



beth am commentator

MAY 5, 1978

MIAMI, FLORIDA

RABBI HERBERT M. BAUMGARD

"THREE CHEERS FOR MOTHER"

Friday, May 5, 7:30 p.m., FAMILY SERVICE

Saturday, May 6, 11:15 a.m., TORAH SERVICE



Holocaust Memorial--Yom Hashoa

THURS., MAY 4, 8:00 P.M., AT TEMPLE ISRAEL

Yom Hashoa is the day of memorial for the victims of the Holocaust. Each year on this day, Jews all over the world pause in respect to the memory of the millions who died B'Kidush Hashem, in the sanctification of God's name, during the years of the Holocaust. In Israel, at noon, an entire nation comes to a halt. Traffic stops in the street; the people are silent. Here in Miami, we will be meeting as a community in an observance sponsored by the Rabbinical Association and Federation's Community Relations Committee at Temple Israel, 137 N.E. 19th Street, this Thursday evening, May 4, at 8:00 p.m.

BETH AM CULTURAL SERIES

PRESENTS THE FILM

"Torah Corps"

About the Kutz Camp in Warwick, New York home of the National Academy of the National Federation of Temple Youth

**FRIDAY, MAY 5, IN THE CHAPEL
AFTER FAMILY SERVICES
(rear of Teenage Building)**

Facts About Our Budget

**Operating Costs For 1978-79
\$821,000.00**

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THIS MEANS

(Based on a Membership of 1,500 Families)

OPERATING COST PER FAMILY: \$547.60
Minimum Fair Share Dues: \$450.00

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REL. SCHOOL STUDENT COST: \$161.50
Your Tuition Fee: \$50.00

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HEB. SCHOOL STUDENT COST: \$150.00
Your Tuition Fee: \$50.00

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COST OF YOUTH ACTIVITIES: \$21,000.00
Your Youth Activities Fee: \$0.00

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THESE FACTS SPEAK FOR THEMSELVES

'The Eye Of The Hurricane' Drama At Beth Am Thursday, May 11

"The Eye of the Hurricane" is a professional drama produced by the Plays for Living Workshop. It revolves around a realistic parent-child conflict in a modern family. Last year, the same organization produced a play here concerning the problems of aging. Those who experienced it asked for more, and we are fortunate to be able to provide another such evening. But there will be only this one performance, Thursday evening, May 11, 8:00 p.m., in the Social Hall.

Last year, we had many requests to repeat the play so that other members of the family and friends could experience it, but we could not. This is not a film or an amateur production, but professional in every respect. We can offer it only once. Please don't miss it.

'RABBI, YOU NEVER PROMISED ME A SWIMMING POOL' MAY 17, 10 A.M., SOCIAL HALL

On Wednesday, May 17, at 10 a.m., Sisterhood presents Joan Schwartzman, our administrative assistant, who will speak about the humorous stories, both past and present, from excerpts of her book, "Rabbi, You Never Promised Me A Swimming Pool."

EXTRA ADDED ATTRACTION

Joseph Rubin, our cantorial soloist, will sing some songs for your listening pleasure and surprise mystery guests will also appear in song and dance. Come have a ball at this festive morning. Brunch is only \$3.50 per person. Make your reservations early. The last time Joan presented these stories, we were sold out. A brief installation service will precede the festivities.

Call the Temple office, 667-5587, or Sandi Cook, 595-5980, for reservations.

BROTHERHOOD BREAKFAST FORUM

Sunday morning, May 14, 1978, at 9:30 a.m.
in the Youth Lounge

Topic: JEWISH SUB-CULTURES IN THE JEWISH COMMUNITIES OF THE UNITED STATES

Speaker: Dr. Abraham D. Lavender, Prof. of Sociology, University of Miami, and author of a recent book "A Coat of Many Colors--Jewish Sub-Communities in the United States"

Admission: \$1.50 for Brotherhood members and \$2.00 for non-members. Ladies are always welcome to the Brotherhood forum



FROM THE RABBI'S STUDY

A Happy Time For Jews

Sometime, as when we view the recent T.V. series on the Holocaust, or when we consider the international pressure on modern Israel, we think that to be a Jew is to inherit only tzoros, trouble. This is only partially true. We inherit many good things because we are Jews, and we inherit many opportunities for celebration.

Passover is such a time and such an experience. The hundreds of children who participated in our religious school (and day school) Seders had a ball. The hundreds of adults who participated in our Temple Seder shook the ceiling of the social hall with their singing and laughter. The greatest Passover pleasure of all was in private homes where individual (but extended) families retold the ancient story with pride and affection.

Our collegians seemed to have a happy time recently when I visited them in two places--Gainesville and Boston. In each place, we had a meal together and then had an informal discussion. The young people seemed to enjoy the contact with an adult from home. I know that I had great pleasure in renewing friendships and deepening my understanding of these wonderful youngsters.

Much joy overflows at our monthly "Family Service" where our school children serve as cantor and choir, read the Hebrew blessings, and come up to the bimah for their birthday blessing. On these noisy nights, the congregation seems really to be a loving, extended family.

Certainly Jews in the past had their unbearably difficult moments, and certainly Jews in the present have much cause for concern, but these negative factors seem to melt away when we observe those things in Judaism which encourage us to celebrate. How good it is to look into Sabbath lights, to share family embraces after the Sabbath meal, to eat Haman on Purim (that's what the Hamantasch is all about), to devour Chanukah latkes, to hear the Shofar on Rosh Hashana, to break the fast on Yom Kippur! How wise were our ancestors to create such opportunities for celebration, and how wise are we who seize upon these opportunities.

Of course, there are some Jews who are not so wise. They don't take advantage of these unique opportunities to express Jewish and human feeling. These Jews take the knocks of being a Jew, that we must all take, but they don't expose themselves to the positive aspects of being a Jew. How sad that is. Surely, if you keep accenting the negative, you will soon wonder why it is good to be a Jew.

Then, of course, there is the Torah, that endless reservoir of wisdom, which is uniquely ours because we wrote it with our life experiences. How good it is to drink of this reservoir every Sabbath morning, to live again in history and to dream messianic dreams of a more perfect world. How fulfilling it is to find wise ways for solving our present problems in this fashion. In the end, one is most fully a Jew when he immerses himself in that which is so distinctly Jewish, the Torah. The Rabbis called the Torah "chayyav ohlam, eternal life." The continuous study of it is exciting, and it brings a calming and sustaining spirit to the loyal student.

Be among those who seize the opportunities for joy that Judaism grants in abundance.

BETH AM PLANS PERMANENT MUSEUM

An exciting new project is under way, headed by Barbara Zimmet and Nancy Greenberg. It's the creation of a fine arts program that will benefit all our children as well as the adult members of our Temple.

An educational experience is planned that will encompass national, international and local artists. Both a permanent museum and rotating gallery are to be housed in the lower lobby of the sanctuary. Three to four exhibits are anticipated for this next year.

Volunteers, docents (guides) will be needed for the children's classes as well as the adult visits. All kinds of help is needed from the work of hanging, watching, general doing, to the glamour of opening nights and its attendant problems.

At the recent first meeting, Linda Goldberg, Ilisa Golub, Selma Baumgard, Edith Zipp, Cynthia Lewis, Doreen Marx, Betty Glickman, Marilyn Solomon, Diane Eisenberg, Diana Elson and Florence Birchansky all agreed to assist with this fine arts effort. Many more people are needed to promote the appreciation of Jewish art. To those of you who have even a few hours to give, we ask you to call any of the above members or the Temple office.

JOAN'S GEMS

By JOAN SCHWARTZMAN

Did you read about Beth Amite Marshal Rosenberg in the Herald recently? Marshal was the winner of the life insurance agent of the year award at the fifth M.A.L.U. Super Bowl, sponsored by the Miami Association of Life Underwriters. . . . Mazel to Sid and Millie Koren whose twin sons are celebrating a double mitzvah. Jeffrey is graduating the University of Florida Medical School and will intern at Jackson Memorial, and son, Jay, will graduate from Nova Law School.

More good news. We are happy to report the birth of twin identical girls to Vicki and Steve Kramer. Meredith and Melissa will sure make grandparents Doris and Irwin Block elated! . . . Read an article about Gert Freeman who is a charter member of the congregation. She is now busy introducing promising artists to the community. She is involved at the Art and Culture Center of Hollywood and is sponsoring a show featuring Enzo Gallo on May 3. If you would like more information, call her at 667-5352.

HEBREW FROM SCRATCH BEGINS MAY 4

Give us just four Thursday evenings, and we'll give you enough Hebrew to follow the liturgy, to recite the blessings, to feel at home in a Hebrew environment. Lenore Kipper is repeating her "Hebrew From Scratch in Only Four Weeks," beginning Thursday evening, May 4, 8 to 10 p.m., in Room 24. You may think it can't be done, but hundreds have done it already. The only fee is a nominal charge for materials. Call the Temple office to register.

Bnai

Mitzvah

Saturday
May 6
11:15 a.m.



Betsy, daughter of
Mr. and Mrs. Vincent O'Reilly
Mitchell, son of
Mr. and Mrs. Joseph F. Walzer