



May 6, 1983

RELIGIOUS SERVICE, Friday, May 6, 1983, 7:30 p.m.

RABBI HERBERT M. BAUMGARD

"THE WONDERFUL THING ABOUT MOTHERS"

CONGREGATIONAL TORAH SERVICE, Saturday, May 7, 9:15 and 11:15 a.m.

# Beth Am Commentator

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## Temple Adopts New Fair-Share Schedule

The Temple Board and the Budget Committee finally have settled on the budget for next year. They have adopted a new Fair-Share schedule for the 1983-84 year. This figure represents a \$50 per year increase in your Fair-Share Dues. This is less than \$1 per week for all of our congregational families. It is anticipated that this schedule will hold also for the 1984-85 year.

In addition, the Religious School and Hebrew School fees will each rise to \$75.00. The current Religious School fee has been in effect for four years and the Hebrew School fee for over five years. Costs of operating our schools have gone up every year since these fees were set.

The Fair-Share schedule is based on national averages, and all levels of giving are asked to raise their Fair-Share Dues for the coming year to cover our cost of operation. The new schedule is printed below. It is understood that some families in difficult financial straits will be unable to meet the higher "minimum" dues. The office of the Executive Director is prepared to be helpful in these situations.

When you estimate your Fair-Share for the year, there can be two consoling thoughts. First of all, you are contributing to a most worthy cause. (Beth Am is actually a council of organizations with a multitude of activities and services.) Secondly, a gift to a charity such as ours is deductible from income taxes, so the "cost" is not quite what it seems to be.

### Fair-Share Schedule

Family Income	Fair-Share	Family Income	Fair-Share
20,000-25,000 .....	\$650.00	32,600-35,000 .....	\$ 850.00
25,100-27,500 .....	700.00	35,100-37,500 .....	1,000.00
27,600-30,000 .....	750.00	37,600-40,000 .....	1,150.00
30,100-32,500 .....	800.00	40,100-45,000 .....	1,300.00

Over \$45,000 - "The Committee of 100"  
A contribution of \$1,500 or more

## LAST CALL FOR

### Installation Dinner Friday, May 13th

On Friday, May 13, 1983, at 6:15 p.m., in the Social Hall, we will have our biennial Shabbat Installation Dinner. This will give us a chance to honor our outgoing Officers and members of the Board of Directors who will no longer be serving. We will also have the installation of the new Officers and Board of Directors for the coming year.

The speeches will be short and the food will be of a high caliber. This will be a catered sit-down dinner. This is a combined affair for Temple, Brotherhood and Sisterhood.

#### Installation Dinner Reservation

Beth Am 5950 N. Kendall Drive Miami, Florida 33156

Enclosed is my check in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_ adults \_\_\_\_\_ children.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
(please print)

Adults: \$10.00 Children: \$5.00

## Barry Goldstein Elected President of Temple Beth Am For 1983-84 Year



At the recent Annual Congregational Meeting, Barry Goldstein was elected President to serve a one year term for 1983-84. Barry and Nancy Goldstein have been members of Beth Am for over ten years. Their two daughters have been educated in our Religious School.

Barry has been active on the Board of Directors and as an Officer for many years. He has served as Financial Secretary, Treasurer, Vice President, and Executive Vice President in prior years.

At the same meeting, Evelyn Goodman was elected to serve a one year term as Executive Vice President. In addition, the following officers were elected. As Vice Presidents: Jack Orkin, Ira Pozen, Selma Rappaport, Edie Spiegel, and Michael Weisberg; for Financial Secretary Michael Brown; for Treasurer Jerold Schwarz; for Corresponding Secy. Iris Franco and for Recording Secretary Teddi Segal.

We look forward to a fresh, innovative term with Barry as our President.



## The Committee of 100

### "Committee of 100" Seeks Members

In a special appeal to current members of "The Committee of 100" the following families have volunteered to rejoin The Committee for the Fiscal Year which starts July 1, 1983. There is no limit to the number of families needed for this Committee. All new members are welcome. Can you join?

Harvey and Ellen Amster  
Alan and Carole Chase  
Murray and Helene Dubbin  
Ronald and Marilyn Flam  
Harold and Jill Gaffin  
Charles and Daliah Gans  
Robert and Leta Garvett  
Bernard and Evelyn Goodman  
Herman and Lillian Isis  
Rafael and Sara Kapustin  
Keith and Susan Kashuk  
Richard and Michelle Krinzman  
Arthur and Joan Jacowitz  
Alan and Jo Ann Lederman  
Allan and Sue Leiter  
Norman and Nancy Lipoff  
Laurans and Arlene Mendelson  
Joseph and Norma Reisman  
Marvin and Janet Rosen  
Sigmund and Elaine Rosen  
M. William and Francine Ross  
Nathan and Evelyn Rudne  
Martin and Elaine Shane  
Peter and Michele Sobel  
William and Jean Soman  
Allan and Barbara Wolk





FROM THE RABBI'S STUDY

### What I Believe As A Reform Jew

(Part 1)

**I believe that the world was created, that it didn't just happen.** I believe that life was intended to be meaningful and purposeful. I do not believe that we were placed in this world by a blind fate and that human life is a mere matter of getting and spending.

**I believe that man is a creature of an intelligence greater than his own.** I believe that God is not only intelligent beyond my comprehension but that love and mercy are part of His personality. I do not believe that God can be adequately described in human terms nor fully comprehended by human beings.

**I believe that God sought to create the world according to a definite pattern, and that there is both a physical and a moral law (a Torah) to which all existence is subject.** I do not believe, however, that God has pre-determined every detail of existence, nor that His power extends over every detail at every moment. The power of God is extended by the acts of righteous men. Injustice may triumph in the short run, but in the fullness of time, justice will prevail.

**I believe that the Creative Power is concerned with me as its child and partner.** I believe that God is linked to the destiny of each of His creatures. Our sufferings and our growth affect Him. His power is always with us, sustaining us even before we call upon it.

**I believe that God hears prayer.** Prayer is the tapping of a power that is always present in us. The release of unsuspected reserves of energy and wisdom is the flowing of the divine balm which is ever within us, and ever links us to the source of life itself. I believe that there is "a power in the world making for righteousness and peace," and that we can ally ourselves with that power through word and deed.

**I believe that man's role in our world is to become a partner with God in the creation that knows no end.** Our world is both physically and morally imperfect, and to the extent that we establish justice we participate in the divine plan. I believe that through constructive creation and through ethical deeds we add to the god-like quality of our world.

**I believe that man can build the good society on this earth.** I believe that this world is the center of man's existence, and that he must find life's great meaning in his earthly striving.

**I believe that man can channel his lust towards worthwhile ends beneficial to the world community.** I do not believe that man is essentially sinful and incapable of mastering himself.

**I believe that man is capable of deeds far beyond his present achievements.** I believe that man can work progressively towards a world without prejudice, without war, and with a minimum of social conflict.

**I believe that "sin" is waywardness from the moral law, and that repentance is return to the law.** I believe that different men in different ages may interpret the moral law variously, but that most men in all ages can agree on a basic residue of law upon which humanity must stand. I believe that the Ten Commandments largely delineate this basic law, but that other laws may and must be added as their imperative nature is gleaned from human experience.

(Continued Next Week)

## Present Day Israel To Be Discussed at Brotherhood Breakfast Forum May 15th

"ISRAEL - 35 YEARS OLD AND STILL FIGHTING FOR LIFE" will be the topic of discussion at the next Brotherhood Breakfast Forum on Sunday morning, May 15th, at 9:30 a.m. in the Temple Youth Lounge. Speaker for this interesting discussion will be Barbara Studley, well known commentator on Radio Station WNWS.

At the invitation of the government of Israel recently, Barbara Studley visited there and spoke with and interviewed many of the members of the Israel government as well as many of the "men in the street." She has returned with new insights and some strong convictions that she would like to share with us all. This talk should be a real learning experience.

Admission to this all-you-can-eat breakfast forum is \$2.50 for Brotherhood members and \$3 for non-members. Bring your friends and neighbors. Ladies are always invited.

### Youth Group News

#### 9th Grade Youth Group - May Calendar

- May 2, Monday: General Meeting. You are now BAFTY members.
- May 7, Saturday: Shabbaton at Temple Solel in Hollywood. \$3 per person. We will leave Temple at 1:00 p.m. and return at 12:00 Midnight.
- May 23, Monday: Special meeting and election of officers.
- June 5, Sunday: BAFTY Banquet. 6:00 p.m. Induction of new officers.

#### 8th Grade Youth Group - May Calendar

- May 7: Shabbaton (Spend evening with 8th graders from a temple in Hollywood) 1:00 p.m. til Midnight. R.S.V.P. by May 1st.
- May 11: Meeting at Temple (Room 101) 6:30 p.m. Dinner will be provided. (Bring \$40 check made out to Temple Beth Am if you plan to go to Epcot.)
- May 14: Epcot. (\$40 check made out to Temple Beth Am.) Depart from Temple 7 a.m., return at 12 Midnight. R.S.V.P. by May 5th.
- May 22: Castle Park - \$6.00. 12:30 - 4:30 p.m. R.S.V.P. by May 11th. R.S.V.P.s are a MUST! To R.S.V.P. call Adrienne Liebman at 284-4740 until May 5, 620-0444 after May 5.

### Calling All New Religious School Students

Beth Am Religious School begins at Kindergarten level and offers an excellent way for you to provide for your children's Judaic growth in a warm and loving atmosphere. We provide an optimal learning situation and the best teachers for your child. If your child will be new to the Religious School, we would appreciate your informing Mrs. Cushen at 666-2536. Formal registration will occur in June.

B'Nai Mitzvah

Saturday, May 7

9:15 a.m.

(No Photo Available)



David, son of  
Dr. and Mrs. David Frankel

Diana, daughter of  
Mr. and Dr. Elmer Marmorstein

11:15 a.m.



Gregory, son of  
Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Galperin