



RELIGIOUS SERVICE Friday, December 12, 1986, 8:15 p.m.

BAFTY CREATIVE YOUTH SERVICE

Adult Choir Under the Direction of Selma Baumgard

CONGREGATIONAL TORAH SERVICE

Saturday, December 13th, 9:15 & 11:15 a.m.

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Significant Contributions Made to "Fund For the Future"

A significant contribution to the "Fund For the Future" has been made by Ethel Light. Ethel Light is a member of the family that made possible the first school building at Beth Am (the Mark Light I Building) which faces Kendall Drive, and the second school building (Mark Light II) which now houses not only classrooms but the administrative and school offices.

Ethel Light has said that she hopes this gift will induce other members of the congregation to make similar contributions to the Fund For the Future so that over a period of years the Fund will yield enough money to help defray the cost of operation of the Temple.

Ethel Light is the widow of George Light and the mother of the late Mark Light for whom our buildings are named. Ethel has continued to be a devoted and supportive member of the Temple and she has earned the gratitude of the entire congregation and of generations yet to come.

Elaine Cohen and her family have given a generous gift to our Endowment Fund in memory of her husband Seymour Cohen. Elaine and her late husband Seymour were members for many years and were always involved with Temple activities for the children as well as themselves. This gift is a loving tribute to the late Seymour Cohen.

The Fund For the Future is a permanent fund of Temple Beth Am. The principal of the Fund For the Future is to remain intact. The income from the Fund will be used as needed for appropriate congregational purposes. The money in the Fund For the Future will be kept separate from regular Temple funds and will be managed by a special Board of Trustees. We are looking forward over the next five years to have an Endowment Fund which will total five million dollars.

INGRESS AND EGRESS !!!

The entrance and exit to the Temple parking lot are plainly marked. The entrance is at the east end, towards Red Road and the Exit is at the west end towards Ludlum. We have had many near miss accidents. Please do not tempt fate. Enter and exit the parking lot properly.

Have You Paid Your Temple?

All Fair Share and Capital Fund pledges are due for the 1986-87 year on or before Dec. 31, 1986. Don't delay, pay your balance now.

LAST CALL!!

Chanukah Menorah Contest Deadline Dec. 15th

The Annual Family Chanukah Menorah Contest is one of Temple Beth Am's most unique traditions. Each year families create daring and delightful entries. Entries will be judged by experts on the basis of originality, appearance, beauty, and creativity. Prizes will be offered in four categories: Pre-School through Kindergarten, 1st-3rd, 4th-6th, and 7th-10th. All entries will receive a prize.

Deadline is Monday, December 15th. Menorahs will be on display at Friday Shabbat services December 19th. Contest open to all Temple members.

BAFTY Creative Service Dec. 12th

On December 12th BAFTY will present a service on Soviet Jewry at 8:15 p.m. Members of BAFTY will write the service and lead the congregation. Plan to attend this unusual service. Our Adult Choir will perform.

Patio Chanukah Brunch Sunday, December 14

Come join in the festivities on Sunday, December 14, 1986 at PATIO's first annual Chanukah Brunch. The place is Signature Gardens and the time is 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. This is a fund raising event to help maintain the quality and high standards of our Day School and is a tax deductible gift. Plan to join with us and start out this lovely holiday season with our Beth Am Day School families.

Berlitz Classes and Printmaking Added To Afterschool Program

In addition to the pottery and arts and craft classes in the After School Program, we are pleased to announce that Lise Drost will be joining our team of instructors, to add another dimension to our art programs.

Ms. Drost will be teaching a class in printmaking to preschoolers through 6th graders. Some of the lessons to be included in this enrichment activity are crayon rubbings, vegetable printing, mono-printing, paper plate litho, and silkscreen. Projects will include greeting cards, wrapping paper, picture frames and silk screened T-shirts.

Among Lise Drost's list of credentials is her current position with the Oregon School of Arts and Crafts where she instructs in printmaking. Her own work has appeared in many exhibitions and permanent collections, as well as Miami's own 24 collection, Miami Dade Public Library System, M.D.C.C. and F.I.U. She makes her winter home in Miami and we are pleased to have her join our team of instructors at Beth Am After School Program.

Another new addition to the After School Program is the BERLITZ LANGUAGE CENTER. The Berlitz Jr. Language Program is designed to teach foreign languages to youngsters in kindergarten through 6th grade.

All classes will be conducted using the Conversational Method, and taught by native language teachers. The use of games, songs and other fun activities will be included to keep your child interested in his or her new language. Spanish classes will be held twice weekly, and are designed around the needs and ability of each child.

Consult your new After School brochure, which will be sent to you shortly, for days and fees. For more information call Nancy Weinfeld at 667-6667 between 1:00 - 6:00 p.m.

Dec. 15th Deadline For Your Ad For The Commemorative Journal

Jewish identity



FROM THE RABBI'S STUDY

Who Is A Jew?

I believe that just as the State of Israel is fighting for its life, so the Jewish community in America is fighting for its life because of the ignorance and indifference of our Jews. Just as the State of Israel is increasingly inclined to accept into its midst anyone who will work with it and for it, so I think we Jews in America must be increasingly inclined to accept those who want to join us. Just as the State of Israel requires its citizens to pick up a hoe, or to drive a tractor, or to show active concern for its existence, so the Jewish community of America must require of those who claim to be part of our community that they show an active concern for the institutions and well-being of our community. In short, I would say, "A Jew is anyone who commits himself to work for the survival of Jewish values and the Jewish community, irrespective of whom his mother is."

In more specific terms, what I am saying is this. One can be a Jew in America and question the reality of God, but one cannot be a Jew and refuse to give money to Jewish charities (read-Federation). One can be a Jew and not attend Synagogue, but one cannot be a Jew and refuse to support the Synagogue which is the basic Jewish institution in America. "Don't let your neighbor go without membership). One can be a Jew and not be a Zionist, but one cannot be a Jew and fail to support the Combined Jewish Appeal and the Israel Emergency Fund. I am not saying that if one gives to Jewish charities and to the Synagogue that his giving of one's financial means automatically makes one a GOOD Jew. I am merely saying that you have no right to claim your allegiance to a community when you do not work to make its continued existence possible. Erich Fromm, the well known psychologist, has said, "If a woman tells you that she loves her roses, and doesn't water them, don't believe her."

To be a GOOD Jew requires action more intensive than anything we have previously described. To be a good Jew, one must first learn what Judaism is; one must first learn what the Jewish people has represented throughout history and what significance it has in the realm of ideas and pragmatic living today. To be a good Jew, one must try to comprehend that Jewish creativity and striving has given the world almost all of its primary goals and almost all of its central ethics. To be a good Jew, one must share in the belief that the human community has a purpose beyond mere sensual gratification and that we, as Jews, have a role to play towards the attainment of that purpose. To be a good Jew means that one must learn to identify with the slaves under Moses, to feel the lash of the taskmaster; it means that one must climb Sinai with Moses to seek out the moral law under which men must live. To be a good Jew means that one cries out with Isaiah, "Justice, justice shalt thou pursue!"; it means that we learn with Hosea to forgive one another; that with Elisha, we have faith in the tools God has provided us with which to solve our problems.

To be a good Jew means that we use, at least, a core of symbols (rituals) that will bind us to other Jews, present, past, and future. It means lighting Sabbath candles to remind ourselves that the Power that makes for creative changes is ever present. It means eating Matzah to taste of the dryness of human suffering and to be moved to help supply the hungry today with bread. To be a good Jew means to act "as if," as if human suffering has meaning and human history is not a sham. To be a good Jew is to understand, at least as Eric Hoffer, a non-Jew, understands, that the sole meaning of mankind is symbolically wrapped up in the Jew. For if the Jew, the oldest living bearer of civilization, makes it, in spite of his suffering for four thousand years, then, there is hope for other peoples and

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Sisterhood's "Ideas Thru Books" Meeting Notice

BOOK: "THE KORAN" - the bible of Islam. Come and learn; you may be surprised.
DATE: WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 10, 1986
9:30 a.m. for coffee and
7:30 p.m. for dessert
REVIEWER: PROF. HELEN FAGIN will lead the discussion
PLACE: MORNING:
Home of Kay and Dr. Seymour Leopold
11040 SW 73 Court
R.S.V.P.: 665-4174, or Gail at 667-6667
EVENING:
Home of Heather and Dr. Max Millard
6630 SW 71 Lane
R.S.V.P.: 661-9815, or Gail at Temple.

Remember, we have changed our meeting days to Wednesdays.

The "New" New Beginnings Invites You To:

Event: Dance
When: Saturday, December 13, 1986
Where: The Mutiny Hotel
2951 S. Bayshore Drive, Coconut Grove, FL.
Time: 8:00 p.m. - until ?????
Donation: \$6.00
Includes complimentary drink, refreshments and music for your dancing enjoyment.
Parking at reduced rate: \$1.75.

\$100,000 Bond Purchased in Beth Am Bond Drive

Robert Berrin, Chairman of the Beth Am Israel Bond Committee, is pleased to report the purchase of a \$100,000 Israel Bond as part of our current Bond drive. The bond is purchased by the Sunset Bank Corp. Among the members of Beth Am involved with the Bank are Marvin S. Rosen, Jerrold Levine, Peter Moser, Dr. Harold and Cecily Silberman, Sherman Squire, Carlos Dominguez and Ronald Shapo.

The Sunset Bank is purchasing an "IVRI" Bond, paying 6% minimum and adjustable upward if the Prime Rate increases. The "IVRI" Bond is available for \$10,000 and up. Luria & Sons (Leonard Luria) is another company with a Beth Am member which has been a pacesetter in the purchasing of Israel Bonds for their pension fund on an annual basis. Other major purchasers of Bonds as part of our Holiday campaign were Ernest and Dolly Harris and Morris and Mikki Futernick. For further information, call Dave Dubrow at the Israel Bond Office, telephone 531-6731.

B'Nai Mitzvah

Saturday, December 13

11:15 a.m.



Michelle, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Warren Janowitz



David, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jeffrey Lackowitz

communities, but if the Jew fails, if the Israelis are overwhelmed by their enemies, or if American Jews commit spiritual suicide, then, mankind has lost its prime symbol of courage and purposefulness. The Christians have long believed that if one Jew could be resurrected, then, there was hope that all good men might be resurrected. It happens to be pragmatically true that if the Jewish community survives in dedicated vitality, then, it will lend strength by example and infusion to all other men and communities. It is the Jewish people, often crucified, which is the true "Christ" symbol in whose resurrection and survival all men shall live.