

Beth Am COMMENTATOR

MIAMI, FLORIDA

MARCH 8, 1974

Nominations For Officers And Board

The following slate of officers has been nominated by the Temple Beth Am Nominating Committee for the fiscal year 1974-75. Elections will be held on Monday, April 29, 1974 at the annual meeting of the Temple membership.

For president, William Sanes; for executive vice president, Bernard Goodman.

Nominated for vice presidents are J. William Baros, Dr. Samuel Berkowitz, Esther Kessler, Samuel Steen, and Barbara Weiner.

For treasurer, Dr. William Silver; financial secretary, Barry Godstein; corresponding secretary, Eleazer Greenstein and for secretary, Joan Harris.

Nominated to the Board of Directors for a three year term expiring in 1977, Al Bieley, Jordan Bittell, Steven Carner, Mikki Futernick, Philip Revitz, Jackie Rose, Marshal Rosenberg, and Gilbert Tendler.

Impact--Tuesday Night

March 12 - MARRIAGE AMERICAN STYLE

Is marriage as we know it becoming outdated? How are the new mores affecting marriage? How can we help our marriages remain satisfying?

Dr. Harry Graff and Dr. Theodore Wolff, psychiatrists, will present information and answer questions.

March 19 - HOW CAN WE ELIMINATE SCHOOL SHIFTS?

March 26 - HELP PLAN YOUR CHILD'S FUTURE WITH GUIDANCE

Purim Celebrated At Temple Thursday, March 7, 7:30 P.M.

Members of the congregation are invited to bring their children to the Purim Service which will be held at the Temple Thursday night, March 7, at 7:30 p.m. The Book of Esther will be read in part, and the young people will be encouraged to greet the name of "Haman" with appropriately negative reactions. This is a fun service for adults too, and many special songs will be sung.

There are many unhappy things that Jews have to experience. Here is a chance to teach your family that Judaism can be fun too.

Hooray! It's

PURIM CARNIVAL TIME

Sunday, March 10 11:00 a. m. to 3:00 p. m.

CLOWNS!

PRIZES!

FUN!

• Side Shows • Game Booths • Fun House

• Pony Rides • Fish Pond • Movies

• Costume Parade • Cake Walk

HOT DOGS BAR-B-Q BURGERS

SWEET SHOPPE

ARTS AND CRAFTS SIDEWALK SALE

• Jewelry

• Leathercraft

• Ceramics

• Paintings

FRIDAY, MARCH 8
8:30 p.m.

RABBI BAUMGARD

'The Devil Made Me Do It'

A discussion of
Exorcism and the Occult

RELIGIOUS SERVICES



The Adult Choir will sing.
Selma Baumgard
Choirmaster

SATURDAY, MARCH 9
11:15 a.m.

TORAH SERVICE



FROM THE RABBI'S DESK

Prescription For Troubled Parents

There are few parents who are not troubled today about the actions of their children. This is true of Christian as well as Jewish parents. There was a time when Jews were somewhat insulated from the "zeitgeist," the spirit of the age, but that is no longer true. In the mass rush away from the old standards, we have, perhaps, been more affected than any other group for two reasons. First, our standards were different even from the old general standard, more requiring of stamina, more demanding of loyalty even against ostracism and ridicule. Secondly, our young people have been taught to inquire and to resist the prevailing norm. In the past, this has worked for the preservation of the Jewish people. Now, many of our youngsters have decided that the Jewish norm is just another norm that they want to oppose.

What can the Jewish parent do in the face of the flight of our children? I am increasingly convinced that our main role is to be a beacon light in the storm. We must be there when they return, battered from their experience with total freedom (as they are being battered); and we must be ready to offer advice rather than recrimination. Most of all, we must set an example for them. Judaism is based on the premise that "you become what you do." What we do moulds our character. What we do teaches best how we would like others to act.

CHARGE OF HYPOCRISY

I have found that young people most often complain of their parents' hypocrisy. "They say one thing to me, but they do another," is the frequent statement of the young. I don't think that we are guilty of all the charges the young make against us, but so many of us speak "with forked tongue." We want our children to be Jews, but we teach, by example, that it occupies only a very minor place in our life. We want them to be moral, but we let them see us scrambling for financial security rather than for community well-being. We want them to get married and live a warm, love-giving life with one partner, but we don't always illustrate the techniques of forgiveness and concern within our own marriage.

Increasingly, the wounded from today's free society are limping into my office (and the office of other clergymen) seeking help. Absolute freedom is no boon. It is a curse. Every person needs controls, some discipline, some standard of meaning through which he can relate to other human beings with some sense of security and on-going-ness. Our youngsters are finding this out the hard way. Without recrimination, I try to show them that the old ways had some virtues, some profound reasonableness. It is comforting to them to know that the standards are still there, that some group, however small, continues to live in a spirit of reasonableness and meaningful continuity. The synagogue, in my opinion, has more meaning, for this reason alone, than it has ever had.

Be a beacon light to your children. Show them the way to go-by example. Live out the standards; don't scream out the rules. Show them by the fruits of your life that yours is a way worth following. Over the years, your example is bound to effect them.

outh News

Summer Programs For Youth

Many of our youngsters have not made plans for their summer activities as yet. Although Camp Coleman is filled to capacity, other Union Camps still have some spaces available. Contact Rabbi Altman at the Temple office.

SEFTY INSTITUTE at Camp Coleman has been extremely popular with our tenth thru twelfth graders over the years. This ten (10) day experience is open to members of Beth Am. Applications are available in the Rabbi's office.

At the moment, there are seven available spots open on the SEFTY tour to Israel. This tour is sponsored by the National Federation of Temple Youth and is open to tenth through twelfth graders. As of now, four of our young people have been accepted. Contact Rabbi Altman for details.



YOUTH GROUP HOSTS FOLK CONCERT

Mr. Baxter of Palmetto Senior High and our own Steve Schneider entertained BAFTY (Senior Youth Group) on Sunday, February 17. Dinner and programs are sponsored by BAFTY every other Sunday.

Joan's Gems

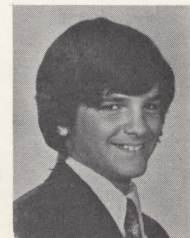
By JOAN SCHWARTZMAN

Congratulations to Eleanor and Gilbert Levine upon the engagement of their son, Jerry, to Helene Budner. . . . For the first time in over 15 years, the annual Interfaith Musicales will be held on Sunday, April 28, at 3:30 p.m., at the South Miami First United Methodist Church. Heretofore, it has always been held at Beth Am. Hold that date open for a marvelous interfaith experience. . . . Got a postcard this week from Al and Jackie Rose who just visited the oldest temple in continuous use in the western hemisphere at Curacao's Mikve Israel Congregation. . . . Mazel tov to Leta and Bob Garvett upon the engagement of their son, Don. . . . Get well wishes to Rebecca Essigner, Dr. Melvyn Becker, Joe Feinberg, and Arnelle Solomon who have been hospitalized recently.

Bnai

Mitzvah

Saturday
March 9
11:15 a.m.



James, son of
Mr. and Mrs. Allen Alman