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Rabbi James L. Simon

"ARE WE PROPERLY WELCOMING OUR 'JEWS BY CHOICE'?"

Adult Choir Sings Under the Direction of Selma Baumgard

CONGREGATIONAL TORAH SERVICE

Saturday, January 11th, 9:15 & 11:15 a.m.

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Caring Program Presents Death and Dying "A Celebration of Life", Wednesday, January 15th

A Discussion on **Death and Dying: A Celebration of Life** will be sponsored by the Warner/Arky Caring Program on Wednesday, January 15th at 7:30 p.m. in room 28.

Elisabeth Kubler-Ross says "Through our work on our own growth we can come to view death as a friendly companion who can hold the key to the door of life." We will explore our feelings and fears about death in order to increase our capacity to enjoy living and enhance the quality of life.

Join us in our celebration. Edie Stark R.N. Grief Counselor will lead our discussion.

Presidents' Day Panel at Breakfast, Sun., Jan. 19th To Discuss the Problems of the Disappearing Jew

"HOW TO STOP THE DISAPPEARING JEWS FROM DISAPPEARING" will be the topic of discussion by a distinguished panel of experts on Sunday, January 19th, in the Temple Youth Lounge. Appearing on the panel will be:

Phillip Goldin, Exec. Director of Temple Israel, Miami

Dr. Art Shapiro, Pres. Congr. Beth Israel, Miami Beach

Michael Exelbert, Pres. Temple Zion, Miami

Barton Udell, Past Pres. Temple Beth Am, will be Moderator

George Malin, Past Pres. Temple Beth Am will give the Invocation.

Dr. Max Dimont, author of numerous books on Jewish history, writes in his latest book, "The Jew in America," (available in the Temple Library), that the forces inside Jewish culture today are contributing to the large population loss. His book predicts that American Jewry in this country will bear a loss of 1½ million Jews by the year 2,000 from a high of 6 million in 1975.

These are shocking statistics. While we have been looking with horror at the Holocaust and what it took away from the Jewish population, there does not seem to be a critical concern in America for its Jewish community. There does not seem to be any concentrated effort to turn that upcoming loss around. Judaism refers not only to the religion of the Jewish people but to their social, cultural and religious behavior. These are factors that have to be examined and perhaps questioned and altered in some manner.

Admission to this all-you-can-fress Brotherhood Breakfast Forum will be \$3 for Brotherhood members and \$3.50 for all nonmembers. Everyone is invited. Bring your friends and your questions.

Office Closed Monday, January 20th

Monday, January 20th, **Martin Luther King Day**, is a national holiday. The Temple office will be closed. There are no PreSchool/Day School Classes. There will be no Hebrew School or Monday Night School Classes.

Attention All College Bound Students

The UAHC College Education Department can put you and your families in touch with Jewish students on the campuses you are interested in, and also has a list of all Reform campus groups. They will also be happy to give you the name of the college area director in the area you are interested in attending school, so that you can personally get additional information about any school you are considering. If you are interested, call or write the UAHC College Education Department, 838 Fifth Avenue, New York, New York 10021 - 212 - 249-0100. Also, Rabbi Simon has in his office a listing of schools by states, with information about Jewish population, Jewish organizations, and people to contact on the campus.

"Show And Tell" Party in Lobby Museum

Fascinating artifacts going back as far as 3,000 years were shown to those present at the first annual "Show And Tell" Party presented by the Beth Am Museum Committee on Thursday evening, December 12th. Nedra Oren, Chairperson, reports that many of the artifacts will remain on display.

Currently on display in the lighted showcase are: A pot dated 1,000 BCE, found by archeologists in the ruins of Jericho (Israel), one of the world's oldest cities; a menorah, copied from the one found on the Arch of Titus, Rome, dating from the middle of the 19th century; an olive wood etrog box and spice box, made in Israel, late 19th century; an original silver set of buckles for a Torah binder made for a Beth Am Bat Mitzvah, a silver wine cup from Russia dated 1867.

The Museum which already has one beautiful display case will progressively add items as they are received or as they are purchased. Selection of items to be displayed is determined by an official committee. Those interested in making presentations will please contact Nedra Oren through the Temple.

A Most Enjoyable Chanukah Party!

A Chanukah party was enjoyed by the congregation on December 11th. We danced our feet off to the Israeli music led by Shira Baumgard and Yussi Yanich.

Brotherhood's Ira Pozen, Myron Kahn and Mel Katz provided us with delicious latkas. Selma Rappaport and Fran Martinelli greeted people at the door. A similar party for next year is planned.



FROM THE RABBI'S STUDY

"BUT THE BIBLE SAYS...."

It is not unusual these days to find people who know a few lines of scripture and who try, armed with this sparse knowledge, to create the impression that they are biblical scholars.

It is surprising how many of our modern Jews are vulnerable to these ardent missionaries and their apparent scholarship.

The Jewish Bible is the history of the interaction between God and the Jewish people from about 1800 BCE to 200 BCE.

Many of our young Jews today are vulnerable to scripture quoting missionaries precisely because the Bible has not been a factor in the life of their family and themselves.

When I was a teen-ager, I knew I was a Jew, but I didn't know WHY. At this critical stage of my life, I was fortunate enough to become a student in a class on the biblical prophets.

One cannot live as a Jew in the profound sense unless he/she becomes enmeshed in the life and times of the Hebrew prophets and brings those concerns and passions to bear on modern problems.

Mitzvahs Are A Two Way Street!

Sometimes you need help, and other times you can give help --and that's what this article is all about!

This time we're focusing on Transportation to Friday Night Services. If you would like a ride to or can take somebody along with you when you go, call us and we'll play "matchmaker".

Rabbi Jim Simon will set up the "flow-chart", so call 667-6667 and speak with him. (They'll love you, and we'll love you -- the Rabbis will love you, too!)

- Richard Morrison, son of Al and Joan, to Jennifer Jones Ilene Pearl to Robert Auberbach
Nancy Wolff, daughter of Ted and Elinor, to Gregg Gordon
Ron Schild, son of Marvin and Jean, to Maria Guerva
Daniel Suchman, son of Cliff and Betty, to Amy Jeruss, daughter of Dr. Ed Jeruss and the late Sandy Jeruss

Bar Bat Mitzvah Book Open for 1990

Attention Parents of those children born in 1977. Dates are now open for 1990 for those youngsters who will celebrate their Bar/-Bat Mitzvah Jan., 1990 through Dec. 31, 1990.

Dates are given on a first come first serve basis. Call the office at 667-6667 or come in in order to obtain an official date.

B'Nai Mitzvah Saturday, January 11
9:15 a.m. Charles, son of Mrs. Donna Fishbein and Mr. Lawrence Fishbein
11:15 a.m. Jason, son of Mrs. Eileen Handelsman and Dr. Robert Handelsman; Amy Beth, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Richard Rogoff