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RABBI JAMES L. SIMON

IN HONOR OF JEWISH BOOK MONTH -  
"KISSINGER AND THE ROSENBERGS" -  
BAD JEWS BUT GREAT BOOKS

CONGREGATIONAL TORAH SERVICE, Sat. Nov. 12, 9:15 and 11:15 a.m.

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### Chanukah Menorah Contest

Chanukah in November. It's hard to believe! We must begin getting ready for our Annual Menorah Contest Now! Each Temple family is encouraged to create their own Menorah. Let your imagination run wild! Use metal, food, wood, stitchery, glass, ceramics, or anything else.

All entries will receive a ribbon. While 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.

Prizes will be awarded as follows: Preschool-Kindergarten; 1st-3rd Grade; 4th-6th grade; 7-10th grade. Entries will be judged on originality, overall appearance, beauty, and creativity. Don't wait, get started today. Deadline for entries is November 29th. Menorahs will be on display and prizes will be awarded at Friday evening services December 2nd.

### Time to Register for 1984 Pre-School

Beth Am families interested in enrolling their child in our Day School Nursery Program (three years old) for fall of 1984 must put their names on our waiting list now. If your child will be three before December 1, 1984, please call the school office at 665-6228. We will mail you a card which when completed officially places you on our waiting list.

Registration begins in February and information is mailed only to those people on our waiting list.

### Pre-Chanukah Workshop Meets Nov. 16th

On Wednesday, November 16, from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., all congregants are invited to attend our annual Pre-Chanukah workshop, which will be held in the Social Hall. This workshop is open to all temple members and will feature a number of interesting and informative workshops and demonstrations all of which surround home celebration of the holiday of Chanukah.

In addition to workshops led by Rabbi Simon on Chanukah observance at home, our own Joan Schwartz will be leading a Chanukah goodies cooking seminar and there will also be a number of items from our Judaica gift shop which will be available for purchase. Since space is limited, we ask that you phone the temple office and indicate how many people will be coming from your family. We look forward to seeing you on November 16.

### Robert Sanchez, Pulitzer Prize Writer Speaks at Brotherhood Breakfast, Sunday, Nov. 20th

Robert F. Sanchez, a member of the Pulitzer Prize winning editorial board of the Miami Herald, will address the Brotherhood Breakfast Forum on Sun. Morning Nov. 20 at 9:30 am in the Youth Lounge on the subject, 'A VIEW FROM THE HERALD EDITORIAL ROOM'!

The editorial page of a newspaper is its powerhouse. How it thinks on any subject is reflected in those pages and shapes the character of the paper. How does a newspaper decide what events of the day deserve an editorial. How do they arrive at a decision as to what to say in an editorial? What side of the controversy should they take? Should the editorial tend to offend some advertisers what does the board do? One wonders upon reading a newspaper how all these questions are resolved. This talk by Mr. Sanchez will shed much light on the important function of an editorial board and its relationship to the rest of the paper, and with the community.

Admission to this all-you-can-eat Brotherhood Breakfast Forum is \$2.50 for Brotherhood members and \$3.00 for non-members. Breakfast Forum's are open to all including the ladies. This is an equal opportunity for everyone.

### Interfaith Service Wednesday, Nov. 23rd

The annual community Interfaith Thanksgiving Service will be held at the St. Louis Catholic Church, 120th Street near 72 Avenue. Beth Am's Adult Choir will participate, as will Rabbi Baumgard. Last year's service was held at Beth Am. The service rotates between the various faiths in our community. Beth Am is anxious to have a good turnout. Please calendar Wednesday, November 23rd at 8:00 p.m.

### November is Jewish Book Month

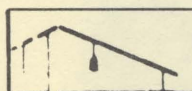
Two book reviews are scheduled on two consecutive Friday nights to celebrate Jewish Book Month. Rabbi Simon's review is titled KISSINGER AND THE ROSENBERGS: BAD JEWS BUT GREAT BOOKS. The date is November 11th. Rabbi Baumgard will review "Souls on Fire" by Elie Wiesel on November 18th.

As part of the celebration of Jewish Book Month, the Day School will have a BOOK FAIR. Books for students of all ages as well as those of interest to their parents will be on sale from 6:30 to 9:30 on Thursday, November 10th in conjunction with "Open House" for Day School families. All are welcome.

### Judaica Shop Hours

Monday: 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.  
Wednesday: 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.  
Friday: 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

or by special appointment - call  
Miriam Cohen at 667-6667 or 665-1046



### The Committee of 100

The following family has volunteered to join  
"The Committee of 100" for the new year:

David and Joan Scheiner





FROM THE RABBI'S STUDY

A New Study on Intermarriage\*

(Part One)

A measure of what life brings to us in modern times - I recently saw a picture of one of our first Confirmation classes, when we had only 14 young people in the class. We know what has happened to nine of these 14. One-third of the nine married non-Jews. Five of the nine married Jews. One never married. One is widowed. Two are divorced. Of those who married Jews, their children are in the Temple schools. The children of those who married non-Jews are not in our schools, nor to our knowledge are they in any synagogue school.

These brief and incomplete statistics are an indication of the severe rupture to the Jewish community that modern habits have brought.

During the second week in October, I was asked by Mike Schneider, anchor-man on Channel Ten news, to permit him to film an interview with me and several of our couples, with a partner who had converted to Judaism. Mr. Schneider said the station was reacting to a news report on that day of a study which revealed that "Of the children of a marriage featuring a Jew and a non-Jew, where the non-Jew does not convert, 92% of the children choose a Christian mate."

The study would support the worst fears of Jewish parents whose children marry non-Jews. Jewish young people who do not do everything possible to make certain that their children are reared as Jews, are almost guaranteeing the fact that their children will marry non-Jews and have non-Jewish children!

The simple truth is that Jews cannot afford to be liberal on the question of intermarriage. We cannot ignore the obvious facts. If a young person is interested in Jewish survival, he/she must choose as a marriage partner someone committed to the raising of Jewish children.

As I have said in this column many times, the open sex scene mitigates against the survival of the American Jewish community. Jewish young men and ladies tend to sleep with the person who attracts them the most physically (this is also true of non-Jewish young people). Where sex and romance are concerned, the question is not, "How will we raise our children?". In fact, most of the young people who come into my office to discuss marriage are not even thinking of children. Children are an after-thought for many young people today. Children are not a priority.

What is there about our society that trains our young people to think so little about the significance of children? Can it be that we no longer revere the future?

I am hoping that our Jewish young people will come to their senses, that they will realize that they have been betrayed by the new freedoms, that they will realize their responsibility to one another and to the survival of our people. It is not that I consider our young people as villains who are deliberately choosing not to have Jewish children. On the contrary, I see them as victims - who don't even understand the role they are playing in the demise of our people.

(Part two next week)

\*An intermarriage is one where a Jew married a non-Jew who remains "neutral" or continues observing his/her Christianity.

Calabash Club Planning Wine & Cheese Party

The Calabash Club is planning a Wine and Cheese Party in December. If you are interested in the club or want to help with the planning, please call the temple office (667-6667) and leave your name. More details to follow.

Intermarriage Calling High School Juniors and Seniors Tues., Nov. 22 in the Youth Lounge at 8 p.m.

Temple Beth Am is sponsoring a meeting for all college bound students on Tuesday, November 22nd at 8:00 p.m. in the Youth Lounge.

Beth Weld and Sandy Stonberg of the Jewish Vocational Service will conduct a seminar covering the following:

- Selecting a College
Costs Involved
Scholarships
Social Life
Questions and Answers

Please call Rhoda at the Temple Office 667-6667 to reserve a spot.

Guest Speaker on "Mark Twain and the Jews" At Next "Ideas Through Books" Discussion Nov. 16th

Through the generosity of an anonymous donor, Sisterhood's "Ideas Through Books" discussion group has invited Rabbi Jay Miller, Director of Jewish Campus Centers of San Diego to speak on "Mark Twain and the Jews." Rabbi Miller, who was formerly with Hillel at F.I.U., has done much research on this topic and has been guest lecturer on the topic at several university classes.

The groups will meet on Wednesday, Nov. 16th, at 9:30 a.m. and/or at 7:30 p.m. They meet in private homes and have coffee and refreshments before the discussion. There is no charge, but a nominal donation is made to the Temple's Library Fund. The public is invited. Please reserve and get directions to the host home by calling the Temple at 667-6667.

JOAN'S JEMS by Joan Schwartzman

Mazel tov to Irene and Bill Baros upon the engagement of their son Jimmy to Eunice Tall Martin.... We are delighted to tell you that Rabbi Scott B. Saulson has been named director of the South African Union for Progressive Judaism. Rabbi Saulson is the son of Beth Amites Bill and Lila Saulson.... Read a very interesting article about Beth Amites Ralph and Rose Cohen. They are a part of the South Miami Hospital volunteer force and consider their time at the hospital one of life's real pleasures. Ralph by the way is a past president of our Brotherhood. Mazel tov to Marshall and Mindy Brothers upon the birth of their first grandchild Brett Aaron. Brett weighing in 7 lbs. 14 ounces is the first born to Jessica and Keith Gordon....

B'Nai Mitzvah

Saturday, November 12

9:15 a.m.



David, son of Mr. Andrew Leshner and Mrs. Adrienne Mittenag



Lisa, daughter of Ms. Kris Alter and Mr. Jeffrey Reisman

11:15 a.m.



Judith, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Dolkart



Chad, son of Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Warhaft