



# Beth Am Commentator

February 18, 1977

Miami, Florida

Friday, February 18, 8:30 p.m. — RELIGIOUS SERVICE

RABBI BAUMGARD  
"THE ROOTS OF THE JEWISH PEOPLE"

Saturday, February 19, 11:15 a.m. — Torah Service

## Broadway Show Comes To Beth Am Friday Night, February 25, 8:30 P.M.

The Broadway show which has played at Beth Am for several years has been called back by popular demand and will be shown "live" following religious services on Friday, February 25. The show is built around an original narration by Rabbi Baumgard which traces the Jewish contribution to the United States. The musical message is spelled out in songs written by Rodgers and Hammerstein, Irving Berlin, Harold Arlen, Bert Bachrach, and other great Jewish writers. They will be sung by individual members of our choir, most of whom are well known professional singers in the area. Tunes will be sung from such shows as "Fiddler on the Roof," "The Sound of Music," "A Chorus Line," "My Fair Lady," "West Side Story," etc.

### SELMA BAUMGARD LEADS CHOIR

Directing the Choir will be Selma Baumgard, who founded the choir in 1956, and, except for three intervening years, has served as its volunteer director ever since.

Selma has attempted to do creative programming at the Temple while using the best of our traditional music at the same time. She has been most successful in assembling outstanding people to sing in our choir as the short biographies listed below will indicate.

**ANN AIBEL** Bachelor of Arts in Music, Brooklyn College, ten years. 17 years in Temple choir, three years Civic Chorale, singing luncheons and other organizations.

**BERNICE ANAPOL** Temple choir 18 years, Miami Opera Guild, University of Miami Civic Chorale and has done some personal concert work.

**JIM BENNETT** University of London graduate; conducted opera in Europe professionally. Organist and choir director of St. Thomas and private teacher for organ and piano. Organist at Beth Am for many years.

**ROBERT BREWSTER** Chairman Voice Department, University of Miami, Opera, Lieder singer, Wheaton College graduate. Masters from Indiana University; doctorate from Washington University, Fulbright Scholarship in Stuttgart. Personal grant from the German Government to further his studies at Stuttgart.

**MERLE HAMM** Tenor Soloist for the Ft. Leonard Oratoria Society. Directed men's choir for two years at Key Biscayne Presbyterian Church. Director and organist for St. Christopher's Church By The Sea on Key Biscayne. Presently, activity director for North Shore Nursing Home.

**PAULI LEVINE** Newest choir member, returned to singing after an absence of singing in the Philadelphia area for many years both in Temples and professionally. Is now a legal secretary and mother of two.

**MARVIS MARTIN** 1976 graduate of University of Miami, School of Music. Winner of Miami Beach Drama and Arts League Scholarship award. Soloist with Atlanta Symphony, Columbus, Ohio Symphony, Sarasota Symphony, Brevard Music Center Orchestra, Miami Beach and North Miami Beach Symphony. Member of Beth Am choir for five years.

**HARRIET POTLOCK** is a Language Arts Coordinator of third grade students in a local school. A graduate of Peabody

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## Brotherhood Breakfast Feb. 20 The American Jewish Family

In a recent Newsweek magazine survey, the article stated that today's American family is overly reliant on too many material and unimportant things and that attitude has become a distinct threat to a stable family life. Just how much of this is reflected in the American Jewish family of today? Is today's Jewish family beginning to lose its identity?

These will be but a few of the questions that will be discussed at the next Brotherhood breakfast forum on Sunday morning, February 20, at 9:30 a.m., in the Youth Lounge. Leading the talk will be Ms. Brenda Schapiro, Associate Director of the American Jewish Committee, sociologist, teacher and lecturer whose expertise is family life. Ms. Schapiro is considered by many as one of the outstanding experts on the American Jewish family. The topic under discussion will be **THE AMERICAN JEWISH FAMILY--IS IT ALIVE AND WELL AND STILL JEWISH?**

Admission to the breakfast forum is \$1.50 for Brotherhood members and \$2.00 for non-members. If you have friends who are not Temple members, bring them along. They will also enjoy the breakfast.



HALF DAY  
SUMMER CAMP  
FOR THREE  
YEAR OLDS



Temple Beth Am is planning a half-day pre-school summer play camp for children three years of age. The pre-school camp will function separately from the regular Beth Am summer program, except for special occasions, such as simchas, at which time the entire camp assembles. The program is being designed for the special needs of the pre-school child. The activities will be geared to the developmental level of children in this age group.

A staff is being assembled from our Nursery School for this program, with special expertise in working with pre-school children, and with special training in supervision of this age group. Activities planned will include water safety instruction, arts and crafts, musical games, singing and dancing, and others designed for the young child. Our playground and gymnasium and our well trained staff should result in a happy, rewarding summer experience for your child.

The Beth Am summer play camp starts on Monday, June 20, and runs for eight weeks. You may send your child for either four weeks or eight weeks, as outlined below:

From June 20 to July 15, or from July 18 to August 6, or for the full eight weeks, 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. daily.

If you are interested in this program, contact Rhoda Bernheimer in the Temple office at 667-5587.



## FROM THE RABBI'S STUDY

### The Pressure Never Lets Up

During recent days, I have been attending the convention of the NJCRAC (National Jewish Community Relations Advisory Council), as a representative of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations (the parent body of Reform congregations). The NJCRAC is composed of a number of Jewish agencies dealing with community relations. Among them are the UAHC, other synagogue bodies, Jewish Federation, and the Jewish Civil Rights Organizations, American Jewish Committee, American Jewish Congress, and the Anti-Defamation League. We considered such problems as the intensified Christian proselytizing of Jews, the increasing Arab propaganda and activity in the U.S., Equal Rights for Women, Soviet Jewry, and U.S. policy in the Middle East.

Attending a conference such as this, one has to be convinced of the amazing role played by Jews in the defense of civil rights in the U.S. In protecting its own rights, the Jews have protected the rights of all minorities in America. The major black civil rights groups, for example, were organized and maintained with tremendous help from the Jewish community.

#### ARAB PROPAGANDA

What was "new" about this conference is the increasing concern about Arab influence in the U.S. In the college campus, in the churches, and in the media, the Arabs are dispensing enormous sums of money to influence the American mind. Thus far, the Jews are able to compete, but the Arabs are just beginning their pressure.

It is important for every Jew to be able to answer Arab charges against Israel, because his Christian friends will be increasingly exposed to anti-Israel propaganda. It would be wise for you to subscribe to Mid-East Report (\$10 a year), address: 1341 G Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20005.

From time to time, we will publish the facts concerning the Israel-Arab dispute in this column, but it is far wiser for you to get the more detailed information from Mid-East Report.

### The Broadway Stage At Beth Am

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Prep and Conservatory. Has been music director of Beth Am's Religious School and a member of the choir for eight years.

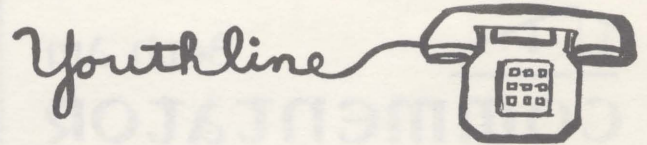
IRIS ROSEN Radio and T.V. in Cincinnati, Ohio. Sings professionally on Miami Beach at hotels and park concerts. Has been member of Temple Beth Am Choir for four years.

JOE RUBIN Student at University of Miami, sang one year in choir and we plucked him out to be our Cantorial Soloist. Has sung as soloist, in concert, all over Miami.

DR' GERSON SACKS Temple Beth Am choir for three years. He holds a doctorate in counselling from the University of Miami and is now in private practice.

BERNARD SCHAFT Student with Dr. DiFillippi at University of Miami. Sings with the Opera Guild of Miami. Graduate of the Borsht Belt and clubs around the country.

SYLVIA WEINBERG Cantorial Soloist, Temple Emanuel in Baltimore. Sings with Opera Guild of Miami, University Civic Choral, Beth Am for 12 years. Has sung professionally for many years.



The eighth grade youth group is a busy and successful group! On Saturday and Sunday, January 22 and 23, a bake sale was held at the Religious School and \$50 was earned. A hayride was held on February 5 and was a huge success.

Remember that the volleyball league will start the first week of March for boys and girls in the junior and senior leagues. Please contact Barry Friedman, 446-7180, after 6 p.m., and be a part of the fun.

### ORATORICAL CONTEST WINNER

Alongside is a picture of Gayle Pomerantz, daughter of Herman and Barbara Pomerantz. Gayle, representing Beth Am youth, is the winner of the Southeast regional oratorical contest for 1977, and now enters the national contest.



### BETH AM SINGLES MEET FEBRUARY 20

Temple Beth Am Singles will hold a post-Valentine party on Sunday, February 20, at 8:00 p.m., in the Temple Youth Lounge. Entertainment will be provided by Holly Simonds and her troupe.

THIS SUMMER . . .

## NFTY National Academy National Torah Corps

Explore and experience Jewish identity in an environment specially designed for high school youth. As an individual, choose from over 100 different offerings in the areas of Jewish Studies, the Arts, Group Dynamics, Leadership, Education and Programming. As a member of a group of 300 high school youth from around the country and the world, help develop and create a Jewish community through study, recreation, evening programming and religious experiences.

## KUTZ CAMP, Warwick, New York

. . . SEE RABBI COOK

*Bnai*

*Mitzvah*

Saturday  
February 19  
11:15 a.m.



Kenneth, son of  
Mr. and Mrs. Robert Josefsberg  
Ross, son of  
Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Seidler

