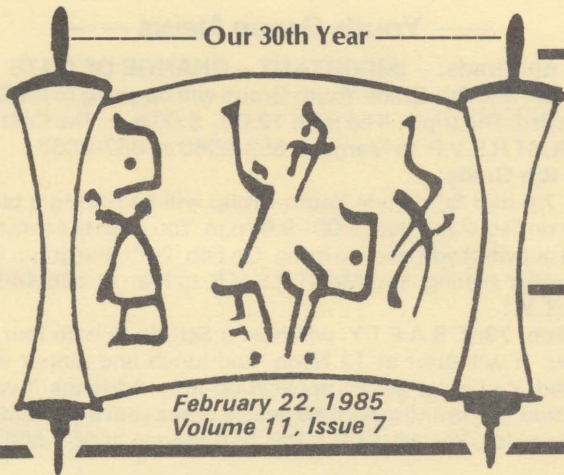


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Contemporaries Creative Service

"REACH OUT AND TOUCH SOMEBODY IN FRIENDSHIP"

Dedication of Needlepoint Tapestry

CONGREGATIONAL TORAH SERVICE
Saturday, February 23, 1985, 11:15 a.m.

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**Washington Correspondent
Wolf Blitzer Speaks at Beth Am
Monday, Feb. 25th, 8:00 p.m.**



Wolf Blitzer, the Washington correspondent of the Jerusalem Post, will speak at the Temple on Monday, Feb. 25th, at 8:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary, as part of Central Agency for Jewish Education's South Dade Midrasha (Lecture Series) which is being co-sponsored by other temples and academic institutions in the area.

Mr. Blitzer's face will be familiar to those who watch television news shows, since he has appeared on **Meet the Press**, **The Today Show**, **Good Morning America**, ABC's **Nightline**, and Public Broadcasting's **MacNeil-Lehrer Newshour** and **Washington Week in Review**. In addition to the Jerusalem Post, Mr. Blitzer's articles have appeared in other publications, including the New York Times, the Los Angeles Times and the New Republic. He is a former Editor of the Near East Report.

Mr. Blitzer is a world renowned lecturer and journalist, and is an authority on Israel-Arab relations. He spent two weeks in Egypt in 1977 covering the first Israeli-Egyptian peace conference. In 1979, he accompanied President Carter to Egypt and Israel during the final round of negotiations which led to the signing of the peace treaty. In 1982, Mr. Blitzer was in Beirut during the withdrawal of PLO and Syrian forces. He returned to Lebanon last August on an inspection tour with Defense Minister Moshe Arens.

Temple members will have the privilege of attending this lecture free of charge by picking up tickets at the reception desk in the Executive Office suite.

**Contemporaries Creative Service and
Dedication of Needlepoint Tapestry
Friday, Feb. 22nd at 8:15 p.m.**

The Contemporaries of Temple Beth Am will be conducting a creative service at the Friday night services on Feb. 22nd at 8:15 p.m. The theme of the service is, "Reach Out and Touch Somebody in Friendship." This service is written and performed by our satisfied senior citizens. It will feature a short sermon by Sidney Greene.

Tapestry Dedicated by the Pawliger-Lipcon Family

The Beth Am needlepoint tapestry, "Challenge to the King," which is hanging in our Lobby, will be dedicated in loving memory of Sylvan "Sonny" Pawliger by his wife, Sylvia, and their children, Richard and Judi Pawliger, Michael and Dinay Pawliger, Wayne and Naida Hanson, and Mitchell and Barbara Lipcon. "Sonny" Pawliger and his wife, Sylvia, joined Temple Beth Am over 25 years ago. Their four children were brought up and educated at the Temple. In the early days, the Pawliger family was quite active in all Temple affairs.

To further enhance this exciting weekend for the Lipcon-Pawliger family, Heather Lipcon will be Bat Mitzvah on the morning of Saturday, Feb. 23rd.

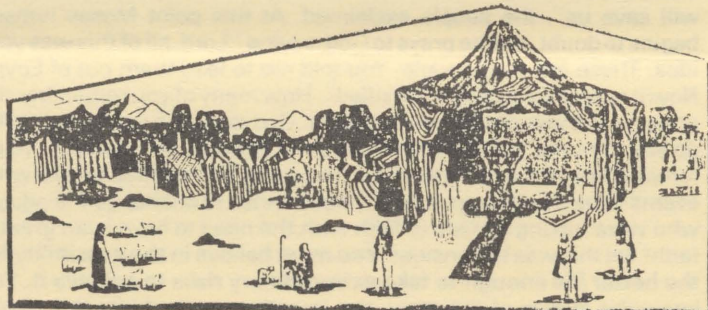
In addition, the Sylvan Pawliger Memorial Fund has dedicated the playground in the ball field to the children of Beth Am. "Sonny" Pawliger was active and interested in the welfare of all children. The playground equipment and the tapestry will serve as a memorial to a man who was an inspiration to all who knew him.

Sunday
March 10th

PURIM CARNIVAL

11:00 am to 3:00 pm

Costume Contest, Games,
Rides, Prizes, Food



P.A.T.I.O. Raffle and Brunch Feb. 21

P.A.T.I.O. will have its annual raffle and brunch on Thursday, Feb. 21st, at 9:00 a.m. in Room 101. Following the raffle, Ms. Sue Iverson, Coordinator of the Child Abuse Prevention Service for Jewish Family Services, will discuss child safety, prevention, and an overview of the child abuse situation in our Jewish community.

Plan to attend this important event. Our raffle raises money for our scholarship program and our school. We hope to see you all there.

FROM THE RABBI'S STUDY



"The Will To Believe"

The following is an excerpt from "The Will To Believe by the Rabbi. Full texts are available at the Rabbi's office.

The second main point I wish to make is that faith in a possibility should produce action to realize that possibility, and not infrequently the faith and the action lead to the fulfillment of the thing hoped for. In a nutshell, we can say that this attitude, which finds its expression in Judaism in many different ways, can be restated as: "Praise the Lord and pass the ammunition". Which is to say, first comes the faith that we can win over our problems in this world, and secondly, we must commit ourselves to that faith and work to see that that which is hoped for comes to pass. Indeed, without the faith in the possibility for change and good, the world would never progress.

Jewish history attests to the practical reality of this kind of faith. It is central to Jewish faith that there is a God who cares about what happens to people, to ordinary people. Moses saw the burning bush in the desert and heard God say, "I hear the cry of my people. I know their pain. Now you must help me liberate them". The radical message of this God is that he cared about slaves. Whoever heard of such a thing? Certainly, this was not a message for the second millenium BCE. In those days the great Gods spoke only to kings, generals and nobles! But somehow Moses acquired the faith that if he could persuade the slaves to revolt, to rise up against their masters, then there was a God who would meet them in the wilderness and lead them to freedom in a promised land.

As you can imagine, it was not easy to convince the slaves, who were bereft of hope, to believe in such a God, yet such is the power on some occasions of men of great faith. They can arouse others to accept their dream; and Moses obviously was such a man. For the first time in human history, a large block of people, the Bible says, "a vast mixed multitude, an erev rav", rose up and said, "We will be free, because there is a God who decrees that we are worthy of more than this". You will recall that the slaves escaped from Pharaoh only to face the later peril of Pharaoh's armies racing to destroy them in the wilderness. Many of the former slaves thought they had been duped. They had flipped the coin and selected "heads", but it was turning up "tails". The Bible tells us that the multitude accused Moses of leading them to their death. "There is no God out here in the wilderness who will save us", the people exclaimed. At this point Moses himself begins to doubt, and he prays to God, saying "Lord, all of this was your idea. These are your people. You told me to lead them out of Egypt. Now it seems we are all to be killed". How many of you remember the unusual answer of this unusual God. God declared to Moses, "Why do you cry unto me? Tell the children of Israel to go forward". To go forward? Into the sea? How could the people be expected to take what seems to be a fatal step. It didn't make sense to challenge the people who were having a crisis of faith with the need to have even greater faith! Yet this was the answer. **You must believe in the possibility for the better life enough to take extraordinary risks to achieve it.** You know the climax of the story, the Israelites walked into the water. They risked their life to obtain a greater life.

Now there are those who will tell you that the great miracle that happened at the Red Sea was that God split the sea so that the Israelites could walk over on dry land. I rather think that the great miracle was that these former slaves exhibited such dramatic faith in the possibility that there was a God who would help them in their distress. It is of no real concern of mine whether Cecil B. DeMilles' version of the splitting of the Red Sea is correct or whether the biblical version is literally true when it says the sea was divided into two standing walls. The historic truth is that the Hebrews were slaves in Egypt; they did manage to escape at this moment in history; and they did set up one of the great nations in all human history. The laws which our people established in their new society were laws directly

5th & 6th Grade: -- IMPORTANT -- CHANGE OF DATE

The 5th and 6th Grade Youth Group will be going to the Zoo on March 3rd. The trip will be from 12:00 - 5:00 p.m. The Cost is \$5. You MUST R.S.V.P. to Margo at 653-8060 or 667-6667.

7th & 8th Grade:

The 7th and 8th Grade Youth Group will be having a pot luck dinner on Feb. 22nd from 7:00 - 9:00p.m. You need to contact Fran to find out what you need to bring. On Feb. 24th, the group will be going roller skating. You MUST R.S.V.P. to Fran at 666-4463.

B.A.F.T.Y.:

On Feb. 23rd, B.A.F.T.Y. will host a Schule-In with four other temples. It will start at 12 Noon, and lunch and dinner will be provided. You must get an application from Adrienne if you are interested. Come and meet new people or see your old friends from other temples. You MUST R.S.V.P. to Adrienne at 667-6667.

JOAN'S JEMS by Joan Schwartzman

Mazel to Dolly and Ernie Harris who have become grandparents for the first time. Born to their children Andrea and Danny Shofsky is a girl, Lauren Maytal at 7 lbs.

Did you know that Beth Amite Sid Schreer is the Foundation chairman for the National Parkinson Foundation, which will hold its gala at the James L. Knight Center on Feb. 24th. Bob Hope will headline this event. For information call 547-6666. Congratulations to Joan and Leonard Hayet upon the engagement of their son Philip to Eileen Niren. The young couple plan a fall wedding.

B'Nai Mitzvah

*Thursday, February 21
11:00 a.m.*

Douglas, son of
Mr. and Mrs. Joel Hirschhorn

*Saturday, February 23
11:15 a.m.*



Heather, daughter of
Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell Lipcon



Sharla Denise, daughter of
Mr. and Mrs. Alan Stone

Sisterhood's "Ideas Through Books" Meeting Notice

- BOOK:** "HUCKLEBERRY FINN" by Mark Twain. (Deals with religious hypocrisy, slavery to conventions, and other issues.)
- REVIEWER:** EVELYN SCHWARTZ
- DATE:** THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 1985, 9:30 a.m. for coffee
7:30 p.m. for dessert
- PLACE:** **MORNING:** Home of Phyllis and Sam Rosen
One Grove Isle, PH 9, Coconut Grove, R.S.V.P.: 858-8585,
or Gail at Temple
- EVENING:** Home of Sandra Rosner
7139 S.W. 53 Lane, R.S.V.P.: 665-4781 - evenings, or Gail
at 667-6667.

related to their personal experience. Some of the laws are: "A person who returns an escaped slave to his master is guilty of a crime against God". "You shall have one manner of law for the stranger as well as for the native citizen". "If you do not care for the poor, for the widow and the orphan and the stranger, then they will cry out unto me", saith the Lord, "and I will hear, and it will be accounted to you for evil". The soul of the Hebrew nation was the soul of those who had suffered grievously and who from the depths of their experience had a new vision of what the world ought to be like.