabbi Weinblatt will go over the blessings that the parents read during services. In addition to teaching the blessings, other interesting material pertaining to bar and bat mitzvah will be presented.

The session will begin at 8:00 p.m. in Room 28. Grandparents are welcome to attend as well. Come and join us for what promises to be an enlightening evening.

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Youth News

BAFTY BANNER YEAR WELL UNDER WAY

Members of our senior high youth group will attend a rally for Jewish solidarity on Sunday, November 8th, at the Freedom Torch. After the rally, the young people will go to an exciting concert at Gusman Hall, featuring the popular Israeli group, "the Diaspora Yeshiva Band."

Get your service credit, and join us for an Oneg Shabbat as well!

On Friday night, November 14th, BAFTY members will attend services and participate in an Oneg Shabbat at Michael Snyder's house following services.

Still to come....Challenge of the Sexes.

The members of our senior high youth group will participate in an exciting program. A Challenge of the Sexes. Don't miss out on all the fun. (There is no truth to the rumor that Robert Conrad and Howard Cosell will serve as referees.) Watch these pages for further information.

November 23rd is Blood Bank Sunday at Beth Am

This is an invitation to join the most prestigious group in the world. You are being invited to become a lifesaver - a human being with true compassion.

The John Elliott Bloodmobile will be at our Social Hall on Sunday, November 23rd between 8:30 a.m. and 2 p.m. Please pledge a pint of blood! Call Doreen Marx 667-6667 or Diana Elson 665-1958 or give your pledge to others who may contact you.

The right to save a human life is a privilege you can share with other conscientious and humanitarian individuals. Every four minutes a pint of blood is needed in regional hospitals for a transfusion, which may be the difference between life and death. Someone like yourself must furnish it.

There is no such thing as a substitute for blood!

You are being invited to become a lifesaver!

Please join this select group - see you on November 23rd!

CHANUKAH STARTS DECEMBER 3

"DO SHOP AT THE JUDAICA SHOP"

CASH OR CHECKS PAYABLE TO

"TEMPLE BETH AM SISTERHOOD" ACCEPTED ...

HOURS: 3:45 TIL 5:45 ON MON. & WED.

FRIDAY - FOLLOWING SERVICES

B'Nai Mitzvah Saturday, November 8

11:15 a.m.



Lee, son of Dr. and Mrs. Peter Sobel

9:15 a.m.



Michael, son of Dr. and Mrs. Barry Scholl



Stacey, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Harold Deutsch