

Moral perspectives

Save the earth! ecology's plea

One of the most fascinating persons I have talked with recently is Dr. Donald Stedman of The Atmospheric and Oceanic Science Lab at the University of Michigan. He is one of the team who researched the effects of spray-can propellants upon the ozone layer of the earth.

His enthusiasm for the environment and for the whole process of creation is so catching and convincing that you are ready to throw your spray can away and then think of what more you can do. He is much in demand as a speaker for he presents the issues of the creation of life and of the environment in a lively, graphic and morally challenging way.

The problem is that the larger population cannot or will not be influenced by persons like Dr. Stedman. The question, then, is how will the vast population change attitudes and practices regarding the earth's resources without more restrictive laws and great price increases?

WE WANT to avoid increased federal restrictions for these will tend to stifle creativity and freedom and will encourage complicated schemes to evade the laws. If we choose to protect our resources and save the environment by increasing prices, those on fixed or low incomes will be embittered and resources will be available only to the increasingly visible American nobility.



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Few of us want our nation or our world to follow either of these directions.

There is a third option. After talking with Dr. Stedman, I believe it is possible to catch the excitement of the life process and motivate people through an appreciation for both science and values.

IN THE ENVIRONMENTAL issue, there is the chance for a new and exciting blend of science, religion and moral values. The Bible sees the creation as a continuing process in which we now work cooperatively with God. All of us may be helped to feel involved because this life process is also within us.

Our most creative minds and our incredible media are still a third option in choosing to save the earth. These may be linked together to influence people to change their feeling for the earth out of their own free decision.



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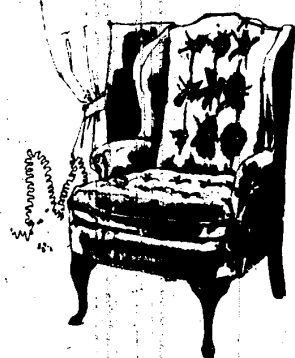
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Sisterhood plans 3 days of rummage

Sisterhood Beth Abraham-Hillel, 5075 W. Maple Road in West Bloomfield, will sponsor a three-day rummage sale Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday (Aug. 26). On sale will be adult and children's clothing, toys, furniture, kitchen items and household furnishings.

Setting up the rummage in the synagogue annex area are Mrs. Eddie Silver of West Bloomfield, Mrs. Leon Mondry and Mrs. Manfred Lehman of Oak Park and Mrs. Morris Simrod of Detroit. Plenty of free parking space is available.

Couple to host temple party

Dr. and Mrs. Leonard Schreier of Bloomfield Hills will host a new members' dinner party for Temple Beth Jacob at their home at 7 p.m. Sunday.

This is the annual event for prospective and new members, giving them an opportunity to meet the officers, temple family and the temple's new spiritual leader, Rabbi Jeffrey Balon and his wife, Ann Lois, formerly of Texas and now living in Bloomfield Hills.

Churches plan joint service

Members of Birmingham Unitarian Church (BUC) will join with friends at Newman African Methodist Church in Pontiac for the 19th annual joint service Sunday, Aug. 24. The service will begin at 11 a.m. with luncheon following. Newman is the oldest black congregation in Pontiac.

The Rev. Bob Marshall of BUC will preach his annual Bible sermon, entitled "What Do the Beginnings of Genesis Have to Say for Our Ongoing?"



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