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"IT'S A ROTTEN WORLD — IT'S A GREAT WORLD!"

CONGREGATIONAL TORAH SERVICE, Sat. Sept. 24, 9:15 & 11:15 a.m.

# Beth Am Commentator

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## Gloria Dorfberger Assumes Post as BAFTY Advisor



I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself to you. I'm Gloria Dorfberger, the new BAFTY (Beth Am Federation of Temple Youth) advisor. I recently moved here from New York, where I worked with several youth groups. Now, why am I telling you this?

The future of any temple is only as strong as its youth. They are tomorrow. For you, and for your children, BAFTY must grow in all areas. I have high goals, but I need your help. For our kids, get involved. Let's get Temple Beth Am behind our youth. For information, call me: 387-9265.

## High Holiday Dance Saturday, October 1st Temple Social Hall 8 p.m.

The Annual High Holiday Dance will be held on Saturday, October 1st, in the Social Hall at 8 p.m. There will be sumptuous catered cuisine, live band, and set-ups. The cost will be \$18 per couple for Temple members, \$25 per couple for non-members. Deadline for reservations is Sept. 28th. Reserve by calling Rhoda at 667-6667. A check with reservation will insure a place for you.

## \*\*\*\* Sisterhood's Opening Luncheon \*\*\*\*

Mark Your Calendars for **October 19th**

Come Join us For What We Promise

Will be a Delightful Afternoon!

Watch For More Details



## The Committee of 100

The following new member families have volunteered to join "The Committee of 100" for the new year:

Marvin and Jean Erbesfeld  
Bruce and Evelyn Greer  
Averill and Geraldine Marcus  
Clifford and Lois Russell

The following members of "The Committee of 100" have rejoined for the new fiscal year:

Marshall and Marlene Furshman  
Sanford and Nauma Levin

## Sukkot Holiday Begins Wednesday Evening Sept. 21 Sanctuary Service Thurs., Sept. 22nd, at 9:00 a.m.

Sukkot, the original Thanksgiving Holiday, begins Wednesday night, Sept. 21st, at sundown. Services will be held at the Temple on **Thursday morning, Sept. 22nd, at 9:00 a.m.**

The coming of Sukkot is observed with home rituals and symbols. It is traditional to build a Sukkah, if you can, and to eat in it. The Sukkah is a reminder of the early agricultural beginnings of the Jewish people, who used to dwell in the Sukkah during harvest time. Come visit our Sukkah at the Temple.

Sukkot is the original Thanksgiving holiday which was copied by the early Pilgrims in America as the basis for the American Thanksgiving. It is appropriate to dress the home with flowers, plants and fruit designs. Be creative!

### Lulav and Etrog are Symbols

The symbols of the Sukkot holiday are the lulav and etrog. The lulav is a palm branch entwined with myrtle and willow branches. The etrog is a large lemon-like fruit. These symbols are held together and shaken in all directions during the Sukkot service in a special ceremony as we ask for a continuation of the miracle of growth.

The last day of Sukkot as celebrated at Beth Am is Simchat Torah, which we will observe with the traditional Torah parade on Wednesday evening, Sept. 28, at 7:30 p.m., and on Thursday morning, Sept. 29th, at 9:00 a.m. Yizkor (memorial prayers) will be recited as part of the Thursday morning service at 9:00 a.m.

### Home Ceremonies for Sukkot

When ushering in the holiday during the evening meal, it is customary to recite these blessings.

#### MOTHER KINDLES THE LIGHTS

Bah-ruch- Ah-tah Ah-don-ai El-loh-hay-noo Meh-lech Ha-oh-lahm Asher Ki-di-shah-noo B'mits-voh-tahv v'tsi-vah-nu L'hahd-lik Nare Shel Yom Tov.

(All together): We look upon these candles as the symbol of a courageous past and a glorious future. We understand that our task as Jews is to help bring the light of justice and peace into the world.

#### MOTHER SAYS:

Bah-ruch Ah-tah Ah-don-ai El-loh-ha-noo Meh-lech Ha-oh-lam Sheh-heh-che-yanu V'kee-mah-nu V'hee-gee-yanu La-Z'man Ha-zeh.

Blessed art Thou, O Lord our God, King of the Universe, who has kept us alive, sustained us and brought us to this season.

#### FATHER BLESSES THE WINE

Bah-ruch Ah-tah Ah-donai El-loh-hay-noo Meh-lech Ha-oh-lahm Boh-ray P'ree Hagafen.

Thanks be to you, Oh Lord Our God, King of the Universe, Author of Creation, whose spirit is present in the planted seed which produces these grapes and whose spirit moves mankind to noble deeds.

#### ALL BLESS THE BREAD (together)

Bah-ruch Ah-tah Ah-don-ai Eh-loh-hay-noo Meh-lech Ha-oh-lahm Ha-moho see Leh-chem Min-Ha-ah-rets.

As we eat this food, may we be strengthened to help others not as fortunate as we are.

(Break a slice of bread and all eat from the same slice.)



FROM THE RABBI'S STUDY

The following is an excerpt from Rabbi Baumgard's High Holiday talk on Israel. Next week an additional part will be printed.

What a difference a year makes! Last year at this time the Israelis were attacking PLO strongholds in Beirut. Our TV screens graphically described this combat. Network news programs featured PLO sympathizers telling gory tales of Israeli cruelty and quoting grossly exaggerated figures for those dead and homeless. Many a veteran news commentator accepted this propaganda as the truth and condemned Israel out of hand.

That was last year at this season. This year the Lebanese are busy killing each other with the help and stimulation of Syria.

Last year, the United States was urging Israel to stop its fighting and to end this nasty invasion of Lebanon. Strongly critical statements issued from the White House while conflicting statements came from the Secretary of State and the foreign diplomatic corps. Today the United States is blaming Israel for withdrawing from Beirut and urging it to stay longer. Last year, Israel was asked to stop fighting. This year, Israel is asked by American leaders to stay and fight a little longer.

Last year Israel was depicted as a war-monger. This year, the columnist Joseph Kraft writes that Israel is losing its nerve and ought to be willing to stay and take additional casualties until Syria backs down from its current aggressiveness.

Last year Ariel Sharon, the Israeli Defense Minister, was riding high as the architect of a plan to destroy the PLO and to transform Lebanon into a country that, like Egypt, would make a formal peace with Israel. This year Sharon is trying to rebuild his reputation, having been named by an Israeli investigating committee as the officer in command who should have moved sooner to stop the massacre of Palestinians in the Beirut refugee camp.

Last year at this season I attended a meeting of the Presidents' Conference in New York, where the leaders of Jewish organizations in America were invited to meet with Prime Minister Begin. Begin spoke confidently and enthusiastically of a great Israeli victory, the winning of peace for the Galilee, and an end forever to Arab threats from the north. This year Begin is depressed and has resigned as Prime Minister because of mounting Israeli casualties in the conquered areas.

What a difference a year makes. But some things have not changed in the past year. I would like to be able to say that Israel has lost some of its critics and that some of them have tempered their negative attitude towards the Jewish state. With the important exception that the U.S. government is now supporting Israel strongly, the old enemies of Israel have sharpened their fangs. Two weeks ago we were witness to Arab attacks on the U.S. Marines stationed in Beirut. The New York Times, which has never been able to accept the concept of a Jewish state, sounded off once again on Israeli policies which, according to the paper, made this attack possible. I happened to be in New York when this editorial appeared. I was being installed as the First Vice-President of the Synagogue Council of America, and the Israeli Ambassador to the U.S., Meir Rosanne, was the key speaker at the installation luncheon. Ambassador Rosanne had to scrap his scheduled speech to make a case for the right of American Marines to be in Beirut and the importance to America of a pro-western Lebanese government.

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Know The Rules For Bar-Bat Mitzvah Registration

Parents of children to be placed in the Bar-Bat Mitzvah program should begin registering the children for the Fall program now. Requirements for the program are as follows:

- 1) a minimum of 4 years in the Hebrew School... 2) a minimum of 5 years in the week-end Religious School... a) when a parent registers a child for Bar/Bat Mitzvah he/she is required to sign a statement... 3) The Beth Am Religious school is geared to children from Kindergarten age through Confirmation... 4) The overwhelming majority of our students (90%) go on to confirmation at the end of the Tenth Grade. 5) Bar/Bat Mitzvah dates are best obtained five years in advance. Do not delay. Call Mrs. Schwartzman now! 6) Beth Am Day School children are not required to register for Hebrew and Religious School but must reserve their Bar/Bat Mitzvah date and fulfill all other requirements.

Children of Divorced Parents?

Are your parents divorced and causing a problem for you? There are plenty of young people like you, so come and talk about it. A friend in the same situation may be invited. There will be two age groups, 9-12 and 13-16. We have a big turnout for this every year, so have your parent call Shoshi at 667-6667 to reserve your space. It will cost \$10 for the series. Wednesday evenings, 7:30-9:30, on October 5, 12, 19 and 26th.

MONDAY NIGHT SCHOOL AIDES NEEDED - We have openings for Office Aides. We are also in need of an A.V. Assistant. If you are interested, please call Lorraine Cushen, 666-2536.

B'Nai Mitzvah

Saturday, September 24



9:15 a.m.

Jonathan, son of Dr. and Mrs. Bruce Merer



Jason, son of Mr. and Mrs. Alan Dimond



Jill, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Golden