



January 28, 1983

RELIGIOUS SERVICE, Friday, January 28, 1983, 8:15 p.m.

DR. HARRY ORLINSKY

"NEW UNDERSTANDING OF THE BIBLE"

TORAH SERVICE, Saturday, January 29, 9:15 and 11:15 a.m.

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February 6th Is Super Sunday For CJA All Members Are Urged To Participate

Beth Am is proud of the dedication many of its members show to the combined Jewish Appeal and urges everyone to cooperate in the program known as "Super-Sunday", which this year is February Sixth.

Volunteers are needed to make phone calls to Jews throughout the community to give to CJA. Our young people, through BAFTY, are going to participate, but adults are strongly solicited.

If you have not already made your pledge or gift to the Combined Jewish Appeal-Israel Emergency Fund for the coming year, please do so now. This is a way to say, "I am a Jew. I have a responsibility to the maintenance of its institutions".

The money from your gift goes to support welfare programs in Israel and to many local agencies such as the Jewish Home for the Aged, the Jewish Family and Children's Service, the Jewish Community Centers, the Jewish Vocational Service and others. Don't be a spectator to this great effort!

Havurah Retreat Scheduled

All members of all Havurot are urged to set aside the date Saturday, February 26 at Camp Owaissa Bauer for Annual Havurah Family Retreat.

This will be an afternoon of recreation, socializing, sports, study, discussion groups, singing and praying.

We are very fortunate to have the beautiful camp and recreation facilities of Owaissa Bauer as well as its ample dining hall. A very enjoyable and worthwhile program is being planned in detail by your Havurah Executive Committee. If there is any member of Havurah wishing to participate in the planning, he/she may contact Rabbi Hoffman at the Temple office.

In the meantime, we reiterate the importance of setting aside the date of February 26 on your calendars so that we may have the largest turnout ever to participate in a Havurah Retreat.

Purim Carnival
Sunday, February 27th
11:30 AM to 3:00 PM
At The Temple
Rides, Games, Food
Costumes, Marathon
Fun For All



All Proceeds For Youth Activities

Dr. Harry M. Orlinsky, Noted Bible Scholar Speaks At Beth Am, Friday, January 28th

The Beth Am Friday night lecture series continues on January 28th at the 8:15 p.m. service with the appearance of Dr. Harry M. Orlinsky, noted Bible scholar who will speak on the theme, "New Light On The Bible".

Dr. Orlinsky is an old friend to members of Beth Am, since he has been a part of our lecture series on many occasions. He is the outstanding Jewish Bible scholar of modern times, having served as the Editor-in-chief of the new translation of the Bible by the Jewish Publication Society. He is a Past President of the Society of Biblical Literature. He has been for many years Professor of Bible at the Hebrew Union College - Jewish Institute of Religion.

Questions will be entertained after the lecture.

BAFTY Plans Spring Program

BAFTY, Temple Beth Am's senior youth group (grades 10-12) has planned its spring calendar of events. The Board, under the direction of Rabbi Goldstein, Youth Group Advisor, has met to determine which events most people like. Presently we are planning horseback riding, a game night and a full program of regional participation. Remember the first Monday night of the month dinner meetings in room 101 at 6:00 p.m. The February meeting will be Monday night, February 7th. **ALSO** - this year's Pruim Carnival will be Sunday, February 27. Mark the date on your calendar. Beth Am's Youth Groups will be manning the booths with the proceeds going to support our youth program. So come out and support this important effort!

You Are Cordially Invited
to the

Dedication Celebration

of

Suchman Hall

at

Temple Beth Am

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 1983 -
Religious Services 8:15 p.m.
Oneg Shabbat (Following Services)
Refreshments, Dancing

MUSIC BY RAY GARCIA

Donors: Cliff and Betty Suchman and family



FROM THE RABBI'S STUDY

When Bad Things Happen To Good People

Almost a thousand people attended the lecture recently presented at Beth Am by Rabbi Harold Kushner, author of the best seller, "When Bad Things Happen To Good People". The Rabbi gave a very effective talk which was well received by his audience. While he was in my office before the lecture, Rabbi Kushner told me that two publishers turned the book down before a third one finally took it. The third publisher correctly understood that good people are suffering these days - badly.

There is so much suffering because we live in a time of dislocation. Old values are being surrendered and new ones don't seem to fill their place. Old institutions which gave our lives stability are being challenged, and the new institutions don't seem to give the same kind of stability or happiness. In such a time there is a great deal of questioning. Is there any such thing as order? God? To what should a human being be true? Is there anything that commands his loyalty?

About fifteen years ago I was part of a panel discussion at Florida State University on "The Playboy Philosophy". A teacher at a Christian divinity school, co-author of the best seller, "God Is Dead", was the prime attraction. Thousands of collegians came to hear the Rev. Hamilton kill God. Oddly - they were not pleased when he did so, nor were they happy. I, who had always fancied myself to be a rebel and a liberal, now found myself to be a conservative. I began to talk about the necessity for Torah and for group restraint and morality. I especially recall a Christian girl who asked to meet with me over coffee. "My boy friend is pressuring me to sleep with him", she said. "Is there really a Torah?" She was asking me, "Is there a code of values to which we must comply?"

Anyone involved in religious work today and those involved in psychological pursuits can tell you of the tremendous suffering in our society because of the trend away from a commonly accepted code of values. "The Playboy Philosophy" has led us to a gradual eroding of our sense of the marriage vows. Children think of their own happiness but not of their responsibility to those who have cared for them these long years. We are members of the "Me Generation" as so many have articulated.

The self-oriented people are not happier than those who think in terms of responsibility and caring. They are a great deal unhappier, but in their frantic search for self-titillation, they walk over a great many people.

What's the answer? Those of us not caught up in this madness must have confidence in the rightness of our position. Society cannot endure without a commonly accepted code of values. Families cannot endure without a strong sense of loyalty and responsibility. Those who flaunt these realities are not smarter or more knowledgeable. They are either mad or the victims of the prevailing mania. We who know this are part of the answer. We must stand firm. We, at least, must not give way to the chaos. And we must move closer to others who share the wisdom and insight that we have. We must help each other, give strength to each other, open our hearts to each other.

The hope is that when the smoke of the battle clears (and it is a battle), we who have stood firm can show the lost ones the way to civilization once again.

**Check Your Summer Camp Brochure
See Details About Early Registration**

Tree-Planting Campaign 1983

Last year's Tu Bi-Shevat (Jewish Arbor Day) tree planting campaign enabled us to come within 158 trees of a very exciting goal. Our goal is to plant groves of trees which will be dedicated in the name of Temple Beth Am in Jewish National Fund forests in Israel.

The first 158 trees which will be purchased during this year's Tu Bi-Shevat campaign in our Religious School which will go on through the month of February and March, will complete the Beth Am Grove at the Norma Levitt Forest which is being planted by the Reform Movement in Israel.

You will soon be receiving letters explaining this project in greater detail and information concerning ways in which trees can be planted in honor or in memory of a dear one.

We ask that all parents and students support this project.

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Transition, Inc., is a local voluntary agency whose purpose is to reduce crime through rehabilitation of the offender. It has had a high success rate helping approximately 200 people every year. They are looking for donations of clothing and canned goods to assist ex-offenders in getting started in new lives. If you have any contributions, please call Helene Dubbin at 667-8827.

JOANS JEMS by Joan Schwartzman

Read an interesting article about Kim and Judy Blackman in the Miami Herald. Concerned a change in job occupation in order to fulfill their personal happiness. It was featured in the Neighbors section . . . Mazel tov to a dynamic lady Marge Pearlson who has been chosen by Governor Graham as chairperson of the Committee on Education for the State of Florida. She has also won so many awards (which I listed previously) that her accomplishments on the behalf of the education are only to be praised to a lovely and talented woman . . .

And to top it off Marge and Ray have become grandparents once again. Kelley Ann was born to their children Douglas and Sally Pearlson . . . Did you know that our immediate past president Dr. William Silver is running for city commissioner for the City of Coral Gables. We wish him much mazel . . . Mazel to Jeffrey and Janet Mayers upon the birth of their son Ira Saul. Proud grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Harry Siegel and Mrs. LeAnn Mayers . . .

B'Nai Mitzvah

Saturday, January 29



Claire, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bert Traeger

9:15 a.m.



Mark Steven, son of Dr. and Mrs. Harry Weinberg



Deidre, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Errol Eisinger

11:15 a.m.



Karen, daughter of Mrs. Peggy Madorsky and Dr. Martin Madorsky