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RELIGIOUS SERVICE, Friday, April 24, 1981, 8:30 p.m.  
**RABBI MORTON HOFFMAN**  
 YOM HASHO'AH - HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL SERVICE  
 TORAH SERVICE, Saturday, April 25, 1981, 11:15 a.m.

# Beth Am Commentator

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## Annual Congregation Meeting at Temple To be Held Monday, April 27, 7:30 p.m.

The Annual Congregational Meeting of Temple Beth Am will be held on Monday night, April 27th, at 7:30, in the Youth Lounge. At this time, members of the congregation will be asked to approve the slate of officers who were nominated to serve for the 1981-82 year. The officers to be elected are as follows:

- President..... Al Leibert
- Executive Vice-President ..... Barry Goldstein
- Vice-President ..... Stephen Carner
- Vice-President ..... Evelyn Goodman
- Vice-President ..... Edgar Lewis
- Vice-President ..... Ira Pozen
- Vice-President ..... Michael Weisberg
- Financial Secretary ..... Herb Neuman
- Treasurer ..... Max Brown
- Corresponding Secretary ..... Teddi Segal
- Recording Secretary ..... Edie Spiegel

The following members were nominated to serve a three year term on the Board of Directors, term to expire in 1984: Peggy Biele, Michael Brown, Dr. Harry Graff, Doreen Marx, Jack Orkin, Arden Siegendorf, Betty Suchman, Ed Weinstein.

There are two openings on the Board of Directors for a two year term to expire in 1983. The following were nominated: Dr. Mark Oren and Ed Waronker.

There is one opening on the Board for a one year term to expire in 1982. Nominated was Harold Gaffin.

Remaining on the Board to fill out their terms which expire in 1983 are: Florence Birchansky, Leslie Freedman, Jonathan Kislak, Marshall Langer, Morton Stubins, Barbara Udell.

Remaining on the Board to fill out their terms which expire in 1982 are: Jerome Berlin, Andrew Dolkart, Iris Franco, Shepard King, Dr. Arvey Rogers, Prof. Robert Sandler, Jerold Schwarz.

In addition, at the Annual Meeting the Officers of the Temple and the Temple Administrator will give short reports on the activities during the past year.

## 1981-82 Brotherhood Officers



Friedman



Cohen

Ben Friedman, retiring President of Brotherhood, is happy to announce the slate of officers for the 81-82 year.

- President.....Ralph Cohen
- Exec. Vice President ..... Bernard Elrod
- Vice President ..... Abe Eisenman
- Vice President ..... Leo Gelber
- Vice President ..... Al Pobby
- Treasurer ..... Arthur Conn
- Secretary ..... Donald Klein
- Parliamentarian..... Ben Friedman

BOARD OF DIRECTORS: Ben Clein, Max Feld, Les freedman, Robert Fried, Dr. Stanley Glass, Dr. Max Kulvin, George Malin, Harold Malin, Jack Orkin, Ira Pozen, Michael Weisburg, Louis Ziff.

## Joe and Elsie Segal Receive "Family of the Year" Award From "The Committee of 100"



Each year, the Beth Am "Committee of 100" presents an award at its annual meeting to that family which it deems worthy because of their special contribution to the work of the Committee and to Beth Am. On April 12th, at its annual get-together, the "Family of the Year" Award was presented to Joe (Joshua) and Elsie Segal.

Joe and Elsie are founding members of Temple Beth Am and together have been pillars of our congregation for over 25 years. Elsie has served as President of the Sisterhood and as chairperson of many outstanding dinner events. Joe has served as Chairman of the Board of Trustees and as Chairman of the Building Committee for many years. In addition to being members of "The Committee of 100," Joe and Elsie are Guardians of the Learning Center. They dedicated the Rabbi's office when our initial building was erected. In the early days of our congregation, giving Elsie the chairmanship of an event assured its success. Joe is remembered for the day by day supervision he personally gave to the construction of the first phase of the Mark Light Building, when we couldn't afford to pay for an on the job supervisor.

Other recipients of the Committee of 100 award in past years have been Ed and Barbara Raduns, Bill and Irene Baros, Bill and Frances Sanes, Bernard and Evelyn Goodman, George and Ethel Light, and Sam and Shirley Steen.

As you can see, Joe and Elsie join a special group of dedicated Temple members.

## Yom Hasho'ah—Holocaust Memorial Service Friday, April 24th

A special service for Yom Hasho'ah will be held in the Temple Sanctuary on Friday evening, April 24th at 8:30 p.m.

In addition to a sermon on "The Spiritual Resistance of the Unarmed" which will be given by Rabbi Morton Hoffman, there will be a newly written Yizkor or Memorial Service for the Six Million who died in the Holocaust.

For some commentary on the Holocaust and the Six Million please see the longer article on page 3.

## Last Day of Passover on Saturday, April 25th

Services for the last day of Passover and Shabbat will be held on Saturday morning, April 25th at 11:15 a.m. in the Temple Sanctuary.

While, according to Jewish tradition, the Sabbath is a more important observance than the Passover, the Sabbath Liturgy is dominant over the Liturgy which would be recited and chanted if Passover fell on a weekday.

Also, as is customary on the last day of Passover, the YIZKOR OR MEMORIAL SERVICE will be recited in memory of dear ones who are no longer with us. Robert Gompers will observe his Bar Mitzvah at this Sabbath and Passover worship service.



BAFTY Keeps on Rolling

Our senior high youth group has many exciting events planned for the month of May. On Saturday evening, May 2nd, BAFTY will have a Havdalah Service and Beach Party. On Monday, May 4th, we will have a general dinner meeting. On Saturday evening, May 9th, we will have a most unusual program. Sally Fox, a Jewish improvisational artist, will meet with us for what promises to be a most exciting and interesting evening. On Sunday, May 10th, BAFTY will have a fund raiser by serving bagel brunch on Mother's Day. Still to come...Boat Day, elections, end of the year banquet, and much, much more.



On "Masada" and Other Things

THE FILM "MASADA"—Beth Am has ordered the condensed version of the T.V. series on Masada for use in both the Religious School and the Day School. How much of the film was history and how much fiction? Actually, the only thing we have in writing about Masada is a brief reference in the historical work of Josephus, a Romanized Jew. The essential facts, as given by Josephus, tell us that a small group of Zealots, about 900, retreated to Masada and held out for three years against those very Romans who destroyed the Temple in Jerusalem while routing the Judean armies. Quite probably, the Masada enclave of Zealots served as the focal point for all Judeans who wished to fight on against the cruelly efficient Roman war machine, and quite possibly the Zealots in Masada, and/or their allies, harassed the Romans with some success. Josephus tells us of the mass suicide when the Romans were about to capture the gallant defenders.

The film seems to present Eliezar, the Zealot chief, as a taunter of the Romans, and perhaps he was, although the actual scenes in the film were probably constructed for T.V. interest.

The film contrasts the Zealots with the Essenes who had abandoned all hope of defeating the Romans, and indeed despaired of ever building a free and continuing Jewish society. (They didn't marry or have children.) I have seen two of the four episodes, as this goes to press, and I have not heard mention of the Pharisees. The Pharisees were the middle party of the time, representing the majority of the Jews. The Pharisees believed that neither the military (Zealot) nor the escapist (Essene) perspective would save the Judean community. The Pharisees correctly perceived that the Romans were too strong militarily for any kind of successful military effort, witness the defeat in the year 70 of the Common Era and the still worse defeat in 135 C.E. (the Bar Kochba revolt). The Pharisee plan for survival was to keep intact Jewish legal and religious institutions and to out-live the Romans. They concentrated on the intensity of the inner Jewish life. They helped develop the Talmud, the legal code governing every aspect of Jewish life. The Pharisees were the real heroes of this period. They neither cooperated with the Roman government, i.e., accepted public office, nor did they militarily waste Jewish lives. Of course, it is hard to present the Pharisaic Rabbis on T.V. They were not violent enough, but you and I are Jews because of their patience and their learning. It is they who lived by the teaching of the Prophet Zechariah, which is inscribed on our Ark, "Not by military power, nor by violence, but by my spirit," saith the Lord."

LIVING ROOM DIALOGUE—Following the Liberty City riot here in Miami, the National Conference of Christians and Jews held a county-wide meeting on interracial and intercultural relations. The outcome of that meeting, at which this Rabbi was one of the invited speakers, is the setting aside of a day for Living Room Dialogues between all aspects of our population. This day is Sunday, May 3rd, from 2-5 p.m. Of course Sunday is not the best day, but then, what is?

If you believe that it is important for Dade Countians to come together the better to understand one another, you will want to attend one of these dialogues. At last counting, over 200 people were coming from various churches and only five Jews altogether! Are Jews not interested in dialoguing? Please make this sacrifice. Call the office and give your name, address and phone number. We will notify the N.C.C.J. and they will be in touch with you.

BLOODMOBILE AT TEMPLE - MAY 17th

The John Elliott Bloodmobile will be at our Social Hall on Sunday, May 17th between 8:30 a.m. and 2 p.m. Please pledge a pint of blood!

Call Diana Elson 665-1958 or Doreen Marx 667-6667 or give your pledge to others who may contact you. A delicious breakfast will be served to all donors.

There have been some changes from the old rules: **YOU MAY GIVE BLOOD:**

- 1) if you are over 17, and under 85 years of age in good health.
- 2) if you are over 110 pounds.
- 3) if your diabetes is now normal without the use of insulin.
- 4) if your blood pressure is normal even with the use of medication.
- 5) if you have allergies.
- 6) if you have eaten a meal.
- 7) if you have never had hepatitis.

A record 190 pints were collected at our previous Blood Drive. Let's set another record on May 17th! Please consider becoming a volunteer blood donor and help some very sick people receive fresh clean blood. Thank you.

Another Success for "A New Beginning"

About 175 people will remember April 12th as a super evening - for a long time. A New Beginning had another smash success. It proved that a good time can be had making new friends.

The brew flowed, the nosh disappeared, the 10 p.m. late box supper was a hit. The square dancers and callers were just great. Everyone hated to see the evening end. A fantastic time was had by all.

Hopefully, all singles between ages 34½ and 54½ will hear about "New Beginnings" and participate in our monthly parties, meet new friends, smile, be happy, and enjoy. That is my goal.

I again encourage you to tell your friends, put them on our mailing list. For more information, call Syd at 251-3183 and leave a message on my Code-a-Phone. I will return your call.

Anti-Cult Hotline Available

Anyone requiring information about any cult matter may contact Concerned Parents of Cult Children, P.O. Box 414909, Normandy Branch, Miami Beach, Fla. 33141, or may call on the Anti-Cult Hotline: 865-1885.

B'Nai Mitzvah

Saturday, April 25

11:15 a.m.



Robert, son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Gompers

Register Now For Summer Program