



RELIGIOUS SERVICE, Friday, February 1, 1980, 8:30 p.m.

Rabbi Alexander M. Schindler

Guest Speaker

TORAH SERVICE, Saturday, February 2, 1980, 11:15 a.m.

Beth Am Commentator

February 1, 1980

Miami, Florida

The Word's Out

The word is out that Temple Beth Am has a completely new and exciting summer program coming up this summer. Under the direction of Nancy Weinfeld and with the assistance of Ellie Robbins, a new type of program that will suit the interest of the individual camper has been planned.

Campers will have the option of selecting individualized instruction in sports, and will receive this instruction every day in addition to participating in the general summer program activities.

If the child is not interested in sports but has artistic and creative interest, they can be placed in different areas of the performing arts, stage make-up, drama or arts and crafts. The Camp Advisory Board is made up of:

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Watch for the camp brochure which will be mailed to all congregants shortly.

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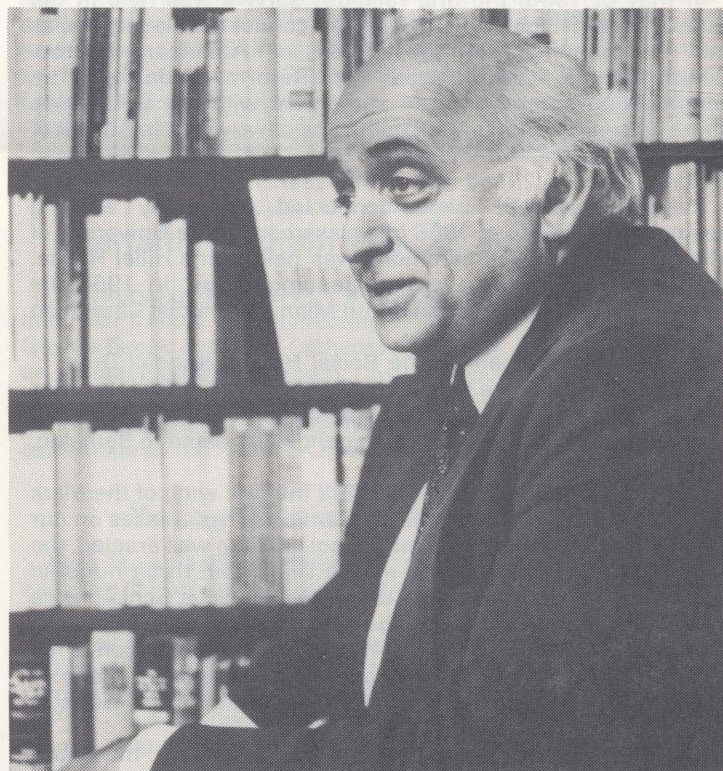
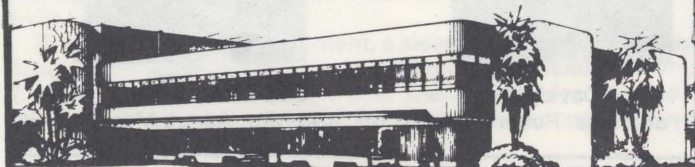
RELIGIOUS SCHOOL CALENDAR CHANGE

There will be school on the 16th and 17th of February. There will be no school on February 23rd and 24th.

Dedication of Learning Center

Friday, February 22, 8:30 P.M.

Watch the Commentator for details



RABBI SCHINDLER SPEAKS THIS FRIDAY AT 8:30 P.M., IN OUR SANCTUARY

Temple Beth Am is proud and honored to host Rabbi Alexander Schindler at a special Friday night service on February 1, 1980, in the Sanctuary, at 8:30 p.m.

Rabbi Schindler is President of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, which represents 730 synagogues and 1.2 million people in the United States and Canada.

The first reform leader to be elected Chairman of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations, Rabbi Schindler has made significant contributions to international Jewish thought and activities during his distinguished career. Schindler is a captivating speaker and dynamic personality.

Since its beginnings with 125 families in 1955, Temple Beth Am has grown to become one of the most prominent temples in the United States, serving some 1600 South Dade families with a multitude of programs.

"Beth Am is proud of the varied programs we have developed over the past 25 years," says our Temple President Dr. William Silver. "We like to think we are making an important contribution not only to Dade County, but to our national Jewish community as well."

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**Twenty-five Years—
A Quarter of a Century:
A Flicker in Time
(Part one)**

In 1955 the South Dade Jewish Center was organized and held its meetings at what is now the South Miami Library. Following debates as to which affiliation the group would follow, Reform or Conservative, the group elected to be Reform. A mid-week Hebrew School was established and it began meeting at the South Miami Baptist Church. The week-end Religious School held its classes at the University of Miami. Late in 1955 approximately seven acres of swampish land was purchased on Kendall Drive for five thousand dollars an acre.

In May of 1956, the first religious service was held in the Sunset Drive School in Coral Gables. I conducted that service as the representative of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, parent body of Reform Judaism. The congregation entered into an agreement with the U.A.H.C. to share its area director (myself) for the next two years. In August of 1956, the Baumgards moved to Miami with their three small children, aged 6, 2, and less than a year.

Religious services were conducted on Friday evening beginning in the fall of 1956 in a classroom at the University of Miami. A Bar Mitzvah ceremony was held in the Hillel House. High Holiday Services were in Beaumont Hall. In 1957 the Hebrew School moved to the South Miami Methodist Church on Red Road.

In 1956 work began on the Social Hall on Kendall Drive. Worship services were held in the Social Hall. The Temple office was centered in the current Rabbi's office. One secretary handled everything. The Temple changed its name to Beth Am, "The House Of The People."

In 1959 the David Light family built the first wing of the Mark Light School Building. For the first time, we had classes on our land for our children. When the school building was erected, the Temple membership doubled in one year, from three hundred families to six hundred. The size of the Religious School more than doubled and approached its present size.

In 1961 the Temple Forum Series began. Members convened with the likes of Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt, Senator Javitz, Senator Wayne Morse, David Brinkley, Gen. Maxwell Taylor, Senator Fullbright and Whitney Young.

In 1963 and 1964 we completed our Sanctuary, the Youth Lounge, and the second wing of the Mark Light School. The Temple youth program took a major step forward. For the first time, the Temple acquired a large mortgage. The Religious School became the largest in South Florida.

In 1968 we obtained our first Associate Rabbi. In 1971 we established our Day School with about twenty students, as an experiment.

In 1974 we built the Teen-Age Building with our first large classrooms, a beautiful library, a lovely Chapel, and a gym. It had been ten years since any classrooms were built, and we soon discovered that the new classrooms were not a sufficient number. Planning began on still another building to contain more classrooms for adults, as well as for children, a major Arts and Crafts room, plus a Lounge Area. This new building with 12 major classrooms suitable for adults and children will be dedicated in mid-February.

This is the visible history of Beth Am which in 25 years has become one of the major congregations in America. What is not visible, however, our program, is equally impressive, and we will discuss that next week.

Camp Coleman Scholarship Applications

Applications for scholarships to Camp Coleman are now available at the Religious School Office. If you are interested in applying, come by the office as soon as possible. Deadline for filing the application with Rabbi Weinblatt is February 15, 1980.

Youth News

Crusin' With BAFTY

On Saturday, February 2, BAFTY will go on a moonlight cruise on "The Spirit of Miami". We will depart from the Temple at 6:00 p.m. and return at 11:00 p.m. from what promises to be another exciting BAFTY program.

On Sunday, February 10, BAFTY members will go on a picnic to Memorial Island. We will get to the island by boats and spend a nice day together on the bay and on the island.

Don't miss out on all the fun.

1979 Menorah Contest Winners

This year our awards are given in various categories. In the category of Overall Quality for Originality, Symbolism and Beauty we have selected Adam Stern Golub.

In the category of Originality, we have selected the Halberg family (Eric, Jason, Michael.)

In the category of Symbolism and Beauty the Reisman family (Jeffrey, Jill, Andy).

Awards also go to the Buchbinder family (Laura, Emily, Elizabeth).

Jill Bassett, Gary Frank, Geoffrey Infeld, Raleigh Ellen Susskind, Jenny Teitelbaum, Amy Zohlman*.

The Asterisk (*) indicates a Special Award.

Listed Below are all Students who Entered the Contest

All students listed below receive a Menorah pin for their efforts in making our Menorah Contest so beautiful and successful:

Kg.-3rd grades: Jill Bassett*, Elizabeth Buchbinder*, Emily Buchbinder*, Sabina Frank, Howard Glass, Jason Halberg*, Raleigh Ellen Susskind*, Eileen Traeger, Michelle Wallach, Rachel Wallach, Michael Weinfeld.

4th-6th grades: Laura Buchbinder*, Deidre Eisinger, Susan Feinberg, Tracy Fisher, Adam Frank, Michael Halberg*, Jeffrey Infeld*, Claire Traeger, Laura Weinfeld.

7th-8th grades: Beth Feinberg, Andy Reisman*.

Day School: Pre School-2nd grades: Tara Breslin, Jennifer Cohen, Erin Goldberg, Adam Stern Golub*, Stacey Goodman, Eric Halberg*, Brian Kantor, Tamar King, Linda Kohn, Larry Kohn, Alan Kuperstein, Andrew Kuperstein, Janine Lee, Steven Kenneth Lee, Jeffrey Reisman*, Eagan Rifas, Bradley Strauss, Jenny Strauss, Lee Zohlman.

Intermediate Block: Scott Clein, Sondra Dernis, Gary Frank*, Teri Janus, Ronni Kass, Russell King, Karin Lantinberg, Nicki Lehman, Wendy Levine, Greg Pontner, Jill Reisman*, Nikki Sacks, Jenny Teitelbaum*, Amy Zohlman*.

B'Nai
Mitzvah

Saturday, February 2
11:15 a.m.



John David, son of
Mr. and Mrs. Robert Abisich



Judith, daughter of
Mr. and Mrs. Albert Morrison, Jr.

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"The Miracle Workers"
a four week course taught by
Rabbi Herbert Baumgard, D.H.L.
Tuesdays in February
8:00-10:00 p.m. in Room 26

Let's study about Elijah (who went to heaven in a whirlwind), his disciple Elisha (who resurrected a man from the dead) and Jesus - all of whom had something in common.

Collegians Invited to Gainesville Feb. 1-3

Our regional Reform movement is sponsoring a conference for collegians at the University of Florida February 1st-3rd. All collegians, irrespective of their University, are encouraged to attend. Housing will be provided.

Al Vorspan, Vice-President of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, and author of many humorous books on the subject of modern Jewish life, will be there. Jeff Klepper will be in charge of the music; Adam Hart, mimic, will perform Saturday night.

The program theme is "Making Reform Judaism Happen on Your Campus." Handling local arrangements are Rabbi Buzz Bogage of the U.A.H.C. Miami office and Gary Eisenberg. Gary is accepting reservations at his address, 9345 S.W. 77 Ave., Apt. No. 206, Miami, Fla. 33156. Include a check for \$22.00 payable to U.A.H.C.

Bring your musical instrument, a sleeping bag, baseball glove, blue jeans, short pants. Transportation or financial problems? Call Gary at 274-9002 after 6 p.m. The fee includes your meals served at the Gainesville Hillel House which is cooperating with the venture. Come on up!

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25th Anniversary T-Shirts Available

BAFTY, the senior youth group of Temple Beth Am has taken on the project of selling 25th Anniversary T-shirts with a Beth Am logo. These handsome T-shirts are light blue in color, well made and we have an assortment of sizes to fit young children through extra large adults. Shirts are available through BAFTY members, the Temple office or the Sisterhood Judaica shop. The prices are:
Children's T-shirts \$3.25
Adult T-Shirts \$3.75

Let's all wear a Beth Am T-shirt and show the world that we are celebrating our 25th Anniversary.

Interfaith Program Feb. 21 at St. Sophia

On Thursday, February 21 at 9:00 a.m. Sisterhood members and their friends will be meeting at the Temple to carpool to St. Sophia Greek Orthodox Cathedral, 244 S.W. 24 Road, to attend an annual Interfaith Program. Cost is \$1.50 and includes coffee and delicious Greek pastries. So gather your friends of all faiths, join us, and spend a unique morning together. For reservations call Rhoda at the Temple Office - 667-5587.

Young Singles To Go Camping

Beth Am's newest and one of the most active groups is going camping at Fish-Eating Creek in the Lake Okeechobee region, on February 9 and 10.

A preliminary meeting is being held on Tuesday, January 29 at 8:00 p.m. in the Youth Lounge for all interested participants. For further information, contact Rabbi Weinblatt at the Temple.

P.S. - Reservations are limited. Did you know that over 80 people attended our last function?!

Famous Bible Scholar, Dr. Harry Orlinsky At Beth Am Wednesday, Jan. 30 at 8:00 P.M.

The annual lecture of Dr. Harry Orlinsky, world famed Bible scholar, will be given at Beth Am this year NOT as a Religious Service, as in the past, but on Wednesday, January 30th, at 8 p.m. in the Youth Lounge.

Dr. Orlinsky will speak on the theme, "What Does the Bible Really Say About the Messiah?"

Dr. Orlinsky is world renowned as the outstanding authority on the "Septuagint", the oldest known translation of the Bible, and he is the Editor-in-Chief of the new Jewish Publication Society translation. He was the only Jew on the translating committee for the official Protestant modern translation known as the RSV (Revised Standard Version).

"Boys From Brazil" to be Shown at Beth Am January 29th at 7:30 p.m.

BAFTY, the senior high Youth Group is bringing the popular motion picture, "Boys from Brazil" to Temple Beth Am on Tuesday, January 29 in the Social Hall at 7:30 p.m.

The highly acclaimed film, starring Gregory Peck, is based on the true life quest of Nazi hunter Simon Weisenthal for the infamous Josef Mengele. A \$2.00 donation is requested.

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We are pleased to announce the engagement of Melissa Berman to Richard Klotz. Both young people are completing their doctorates at Stanford University and plan a June wedding. Melissa is the daughter of Margot Berman and Dr. Irwin Berman Mazel to Rita and Arthur Rauchwerger upon the engagement of their son Eric to Julie Becker.... More good news from Ray and Marge Pearlson. Their son Jim was recently married and Jim and Kayla now live in Santa Barbara where Jim is attending Brooks Institute.... Mazel tov to Dr. Sigmund and Elaine Rosen upon the engagement of their daughter Lisa to Alan Engel.... Kudos to Scott Clein. Scott who is 12 years old finished the Orange Bowl Marathon. We are proud to report that Robert, son of Jerald and Helen Schwarz, made the Dean's List at Georgetown University Good luck to Steve Chepenik upon his new business venture... Beth Amite Michelle Levin Katz will perform at the Florida Philharmonic Beethoven Fest Tuesday, January 29th at Gusman Hall. It's a treat to hear her play....

RABBI BAUMGARD ON T.V.

Rabbi Baumgard will appear on "The Jewish Worship Hour" on Channel 10 on Sunday, February 3rd, at 8:00 a.m.

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