



Beth Am COMMENTATOR

June 3, 1977

Miami, Florida

The Confirmation Class

THE WAY WE WERE, THE WAY WE ARE
AND THE WAY WE WILL BE

Friday, June 3, 8:30 p.m., RELIGIOUS SERVICE

Saturday, June 4, 9:15, 11:15 a.m., TORAH SERVICE

Fair Share Is Coming

This week, Temple Beth Am will be mailing new registration forms for membership and our schools to all those congregants who are current for the 1976-77 year. It is at this time that all members must assess themselves for their Fair Share dues.

Fair Share was adopted by Temple Beth Am several years ago, and has been the salvation of our existence. Fair Share is a philosophy of giving. It is a self-evaluating system which utilizes a range of yearly income under which each family pays dues according to their financial ability. Fair Share places equal responsibility on all families; it adjusts itself automatically to fluctuations in members' financial circumstances. It has proven to be the most equitable way of paying for the programs and operations of the Temple.

Fair Share represents over 75 percent of the funds needed to operate the Temple next year. Your adherence to the true Fair Share principal, namely that every family will pay according to its financial ability, will foster the operation of the Temple. Our operating cost per member family is \$532.00 so that even the so called "minimum fair share" of \$450.00 does not sustain our budgetary needs.

The success of Fair Share depends on your attitude, emotion and integrity. Congregants should remember that Temple Beth Am cannot survive on basic dues alone. We have many members who cannot afford even a small part of the minimum dues. It is only through the generosity of those who truly believe in Fair Share that we can preserve Beth Am as we know it.

Sam Steen Installed As President For 77-78



At the Shabbot installation dinner held in our Social Hall on Friday, May 13, Sam Steen was installed as president of Temple Beth Am for the year 1977-78. In addition, all other officers, as listed in the COMMENTATOR a few weeks ago, were also installed. The new members of the Board of Temple Beth Am were installed by Rabbi Baumgard.

Sam Steen, who has served in various capacities as an officer of the Temple and on the board of the Temple for over ten years, assumes the office of president with a promise that we will face up to the problems of Judaism in our time. He indicated that we now are considered the best Reform congregation in the Southeast, and has promised to lead us to newer heights.

Sam and his lovely wife, Shirley, have been members of Temple Beth Am for 20 years, having joined the Temple shortly after it was founded. Sam has indicated that his main reason for seeking the presidency was that it allowed him to

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Confirmation This Weekend

Within a few days, 80 young people will be confirmed at Temple Beth Am, marking the culmination of their religious school education. This significant ceremony represents their desire to commit themselves to a Jewish life, having met the requirements of study and Temple participation.

The weekend activities will begin on Friday night, June 3, when members of the class will lead the congregation in a creative service on the theme "The Way We Were, The Way We Are, and The Way We Will Be." The service and sermonic elements have been prepared by the class. On Sunday morning, June 5, at 9:45 a.m., the Confirmation Exercises will be the occasion for other members of the class to present an original work on "The Jewish Journey." This program, including dramatic reading, music, dance, and art work, is again the result of the creative efforts of the Confirmation class. The weekend will draw to a close on Sunday evening when the class will celebrate their graduation with a traditional fun-filled boat party.

BETH AM CONFIRMATION CLASS

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Gayle Alpert
Mark Alpert
Sandy Altman
Jay Azriel
Donald Baker
Gary Barson
Susan Becker
Teddy Berg
David Berkowitz
Haya Berman
Amy Brenner
Mark Brooks
Todd Caplin
Melanie Cherdack
Elyse Cole
Michael Cook
Lianne Davis
Eric Dubbin
Charles Fishman
Deborah Fishman
Lisa Forman
Susie Franco
Glenn Freed
Andrea Gavrin
Carolyn Gilbert
Andrea Goldsworth

Susan Greene
Wendy Guberman
Bill Herbstman
Rebecca Hohenstein

Debbie Horensten
Michael Jacobson
Pamela Kaiser
Randie Kaiser

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Dr. Donald and Ruth Altman
Ted and Marilyn Azriel
Robert and Meryl Baker
Barry and Janice Barson
Harry and Anne Becker
David and Marlene Berg
Dr. Samuel and Lynn Berkowitz
Marvin and Rena Berman
Roscha Brenner
Murray and Rhoda Brooks
Leonard and Marilyn Caplin
Dr. Leonard and Adrienne Cherdack
Robert and Rita Cole
Phillip and Florence Cook
Harvey and Aviva Davis
Murray and Helene Dubbin
Dr. Lawrence and Suzanne Fishman
Richard and Harlene Fishman
Gerald and Phyllis Forman
Dr. Daniel and Iris Franco
Sanford and Marilyn Freed
Robert and Anita Gavrin
Judy Gilbert and Dr. Arthur Gilbert
Roberta Goldsworth and
Samuel Jay Goldsworth
John and Carole Greene
Marvin and Rhona Guberman
Donald and Shevi Herbstman
Linda Hohenstein and
Daniel Hohenstein
David and Harriet Horensten
Dr. Ralph and Phyllis Jacobson
Sondra Kaiser and Ronald Kaiser
Jay and Ellie Kaiser

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JUNE 3 FRIDAY NIGHT SERVICE STARTS AT 8:30 P.M. THIS IS NOT A FAMILY SERVICE.

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FROM THE RABBI'S STUDY

On Menachem Beigen

As I write this column, Menachem Beigen, along with his party, has received the largest percentage of votes in the Israeli election. One local rabbi, long associated with organizations laboring in behalf of Israel, has made a public statement that he sees little change in the direction that Israel will take over the next few years. I wonder if this will be true.

Beigen's "Irgun" organization, in the early days when Jews were fighting the British as well as the Arabs, was far more militant than the Haganah, the fighting force of the more moderate Jewish party. There is evidence that when the Arabs invaded partitioned Israel in 1948 that the Irgun did not show the restraint admirably practiced by the basic Israeli defense force. The Arabs still have not forgotten some of the "reprisal" techniques of the Irgun. The Israeli government until now has swept these old memories under the rug.

Already, Beigen has publicly stated that the ardent Orthodox Jews that want to settle in Hebron and in other West Bank Arab strongholds should have the right to do so. Beigen and his party call the West Bank "Judea" or "Samaria" and claim this part of ancient Israel as an authentic part of the modern Jewish state. The party of Rabin and Meir have been willing to treat the West Bank as a neutral area between Jordan and Israel and to give the large number of Arabs living in that area a large measure of self-government. If Beigen tries to change this, to implement this basic idea of his party, there will be trouble with the Arabs on a large scale which is bound to affect American policy towards Israel.

IS BEIGEN'S VICTORY A CARTER RESULT?

Knowing that it is more and more dependent on Arab oil, America has in recent months set out on this Mid-East policy: give Israel all the weapons it needs and give the Arabs the West Bank (perhaps to the PLO under the wing of the Jordanians). I am not one of those who agree that the PLO should be admitted to the West Bank. The area winds in and out of tiny Israel and could be a thorn in its side, perhaps even a fatal dagger. On the other hand, I am not at all sure that Orthodox Jews should be encouraged to settle in that area. I am inclined to think it should remain as a buffer zone, with both Orthodox Jews and the PLO settling somewhere else. This view is not held by the Carter regime (which wants the PLO in to please the oil interests), nor by Beigen, who wants the Jews in to please the pan-Israel enthusiasts.

I rather think that many Israelis voted for Beigen's party because they were afraid to go along with the present international push to put the PLO in the West Bank. I can understand that fear. Were I an Israeli, I would have resisted that trend. On the other hand, I do not think that Beigen's election is good for Israel or for peace in the Mid-East.

We who are wedded to the idea that the Jews must have a viable and independent national homeland may well be tested in the near future as to our loyalty to an Israel led by a group with which we do not see eye to eye. For the sake of the future of Israel, we must face this test resolutely. Beigen, for all of his problems, is not an Arafat. He has patiently participated in the democratic process of Israel for all these years. He has shown himself to be a loyal member of the opposition, and he has supported the government in every crisis. We cannot do less!

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Lisa Lang
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Bari Sue Levy
David Levy
Janet Lewis
Eric Lieberman
Stewart Liebling
Brian Lifsec
Laura Lindner
Amy Litt
Dee Dee Lubow
George Markovich

Janie Matlin
Regina Newman
Michael Orlin
Nancy Palastrant
Aaron Perry
Bruce Philips
Gayle Pomerantz
Elisha Powell
Randi Ratiner
Andrea Rawicz
Neil Richard
Sherry Roscoe
Diana Rose
Lori Rosen
Beth Rosenberg
Andy Rubinson
Gary Scharps
Melanie Schoninger
Larry Schwarz
Jon Serbin
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Suzanne Sneider
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Craig Suid
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Judy Unger
Jeffrey Walker
Jill Wellman
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Diane Lindner
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Dr. Henry and Caryl Lubow
Sofia Markovich and
Dr. Simon Markovich
Lila Matlin and Donald Matlin
Maxine Newman
Martin and Janet Orlin
William and Elaine Palastrant
Dr. Eugene and Priscilla Man
Stanley and Marcia Philips
Herman and Barbara Pomerantz
Elisha and Barbara Powell
Edwin and Sara-dee Ratiner
Fred and Eva Rawicz
Alex and Regina Richard
Al and Phyllis Roscoe
Alvin and Jackie Rose
Marvin and Iris Rosen
Melvin and Joan Rosenberg
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Millard and Betty Suid
Dr. Wayne and Linda Tobin
Joe and Marcia Unger
Sidney and Phyllis Walker
Sue Wellman and Ronald Wellman
Walter and Diane Lichtman

B'nai Mitzvah

Saturday, June 4

9:15 a.m.

11:15 a.m.



Glenn, son of
Mr. and Mrs.
Robert Loewenthal
Adrian W. Schreiber
son of
Mrs. Dahlia Morgan



Philip, son of
Dr. and Mrs.
Philip Gassman
Kenneth, son of
Dr. and Mrs.
Jerald Sharkey

