



RELIGIOUS SERVICE, Friday, May 13, 1983, 8:15 p.m.

RABBI HERBERT M. BAUMGARD

"NEW DIRECTIONS FOR THE SYNAGOGUE"

Installation of Temple, Sisterhood and Brotherhood
Officers and Board of Directors

CONGREGATIONAL TORAH SERVICE, Saturday, May 14, 11:15 a.m.

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Shavuot Begins Tuesday Night, May 17th Services Wednesday Morning at 10 a.m.

Beth Am will officially usher in the major festival of Shavuot with a Sanctuary Service at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, May 18th. Rabbi Morton Hoffman will preach on the theme, "The Unwritten Commandments." Yizkor Services will be held at that time.

Candles are to be lit in the home on Tuesday evening, May 17th, at sundown with the usual festival blessing.

Shavuot is one of the three major Festivals (Haggim) in Judaism, developing around agricultural themes, but to each Festival a major ethical event in the history of our people was assigned. Shavuot marks the anniversary of the giving of the Ten Commandments on Mt. Sinai. As such, the holiday's central theme is the moral law or Torah.

At the Confirmation exercises which will be held on Sunday morning, May 29th, at 9:45 a.m., the students will take the same oath that the ancient Israelites took at the foot of Mt. Sinai. They will be asked to say, "Na-ah-seh V'nishmah," "We will perform these laws and we will hearken to them."

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Installation of Sisterhood, Brotherhood and Temple Officers and Board Members on Friday, May 13th at Service

On Friday, May 13th, there will be a Shabbat dinner prior to services to honor our outgoing officers and board members and to welcome our new officers and board members. At the religious service that night, Rabbi Baumgard will introduce all new board members and officers of Sisterhood, Brotherhood and the Temple and will formally conduct an installation ceremony. All Temple members are urged to attend.

Special Presentation by Brotherhood

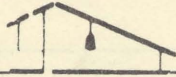
Ralph Cohen, outgoing President of Brotherhood, is happy to announce that at the Friday night service on May 13th Brotherhood will be making a special gift and presentation to Temple Beth Am.

Incoming Brotherhood Officers and Board

President Ira Pozen
Executive Vice President Bernard Elrod
Vice President Leo Gelber
Vice President Donald Klein
Vice President Michael Weisberg
Secretary Jules Grosby
Treasurer Arthur Conn
Parliamentarian Ralph Cohen
Board of Directors: Ben Klein, Abe Eisenman, Max Feld, Leslie Freedman, Robert Fried, Stan Glass, Bernard Goodman, Myron Kahn, Al Pobby, William Saulson, Herb Weinstein.

Income Sisterhood Officers

President Sylvia Weisberg
Executive Vice President Joan Ravich
Treasurer Selma Rappaport
Program Chairpersons Sheila Glass, Judy Solomon
Membership Chairpersons Elizabeth Goldberg, Arlene Harr



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?

- 2 Anonymous Families
- Samuel and Lynn Berkowitz
- Eugene and Joan Bloom
- Harold and Nanci Deutsch
- Errol and Cheryl Eisinger
- Sidney and Florence Fox
- Howard and Merle Frank
- David and Linda Frankel
- Morris and Mikki Futernick
- Philip and Helen Gassman
- Melvin and Nancy Greenfield
- Marilyn Grossberger
- Andrew and Melinda Horn
- Alan and Sue Kurzweil
- Philip and Phyllis Lapidus
- Lewis and Barbara Levin
- Herman and Shirley Marks
- Murray Sudakow
- Wayne and Linda Tobin

Barbara Studley Speaks At Brotherhood Breakfast on May 15th at 9:30 a.m.



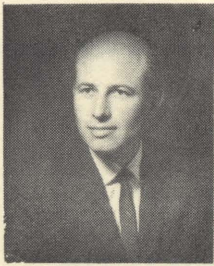
BARBARA STUDLEY, well known radio commentator on Station WNWS, will be the honored speaker at the next Brotherhood Breakfast Forum on Sunday morning, May 15th, at 9:30 a.m. in the Youth Lounge. Her topic for discussion will be, "ISRAEL - 35 YEARS OLD AND STILL FIGHTING."

On a recent visit to Israel at the invitation of the Israeli government, Barbara Studley spoke with, interviewed and taped many discussions with high echelon officials in the government and the military. You may have heard these enlightening talks. Many of the "men in the street" were also partners-in-discussion about problems in Israel. She returned with many new insights about what she saw and heard. She will share these thoughts with you.

Admission to this breakfast forum is \$2.50 for Brotherhood members and \$3 for non-members. The ladies are always invited.

Computer Camp for Adults

We have had several requests for computer instruction for teachers and adults. It is contemplated that the Computer Camp will be holding adult sessions in the afternoon or evenings. If you are interested, fill in the registration form in the Computer Camp brochure, indicate the session desired, and mark the word "adult" alongside your name.



FROM THE RABBI'S STUDY

What I Believe As A Reform Jew (Part 2)

I believe that some people in human history are "chosen" in the sense that they choose to take upon themselves the burden of making human life meaningful. I do not believe, however, that any people is inately superior to any other people. I believe that all men are children of one creative source, and, therefore, equally precious.

I believe that the Jewish people in its history has often-times demonstrated its nearness to God by its positive choice to suffer martyrdom in the interest of advancing the moral law. To the extent that I, too, become a protagonist for understanding and justice, I share in the greatness of my people. As a Jew, indeed, as an inspired human being, I must stand ready to experience material and bodily injury in the interest of a peaceful and just world.

I believe that Jews throughout the world are tied together by faith, hope, history, and culture. Although we do not all share the same political allegiance, what happens to some of us has its effect upon all of us. The welfare of Jewry is the concern of all Jews, just as the welfare of mankind must be the concern of all men.

I believe that the religious man must necessarily be involved in the political and economic struggles of his time. If this world is the center of man's meaningful existence, the individual must oppose any attempt to deviate from the moral law recognized by all men as basic. The righteous man acts out his ideas and attitudes. He may not hide himself from the social problems of his fellow beings.

I believe that democracy must be economic as well as political, that the land and the means of production must be owned neither by an omnipotent state nor by a few monopolists. The land and the products of the land belong to God and to all men. The way must be open for all men to share bountifully in the fruits of the earth.

I believe that the people must be free to change their leaders and their government when they become oppressive. I believe that war cannot be the way to good government, nor force the pattern of international diplomacy. As a Jew, I strive towards the Messianic Day of world peace based on understanding and justice.

As a Jew, I must insist on every man's right to express the truth as he sees it, without fear of social, economic, or political reprisal. I do not believe that popularity alone or orthodoxy alone is a proper criterion for the truth of a statement. I believe that slander is akin to murder. It is a grievous sin to permit a righteous man to be slandered.

I believe in the value of learning for its own sake. I believe that investigation into any field of human activity will lead to a broadening of one's mind. But I believe that wherever possible learning should be coupled to action which serves mankind in some way.

I believe in the sanctity of the home. I believe in the loyalty husband and wife owe each other, and in the loyalty parents and children owe each other. I believe in the Jewish effort to extend the concept of the family relationship to the realm of the nation and the nations.

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A "Hands On" Experience At Beth Am Computer Camp



There has been a lot of interest stimulated by our recent announcement of the Computer Camp at Beth Am this summer. The Computer Camp will be limited to children ages 9-14. Each session will be of two weeks duration starting June 20th. Each daily session will be 3½ hours long.

All members should study the brochure recently mailed to the congregation. Classes will be limited in size to no more than 20 students per class, with two instructors for all classes. In other words, there will be ten students per instructor. Each student will have the use of a personal computer for the entire session. Advance courses will be offered for those interested.

Register now and give your child a learning experience this summer.

<i>B'Nai Mitzvah</i>		<i>Saturday, May 14</i>	
9:15 a.m.			
			
Ivan Jason, son of Mr. and Mrs. Carlos Dominguez	Mindy, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Fred Sherman		
11:15 a.m.			
			
Jill Alayne, daughter of Mrs. Linda Gallant and Mr. J. Arthur Goldberg	Debbie, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Quartin		
		← April 16 - Beth Am	
Stephen, son of Dr. and Mrs. Kenneth Rosenthal		April 5 in Israel Karen B., daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Stephen Kulvin	

I believe in the sanctity of children. I believe that the parent who violates his child's personality detracts from the divine image. I believe that the main function of the parent is to teach the child, with love, that the world and men are for him and not against him. The parent must teach the child to be "at home" in the world. The parent who does not equip himself or provide his child with ideas and techniques to establish a meaningful world forfeits the name of parent.

I believe in the necessity of "GAMILUTH HASADIM," Deeds of Kindness without thought of personal reward. Visiting the sick, feeding the hungry, and clothing the naked are as vital as labor for the just society. The world cannot stand unless the weak and the oppressed are upheld.

I believe in the on-going-ness of life. I have no pre-conceptions about life after death, but I believe that He who created us is great enough to care for us. I believe that "Death" is but part of the process of life which endures so long as God endures.