

# Beth Am COMMENTATOR

MIAMI, FLORIDA

JUNE 30, 1972

## RELIGIOUS SERVICES



FRIDAY, JUNE 30  
8:30 p.m.

Rabbi Baumgard

### 'How Not To Spend A Vacation'

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FRIDAY, JULY 7  
8:30 p.m.

William and Harold Sanes  
will conduct Services

Dr. Donald Altman will speak:

### 'A Doctor Looks At Human Problems'

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TORAH SERVICE  
11:15 a.m.

Saturday, July 1 and July 8

## First Laymen's Service July 7th

Bill Sanes, our executive vice president, assisted by his son, Harold, will conduct the first Laymen's Service on Friday, July 7, at 8:30 p.m. Dr. Donald Altman will speak on the theme, "A Doctor Looks At Human Problems," the same night. Other members of the congregation have been alerted for duty for the balance of July and most of August. They are to be commended for their efforts and deserve a large audience.

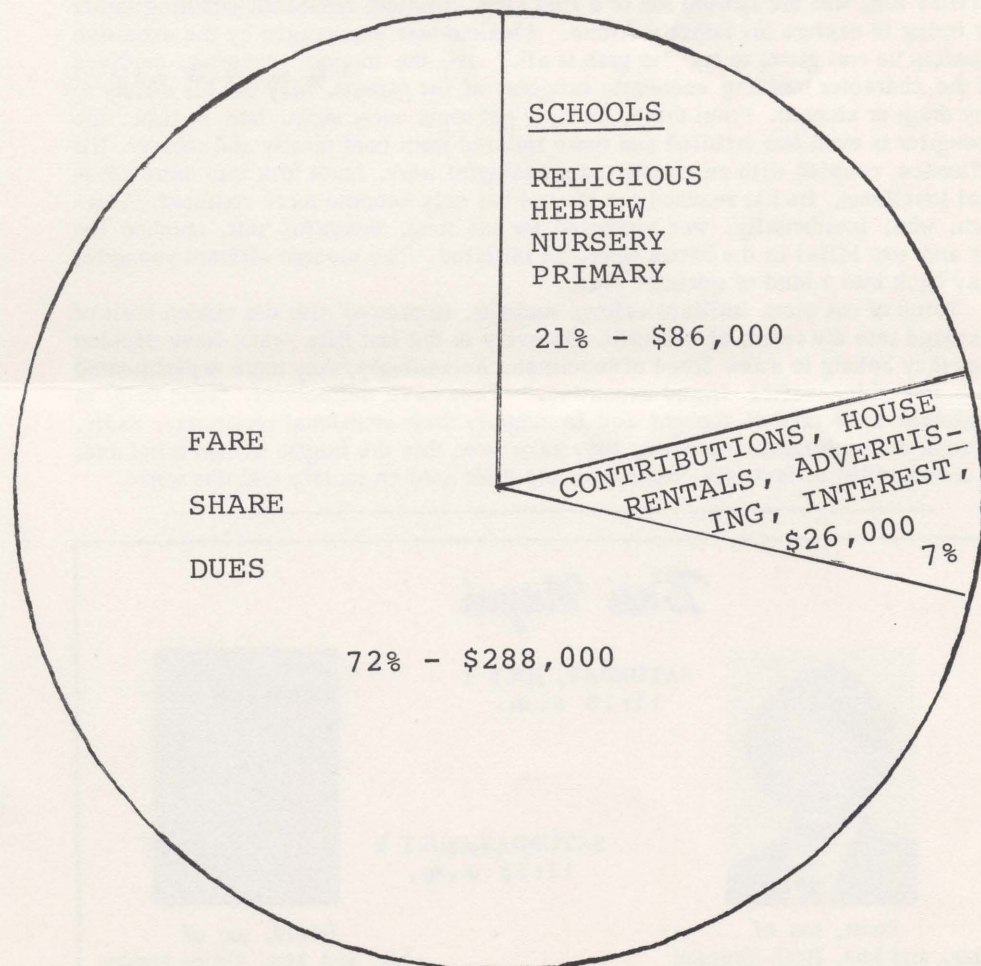
## What Can We Say?

What can we say but thank you to all those members who have responded to our call and have sent in their Fair Share dues contribution and school registration fees for the 1972-73 year? The response has been most gratifying and if the balance of the congregation raises their sights with respect to Fair Share, Beth Am will be back on the right tack and we will be able to fulfill our obligations to our members, our children, and the community next year.

Our hard working office staff says a special "thank you" for early returns because it allows them the necessary time to install our new bookkeeping system and time to process the records for the 1,100 students in our school. So, we say a hearty thank you to all those who have responded so generously at this point in time.

We think you will find the illustration below of interest. It will give you a quick view of our sources of revenue.

## WHERE DOES THE MONEY COME FROM?





FROM THE RABBI'S DESK

### The Lure Of Affluence

An excerpt from "Loving What Is Close,"  
a sermon available in the office.

One of the factors that encourages us to reach farther than we sometimes should is affluence. Psychological and sociological studies show that more and more people are lonely because of complications brought about by the possession of wealth. For example, two people who do not have a perfect marriage may have to try to work things out if they are dependent on one another economically. By working through a problem, they may develop something far richer than they could have with a different partner, but if the family has more than a sufficiency of money, one or both of the partners may be encouraged to think of reaching out rather than to work on the present situation. Frequently, after divorce and remarriage, a person finds that he is in another imperfect marriage, but his problems are more complicated with additional children and the added guilt that, maybe, he was unwise in abandoning the first marriage. Let no one underestimate the psychic injury that comes to children of a broken marriage, which is why I always recommend that divorce take place only after heroic steps have been taken to work things through in an existing marriage. Please don't misunderstand me. Divorce is, sometimes, a mandatory and healthy procedure, but the vast majority of divorces take place because one or both of the parties involved are immature and unable to work patiently on a solvable problem.

We adults show a similar kind of immaturity when we give our children too much money and too many gadgets. Because our children have everything they want, they never learn to appreciate the little things or the near things, and they begin to reach out for exotic things that look like they might be exciting. The Bible tells us that while King David had been the poor son of a shepherd, Absalom, David's son, was the spoiled son of a rich king. Absalom repaid his coddling father by trying to capture his father's throne. Absalom was encouraged by the excessive freedom he was given to try "to grab it all." So, the modern youngster, deprived of the character building economic struggles of his parents, may use his money to buy drugs or alcohol. From these, he may get some early kicks, but, in time, the youngster is even less satisfied and more isolated from both family and society. His affluence, coupled with an absence of meaningful work, leads him into more abysmal loneliness. He has reached too far and has only become more confused. Absalom, who, incidentally, was renowned for his long, beautiful hair, reached too far and was killed in the battle which he initiated. The modern affluent youngster may back into a kind of spiritual death.

Some of our more brilliant college students, impressed with the sudden burst of mankind into the realm of scientific discovery in the last fifty years, have decided that they belong to a new breed of Supermen. Accordingly, they have experimented with something called "mind expansion." They have deliberately taken drugs to stimulate their rate of thought and to magnify their emotional sensitivity. Sadly, through this exhilarating process, they have worn thin the fragile human mind and, in an explosion of fantasies, have loosened their hold on society and this world.

## Joan's Gems



By JOAN SCHWARTZMAN

Penny Marlin and Addy Adler, ardent workers for Variety Children's Hospital, won the second place 1971-72 bridge tournament. This money raises funds for the hospital. The girls also won first place in the duplicate bridge tournament held at the hospital's annual banquet. . . . Joan Schwartz (Mrs. Melvin) and her brood of four sons are off to California to visit her folks. Son, David, raised \$240.00 for the Muscular Dystrophy fund. David is also a member of the All Miami Boy Choir, and the choir has been invited to Graz, Austria to perform July 9.

Rhonda, daughter of Al and Jackie Rose, just received a trophy from Coral Park Senior High School for the outstanding sophomore swimmer of the year. . . . Congratulations to Stephanie, daughter of Harry and Lillian Ross, who was selected as a Phi Beta Kappa at Washington University in St. Louis.

Congratulations to Dr. Irwin and Corinne Perlmutter upon the birth of their first grandchild, Joanna. Eight and one-half pounds of this darling little bundle belong to the proud parents, Jordan and Abby Perlmutter. Congratulations to all! . . . Al and Ellie Ziegler are proud to announce the engagement of their daughter, Joanie, to Byron Petersen from Sarasota, Florida. . . . Mazel tov to Gloria and Carl Kaplan upon the engagement of their son, Gary, to Miss Karen Fendell. . . . And to Herman and Shirley Marks upon the birth of their first grandchild!

Dorothy Marks (Mrs. Asher) was nominated as the outstanding teacher in an elementary school by the Elementary Schools of America. Dorothy teaches at South Miami Elementary School. . . . Did you know that our Sisterhood donated \$100.00 to the Sunshine School for the Retarded so that eight children could go to Tampa to compete in the state Olympics for the Retarded. What a wonderful community project! . . . Ben and Evelyn Clein are elated that their daughter, Judy, and her husband, David Styron, are the proud parents of a 10 pound 8 ounce boy! And that makes Rae Goldberg a great grandmother for the nineteenth time--wow!!!

### B'nai Mitzvah



SATURDAY, JULY 1  
11:15 a.m.

Scott, son of  
Mr. and Mrs. Herb Neuman



SATURDAY, JULY 8  
11:15 a.m.

Jerold, son of  
Mr. and Mrs. Simon Lipsky