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CONTEMPORARIES' CREATIVE SERVICE

"LOVE IS..."

CONGREGATIONAL TORAH SERVICE, Sat. Feb. 18, 9:15 & 11:15 a.m.

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Contemporaries Creative Service Friday, Feb. 17th at 8:15 p.m.

This Friday evening at 8:15 p.m., the Contemporaries of Beth Am, our satisfied senior group, will be conducting the Friday evening worship service. The theme of the service is, "Love Is..."

The service has been put together by members of the Contemporaries under the chairmanship of Betty Friedman with the help of Rabbi James Simon. Prior to the service, the Contemporaries will hold their annual Shabbat Dinner catered by Corky's. The dinner arrangements are being handled by Bernie Elrod.

Single Parents and Children Invited To Camp "Retreat" On Sunday, March 18.

As part of the Warner-Arky Caring Program at Beth Am, we have organized a one day vacation for single parents and their children at Camp Owaissa Bauer on Sunday, March 18th. Single parents, whether divorced or widowed, are invited to come and enjoy a play-study day in a beautiful and spacious setting. The day will begin at Beth Am at 9:00 a.m., we will take a bus to the camp, have organized play, lunch, snacks, discussion groups, and return at 5:00 p.m.

Susan Rubin of Jewish Family Service is coordinating the discussion groups which will be led by professional social workers. Bill Saulson, Chairperson of our Caring Committee, is coordinating the recreation program with the Friedmans who supervise the phys-ed program at the Beth Am Day School. Other members of our planning committee include our Rabbis, Diana Elson, Evelyn Goodman.

There will be a baby sitter for young children, as well as separate leaders for youth and adult sports and games. The fee for the day, including cost of bus transportation (we meet at the Temple), lunch, and the entire day, is \$10 per parent, and \$5 per child. No family, will have to pay more than \$20. Those members who cannot afford the registration fee will have their fee paid by the Rabbis' Fund. Registration is limited to 25 adults and 60 children. We suggest you act now.

Mr. William Saulson, Chairperson of Caring Program
Temple Beth Am, 5950 N. Kendall Drive, Miami, FL 33156

Please reserve _____ adults spaces and _____ children spaces.
My children are _____ years, _____ years, _____ years, and _____ years old.

The date is Sunday, March 18th. We leave the Temple by bus at 9:00 a.m.
Lunch will be provided at the Camp.

Enclosed is my registration fee of \$ _____. I would like
the Rabbi's Fund to pay my registration fee \$ _____.

Print Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Seven Lecture Series on Current Jewish Affairs Starts on Thursday, February 23rd

Jack Orkin, Chairperson of the Adult Education Committee, announces a lecture series in collaboration with the Temple Brotherhood, commencing on Thursday, February 23rd, at 8:00 p.m. **Dr. Bernard Schechterman** will begin the series with a lecture-discussion on "Current Arab-Israeli Problems". His second lecture on this subject will be on Wednesday, Feb. 29th, at 8 p.m.

On March 1st, **Al Vorspan**, Vice-President of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, will speak as part of the South Dade Midrasha Series on, "The Coming National Elections and the Jewish Stake In It" in our Sanctuary at 8:00 p.m.

Colonel Conn of the Brotherhood has arranged for the following series on "Anti-Semitism As It Exists in Various Parts of the World" to be held on Thursday evenings at 8:00 p.m. in Room 101.

March 8, **Arthur Teitelbaum** "Origins of Anti-Semitism-Its Genesis and How it Developed."

March 15, **Prof. Bernard Schechterman** - "Anti-Semitism in Europe and the Middle East."

March 22, **Prof. Robert Levine** - "Anti-Semitism in Latin America."

March 29, **Prof. Abe Lavender** - "Anti-Semitism in the United States."

Presidents' Breakfast To Discuss Problems in Jewish Identity, Feb. 19th at 9:30 A.M.

"IF TORQUEMADA HAD ACCUSED YOU OF BEING JEWISH WOULD HE HAVE ENOUGH ON YOU FOR A CONVICTION - Problems in Jewish Identity" will be the topic of discussion at the next Brotherhood Breakfast Forum on Sunday, Feb. 19, at 9:30 a.m. in the Youth Lounge.

Participants in the discussions will be:

Louis Feuer, Pres. of Temple Shir Ami

Ms. Linda Hornick, Former Pres. of Temple Or Olom

Dr. Norman Bloom, Former Pres. Young Israel of Gr. Miami

Frank Kreutzer, Pres. of United Synagogues, Moderator

The problems in Jewish identity are really quite complex. The State of Israel considers a certain class as recognized Jews. In New York City recently a group of Orthodox Jews picketed a Reform service because it was being held in the only place available to them, a church. Who are the real Jews; will they stand up please. The officers of a Reform, Conservative and Orthodox synagogue will attempt to clarify the problem from their own perspective.

Admission to this all-you-can-eat Brotherhood Breakfast Forum is \$2.50 for Brotherhood members and \$3 for non-members. All are invited.



FROM THE RABBI'S STUDY

The Military Mind - The Thin Line Between Hero and Villain

(Part Two)

The following is a reprint of an original article which first appeared in The Jewish Floridian. This is the concluding part.

America has had such overly-dedicated Generals who became a liability to America's cause. Has Israel had such Generals? The Bible tells us that when King David was dying, he advised his successor, Solomon, to punish Joab, the man who had served David as Commander-in-Chief. Joab was completely loyal to David — to a fault. Let anyone challenge the King, and Joab would hasten to kill that person, even if it was the King's son, Absalom, or even if Joab had made a treaty with an opposing General to make a peaceful settlement (Abner). Joab was a highly efficient and dedicated defender of Israel, but his expertise at killing was too well refined. To win at war was his only ethic.

Bar Kochba was to many a hero, but his ill-advised revolt against the Romans in 135 CE led to the wholesale slaughter of Judeans and to the banishment of Judeans from Jerusalem. For over 1,800 years thereafter, the Jews managed to survive in the countries of their dispersion by bowing low, by practicing the art of pacifism. The survival technique worked well, in spite of Jewish casualties, for Jewish numbers increased and commitment to Judaism deepened. Unfortunately, the tactic that had worked so well for 1,880 years boomeranged when Adolph Hitler began his systematic elimination of the Jews.

The Jews didn't fight back because they had learned that by not fighting back you survive against a superior enemy. Hitler, however, was not the ordinary enemy. He had no conscience at all. He was the destroyer par excellence, the man who knew how to use violence so well that he managed to kill himself, as well as 12 million people.

Forced to defend themselves once again, the Jews established their own state in Israel and began to learn how to shoot guns and drop bombs. As the Arab threat became stronger and employed more modern equipment, the Jews became more dependent on their professional generals. Golda Meir and Moshe Dayan were dismissed as being too trusting and not militant enough, as a result of the disaster of the Yom Kippur War. Finally, the once pacifistic Jews entrusted their defense to the likes of Ari Sharon, who in the name of defense fought a battle for Beirut.

Sharon was an able soldier. Like so many other efficient soldiers, he became possessed with the idea of the total evil of the enemy. He was no longer able to impose reasonable limitations on his use of force. Over a quarter of a million Israelis gathered in the midst of the Lebanese invasion to protest the tactics of the General who was leading their sons into battle.

We Jews have the right to defend ourselves, but we are only human beings. We, too, are subject to the weaknesses of other humans. We, too, must be ever vigilant that in taking up arms to defend ourselves we do not become transformed into something which is a hillul ha-shem. The enemy too is human.

All peace-loving peoples must keep a watch on their generals. There is a thin line between hero and villain.

Men's Basketball on Thursdays

On Thursday evening and every Thursday thereafter thru June 15th, Beth Am men are invited to begin their own basketball league. The gym will be open from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m.

For information, call Chairman Cliff Feldman at 935-5110 office or home 251-5111, or call Michael Shapiro at 573-4333 at office.

Switchboard of Miami Helps Adolescents

For some people, holiday times are an exciting time; for others, it is a time of stress, sadness and loneliness. Switchboard of Miami is aware of this dilemma, and as a not-for-profit agency they offer family counseling services. They specifically work with troubled adolescents (12-17 yrs.) through individual, group and family therapy. Their fees are based on a sliding scale. Their goals are to therapeutically help the distressed family recognize and understand their dissension. Phone 358-HELP or 358-1640.

SOCIAL ACTION NEWS

Social Action Leaders Meet with Rep. Fascell

On January 20th, representatives from Citizens For a Nuclear Freeze met with Congressman Dante Fascell as part of a group including representatives from the United Nations Assn., the Methodist and Catholic Churches, Temple Beth Am (attended by Helene Dubbin) and the Cuban-American Coordinating Committee. Congressman Fascell expressed his appreciation for the Dade County freeze vote, which he said had made it easier to take positions in favor of the nuclear freeze in Congress.

His assessment of the current situation in Washington was not optimistic; he foresees small likelihood that Congress will override the President on arms control issues as it did on the war in Vietnam. In response to our inquiry about what we can do, Congressman Fascell said that he thinks that the nuclear weapons issue is the single most important issue facing the world. However, despite the fact that most citizens think something should be done, this sentiment has not been translated into votes, and he would appreciate our efforts to activate people to express their opinions on the issue in the form of election notes.

JOAN'S JEMS by Joan Schwartzman

We hear such good news from Heather, Hilarie and Heidi daughters of Jerry and Lorna Davis. Heather just graduated from University of Florida where all three girls attend college. Heather will further her education by entering into Florida Law School in the fall... Her sisters are right behind her. Their energies are boundless and since they were educated at Beth Am it does not surprise your reporter to hear about all their past and present honors... Congratulations to Jala Pfaff, granddaughter of Clare Kruh who has won a language contest at Lansing Jr. College and will attend a six months course as a scholar in Japan... Did you know that Beth Amite Ovadya Okamoto teaches Japanese. If you would like to know more about it call her at 666-6466... Mazel tov to Betty and Millard Suid upon the engagement of their third son Craig to Ellen Zuckerman. The young couple plan a December wedding... Good wishes to Helene Dubbin who is a candidate to the Democratic National Convention for the March presidential preferential ballot... Congratulations to Sam Goldstein son of Harold and Joy who has been appointed to the newly formed joint commission on Reform Jewish Outreach, an important arm of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations. Sam who was educated at Beth Am now serves as temple Administrator at Beth El in Boca Raton.

B'Nai Mitzvah

Saturday, February 18

9:15 a.m.



Julie, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Eric Copenhagen



David, son of Mr. and Mrs. Guy Rodrick

11:15 a.m.



Stacey, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Edward Boshnick



Caren, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Malin