



RELIGIOUS SERVICE, Friday, June 13, 1980, 8:30 p.m.
RABBI HERBERT M. BAUMGARD
 "A TRIBUTE TO RABBI CHEFITZ"

TORAH SERVICE, Saturday, June 14th, 9:15 a.m. and 11:15 a.m.

Beth Am Commentator

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Miami, Florida

Registering for Bar Mitzvah and Confirmation? DO IT NOW! Know the Requirements!

The requirements for Bar/Bat Mitzvah, following a Board decision last year, is now four years in the Hebrew and weekend school. In other words, a child must be registered for the mid-week Hebrew School in sufficient time for him to complete four years in that school.

In order to be eligible for the Bar/Bat Mitzvah ceremony, the parents of the child and the child himself/herself must agree to complete the eighth year in the weekend school. In other words, the four years required for Bar/Bat Mitzvah in the weekend school are from fifth through the eighth. Children who have participated in the ceremony and who drop out of the Religious School in the eighth grade are in violation of this agreement.

The overwhelming majority of our students continue in the weekend school to Confirmation. The minimum requirements for Confirmation are the satisfactory completion of the eighth through the tenth grades (three years). Most of the young people who are Confirmed at Beth Am have been in our school since Kindergarten. The requirements are:

BAR/BAT MITZVAH

Mid-Week Hebrew School	Weekend Religious School
4 years	4 years
9 to 13 years old	10-13 years old (Grades 5-8)

CONFIRMATION

No Hebrew Required	Weekend School - 8th Grade
	Monday Night School
	9 & 10 Grade

Note that the overlapping year for both Bar/Bat Mitzvah and Confirmation is the eighth grade in the weekend school. All students are required to complete this grade in a satisfactory manner.

Rabbi Mitchell Chefitz Honored At Friday Night Service, June 13, 8:30 P.M.

Rabbi Mitchell Chefitz, who will be leaving Beth Am after serving the congregation for five years, will be honored at the Friday night service on June 13th at 8:30 p.m. Rabbi Chefitz came to Beth Am directly after ordination and has served on our staff longer than any of our previous Associate Rabbis. Rabbi Chefitz has been instrumental in our successful Adult Education program, Havurah, our Bar Mitzvah program, and has been a valuable member of our staff.

Dr. William Silver, President of Beth Am, is happy to announce that Rabbi Morton Hoffman, currently the Associate Director of the Bureau of Jewish Education in San Francisco, will join the Temple staff early in August. Rabbi Hoffman will assume some of the duties vacated by Rabbi Chefitz.

Rabbi Stuart Weinblatt, who has served on our staff this past year, will continue as Associate Rabbi, and will be responsible for those rabbinic functions not performed by Rabbi Baumgard, that is, weddings, funerals, and the like. Rabbi Weinblatt will assume responsibility for the 9:15 a.m. Sabbath services, while Rabbi Baumgard will continue with the regular 11:15 a.m. Sabbath services. Rabbi Weinblatt will continue directing youth activities with the help of Sandy Goldstein, and will assist the Senior Rabbi in various other activities.

Rabbi Hoffman will supervise the Hebrew School and the Havurah program, as well as Adult Education. He will work with Diana Elson in the hospital visitation program, under the direction of Rabbi Baumgard. Since Rabbi Hoffman also has a trained baritone voice, he will serve as cantorial soloist when Joe Rubin leaves in the fall.

Rabbi Baumgard will continue to serve as interim Educator with the help of our Department Heads, Dorothy Herman and Marylin Harrison. Al Bonilla will continue as Counsellor. Lorraine Cushen will serve as the Religious School Secretary.

Council On Aged Parents Meets June 16th at 8:00 P.M. in Chapel

Our families are increasingly seeking information and moral support in their attempt to provide custodial care for elderly parents. If you are interested please attend a pilot meeting to be held in Temple Beth Am Chapel on Monday, June 16th at 8:00 p.m. Our own Nancy Persily, Director of Planning at Mount Sinai Hospital and an expert in Gerontology, will be with us.

JUDAIC HIGH SCHOOL PROGRAM

The May 23 issue of the Commentator incorrectly listed some of the names of our graduating High School class. The correct names of the Seniors who received special honors at the service on Sunday, May 25th are:

ROBERT COOPER	LAURIE RICH
LINDA FINKELSTEIN	SHERRY SERBIN
DEBORAH KLOTZ	ADRIENNE SHISHKO
MATHEW SILVERSTEIN	



The Committee of 100

The following members of "The Committee of 100" have rejoined for the fiscal year 1980-81. There is no limit to the number of families needed for this committee. All are welcome. Can you join?

Irwin and Helene Adler
 Herman Aibel
 Stephen and Marlin Arky
 Dr. Morton and Evelyn Axler
 Elliott and Jeanne Dinnerstein
 Dr. N. Joel and Elaine Ehrenkranz
 Dr. Edward and Arlene Feller
 Dr. Daniel and Iris Franco
 Robert and Barbara Gittleman
 Sam and Anne Gold
 Drs. Melvin and Nancy Greenfield
 (Additional names next week)



FROM THE RABBI'S STUDY

Civil Rights

ON THE RIOTS

As a member of the Dade County Community Relations Board, I was privileged to share meetings with the highest officials of the county and with numerous blacks during the height of the recent riots. What many whites cannot understand, because of their relative detachment from the scene of the riot, is that most blacks were victims of the riot. They were victims because it was their residential area which was being destroyed, it was their jobs which were being eliminated, and it was their shopping area which was being decimated. Most blacks were caught between two fires - between the violent group of blacks which was bent on destruction and between the police who were battling the violent blacks. Most of the blacks who were killed were not part of the violent group. They were innocents caught in the rising tide of the battle.

Many of the blacks at our meetings were the people who manifested the greatest heroism. They were the "street people" who risked getting killed from both sides as they attempted to calm the rioters and to keep people off the streets. Canon Theodore Gibson, our old friend from Coconut Grove, was out in the streets all night, directing white people in their cars out of the area and organizing responsible blacks to assist in controlling the violence. There is no counting how many lives he may have saved. There were others like him in the larger black districts.

It is interesting to me that the blacks who early in the riot killed the young white men, who were simply driving through the black district, were apprehended on the basis of accusations by responsible blacks. These latter people are anxious to purge their community of its violent constituency.

I have my own theory about how to prevent riots in urban areas. It differs dramatically from that which keeps reappearing after every riot, a theory that repeatedly fails. I can't fully give you my own approach to the problem in this limited space, but at the heart of it is the notion that blacks must be trained to help themselves. Maimonides contended that the highest form of charity is to enable a person to help himself. In the end, he must become independent of charity.

My conviction is that this kind of solution cannot be satisfactorily developed within the urban context. People looking for their place in society find it best in a smaller community where interpersonal relationships are possible. The problems of big city life fall hardest on those at the bottom of the economic structure. The problem is how to help these people build their own villages, develop their own vocational capability, and supervise their own fate. This will take a great deal more commitment from the Federal Government and from the American people than we seem willing to make. The surface solution of "rebuilding" in the present location will, in my opinion, solve none of the basic problems.

Hebrew School Report Cards, Pins, and Certificates Available

All students of the Hebrew School can pick up their report cards, as well as certificates of achievement and scholarship pins in Room 104 of the Learning Center.

The students receiving certificates and pins are listed elsewhere in this issue of the Commentator.

A Summer Place

Beth Am's Summer Program

Starts, Monday June 16th



Want To Become Active In The Temple? Volunteer To Serve On A Committee

President Bill Silver invites all members of the congregation to help by serving on one of the committees that are needed so desperately by the Temple. You will receive great satisfaction by learning about the inner activities of the Temple and the operation of our finances and schools if you volunteer to help in our varied activities. Look over the list of committees below, check those in which you are most interested, and return the form to the Temple Office. If you have any questions about the duties and responsibilities of any of the above committees, contact David Stuart or Joan Schwartzman in the Temple Office.

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| Adult Education _____ | "Ideas Through Books" _____ |
| ARZA _____ | Israel Bonds Cabinet _____ |
| Budget & Finance _____ | Long Range Planning _____ |
| Chavurah _____ | Legal & By-Laws _____ |
| Culture & Art _____ | Library _____ |
| Fair-Share & Capital Funds _____ | Membership _____ |
| Federation _____ | Minyan & Shiva _____ |
| Forum _____ | Public Relations _____ |
| Groups: | Religious _____ |
| Calabash Club (22-33) _____ | School Board _____ |
| Beth Am Singles (30-50) _____ | Single Parent Family _____ |
| Contemporaries (over 65) _____ | Youth _____ |
| High Holidays _____ | U.A.H.C. _____ |
| House _____ | Ushers _____ |

NAME: (please print) _____
 ADDRESS: _____ PHONE: _____

REGISTRATION FORMS MAILED TO MEMBERS

Registration Forms for membership for the 1980-81 year have been mailed to all members who are "CURRENT" with their dues, fees and pledges. If you did not receive your forms in the mail and you feel that you have paid all your obligations to the Temple contact David Stuart or Joan Schwartzman in the Temple office 667-5587.

B'Nai Mitzvah

Friday, June 13
8:30 p.m.



Amy, daughter of
Mr. and Mrs. Harry Weitzer
Ilene, daughter of
Mr. and Mrs. Michael Wexler

Saturday, June 14
9:15 a.m.

Paul, son of
Mrs. Diane Rincon
(no photo available)



11:15 a.m.
Benjamin, son of
Mr. and Mrs. James Barlow
David, son of
Mr. Robert Pines and
Mrs. Jacqueline Lipman