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June 1, 1979

Miami, Florida

The Confirmation Class

"CREATIVE PRAYER"

Friday, June 1, 1979, 8:30 p.m., RELIGIOUS SERVICE
Saturday, June 2, 9:15 a.m. and 11:15 a.m., TORAH SERVICE

Shavuot Festival and Yizkor (Memorial) Services Fri., June 1, 10:00 A.M.

Along with Passover and Sukkot, Shavuot is one of the great Jewish festivals dating from the time of the Torah. Indeed it is the festival which celebrates the giving of the Torah at Sinai. Fifty days is the traditional counting from Passover to Shavuot. Passover we celebrate with matzah, but Shavuot we celebrate with cakes and fruit and especially dairy products. It is appropriate to kindle the festival candles (shel yom tov) on Thursday evening, to serve a festive meal, and to join together as a congregation to hear the reading of the ten commandments on Friday morning in the sanctuary at 10:00 A.M.

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The Committee of 100

COMMITTEE MEMBERS REJOIN FOR '79-'80

In a show of support, the following member families have rejoined "The Committee of 100" for the new fiscal year, which starts July 1, 1979. It is only through the generosity of members like these that Beth Am can continue its many programs for congregants of all ages and economic strata. They deserve our thanks.

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CONFIRMATION THIS WEEKEND - JUNE 1-3

Within a few days, 93 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.

We anticipate that many, having reached this plateau of Jewish study, will choose to go on to the Central Agency Judaica High School program, taking courses for college credit.

FRIDAY EVENING CREATIVE SERVICE - JUNE 1

The Confirmation weekend activities will begin Friday evening, June 1st, at 8:30 P.M., when members of the class will conduct a special creative service for the entire congregation. (Please note this is NOT a Family Service and will begin at 8:30 p.m. There will be no Family Service this month.)

On Sunday morning, June 3rd, at 9:45, the Confirmation exercises will include an original adaptation of "Fiddler on the Roof." 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 its graduation with a traditional fun-filled boat party.

BETH AM CONFIRMATION CLASS - 1979

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PARKING FOR CONFIRMATION — Shuttle Bus Service will be provided to the Bank of Kendall at Dixie Highway and Kendall Sunday, June 3rd starting at 9:00 A.M. - Busses will return to Bank of Kendall after Confirmation.



FROM THE RABBI'S STUDY

**THOUGHTS ON THE
POSSIBILITY OF PRAYER**
PART 2

What Rabbi Heschel wrote about prayer (reviewed in last week's column), has its profound validity, and yet, it is not all of the truth about prayer. The "Psalmist" (the name we give to the author(s) of the Psalms in our Bible) looked at prayer not as an occasion for inner silence but as the occasion to release one's deepest feelings. The Psalmist includes in his prayers (Psalms) such very personal things as the expression of anger against his enemies, the expression of his fearfulness and depression. It is interesting, however, to observe that after he has released this deep feeling, the mood of the Psalmist changes, and he seems to reach that kind of quietude of which Heschel speaks.

In the 22nd Psalm for example, we see how the process works. The Psalmist begins in bitterness. He cries out, "Eli, Eli, lamah azavtahn, My God, My God, why have You forsaken me?!" As the Psalm progresses, however, we see how the Psalmist's mood changes, and he finally expresses a renewed confidence that God will indeed be with him and help him. It is this calmness and assurance which is the answer of prayer.

Heschel believes with many classical men of the spirit that true prayer comes only when you shut the world out and let God in. The Psalmist view is that you must, in effect, screen the world out, and then reassurance enters. Traditional Jews seem to side with the Psalmist. My Bubbie (grandmother) would cry and complain as she said her prayers. This was not a ritual of calmness. The Reform ideal seems to be more in accord with Heschel (long a professor at a Conservative seminary). We tend to favor decorum and quietness in the Sanctuary. The Orthodox have, of course, a strong thread of order and direction, but there is plenty of room at their service for informal praying and for different styles of expressing a prayer, including raising the voice in sudden appeals (as if to get God's attention) and weaving and shaking the body and head in various directions.

It seems that each of these two prayer styles—that of the Psalmist (Orthodox) and that of Heschel (Reform, modern) have a great importance, provided that each of them is expressed with sincerity. Noise and motion in a Synagogue which is not related to prayer is out of place. Ordinary conversation between two people belongs outside the Sanctuary. On the other hand, those things you do, as part of a prayer style, designed to link the worshipper to God, can only enrich the meaning of the worship service.

Unfortunately, not everyone is able to pray. Of that we shall speak more in the future.

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Contemporaries

Due to the building program at the Temple, the next meeting will be held at the Sweden House Restaurant at 14875 S. Dixie Highway, at **NOON**, on Tuesday, June 5th. This is an all-you-can eat lunch for \$3.50, tax and tips included.

Ms. Dolores Hagins will speak on the subject "Stay Alive As Long As You Live."

B'Nai Mitzvah Saturday, June 2



9:15 a.m.

11:15 a.m.

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Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Kane

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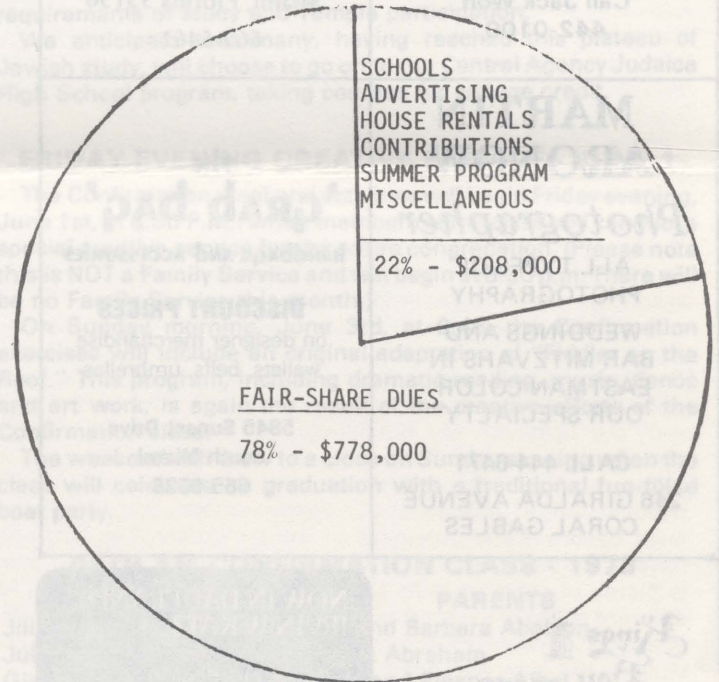


Budget For 1979-80 Approved By Board

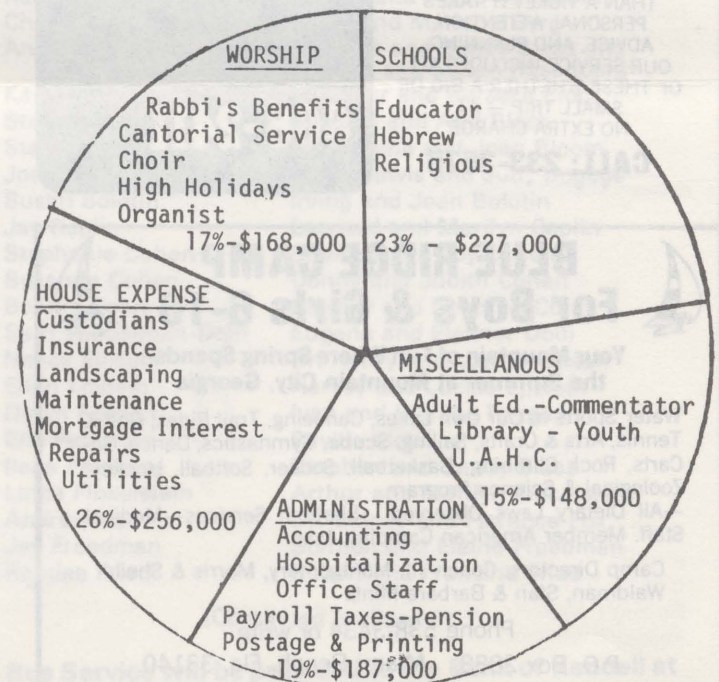
At the May Board meeting at Temple Beth Am, the budget as proposed by the Budget Committee, under the chairmanship of Les Freedman our Financial Secretary, was approved for the 1979-80 year. The budget totals almost one million dollars. This does not include the operation of the Nursery/Day School which is handled as a separate entity.

Shown below are two "PIES" which show us sources of income and our areas of expense. You can see from the illustrations below how important your Fair-Share contribution is to the operation of the Temple. Fair-Share dues represent over 3/4 of the amount of money we receive.

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Beth Am Blood Drive

Beth Am's first blood drive with John Elliott Blood Bank on May 6th was very successful. Primarily due to the great work of the Telephone Squad, 210 people signed up as donors, of these, 175 people actually did come.

This was a test-run; we have made recommendations for improving the smooth flow of donors, and expect no bottlenecks next time.

We thank all of you for giving of yourselves, and for your understanding.

Our young people were accommodated by providing them with Tay-Sachs testing.

Brotherhood provided their magnificent breakfast for 200 people, no small feat!

We now have a cross-file of donors and their blood types, to handle any call for fresh blood coming thru our Patient-Counselor program.

We give special thanks to Doreen Marx, who was a most efficient Lieutenant to the chairman.

We acknowledge the following additional men and women for their work in making this such a successful blood drive: Evelyn Goodman, Ann Jacobs, Sandi Simon, Ann Berent, Eva Aibel, Susan Rogers, Hortense Gumble, Millicent Asher, Selma Rappaport, Cynthia Lewis, Joan Ravich, June Fried, Frankie Trainor, Carol Pozen, Davey Lee Yoffee, Marian Katzin, Sue Kashar, Doris Notarius, Lillian Grosby, Susie Lindau, Bea Kudwitt, Fran Garner, Freda Cohen, Leola Michaels, Ann Acker, Pauline Garner, Rita Tikofsky, Gertrude Levy, Mildred Taxay, Betty Pitkus, Marguerite Ferrand, Gloria Fox, Fay Aronson, Norma Goodman, Sandy Cook, Robert Fried, Ira Pozen, Donald Klein, Ben Friedman, Al Pobby, Eric Pozen, Abe Eisenman, Jack Wolf, and Diana Elson.

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June 1, 1979

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