



FAMILY WORSHIP SERVICE, Friday March 5, 1982, 7:30 p.m.

RABBI HERBERT M. BAUMGARD

"WHAT IS THE MARCH WIND SAYING?"

TORAH SERVICE, Saturday, March 6, 1982, 11:15 a.m.

## Beth Am Commentator

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### Gala Purim Carnival Sunday, March 7th

Plans are underway for a super Purim Carnival on Sunday, March 7th. The Carnival will start at 11 a.m. with a costume contest for children of all ages. Prizes will be awarded in various age groups. This will take place in the Sanctuary.

#### FUN AND GAMES FOR ALL

The Chairman of the Purim Carnival, Ira Pozen, has arranged for all kinds of rides, games and food for the balance of the day.

#### PRE-SALE OF TICKETS

Tickets will be pre-sold in the Religious school and the Day School during the week prior to the Purim Carnival. The price of the tickets prior to the Carnival will be five for a dollar. The day of the carnival, tickets will be four for a dollar. Buy your tickets in advance and save money and time.

### Rabbi Herbert Baumgard Conducts Purim Service Monday Night, Mar. 8, at 7:30 p.m.

Temple Beth Am will usher in the holiday of Purim on Monday evening, March 8th, at 7:30 p.m., with a special service to be held in the Sanctuary. Rabbi Baumgard will speak. Congregants will read the Book of Esther and tell the story of the queen who risked her life to save her people from danger. Groggers (noise makers) will be supplied to all participants who will be encouraged to "stamp out" Haman, that quintessence of guilt, who tried to exterminate the Jews of Persia long ago.

### Nominations for Temple Officers and Board of Directors for 1982-83 Year

The Nominating Committee, under the chairmanship of Dr. William Silver, has submitted its nominations for Temple officers and Board of Directors for the coming year.

The following recommendations will be voted on by the general membership of the temple at our Congregational Meeting which will be held on Monday night April 26th:

President	Al Leibert
Executive Vice President	Barry Goldstein
Vice-President	Evelyn Goodman
Vice-President	Edgar Lewis
Vice-President	Ira Pozen
Vice-President	Edie Spiegel
Vice-President	Michael Weisberg
Financial Secretary	Michael Brown
Treasurer	Jerold Schwarz
Corresponding Secretary	Robert Sandler
Recording Secretary	Teddi Segal

The following were nominated to serve on the Board of Directors for a three year term to expire in 1985: Jerome Berlin, Miriam Cohen, Iris Franco, Howard Frank, Harold Gaffin, Herb Neuman, Michael Noble, Dr. Arvey Rogers.

The following was nominated to serve on the Board of Directors for a two year term to expire in 1984, to fill a vacancy: Barbara Kaufman.

Remaining on the Board for a two year term expiring in 1984 are: Peggy Bieley, Helene Dubbin, Dr. Harry Graff, Doreen Marx, Jack Orkin, Betty Suchman, Ed Weinstein.

Remaining on the Board for a one year term expiring in 1983 are: Florence Birchansky, Leslie Freedman, Jonathan Kislak, Marshall Langer, Dr. Mark Oren, Morton Stubins, Barbara Udell, Ed Waronker.

### ADDITIONAL NOMINATIONS

Additional nominations for any office or for membership on the Board of Directors may be made by filing a petition signed by at least ten (10) members with the Nomination Committee Chairperson at least thirty (30) days prior to the Annual Meeting. No nominations may be submitted without the consent of the nominee.



### PUPPET PEOPLE TO PERFORM DURING THE CARNIVAL

We are very lucky this year to have the Puppet People, a group of professional puppeteers, presenting a 15 minute continuous show during the Purim Carnival on March 7th. The Puppet People present material in an original and entertaining manner. They are under the direction of Judith Werman and Miriam Giller. They have performed all over South Florida and should be a source of great enjoyment for people of all ages. They feature characters such as "Bubble Bird Brain," "The Way Outs" and "Claudette and Junior," all lovable and affectionate puppets. Be sure to attend this show when you attend the Carnival.



## FROM THE RABBI'S STUDY

### THE SELF-CONSCIOUS JEW

Judaism has no developed theology. It doesn't have a precise definition of God. On the contrary, it assumes that God is not defineable because His greatness is beyond man's knowing. The best way to know God, according to Judaism, is to try to discover the law through which He creates the universe. These laws (Torah) are an extension of His being. As we relate to these laws, we relate to God.

Such a religion is the reverse of mysticism. Not meditation with God, but ethical conduct, purposeful conduct, is the highest Jewish virtue.

There are those who say, "But I can live purposefully without being religious. I can be ethical without being aware of God." Perhaps this is so, but the deepest roots of all purposeful living lie in the belief that our thoughts and deeds are related to a profound meaning that undergirds the universe. The man who is ethical, merely for his own sake, can hardly find life as meaningful as if he understand that what he does is in support of generations past, in loyalty to future generations, and in tribute to the heart of the universe. The self-conscious Jew also has the added joy of knowing that he serves as part of his mission, as part of his special responsibility to his people.

#### MORAL IMPERATIVE

The religious deed, as the Jew understands it, is the deed that binds one to the vibrant stream that flows through all eras of time. The deed which the self-conscious Jew performs is not just an "ethical deed." It is the deed he cannot help but perform if he wishes not to betray his people, his God, and mankind. The person who is religious in this sense operates with a kind of "moral imperative" within, such as the prophet Jeremiah experienced when with one part of himself he wished to surrender the religious life, and, yet, something within him compelled him to teach the things he felt that God wanted him to teach.

The Hasidic Jews of eastern Europe were moved by this inner compulsion to try to "redeem-elevate" all living things. They felt it a duty to grow towards the divine, to liberate the divine potential within themselves and within others.

We must understand that this "imperative" a religious person feels is not unconditioned. For a Jew, it is conditioned by the background of the Jewish experience. It is defined by the character of Jewish law. It cannot be translated as merely the right of self-expression. The welfare of the group is always involved. We might say that the "imperative" is a combination of highest thought and deepest feeling which comes only to those who know human history so well that they cannot divorce themselves from it and feel impelled to help mankind on its way. To be a Jew in the highest sense is to be so immersed in man's effort to create a life of meaning that one's personal goals are strongly determined by this prior claim.

### Teach? Let Us Train You For the Religious School

If you have an inclination to teach (Education degree preferred but not required), we will help train you in Religious School procedures and content. We do not promise you a job, but if you are hired (our interviewing is separate from the training), we will pay you on a professional basis. Interested? Send name, address and phone number to Dorothy Herman, Religious School Coordinator, 5950 N. Kendall Drive, Miami, Fla. 33156.

## NEWS ABOUT BAFTY

Last week BAFTY had a most exciting afternoon of skating and just general fun. Don't forget March 8th, a Board Meeting and District Convention at Temple Israel, March 12 through 13. As you know BAFTY was chosen to host the Executive Convention next October. We have already begun to make plans for that most exciting weekend. If you would like to be a part of that, please contact Hope Tieman or Rabbi Goldstein.

### 8TH GRADE YOUTH GROUP HAS MACCABIAH

Last week the 8th Grade Youth Group had a very successful afternoon of athletic events followed by a great dinner at which awards were given. The evening was capped off by a very funny movie.

8th Grade Youth Group is planning many more events in the coming weeks. For more information, contact David Schwartz at 595-0724.

### Annual Havurah Retreat on March 28th

The Third Annual retreat for members of all Beth Am Havurot will be held on Sunday afternoon, March 28th at the Larry and Penny Thompson Park, 12401 S.W. 184 Street (Eureka Road). Last year's Havurah Retreat, which was also held in March, will long be recalled by the approximately 150 adults and children who participated as one of the most enjoyable afternoons of fellowship in Havurah history at Beth Am. As was the case last year, there will be sport activities, arts and crafts for the children, games and contests, dancing, music, a creative worship service, and much good food and fellowship.

To cover the expenses of the retreat, all Havurah members who are 13 years old and above, will be asked to pay a \$5.00 registration fee for the retreat and those under 13 will pay \$3.00. The planning Committee is still in the early stages of organizing the schedule for the day and all those who would like to provide input for the Planning Committee are asked to contact Ira Pozen, Chairman of the Havurah Committee.

Further information will be forthcoming in the next few issue of the Commentator. For the time being, please hold the date of March 28th.

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 We plan to attend the retreat on March 28th.  
 Number of people attending in our family will be \_\_\_\_\_  
 Sorry we are not able to attend the Havurah Retreat.

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Name (please print) \_\_\_\_\_

Please send this coupon to Rhoda at the Temple office.  
5950 N. Kendall Drive, Miami, 33156  
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### B'Nai Mitzvah

SATURDAY, MARCH 6



Scott, son of Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Jaffee

11:15 a.m.



Samuel, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Levy