



Beth Am COMMENTATOR

Broadway Comes To Beth Am Friday, April 25

The Jewish Contribution to the Broadway Musical Stage, an original narration and songfest, will be presented at the Friday evening service of April 25, at 8:30 p.m., in lieu of a sermon. The narration by Rabbi Baumgard and the songs presented by the Temple choir, under the direction of Selma Baumgard, was first presented three years ago. It was so successful and emotional in impact that it was presented last year again. The presentation will be an annual event.

The Broadway musical is in many ways a creation of the Jewish community of New York. While "Fiddler on the Roof" was a kind of distillation of the Jewish European experience, other musicals, in a less directed way, captured Jewish ideals, humor, and spirit. Among the composers to be heard will be Irving Berlin, Jerome Kern, Richard Rodgers, Harold Arlen, Sheldon Bock, Mitchell Leigh, and others. Songs to be heard include "Old Man River," "Climb Every Mountain," "Impossible Dream," "If I Were A Rich Man," and many others.

Looking For Athletic Activities For Your Children?



Summer Program Is The Answer

Beth Am's summer program features all forms of athletic activities. Our most important activity is swimming under the guidance of a qualified Red Cross swimming instructor. If your youngster does not know how to swim, we will teach him. If he knows the dog paddle, we'll teach him the crawl and the backstroke and teach water safety.

We are also big on tennis, baseball, football, basketball, volleyball, badminton, soccer, golf, and karate, all under the guidance of mature, competent instructors.

Naturally, we have other activities such as arts and crafts, music and dance, field trips, cookouts, and a host of other forms of recreation.

It's time to register. Summer program starts on June 18 and runs for eight weeks. Call Rhoda Bernheimer at 667-5587 for details.

Annual Meeting And Elections, Monday April 28, In Youth Lounge At 7:30 P.M.

The annual meeting of Temple Beth Am is scheduled for Monday night, April 28, at 7:30 p.m., in our Youth Lounge. At this meeting, all the officers who have served this past year will submit short reports on the Temple activities for the past 12 months. In addition, short reports will be given by Rabbi Baumgard and our executive director, David Stuart.

At this meeting, we will elect our officers for next year and eight Board members to serve a three year term to expire in 1978. The following have been nominated to serve as officers for next year:

Bernard Goodman	President
Samuel Steen	Exec. Vice President
Dr. Samuel Berkowitz	Vice President
Stephen Carner	Vice President
Esther Kessler	Vice President
Peter Moser	Vice President
Dr. William Silver	Vice President
Barry Goldstein	Financial Secretary
Barbara Weiner	Treasurer
Mikki Futernick	Corresponding Secretary
Jackie Rose	Recording Secretary

The following nine names have been submitted for nomination to the Board of Directors: J. William Baros, Peggy Biele, Arthur Conn, Saul Genet, J. Arthur Goldberg, Melvin Greenfield, Harold Malin, Donald Sobol, and Jeffrey Wershil. It should be noted that there are nine nominations for only eight openings on the Board, so that every member of the Congregation should come out to vote at this time.

Come To The Cabaret May 3

Presentation of "Man of La Matza" (Cast of 32)
Written and directed by Joan Schwartzman

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Tickets: Millie Infeld, 238-2238, Temple office, 667-5587

FRIDAY, APRIL 25
8:30 p.m.

RELIGIOUS SERVICES

Adult Choir will perform
Selma Baumgard, Choirmaster

RABBI HERBERT BAUMGARD
The Jewish Contribution To The
Broadway Musical Stage



SATURDAY, APRIL 26
11:15 a.m.

TORAH SERVICE



Let's Study Torah

Acharay Mote — K'doshim, Lev. 16:1 — 20:27.

(This Torah portion should have appeared last week.)

Acharay Mote--This parasha contains the priestly description of the ancient "scapegoat" sacrifice. Aaron, as High Priest, took two goats. Over one of the goats, he confessed the sins of the people Israel, then, slaughtered the goat ritually, and sprinkled its blood on the horns of the altar, thereby ritually atoning for the sins of the people. The second goat was released "L'azazel," as a sign of the people released from condemnation and freed from death (16:1-10).

Atonement by substitution was a part of the worship of all ancient peoples. The Hebrews, however, outgrew this practice, and for at least 2,000 years have not observed the sacrifice of the "scapegoat." We teach today that each person is responsible for his own sins. With the Prophet Isaiah (825 B.C.E.), we say that God forgives readily. "Though your sins are as scarlet, they shall be as snow," said the prophet. As the prayer book says on Yom Kippur, three things are required for forgiveness and these only--prayer, sincere repentance, and righteous deeds.

Christianity has at its heart the doctrine of substitutionary atonement. It teaches that Jesus was the "scapegoat." Through his death and the shedding of his blood, those who believe in him will be forgiven for their sins. Others are condemned to Hell.

This section also contains the laws of incest, since the ancient nomadic society was a highly organized family society. Prohibition against Canaanite sexual practices are here also (20:21-23). The Canaanites would be called today "swinging" sexual practitioners and much of the Hebraic firm stand on sex was in revulsion to the unfettered practices of the Canaanites.

K'doshim (Ch. 19:1 — 20:27). This section is one of the highlights of our Bible. It tells us that to be an Israelite, one must try to imitate God in His holiness (19:1-2). Judaism, then, is that religion which teaches that one must try to imitate God. But this is not an abstract teaching. It is defined in detail (19:3 and following). When you reap your harvest, you must leave the corners of the field for the poor and the fallen fruit for the orphan (19:9, 10). It is unholy to steal, to make a promise and fail to keep it (verses 11, 12). It is unholy to take advantage of those who are handicapped or weak (19:14), to wrest justice in the courts (15), to spread malicious gossip (16), to hate your brother in your heart (17), to take vengeance (18), to cut yourself when your dead lie before you (28), to make your daughter a harlot (29). It is holy to keep the Sabbath as a day of rest (30), to honor the aged (32), to help the stranger (33), indeed, to love the stranger as yourself (34), to be honest in your business (35, 36). We can see that the concept of holiness went far beyond ritualistic notions. It crept into every corner of daily living.

It is also unholy to abuse God's sexual gift to you (20:10-20). To be holy meant one had to strive to be different from the rest of the peoples around. "Ye shall not walk in the customs of the nations . . ." (20:23). Clearly, our fathers tried to establish an elite people who were willing to set themselves apart from others in the effort to establish a superior culture. What a contrasting message this is to that chosen by so many Jews today. They rush to be "like the others," especially in pursuing the art of pleasure.

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Univ. Of Florida Collegians Dine With Rabbi

Forty-eight of Beth Am's collegians from the University of Florida and their guests dined with Rabbi Baumgard at the University Inn, in Gainesville, on Sunday night, April 6. Following the dinner, there was a discussion on problems confronting American Jews and especially Jewish collegians. Rabbi Grafstein, Hillel Director at the University of Florida, was a guest and spoke briefly. The attendance of 48 broke the old record for Beth Amites at this dinner. This annual dinner is financed by gifts to the Rabbi's Fund.

Among those in attendance were Helene L. Bekoff, Gary Rosen, Sue Redstone, Sacha Rubin, Steven Sablowsky, Taffy Blackton, Wendy Levin, Gary Farbish, Lynn Weinssoff, Dawne Weiner, Amy Jeruss, Joy Kaplan, Barry Schwartz, Lane Genet, Fred Shorthouse, Judy Vogel, Nancy Miller, Marion R. Trazenfeld, Mitch Menoker, Bruce Cynamon, Jeff Koren, Joanne Harvest, Marta Goldberg, Mindy Hayet, David Rogel, Eric Brockman, Susan Feuer, Marilyn Teitelbaum, Leonard Mindlin, Mona Beth Altman, Wendy Guberman, David Ross, Danny Baumgard, Linda Waitz, Shelly Guberman, Michael Givel, Michael Cohn, Barbara Spiegel, Keith Block, Bob Farbish, Eliot Kleinberg, Neil Freeman.

Friends Unlimited Have First Birthday

Esther Kessler, vice president of our Temple, is happy to relate that our group of people called "Friends Unlimited" (30 to 50 years of age) has just celebrated their first birthday.

The success of this new group was due to the efforts of its first chairman, Nomee Furman, with the guidance of Esther Kessler and the cooperation of the original steering committee. Hard work and cooperation was an everyday word amongst this successful group that meets every Friday after services. Their program has been most diversified. Because of the initial need, two other single age groups of varied interests are now meeting at Beth Am.

For the coming year, we look forward to their continued participation. If you would like to be a part of our new steering committee, please contact Esther Kessler at 666-4049. We need your ideas and your interest. During the summer months, a coffee house will be held every Friday evening after services.

Bnai

Mitzvah

Saturday
April 26
11:15 a.m.



Tracy, daughter of
Mr. and Mrs. Myron A. Berezin
David Jon, son of
Mr. and Mrs. Herschel Levy



Jesus, obviously, was well versed in this portion from Leviticus, for he quoted it regularly. "Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself" (19:18), and "Thou shalt not take vengeance" (same verse) are amongst the statements he borrowed. The "golden rule" is, after all, very Jewish, but Judaism is not merely the golden rule. That is the beginning, not the end.