

Beth Am COMMENTATOR

MIAMI, FLORIDA

MARCH 2, 1973

Nominations For Temple Officers

The following slate of officers has been nominated by the Temple Beth Am Nominating Committee, chaired by our immediate past president, Barton Udell. The election will be held at the annual meeting late in April.

For president, William Sanes, executive vice president, Bernard Goodman, vice presidents, J. William Baros, Dr. Samuel Berkowitz, Stephen Carner, Ms. Esther Kessler, Samuel Steen, financial secretary, Harry Gunther, treasurer, Dr. William Silver, secretary, Ms. Shirley Schultz, corresponding secretary, Ms. Jackie Rose.

For the Board of Directors for a three year term expiring in 1976:

Alan Abelson, Donald Carlin, Max Feld, Ms. Iris Franco, Eleazer Greenstein, Dr. Jerome Jacobs, Peter Moser, Ms. Selma Rappaport.

For a two year term expiring in 1975 to fill a vacancy: Jeffrey Wershil.

Calendar Of Events

- FAMILY WORSHIP SERVICE Friday, March 2, 7:30 p.m.
- NO RELIGIOUS SCHOOL Saturday and Sunday, March 3 and 4
- BAFTY MEETING Sunday, March 4, 6:00 p.m., Youth Lounge
- BROTHERHOOD MEETING Wednesday, March 7, 7:30 p.m., Youth Lounge
- RELIGIOUS SERVICES Friday, March 9, 8:30 p.m.
- RETREAT (10th GRADE) Friday, Saturday, Sunday, March 9-11
- BROTHERHOOD BREAKFAST Sunday, March 11, 9:30 a.m., Social Hall
- BETH AM SINGLES Sunday, March 11, 8:00 p.m., Youth Lounge
- RELIGIOUS SERVICES Friday, March 16, 8:30 p.m.
- MORNING PURIM SERVICES Sunday, March 18, 10:00 a.m.
- PURIM CARNIVAL Sunday, March 18, 11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
- INTERFAITH MUSICALE Tuesday, March 20, 8:00 p.m., Sanctuary
- SISTERHOOD LUNCHEON Wednesday, March 21, 11:00 a.m., Social Hall
- IDEAS THROUGH BOOKS Thursday, March 22
- RELIGIOUS SERVICES Friday, March 23, 8:30 p.m.
- DISTRICT CONFERENCE SEFTY Friday, Saturday, Sunday, March 23-25
- NURSERY/KINDERGARTEN/PRIMARY OPEN HOUSE
. Wednesday, March 28, 8:00 p.m., Social Hall
- SISTERHOOD/BROTHERHOOD DINNER FOR NEW MEMBERS
. Saturday, March 31, 8:00 p.m. at Temple

Futernick And Bieley Appointed To Board

President Maxwell Dauer, with the approval of the Board of Directors, is happy to announce the appointment of Ms. Mikki Futernick and Alfred Bieley to the Board of the Temple to fill vacancies created by recent resignations. Their terms will expire in May of 1974. Both Ms. Futernick and Mr. Bieley are dedicated, involved Temple members who promise to add much to Board activities.

PURIM CARNIVAL TIME - Sunday, March 18

Volunteer your help - CARNIVAL WORKERS NEEDED
Call Nina Meyer, 279-6070

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Bring USED BOOKS to Temple Office for Resale
Contact Book Chairman Lori Miller, 665-3581

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Exhibit and Sell at The ARTS & CRAFTS SALE
Info from Marcia Reisman, 279-2443

Sunday, March 18 - PURIM CARNIVAL TIME

FRIDAY, MARCH 2
7:30 p.m.

FAMILY WORSHIP SERVICE

Rabbi Barry Altman

'How Shoes Were Invented'

Mrs. Saft's Hebrew Classes First and
Second Year will participate.

RELIGIOUS SERVICES



The Sixth Grade Choir will sing
under the guidance of Harriet Potlock.

Eddie Levine - Cantorial Soloist
Jill Steinberg - Candle Blessing

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SATURDAY, MARCH 3
11:15 a.m.

TORAH SERVICE



Parents, - Face Reality!

Part One

In recent weeks, the tenth graders who meet on Monday nights have had an unusual array of speakers as part of a program on current social problems and the role of the Jew. William Lindsey, a black policeman from Chicago, told the young people that he would never have been able to go to college were it not for Julius Rosenwald, founder of Sears, Roebuck, and his Negro College Fund. Ralph McCartney, a more militant black, told them of the neglect of the poor by affluent Americans, and Burnet Roth, Jewish attorney, spoke to them about Jewish leadership in the Civil Rights movement. After each talk, the young people broke up into smaller groups for discussion. The response of the youngsters was far from uniform. Some of them were deeply involved and resented those other youngsters who treated the topics lightly and made noise while the speakers were talking. Some of them expressed resentment that Mr. Roth spoke about Jewish contributions. Why did he have to talk about Jewish contributions? Some of them blocked out the speakers and day-dreamed. Older students (post-confirmation aides) were thrilled by the speakers. What does all this add up to?--diversity. If I have learned one thing in the many years I have dealt with teenagers, it is this: They do not respond uniformly to a given program.

Do Not Give Up On Your Teenagers

I have also learned not to give up on our teenagers. They may seem hostile, uninterested, and mischievous, in a given situation, but if you hang in there with them, they will ultimately be grateful. They seem to understand deep down that they are in a tumultuous time of their lives, and what they need most from adults is tolerance and a patient, but not over-powering, leadership.

I have also learned that most young people have a profound religious inclination. Some of them may seem to be disdainful of any kind of established religion, but they respond with strong feeling to appeals for kindness and togetherness. Young people are definitely influenced by the religiosity of their parents. They are also profoundly influenced by the absence of religiosity on the part of their parents! I know many Jewish children seeking spiritualism in exotic cults because their parents had no spiritual orientation. Young people resent parents who drop them off for services, but do not attend themselves. They interpret this in this fashion, "After you are confirmed, you can be as non-observant and as non-participating as I." Rest assured, your children will go you one better! You teach by what you do, not by what you say.

Most Collegians Believe In God

I note a growing interest of older teenagers (not necessarily confirmands) in a concept of God. This is especially true amongst collegians. Many of them express a sense of deprivation that their parents seemed to have no relation to God or actually pooh-pooed the idea. Many of our Jewish intellectuals are leading their children into a spiritual wilderness, because they are revolting against their grandfather's concept of God. There are other, more personal and more dynamic god-concepts, developed by Hasidism, for example, which are more suitable for our age. The point is that we should not block out the reality of God because we don't like our bubbe's definition of Him, and we shouldn't impede the spiritual development of our children by setting a barren example. Not even the best religious school can undo the negative influence of a scoffing or uncommitted parent. Parents who really want their children to be Jewish cannot escape the responsibility of trying to develop their own spirituality.

In next week's column, we will discuss the first steps in this process.

A CHAMPAGNE TOAST TO NEW MEMBERS

SATURDAY, MARCH 31

Co-hosted by Sisterhood and Brotherhood

Covered Dish Supper

Dress Casual

8:00 p.m. at the Temple

MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS NOW! CALL:

Sandi Simon, 665-5995 Lori Miller, 665-3581 Beverly Marks, 233-8960

By JOAN SCHWARTZMAN

Harry and Bea Delson are most happy to announce the engagement of their daughter, Paula, to Michael Deakter. The young couple plan a July wedding. Mazel tov to our Beth Am family. . . . Welcome back to re-joinees Gerald and Sybil Pulver. . . . The Miami Art Center will exhibit Seder plates and Kiddish cups of unusual design or origin in the Hall Gallery April 19 through May 13. The address of the Miami Art Center is 7867 North Kendall Drive. . . . We are proud to announce the arrival of Caren Hillary, daughter of Aaron and Elaine Perlman. Mazel tov upon her birth.

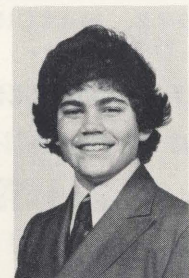
Beth Amites have always been involved in community work. Neil Schiff, Dr. Mel Becker, and Harlan Laner are members of the Metropolitan Dade County Comprehensive Development Master Plan Study and serve as advisory task force members. . . . Congratulations to Debbie Rose Puyanik, who recently passed her state real estate exam. . . . Mazel tov to Dr. David and Marian Katzin upon the birth of their third child, Marc Eban. . . . A very capable mature lady is looking for part time work as a typist-receptionist. If you have need of someone like this, please call me at the Temple office, 667-5587.

An Apology

Due to a mistake in the office, we inadvertently reported the death of Milton Padowitz. We must apologize. Milton Padowitz is alive and well, and we offer condolences on the passing of his father, Alexander Padowitz.

B'nai Mitzvah

SATURDAY, MARCH 3
11:15 a.m.



Warren, son of Mr. and Mrs. Sanford Freed