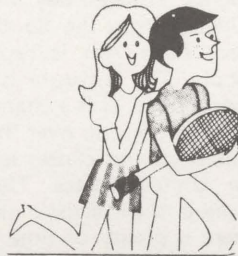


# Beth Am COMMENTATOR

## Summer Program

### Offers Tennis

### Instruction By Pros



Al Schlazer, the director of our summer program, will be featuring tennis instruction and actual tennis competition in this summer's activities.

Al, who is an assistant professor of physical education at Miami-Dade Downtown Campus, serves as tennis coach of the school, and teaches classes in tennis instruction. He will be serving as the overall director of our tennis program.

Robert Berney has been hired as the tennis coach. Bob is a second year law student, and a graduate of Harvard College. He has played on the Harvard tennis team and has been working as a tennis professional in the Boston area.

Instruction will be given indoors in our air conditioned gymnasium and outdoors on professional clay courts at the Dadeland Inn. All equipment will be supplied, and we know that our summer campers will be getting professional type instruction and guidance.

Tennis is only one of the many activities of the summer program. We also feature Red Cross swimming, all other forms of athletics, arts and crafts, music and dancing, and many field trips.

For more information, contact Rhoda Bernheimer at the Temple office, 667-5587.

## Rabbi Baumgard's Article On Divorce Featured In National Jewish Post

Rabbi Baumgard's article on divorce, first published in his column in the COMMENTATOR, and soon to be released as a separate brochure, was discussed in the lead article in the National Jewish Post and Opinion of Friday, March 14. Copies of the brochure are available to Temple members from the Temple office.

Rabbi Baumgard has just returned from New York City and a meeting of the Executive Committee of the Central Conference of American Rabbis.

He will be the Minister of the Day for the Florida Legislature in Tallahassee on Wednesday, May 14.

## Additional Nomination For Board Of Directors Vote To Be Held At Annual Meeting April 28

A petition has been received by the nominating committee placing in nomination for a three year term on the Board of Directors the name of Colonel Arthur Conn.

This makes for a slate of nine nominations for eight openings on the Board. Those nominated by the nominating committee are J. William Baros, Peggy Bieley, Saul Genet, J. Arthur Goldberg, Melvin Greenfield, Harold Malin; Donald Sobol, Jeffrey Wershil.

The slate of officers and eight of the above nine nominees for the Board will be voted upon at the annual meeting of the Temple on Monday evening, April 28. Please plan to attend this meeting, not only to vote, but to receive the reports of the officers of the Temple for the past year.

## Professor Emmerglick Speaks Friday Night On Issues Of Life And Death, April 11

Professor Leonard Emmerglick, professor of law and social need at the University of Miami, will speak at Beth Am on Friday, April 11, at the 8:30 p.m. service. Dr. Emmerglick, who has been an attorney for most of his life, now addresses himself to such questions as "When should abortion be permitted and when not?"; "When is mercy killing justified?"; "Should scientists be permitted to create human beings in the laboratory?" These and similar questions will be discussed Friday night.

## Charlie Brown At Beth Am April 9 And 13

Charlie Brown, Snoopy, Lucy, and all the lovable Peanuts gang will come alive for your family enjoyment when talented teens of the Jewish Community Center, in cooperation with Temple Beth Am, present this delightful show during the month of April.

Performances at Temple Beth Am include a matinee on Wednesday, April 9 (during the school vacation), with curtain at 1 p.m., and again on Sunday, April 13, at 2 p.m. and evening at 7:30 p.m.

Production is under the direction of Mrs. Cyril B. Rill with Mr. Randy Peach at the piano. Bill Fries on special lighting effects, and Monty Washburn on the colorful scenery and sets are assisted by the cast and by David Schwartz. Tickets are available from any member of the cast or at the door.

FRIDAY, APRIL 11  
8:30 p.m.

## RELIGIOUS SERVICES

Adult Choir will perform  
Selma Baumgard, Choirmaster

## DR. LEONARD EMMERGLICK 'Issues Of Life And Death'



SATURDAY, APRIL 12  
11:15 a.m.

TORAH SERVICE

Choir To Feature Broadway Musicals On Friday, April 25





## Do It Yourself Mysticism

In these times of loose ties to one's own group and vigorous searching for a new truth, several things are apparent in our own Jewish group. First, we are attracting an increasing number of intelligent and liberal non-Jews who find in Judaism, especially in Reform Judaism, a superior rationalistic and universalistic religion appropriate to our times. Secondly, we are losing a lesser number of young Jews to two diverse streams of non-Jewish thought. We are losing a very few youngsters to fundamentalist Christian groups or to ascetic groups like Hira Krishna. The motivation for these children seems to be a desire for a highly disciplined group. There is frequently a high degree of rebelliousness involved together with a strong desire to atone for previous drug or liberal sexual practice.

A larger number of Jewish youngsters have been attracted to the Eastern mystics. What attracts them is the idea of do-it-yourself spiritualism. The basic thrust of Eastern mysticism is that the individual, properly attuned, and using the know-how taught by the guru, can himself become one with the central life-force. The experienced mystic, it is said, can become God! There is something of one-upmanship in this lure and bright youngsters trying to show that they are even better than brilliant fathers (or mothers) are drawn to it. This is especially true of young people who have not quite succeeded as well as they think their parents want them to.

If such a youngster is told that Jewish Hasidism offers the same kind of practice and goal, he is not impressed. What he wants to get away from is that which attaches him to his parents or to his group. Similarly, there is developing around us the cult of adoration of wise Eastern sayings and stories. Once one gets into this realm, one is on Jewish home ground. No group has the collection of profound stories and wise sayings that we have. Yet, our youngsters are essentially ignorant of this, having resisted strongly their religious school experience (which is normal), and having been raised in homes where these stories and sayings are never discussed.

How does one get a knowledge of our own Jewish heritage in these areas? One begins to read and one comes to Religious Services where they are constantly discussed. But if the latter is too much of a sacrifice, begin with the "Sayings of the Fathers," a Talmudic tractate of wise sayings, found in our regular Sabbath prayer book, page 165 and following. The whole family could discuss these teachings (it is best for one of the parents to pick out his favorites first). Secondly, one buys a copy of "Tales of the Hasidim-The Early Masters," Martin Buber, Schocken Books, New York, paperback available, and picks out one's favorite for discussion. Wisdom and mysticism are part of the infinite depth of Jewish content. Only those go elsewhere for these things who are unaware of their own Jewish treasures or who have a psychological need to bolt the pack.

## What To Do This Summer

By Rabbi BARRY M. ALTMAN

As you probably know by now, job opportunities for this summer are few and far between. There are exciting alternatives to either part time work or simply hanging around during those hot summer months.

An exciting alternative for teenagers is SEFTY Institute held at Camp Coleman, Cleveland, Georgia in the middle of August. This ten day institute welcomes all senior high school students from the Southeast area of the United States. Each year, Beth Am is represented by more and more young people. The Institute is a tremendous social and educational opportunity. It is a chance to meet young people from Reform congregations all over the south. During the Institute, students choose various classes led by Rabbis and scholars from across the United States. They also have ample opportunity to develop their artistic skills, such as dance, drama, art, etc. There is plenty of time to socialize and take advantage of the wide variety of recreational activities at Camp Coleman. If you are interested, please call me and we can discuss this matter in greater detail.

SEFTY also sponsors a summer tour to Israel. This is a seven week adventure and is in its second year of existence. Last year, seven of our young people thoroughly enjoyed themselves by attending an educational tour of the land of Israel. This program should not be confused with the Dade County Quin program because the thrust of this tour is not a formal educational experience, but rather a fully designed travelling program, whose basic aim is to introduce the student to social and cultural opportunities during the seven week period. There is the possibility of high school credit for this truly in depth tour. If you have not yet visited Israel, this just might be the summer to go. Make your plans early by calling me at the Temple.

## Joan's Gems

By JOAN SCHWARTZMAN

We are proud of Daryl, son of Dotty Olster and Evan Olster, who has been elected to National Junior Honor at Gulliver and to David, son of Ray and Audrey Roth, who received superior rating at the Dade County Science Fair and an award from Eastern Airlines for his project concerning underwater transportation in the future. . . . Mazel tov to Nancy and Edward Gilbert upon the birth of their daughter, Jennifer Rachel. . . . Jeffrey, son of Budd and Iris Cutler, has been nominated a Silver Knight candidate in the field of athletics at Palmetto Senior High. He was also just inducted into National Honor Society and was recently state champion for the second time in the field of wrestling in his weight class. Not to be undone, is Dad Budd who will be the guest speaker for the Cardio-Pulmonary Technicians Convention and the National Proctologist Society Convention. His speech will cover the legal aspects of health care. Mom, Iris, had her painting of Albert Einstein on display at the Metropolitan Museum on North Kendall Drive.

*Bnai*

*Mitzvah*

Saturday  
April 12  
11:15 a.m.



Jan Leslie, daughter of  
Mr. and Mrs. Martin Darlow  
David, son of  
Mr. and Mrs. Larry Diamond