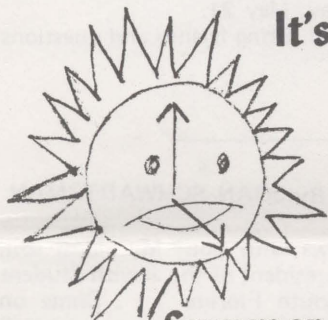


Beth Am COMMENTATOR

MIAMI, FLORIDA

MAY 10, 1974



It's Time To Enroll For Summer Camp

A summer full of enjoyable activities awaits the children enrolling in Beth Am's summer program.

Weekly field trips, arts and crafts, bowling, tennis, golf, athletics, movies, baton, and Red Cross swim instructions, archery, music, dramatics, many, many other special events combine to offer your children the utmost in pleasure and useful instructions.

Beginning June 19, the program will run for eight weeks. The hours are 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. daily for four to 14 year olds.

Register your children now. Call the Temple, 667-5587, for more information, applications, and brochures.

Your children will benefit from the guidance of Camp Director Al Schlazer, a 15 year member of the Dade School System. His experienced staff includes Rose Ashbes, Associate Director, and many qualified supervisory personnel.

Enroll now. Registrations are limited. Assure your children of their place in our fun summer program.

Installation Service

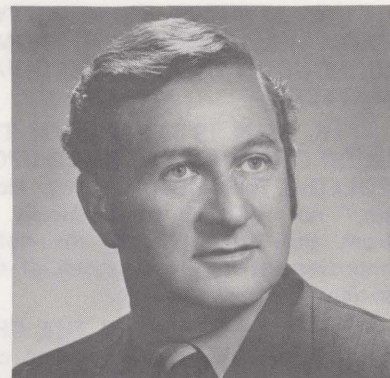
Friday, May 10, 8:30 p. m., in the Sanctuary

Installation of Officers and Board Members
of the Temple, Brotherhood, and Sisterhood

The Harry Gunther Service Award

will be bestowed upon that member of the Congregation who has performed exceptional service for Temple Beth Am over the past year.

William Sanes Elected Prexy For 1974-75



At a meeting of the congregation which was held on April 29, the members of Temple Beth Am unanimously re-elected William Sanes to serve as president of the congregation for the year 1974-75.

In his acceptance speech, President Sanes indicated that he was proud and happy to serve again as president, and promised to carry forth the many programs that had been started during his present term.

Also elected at the annual meeting were Executive Vice President Bernard Goodman, Vice President J. William Baros, Vice President Dr. Samuel Berkowitz, Vice President Esther Kessler, Vice President Samuel Steen, Vice President Barbara Weiner, Financial Secretary Barry Goldstein, Treasurer Dr. William Silver, Secretary Joan Harris, and Corresponding Secretary Eleazer Greenstein, and eight members to the board.

FRIDAY, MAY 10
8:30 p.m.

RELIGIOUS SERVICES

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

Adult Choir will perform
Selma Baumgard, Choirmaster

RABBI BAUMGARD

'Future Of The Synagogue In American Jewish Life'



SATURDAY, MAY 11
11:15 a.m.

TORAH SERVICE



FROM THE RABBI'S DESK

Basic Jewish Ideas

While Judaism is the evolving and changing religious expression of the Jewish people. Jews have always believed a basic core in all ages. Certainly, the core of our belief as understood by Reform Judaism is as follows:

1. GOD IS ONE--that is, there is one plan and purpose for the universe; there are no conflicting wills; no good god competing with a devil; nor are there greater and lesser gods or divine beings.

2. THE NATURE OF THIS GOD IS TO BE UNDERSTOOD IN TERMS OF CREATION, LAW, JUSTICE, MERCY, FORGIVENESS, LOVE--that is, He is not blind force, acting on sudden whim, nor is He angry and punitive (this understanding of the nature of God evolved over thousands of years and is open to new insights). God is not to be understood in terms of human powers or definitions and is beyond man's full comprehension.

3. THERE IS A TORAH, A MORAL LAW, UNDERGIRDING THE UNIVERSE, AND MAN'S HAPPINESS AND THE STABILITY OF SOCIETY DEPEND ON THE LEARNING AND OBSERVANCE OF THIS LAW.

4. A MAN'S RELIGIOSITY IS TO BE DEDUCED FROM HIS ACTIONS, NOT FROM HIS STATED BELIEFS. (CONDUCT, NOT PROFESSED FAITH, IS THE CRITICAL MATTER).

5. MAN IS BORN WITH THE POTENTIAL TO BE GOOD OR EVIL DEPENDING UPON HIS OWN CHOICE TO FOLLOW THE MORAL LAW. He is not born in "original sin," nor need he be mystically or miraculously "saved" from this "sin." Hence, the notion of the growth and improvement in the character of man by creating the good society becomes possible.

6. THIS WORLD IS THE CENTER OF MAN'S EXISTENCE. Whatever the "world to come" may be, man must correct the evil in this world. "It is not incumbent upon him to finish the task, but neither is he free to neglect it."

7. MEN MUST STRIVE TOWARDS A MESSIANIC DAY, WHEN ALL MEN SHALL LIVE IN PEACE AND HARMONY. There is a meaningful future ahead which men must strive to achieve with God's help. There is a part of the Messiah in all of us, and we must bring the pieces together to create "God's Kingdom."

8. MAN IS A CO-PARTNER WITH GOD IN THE CREATION THAT KNOWS NO END. God frequently relies on man to serve as His agent, and man must understand his responsibility. "Where there are no men . . . be thou the man."

9. JEWS ARE BOUND TO GOD IN A SPECIAL COVENANT OR AGREEMENT. Since they were the first to proclaim the idea of one God and one mankind, since they were the first to proclaim the moral law, they have a special responsibility to be exemplary in character and to teach these ideas, by example, to the world.

Rabbi Baumgard On TV May 12

Rabbi Baumgard will be on Channel 7, Sunday morning, May 12, at 10:00 a.m., on The Still Small Voice. His subject will be "Martyrdom and Judaism."

Hillel Is At College

Now that you know where you are going this Fall, find out what's doing in terms of your Judaism.

What is Hillel? What other Jewish groups are on campus? What courses are available in Jewish studies? How to organize Jewish groups. What is campus anti-semitism? How to confront missionary activity. What is Arab campus propaganda?

This informal program will be conducted by Central Agency for Jewish Education, Jewish Federation, B'nai Brith Hillel, Temple Beth Am and BAFTY.

Open to all graduating seniors and college freshmen in the Social Hall at 7:30 p.m., Tuesday, May 21.

Coffee and cake will be served. Bring friends and questions.

Joan's Gems

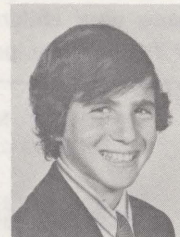
By JOAN SCHWARTZMAN

May I share some good news with you? My eldest son, Barry, was recently elected to president of the Jewish Student Union at the University of South Florida * . . . Come on people, call me and let's print all our good news so we can all "qvell" together. . . . Kudos to Eric, son of Lennie and Selma Rappaport, who was accepted as an early admission at Emory University, and is also a member of National Honor Society at Killian Senior High School. Keep those honors coming in, folks.

Harriet Potlock, Beth Am's coordinator of music and leader of the Beth Americans and the Troubadours, has mastered another feat. She has been awarded her Master's degree at F.I.U. in Administration-Supervision. She will now begin working on her doctorate. Congratulations to a talented lady. . . . Congratulations to Cliff and Betty Suchman upon the marriage of their niece, Karen, to Saul Stein. . . . Kudos to Ben Friedman, a fine gentleman. A great statement by Martin Buber, in the form of a scroll, was printed in honor of Ben by Mr. Milton Rubin of Dependable Offset Printing Co. This is indeed a tribute to a terrific Beth Amite.

Kudos to the following young people who have been elected to the National Honor Society at Palmetto Senior High School: Beth, daughter of Al and Rita Trilling; Nancy, daughter of Dr. Herbert and Millicent Swerdlow; David, son of Sy and Rita Robbins; Chuck, son of Dr. Martin and Judy Liebling; Lee, daughter of Bernard and Leatrice Swichkow; and Andrea, daughter of Ernest and Dolly Harris. . . . Andrew Harris is now attending the Greater Miami Jewish Federation sponsored high school program in Israel.

*Bnai
Mitzvah*



Saturday
May 11
11:15 a.m.

Elisha, son of
Mr. and Mrs. Elisha Powell
Michael, son of
Dr. and Mrs. William Silver