

MARCH 26, 1982

RELIGIOUS SERVICE, Friday, March 26, 1982, 8:15 p.m.

RABBI ROBERT GOLDSTEIN

"THE ART OF HUMILITY"

TORAH SERVICE, Saturday, March 27, 9:15 and 11:15 a.m.

## Beth Am Commentator

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### THE JOY OF SHABBAT

This year the entire Sixth Grade of the Religious School (students and parents) took part in a unique Shabbat Unit "The Joy of Shabbat". Parents attended workshops that reflected the student's weekend curriculum where rituals, prayer, music, Bible study, poetry, art, and cooking were experienced. The unit culminated in a Shabbat dinner prepared and served by the students alone. Pictures are of Mrs. Schwartz's class. Mr. King, Mrs. Reich and Mrs. Zucker will have their dinners at a later date. This total experience of classtime, workshops, dinner and family worship service was enthusiastically received by all participants.



### Do You Want To Conduct A Better Seder?

For all those who have wanted to enrich their Passover Seder ritual at home, a special workshop conducted by Rabbi Morton Hoffman and Mrs. Joan Schwartz will be offered on Wednesday evening, March 31, at 7:30 p.m. in the Social Hall.

Rabbi Hoffman will review the lore behind the Passover Haggadah, the music of the Haggadah, and various games and activities to heighten the interest of children while the Seder is being performed. He will also bring a large selection of Passover haggadahs including the Polychrome Historical Haggadah for discussion. A suggested condensed Haggadah for those who do not read Hebrew fluently will also be available.

All those who would like to obtain a cassette containing all of the Passover songs can do so by bringing \$2 per cassette. Please call Rabbi Hoffman by calling in to the office.

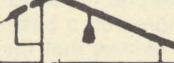
In addition, our resident Jewish gourmet cook, Mrs. Joan Schwartz, will guide those interested in the culinary arts through some new Passover recipes never attempted before in our workshops. The names of the dishes will be revealed only on the evening of the workshop. Set aside March 31st, which is exactly one week before the first Seder.

### Temple Beth Am Launches Dead Sea Scroll Exhibit with Lecture April 1st

In honor of Beth Am's 25th Anniversary, a community gift of a Dead Sea Scroll exhibit was made to the Museum of Science. It will be officially "unveiled" on April 1st at 8 p.m. at the Museum with a program by Dr. Donald Michelson. His course at Temple Beth Am is consistently well attended because he makes Jewish history exciting.

The community will be invited to attend as well. Don't miss this exciting opening on Thursday, April 1st, at 8 p.m. Refreshments will be served. It will be a gala event you'll want to share with the family.

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### The Committee of 100

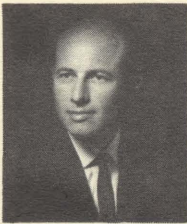
The following new member families have volunteered to join "The Committee of 100" for the fiscal year which begins in July of this year:

- An Anonymous Family
- Ellis and Karen Ashkenazi
- Marshall and Mindy Brothers
- Peter and Ineke Kreeger
- Frederic and Marilyn Wise

The following members of "The Committee of 100" have rejoined for the fiscal year starting in July:

- Elliot and Jeanne Dinnerstein
- N. Joel and Elaine Ehrenkranz
- Rosalind Pallot
- Joseph and Norma Reisman
- Charles and Mary Ann Ruffner
- Murray Sudakow





## FROM THE RABBI'S STUDY

### WHAT I BELIEVE AS A REFORM JEW

#### — OF GOD —

**I believe that the world was created, that it didn't just happen.** I believe that life was intended to be meaningful and purposeful. I do not believe that we were placed in this world by a blind fate and that human life is a mere matter of getting and spending.

**I believe that man is a creature of an intelligence greater than his own.** I believe that God is not only intelligent beyond my comprehension but that love and mercy are part of His personality. I do not believe that God can be adequately described in human terms nor fully comprehended by human beings.

**I believe that God sought to create the world according to a definite pattern, and that there is both a physical and moral law (a Torah) to which all existence is subject.** I do not believe, however, that God has pre-determined every detail of existence, nor that His power extends over every detail at every moment. The power of God is extended by the acts of righteous men. Injustice may triumph in the short run, but in the fullness of time, justice will prevail.

**I believe that the Creative Power is concerned with me as its child and partner.** I believe that God is linked to the destiny of each of His creatures. Our sufferings and our growth affect Him. His power is always with us, sustaining us even before we call upon it.

**I believe that God hears prayers.** Prayer is the tapping of a power that is always present in us. The release of unsuspected reserves of energy and wisdom is the flowing of the divine balm which is ever within us, and ever links us to the source of life itself. I believe that there is "a power in the world making for righteousness and peace," and that we can ally ourselves with that power through word and deed.

#### — OF MAN —

**I believe that man's rôle in our world is to become a partner with God in the creation that knows no end.** Our world is both physically and morally imperfect, and to the extent that we establish justice we participate in the divine plan. I believe that through constructive creation and through ethical deeds we add to the god-like quality of our world.

**I believe that man can build the good society on this earth.** I believe that this world is the center of man's existence, and that he must find life's great meaning in his earthly strivings.

**I believe that man can channel his lust towards worthwhile ends beneficial to the world community.** I do not believe that man is essentially sinful and incapable of mastering himself.

**I believe that man is capable of deeds far beyond his present achievements.** I believe that man can work progressively towards a world without prejudice, without war, and with a minimum of social conflict.

**I believe that "sin" is waywardness from the moral law, and that repentance is return to the law.**

I believe that different men in different ages may interpret the moral law variously, but that most men in all ages can agree on a basic residue of law upon which humanity must stand. I believe that the Ten Commandments largely delineate this basic law, but that other laws may and must be added as their imperative nature is gleaned from human experience.

(More next week)

## NEW WORLD FESTIVAL OF THE ARTS

Temple Beth Am will be reserving a block of seats for four different cultural performances by the New World Festival of the Arts in June. If you desire tickets for all four performances, bonus tickets for premiere films and for performances by the Fusion Dance Company will be offered free.

Further details will be printed in the next issue of the Commentator.

## Important Dinner To Meet New Israeli Ambassador

On Monday, March 29, 1982, an historic event will take place on Miami Beach. The Israel Bonds Organization will be the first Jewish group to officially welcome Israel's new Ambassador to the United States, Moshe Arens, and Mrs. Arens. In the Ambassador's honor, a national Israel Bonds Tribute Dinner will take place.

It is no secret that Israel needs the support of the American Jewish community now more than ever. It is crucial that we let Israel know that she can count on us, especially in light of this country's recent overtures to various Arab states. The New York Times has reported that within some circles in America it is believed that the American Jewish community is divided in its attitude towards Israel. Now is the time to dispel this rumor.

Please return the coupon below with your check for this dinner. The purchase of a Bond is desired but not mandatory.

To State of Israel Bonds, 2301 Collins Avenue  
Miami Beach, Florida 33139

Please reserve \_\_\_\_\_ places at \$32.50 per person for the International Israel Bonds Dinner on March 29, 1982, at 6 p.m., at the Konover Hotel on Miami Beach. My check in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_ is enclosed.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Tel.: \_\_\_\_\_

Make check payable to ISRAEL DINNER. I'd like to sit at a Beth Am table \_\_\_\_\_

### \*\*SUPER SPRING ART AUCTION\*\*

DATE: Sunday, March 28, 1982 - 7:00 p.m.

### New Dimensions Added to "Rap" Sessions of Children With Aging Parents

On Wednesday, March 31st, at 8 p.m., in Room 101, Dr. Sol Landau will address the question of mid-life crisis, as well as its relationship to aging parents' needs.

Dr. Landau, a former rabbi, has opened an office for counseling of mid-life problems and needs (career change, etc.).

His input that night at our monthly "rap" session should make it a lively session. Everyone is welcome to attend.

### B'Nai Mitzvah

Saturday, March 27, 1982

9:15 a.m.



Christopher, son of  
Mr. & Mrs. Harvey Cohen



Ann Shira, daughter of  
Mr. & Mrs. Harris Cohen

11:15 a.m.



Rachel, daughter of  
Mr. & Mrs. Marvin Rosen