

JUNE 4, 1982

FAMILY WORSHIP SERVICE, Fri., June 4, 1982, 7:30 p.m.

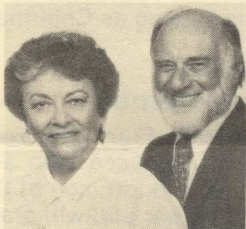
RABBI ROBERT GOLDSTEIN

"MEMORIES OF SUMMER"

TORAH SERVICE, Sat., June 5, 1982, 9:15 and 11:15 a.m.

# Beth Am Commentator

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Bob and Ellie Miller



Joe and Marilyn Solomon

## Breakfast Honors Miller and Solomon Families Sunday, June 6, 9:45 a.m. in the Social Hall

Temple Beth Am will be honoring Joseph and Marilyn Solomon and Robert and Eleanor Miller at a Champagne Breakfast and a Salute to Israel on Sunday, June 6th, at 9:45 a.m. in the Beth Am Social Hall. Both families will be honored by the Israel Bond organization and will receive the Israel City of Peace Award.

Joe and Marilyn and Bob and Ellie have been members of the Temple from the beginning days. They both have a long record of service to our congregation. They have been active in many facets of Temple life and their children have been educated at the Temple. Joe Solomon and Bob Miller take pride in the fact that they have been involved both in Temple life and in the construction of our beautiful campus.

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**Check Your Mail!  
Your Registration Forms  
For 1982/83  
Are In the Mail**



Temple Beth Am has mailed new registration forms for membership and our Religious and Hebrew Schools to all those congregants who are current for the coming year, with each member family assessing itself for its Fair-Share Dues.

Our fiscal year starts July 1. In order to provide for a smooth flow of work and to give us time to prepare for the start of activities in September, we urge you to sit down now and RE-REGISTER FOR NEXT YEAR. **Every member must register for membership each year.** The High Holidays start in mid-September.

Fair-Share is a self-evaluating system, with each family paying dues according to its financial ability.

Fair Share represents almost 80% of the funds needed to operate the Temple next year. The success of our Fair Share program depends upon your attitude, your emotion, and your integrity. Congregants should remember that Temple Beth Am cannot survive on minimum Fair-Share alone. We have many members who cannot afford even a small part of the minimum dues. It is only through the generosity of those who truly believe in Fair-Share that we can preserve Beth Am as we know it.

### How Do I Profit From Fair-Share Giving?

If you believe that the survival of Judaism is based on the education of our adults and our young people, then you have profited by your contribution.

If you believe that a Temple should admit members irrespective of their ability to pay, then you have profited from your contribution.

If you believe that there are few tasks more important than training a new generation of Jewish leaders, then you have profited from your contribution.

If you believe that one institution where ideas of religion and prayer shall be examined, reviewed, discussed and practiced should be the synagogue, then you have profited from your contribution.

You will profit greatly from your generous contribution to Fair Share at Temple Beth Am.

### Singles Worship at Beth Am June 4th

Rabbi Baumgard will speak at the special service for Singles to be held at 10:00 P.M. in the Sanctuary on Friday, June 4th. The Beth Am "New Beginnings" group will serve as co-hosts with the larger singles group sponsored by the Greater Miami Jewish Federation. Rabbi Baumgard will speak on the theme, "Finding Inner Strength". Refreshments will be served.

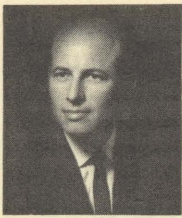
## The Committee of 100

The following members of "The Committee of 100" have rejoined for the fiscal year starting in July:

- Norman and Renee Goldenberg
- Bernard and Evelyn Goodman
- Allen and Ella Greenberg
- Melvin and Nancy Greenberg
- Gerald and Paula Greenwald
- Ernest and Dolly Harris
- Stanley and Joy Jaffee
- Arthur and Judith Kane
- Gene and Roberta Kohn
- Phil and Mickey Kaplan
- Keith and Susan Kashuk
- Howard and Barbara Katzen
- Karl and Joan Kramer
- Stuart and Linda Leeds
- Allen and Sue Leiter
- Sanford and Nauma Levin
- Jerrold and Joan Levine
- Ethel Light
- Norman and Nancy Lipoff
- James and Janet Margolis
- Stan and Barbara Mintz
- Morton and Doris Notarius

More members of the "Committee" are needed





### FROM THE RABBI'S STUDY

The following is an excerpt from the sermon, "Who is a Jew?" to be found in Rabbi Baumgard's book, "Loving What is Close" available in the Rabbi's office or the Judaica Shop.

To be a good Jew, in today's open society, has to mean something different than it meant in the ghetto. In the old days, the pious Jew confined himself to a study of Jewish culture. We need not be so restrictive today, but we must make certain that in broadening our cultural base we do not lose that which is vital to our Jewish heritage. To be a good Jew today means that you can claim several heritages intimately as your own. One can be a Jeffersonian, as I am, and thrill to the words in the Declaration of Independence and in the Virginia Statute for Religious Liberty, but the good Jew has to remember, even more clearly, the eternal significance of the Ten Commandments and the continuing validity of that large body of ethical law of which the Ten Commandments are only a part. You can be a good Jew and like music from many sources, but not to the dilution of your knowledge of Jewish music. You can thrill to Beethoven's Ninth Symphony, or to the music of "Hair", but if you don't know the special magic of Kol Nidre, Eli Eli and Jerusalem of Gold, then, something is missing from your Jewish I.Q. You can be a good Jew and consider Martin Luther King amongst your saints, as I do, but if you don't also recognize that the words he quoted were from Isaiah and the Hebrew prophets and were born in the suffering of your people, then there is something deficient in your Jewish understanding.

To be a good Jew means that one participates in the cycle of Jewish observance, employing Sabbath and festival rituals to deepen one's sense of Jewishness and to sharpen one's ethical resolve. It means developing that kind of sensitivity to human suffering that moves you to tears as you take the first bite of matzah on Passover and think of the persecuted of all ages. To be a good Jew means learning how to be grateful for the gift of life and for the opportunity life presents to love, to give, and to rejoice, as at Sukkot time, or at every sun-rise. To be a good Jew means to act "as if" as if human striving and history are rooted in a noble purpose. To be a good Jew is to understand, at least as a non-Jew, Eric Hoffer, understands, that the meaning of human history is symbolically wrapped up in the Jewish people. "For if you survive," Hoffer has written, "then, there is hope for the rest of us." If the Jew fails, however, if the Israelis are swallowed up by their enemies, or if the Jews of America passively surrender their identity and become lost in the crowd, then the world has lost its prime symbol of courage and purposefulness. Just as the Christians have long believed that if one Jew could be resurrected there was hope for all mankind, so it is pragmatically true that if the Jewish community survives in dedicated vitality, then it will lend strength by example and infusion to all mankind.

We could discuss the question of what it means to be a good Jew for many hours and days. I think that is a much more involved question than the simple question - What is a Jew? A Jew is one who by his personal actions identifies himself as a Jew. He identifies himself by what he does in his home, in the Synagogue, through Jewish and non-Jewish communal organizations, and by his ethical deeds. Who is a Jew - one who is born of a Jewish mother, who willingly joins himself to the Jewish group and to its sacred covenant with God. In brief, a Jew is one who is circumcised in his heart, to use Jeremiah's phrase, that is to say, he is committed to the covenant in thought and deed.

## SUMMER PROGRAM STARTS JUNE 21

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#### The City of Peace Award

The City of Peace Award, named for the City of Jerusalem which has always symbolized peace in a free and united Israel, is given by the Government of Israel to recognize leaders whose dedication and generosity has helped the economic sustenance of Israel. It is most fitting that Joe and Marilyn Solomon and Bob and Ellie Miller have been selected to receive the City of Peace Award.

#### Guest Speaker Consul General Joel Arnon

Joel Arnon will be the guest speaker at this brunch. He has had a long and distinguished career with the Israeli Diplomatic Service. He recently was appointed Consul General of Israel in Miami. He is a brilliant spokesman for the Jewish State and those who attend will be in for a special treat.

Al Leibert, President of the Temple, is serving as Chairman of our Israel Bonds program.

#### JOAN'S GEMS by Joan Schwartzman

We wish only the best to Beth Amities Fran and Fred Blumenfeld and their children Joey and Rebecca who are moving to Annapolis, Maryland . . . Mazel to Scott, son of Dr. Bill and Marcia Silver who just passed the bar and will practice law as soon as he and his lovely bride return from their honeymoon . . . Mazel Tov to Eric, son of Leonard and Selma Rappaport who has graduated from the University of Miami Medical School and will continue his studies at Norfolk, Va. in the field of Obstetrics & Gynecology . . . We hear from Beth Amite Bertha Raskin. Bertha, who taught art in our Religious School from its inception to her retirement has much to quell about. Her granddaughter has graduated from the Albert Einstein Medical School and will intern in the field of pediatric surgery . . . Congratulations to Gail Friedman who has just graduated Nova University with a degree in Early Childhood Education. Gail also teaches physical education at our Day School. Mazel . . .

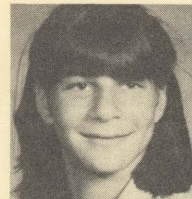
#### Cancer Support Group

Understanding that cancer patients and their families sometimes need someone to talk to who understands their special needs and problems, Baptist Hospital sponsors a cancer support group every Thursday night, from 7 to 8 p.m. This group provides emotional and psychological support, as well as information. There is no charge to attend and it is open to the community.

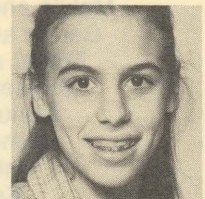
If you are interested in attending, please call Diana Elson at 665-1958, or Arlenna Smith at 596-1960, ext. 6340.

### B'Nai Mitzvah

Saturday June 5

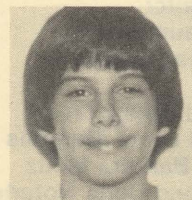


Lisa, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jay Kalinsky



Deborah, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Stuart

9:15 a.m.



Bret, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jerome Berlin



David, son of Dr. and Mrs. Richard Sandrow

11:15 a.m.