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RELIGIOUS SERVICE, Friday, May 29, 1981, 8:30 p.m.

RABBI STUART G. WEINBLATT
"THE VALUE OF LIFE"

TORAH SERVICE, Saturday, May 30th, 9:15 and 11:15 a.m.

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Summer Program Groups Almost Filled Open House Sunday June 14 at 4:00 p.m.



Nancy Weinfeld, Summer Program Director, has informed us that there are only a few openings in selected groups. The response to our "New and Improved" Summer Program has been most heartening.

An "Open House" will be held on Saturday June 14 at 4:00 p.m. in Room 101 of the Learning Center.

Parents and campers will have a preview of the 1981 Summer Program, and an opportunity to meet with the program staff.

Young campers will be encouraged to join Jr. Counselors on the playground and enjoy refreshments while their parents learn of our summer plans.

You will be receiving a camp packet in the mail, containing Medical, Emergency Contact and Field Trip Release forms. Please bring the completed forms to this meeting. Camper identification tags will be distributed at this time.

STAFF OPENINGS

There are still a few staff openings due to our increased enrollment. If you are 16 years of age or older, interested in working with young children, please contact the Temple office for a camp application form.

Registration Forms
For 1981-82
To Be Mailed
Next Week



Temple Adopts New Fair-Share Schedule

Family Income	Dues Contribution
\$20,000 to \$22,500	\$ 600.00
\$22,600 to \$25,000	\$ 650.00
\$25,100 to \$27,500	\$ 700.00
\$27,600 to \$30,000	\$ 750.00
\$30,100 to \$35,000	\$ 900.00
\$35,100 to \$40,000	\$1,000.00

Over \$40,000
THE COMMITTEE OF 100
A contribution of \$1,250 or more

Rabbi Hoffman To Serve As Hazzan At The CCAR Conference in Jerusalem This June

The Central Conference of American Rabbis which will be holding its annual Convention this year in Jerusalem, Israel, has announced that Rabbi Morton Hoffman of Temple Beth Am will serve as Cantor for the Shabbat morning Service of the Convention on Saturday, June 27, 1981.

The theme of this year's convention is "The Jewish People—Faith and Future" and it will be attended by Reform Rabbis from all over the world as well as by lay leaders. Those members of Beth Am who will be on the Temple's Tour to Israel and Egypt, will be in Jerusalem for part of the convention and will be able to attend some of its sessions and services.



The Committee of 100

The following members of "The Committee of 100" have rejoined for the next fiscal year. There is no limit to the number of families needed for this committee. All are welcome.

- Lawrence and Thea Godofsky
- Bernard and Evelyn Goodman
- Dr. Harry and Ruth Graff
- Ella and Allen Greenberg
- Drs. Melvin and Nancy Greenfield
- Dr. Gerald and Paula Greenwald
- Robert and Marilyn Grossberger
- Arnold and Phyllis Grossman
- Martin and Lenore Hochman
- Arthur and Joan Jacowitz
- Stephen and Jill Kandell
- Phil and Mickey Kaplan
- Harold and Sheila Kassewitz
- James and Barbara Kaufman
- Gene and Roberta Kohn
- Dr. Karl and Joan Kramer

- Dr. Stephen and Dale Kulvin
 - Alan and Sue Kurzweil
 - Glen and Nanette Lapidés
 - Dr. Stuart and Linda Leeds
 - Alfred and Jean Leibert
 - Jerrold and Joan Levine
 - Herschel and Rosita Levy
 - Edgar and Cynthia Lewis
 - Steven and Jo Ann Lieberman
 - Dr. Martin and Judith Leibling
 - Ethel Light
 - Dr. Joel and Sallie Mann
 - Robert and Rita Marcus
 - Herman and Shirley Marks
 - Eli and Hilary Matalon
 - Laurans and Arlene Mendelson
 - Larry and Barbara Okun
- (More Rejoinees Next Week)

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From the Rabbi's Study

Why Should The Jews Survive As A People?

If there is anything the average, modern Jewish teenager does not want to accept, it is the fact that the Jew is different from other people. Some adults, also, driven by the same kind of emotional needs that help to motivate the teenagers, want desperately to believe that in every respect they are no different from the non-Jew around them. This belief is based on a desire to be accepted by the majority group, a desire which we all share in part. It may also be based on the fear of persecution for being different, a fear that we can all understand.

The sociological facts, however, support the conclusion that Jews, as a group, are different from non-Jewish groups, not in all respects, to be sure, but in some very significant respects. And individual Jews tend to be different from non-Jewish individuals for subtle and complex reasons. Even the fanatic desire on the part of some Jews to lose their Jewish coloration and to become identical with the prevailing majority makes them DIFFERENT from the majority, for no member of the relaxed majority struggles as hard as this individual Jew to be LIKE THE AVERAGE. The very INTENSITY of this Jew reveals the fact that he is a member of a minority group struggling to be accepted by the "in" group. This, too, is understandable.

So, let us admit something about ourselves. However you may strive to be like the "others," you cannot be like them if you know that six million of your people were killed by a modern nation short decades ago. However we may dress like the "others," or use the accepted hair-dos, or drink the popular brands of liquor, or dance the vogue dances, we still react sharply when the newspaper headlines inform us that Syrian invaders tried to blow up an Israeli water line. However relaxed we may be at the office Christmas party, we are suddenly removed from the group when the Christmas carols begin and someone says joyously, "Christ is born in Bethlehem."

How 'Different'?

Some Jews are different for positive reasons. That is, they believe that God is one and not three. They believe that God is in all men and that he didn't come to fruition just in the man, Jesus. They believe that the Jewish people have a role to play in human history of helping to lead man to the "messianic day" of brotherhood. They believe that the experience of wandering and suffering of the Jews has helped to prepare them ESPECIALLY for the role of objective critic. Some Jews, while believing in the equality of all men, nonetheless, believe that the Jewish people are particularly well equipped to serve as the "yeast in the dough," the planter of the seed.

Other Jews are not blessed with this positive orientation towards Judaism. They either are ignorant of its specific content or they have the emotional need to be blind to it. Still, they cannot escape their being different, even if this difference leads them to compulsive imitation of the fads of the majority. How much healthier it would be for all Jews, if they could accept their Jewishness and apply their energies to the positive values of the Jewish group. How much happier they would be, and how much more effective would be our voice in the community!

Library News

The staff of Beth Am's library is conducting its annual inventory. Please return all books if you have not yet done so.

The library will be closed for the summer months, as usual. It will re-open when the new school year begins.

At the end of August, a NEW BOOK LIST will appear in the *Commentator*, annotated to tell you about summer acquisitions. The list will include Philip Roth's new novel, the second installment of Isaac Bashevis Singer's autobiography, Walter Laqueur's "The Terrible Secret", and other goodies.

In the meantime, we wish you a good summer, good reading, good times, and good health.

YOUTH NEWS

BAFTY Active in Temple Affairs

Our Senior High Youth Group recently helped out at the Temple Blood Drive. The young people helped to serve breakfast and served as baby sitters for the morning.

In addition, the Senior High Youth Group has made a contribution of \$100.00 to the Beth Am Camp Coleman Scholarship Fund. The Youth Groupers recently held a fund raiser. Bagel box brunches were delivered on Mother's Day. The money raised from this fund raiser has been contributed by the members of BAFTY to help to send deserving children to Camp Coleman.

SEFTY Applications Now Available

Applications to this summer's SEFTY Institute at Camp Coleman for all members of Beth Am's Senior High Youth Group as well as 9th graders are now available from Rabbi Weinblatt. BAFTY jerseys are still on sale for only \$7.50.

Joan's Gems By Joan Schwartzman

Sylvia and Jess Freed have much to "quell" about. Their grandson Michael Pastroff has just won the Heart Association scholarship award for his laboratory work in molecular biochemistry. He also received a special certificate from the chairman of this department at the University of Miami medical school..... Did you know that Jay and Ruth Leshaw were recently in Taiwan as part of a good-will trade mission under the Secretary of State's office and George Firestone. While there, they interviewed students who wish to visit Florida this summer... all paying their own way. They are educated and speak good English. There is a need for twenty homes for the week of July 16-23. If you are interested in learning more about this program call Ruth Leshaw at 666-1669..... Much good news from Mort and Louise Stubins. Their daughter Mindy and son-in-law Jack Finkelman presented the Stubins with their first grandchild, a son, Jason. And to boot, the Stubins announce the forthcoming marriage of their daughter Lisa to Richard Polak on July 4th. Mazel to all the families..... The South Dade Chapter of the American Hibiscus Society will be having their annual show at Fairchild Tropical Garden on Sunday, June 14th from 1-4:30 p.m. Jack and Doris Hoffman who are active in both the American Hibiscus Society and Beth Am invite all to attend this show. Doris and Jack supply their beautiful flowers on Friday night for our Oneg Shabbats..... Kudos to Helen Steinhardt who was chosen Teacher of the Year Award by the Veteran of Foreign Wars and Ladies Auxiliary by the Ray Renuart Post #5718. She was also one of the five finalists in that field for Dade County. Mazel. More good news - Helen became a grandmother for the first time. Born to her children Paul and Nancy Steinhardt is a boy, Charles Lewis. This makes Lillian Danuff a great-grandma, and Max a great grandpa.

B'Nai Mitzvah

Saturday, May 30

9:15 a.m.



Suzanne, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alan Chase



Elaine, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Neil Schneider

11:15 a.m.



Lauren, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Chopp



Michael, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jaime Suchlicki