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New Computer Camp at Beth Am This Summer

Temple Beth Am will be having an all new Computer Camp this summer. The program has been expanded and arranged to offer courses for beginners and advanced students. In addition, we will have two sessions of a course to be taken by a parent and a child at the same time. This course will interest those who want to use a home computer for more than playing games.

We will demonstrate the application of computers to such tasks as writing, finances, and record keeping. Other courses will focus on teaching BASIC, LOGO and PASCAL.

All interested people should study the Computer Camp brochure that is in the mail to all of our members.

Nancy Weinfeld, who is the Director of our Summer Program, has assembled a very special staff to handle the Computer Camp. Bill LeBlanc will receive his PhD. in Psychology from the University of Miami this June. He has had extensive experience in teaching computer programming at the Museum of Science, F.I.U., and the University of Miami.

Similarly, Patty Barker, our second teacher, will receive her PhD. in Early Education from the University of Miami this fall. She has also had extensive experience in computer work.

Special Fees for Early Registration

We are offering special discounts to early registrants. If you register before May 11, 1984, there is a saving of approximately 10% in your fee. This will allow us to properly staff and equip our Computer Camp. This savings will be passed on to our early registrants.

Open House

On Sunday, April 15th, from 3:00-4:00 p.m., the Computer Camp will be holding an Open House. This will allow the campers and parents to meet our staff to discuss the courses that would be best suited for you and/or your child, and to see and use some of the educational material to be used at the Beth Am Computer Camp. Remember the date - Sunday, April 15th. R.S.V.P. to 667-6667 and let us know you are coming.

— School Holidays —

- Day School:** No classes from Fri. Mar. 30 thru Fri. Apr. 6
Classes resume Mon. April 9
- Religious Sch:** No classes Mar. 31, Apr. 1, Apr. 7, Apr. 8
Classes resume April 14 and 15.
- Mon. Nite Sch:** No classes April 2nd
Classes resume Mon. Apr. 9
- Hebrew School:** No classes on April 2 and April 4.
No class Apr. 16. No class Apr. 23.

"The Emerging Woman" Course Begins Thurs., Apr. 19

Women who want to learn how to handle their own financial affairs and how to earn their own living will be interested in a course to be offered by the Beth Am Warner-Arky Caring Program.

A four week course entitled, "The Emerging Woman" will be taught on Thursday evenings, beginning April 19th, in Room 28 at 7:30 p.m. The course will be conducted by JoAnn Lederman, M.S., and Muriel Berkman, M.S. JoAnn Lederman is a Psychotherapist in private practice specializing in Marriage and Family Therapy in South Miami. Muriel Berkman is her Associate.

The course will deal with ways to re-orient one's own self-perception, ways to define general and specific goals, ways to evaluate one's skills, and ways to match one's skills with a potential job or business.

The course is designed to help women help themselves.

If interested in the course, please send your name and phone no. to Cheryl, 667-6667, (or to Rhoda). There is a \$10 fee for members and \$25 fee for non-members. Make checks payable to Temple Beth Am and mail to Rabbi Baumgard's office, or bring your check to the first session.

Rabbi Baumgard and Archbishop McCarthy To Speak on Catholic-Jewish Relations, April 5th

The Most Rev. Edward A. McCarthy, Archbishop of Miami, and Rabbi Baumgard will be guest speakers at Temple Sinai of North Dade, on Thursday evening, April 5th at 7:30 p.m. as part of the Rosenhaus Lecture Series on Catholic-Jewish Relations.

Admission to the program which is co-sponsored by Barry University and the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith is free. Wine and cheese will be served at the reception following.

Temple Sinai is located at 18801 N.E. 22nd Avenue.

Register for Courses in Parent-Infant Enrichment Five Wednesday Mornings, April 25th - May 23rd

- A) 9:30 a.m. - 10:45 a.m. - Infants 3-8 months old
B) 10:45 a.m. - 12 Noon - Infants 8-12 months

Teacher Instructor - Sally Goldberg, author of "Teaching with Toys" (B.S. Early Childhood Ed., M.A. Education)

Fees: \$18 for five sessions. Make checks payable to Miami Dade Community College.

Call 596-1161 for information. Limited registration. Courses to be presented at Beth Am - in our Play Room. (Registration forms at the Temple - see Rhoda)

Learn the newest techniques of infant stimulation and develop these skills with other parents and their babies in a relaxed atmosphere. Current research in infant development and common concerns of the group are discussed.



FROM THE RABBI'S STUDY

**PRAYER IN THE SCHOOLS —
Again!**

It is amazing to hear a President of the United States in the Twentieth Century urging a conference of evangelical Christians to fight for a Constitutional Amendment concerning prayer in the schools. I would be even more concerned that this same President lead a prayer at this conference "in the name of Our Lord, Jesus Christ", if I didn't know that the man does not go to Church. Obviously the President wants prayer for children but not for himself, and clearly he is merely seeking votes from the evangelicals who have no place else to go.

It was rewarding for me to hear Benjamin Hooks, President of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, giving it to the President on this issue. "When people are without jobs and starving", said Mr. Hooks on national radio, "it is like giving them a bowl of slop to spend one's time battling for prayer in the schools". Mr. Hooks incidentally is a minister of God.

Those children who will be the most victimized by the proposed amendment to permit prayer in the schools are those children who belong to minority groups and who live in the smaller towns. In these towns, the advocates of the majority groups tend to take over, and the schools become a showcase for the majority religion. As a youngster in Norfolk, Va., I knew what it was to be reminded several times a day that I was different from the others in my class. I bowed my head but did not recite the required prayers. I hummed the Christmas hymns but did not sing the words. Fortunately, the religion taught in my home was warm enough and strong enough to carry me through with pride.

Members of minority religious groups are today the victims of a pincer movement. On the one hand, Reagan and the Jerry Falwells are pushing for a constitutional amendment on prayer. On the other hand, a Reagan-Nixon Supreme Court is authorizing the use of Christian symbols on public property at Christmas time. The most recent decision of the court authorized the use of a creche, as if it were not a distinctly Christian symbol. Jim Hampton, editorial writer for the Miami Herald, commenting on the court's decision, said that, as a good Christian, he was raised to believe the creche was an essential and vital Christian symbol, and, therefore, he is fearful of the direction the Court is taking.

Many Americans are rightfully concerned about the totally secular view of life which seems to be dominant in our country today. No one is more concerned than I about the decline of moral values, and the lack of sensitivity to transcendent purpose. Nonetheless, it seems to me that we are trying to fight the battle in the wrong places. It is my intent to speak of these things over the next few weeks in the pulpit.

Beth Am's Young Family League

presents

"Country Western Night"

Square Dancing and
All You Can Eat
Beer on Tap

Saturday, April 28, 1984, at 8:00 p.m.

Suchman Social Hall
Donation: \$15 per Couple

Mail coupon and check (to Temple Beth Am) to:

Young Family League, Temple Beth Am, 5950 N. Kendall Drive, Miami, Fla 33156

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____ Zip: _____

On March 29th, at 8 p.m., Dr. Abraham Lavender will speak on, "Anti-Semitism in the United States." Dr. Lavender is a Professor of Sociology at the University of Miami. He has written many papers on contemporary Jewish life and is considered an expert in the field of anti-Semitism in the United States.

Dr. Lavender was born in South Carolina, received his bachelor's and master's degrees at the University of South Carolina and his doctorate degree in Sociology from the University of Maryland. He has been teaching at the University of Miami for the last seven years, and for two years was voted Outstanding Professor of the Year. He is also President of the Phi Beta Kappa Association of South Florida and Vice Pres. of Assn. for the Sociological Study of Jewry.

This lecture is one in a series being given in collaboration with the Temple Brotherhood.





JOAN'S JEMS by Joan Schwartzman

Mazel tov to Joan and Mel Schwartz upon the engagement of their son David to Rena Zwebben. David as you know is leader of our Beth Americans, Troubadours and New Generations group and is a product of Beth Am's educational process. He currently teaches in our Religious School. Rena is presently working on her PhD. in child psychology. . . We congratulate Evelyn Goodman who has been appointed as a member of the Caring Community Committee of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations. She presently serves as a member of the national committee on aging with the UAHC. We are pleased to add another Beth Amite to our list of new grandparents. Mazel to Gil Roston upon the birth of another grandchild, Seth Aaron, son of Dr. Robert and Laurie Rosen. . . We congratulate Charlotte Klierman a 4th grade teacher in our Religious School who has been accepted into the doctorate program. Another staff member Ann Robbins Udell used her artistic talent to create the wonderful symbol on our new Tzedekah boxes. . . Mazel to Ruth and Bernard Litman upon the birth of their grandson Eric L. Ruiz born to their children Stacey and George Ruiz. . . Kudos to Shelly Guberman, daughter of Rhona G. has been promoted to director of home furnishings at a Philadelphia department stores. .

Blood Drive Set for May 6 in Social Hall

On Sunday, May 6th between 8:30 a.m. and 2 p.m., Beth Am will aid the South Florida Blood Service in supplying blood to the needy. Voluntarily donated blood assures the fastest possible blood supply at the lowest possible risk to the patient.

Please consider becoming a volunteer blood donor. Pledge your pint of blood by calling Sydell Oltchick at 251-3183 or give your pledge when our phone committee calls you. (We never know when our own personal blood need may arise.) Brotherhood, as usual, will supply a fantastic breakfast.

<i>B'Nai Mitzvah</i>		<i>Saturday, March 31</i>	
		9:15 a.m.	
			
Jeffrey, son of Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Hertz	Gregory, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Johnson, Jr.		
		11:15 a.m.	
			
Joseph, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Levy	Jolie, daughter of Mrs. Sharyn Raab and Mr. Michael Raab		