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"THE FUTURE OF MIAMI - WILL WE SOLVE OUR CURRENT PROBLEMS?"

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Temple Adopts New Budget for 1984-85

The Temple Board and the Budget Committee have been working on the Budget for the new fiscal year which starts July 1, 1984, and runs through June 30, 1985. We forecast a budget of approximately \$1,600,000 for the Temple. This does not include Day School or Summer Camp expenditures. For the current year ending June 30, 1984, we forecast a balanced budget. In spite of the efficiency in utilizing our space and controlling costs, our budget is ever increasing. Anyone who maintains a home or runs a business knows that costs continually rise.

The new budget for 1984-85 represents an increase of approximately 7% over the current year. Almost all of this is reflected in staff increases. Members should understand that 80% of our operating budget represents "people expenses."

Our Fair Share schedule will remain the same as last year. All congregants are urged to increase their Fair Share pledges voluntarily to meet our increased cost of operation for 1984-85.

Religious School and Day School Teachers Honored at Special Sabbath Service May 11th

Beth Am will observe its annual Teachers Sabbath at the Friday Evening service of May 11th at 8:15 p.m. We will be honoring all teachers but in particular who have been with the Temple for ten years.

From the Religious School staff we will honor Allan Bonilla, Shira Baumgard and Judy Clein. From the Day School staff we will pay tribute to Chi Chi Berman, Symra Fader, Judy Steinberg, Nancy Weinfeld, and Beverly Zucker.

These few represent only a few of the teachers who have raised our schools to the highest standards.

Attention 8th Graders, 9th Graders and B.A.F.T.Y. Members BAFTY BANQUET AT COCONUT GROVE HOTEL, MAY 23rd

The 1984 B.A.F.T.Y. Banquet will be on May 23rd from 5:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. at the Coconut Grove Hotel. The price for this event includes transportation to and from the Temple. If you do use this transportation, be at Temple at 4:45 p.m. The bus will return at 10:30 p.m. Please dress nicely. Temple Members: \$7, non-members: \$9. Please R.S.V.P. by May 15th to Laura: 235-2002, Jill: 279-4443, Judy: 666-7214, Adrienne: 667-6667, or Gloria: 387-9265

LAST CALL For Shabbat Dinner Friday, May 11th

Honoring Dorothy Herman and Sam Hollander

Dorothy Herman, Principal of the Beth Am weekend school, and Sam Hollander, Religious School teacher, will be honored at a special Shabbat dinner on Friday, May 11th, at 6:00 p.m. in the Temple Youth Lounge.

Dorothy will be celebrating her 25th year in the service of the Temple. She started at Beth Am as a Teacher's Aide when she was still in high school, and within three months she was a full fledged teacher. She has taught every grade in the Religious School and still teaches one of the most popular courses in the Confirmation program. She is a published author of four experiential curriculums and has given workshops throughout the country. Dorothy is a member of the U.A.H.C. Curriculum Task Force. Her four sons also have been educated at Beth Am schools.

Sam Hollander is leaving our area after teaching in the Dade County Jewish schools for over forty years, nineteen of which have been at Beth Am. Although he was a business man before his retirement, he has always been involved in Jewish education and is also a published author of Jewish material. Sam is beloved by our teaching staff as well as his students. He is now teaching children of former students who come back to seek him out.

The cost of the dinner is \$8.00 for adults and \$5.00 for children 13 years of age or younger.



The Committee of 100

In a special appeal to current members of the "Committee of 100" the following members have volunteered to rejoin the Committee for the Fiscal Year which starts July 1, 1984. All new members are welcome. Can you join?

- 2 Anonymous Families
- Samuel and Lynn Berkowitz
- Harold and June Brown
- Raymond and Miriam Cohen
- Seymour and Elaine Cohen
- Stephen and Elisabeth Frank
- Stanley Gilbert
- Lawrence and Thea Godofsky
- Barry and Nancy Goldstein
- Mark and Sheryl Gould
- Harry and Ruth Graff
- Bruce and Evelyn Greer
- Phyllis and Arnold Grossman
- Ernest and Dolly Harris
- Gordon and Debbie Jones
- Richard and Marjorie Katz
- Glenn and Nanette Lapidus
- Philip and Phyllis Lapidus
- Alfred and Jean Leibert
- Herschel and Rosita Levy
- Joel and Sallie Mann
- Laurans and Arlene Mendelsohn
- Sanford and Terri Moret
- Maurice and Pearl Noble
- Mark and Nedra Oren
- Alan and Terri Perris
- Richard and Cessy Rubinson
- Jay and Bernice Rossin
- Nathan and Evelyn Rudne
- Clifford and Lois Russell
- Richard and Claire Savitt
- Norton and Teddi Segal
- Martin and Elaine Shane
- Elaine Silverstein
- Peter and Michele Sobel
- Manuel and Aganes Stern
- Sanford and Betty Susman
- Wayne and Linda Tobin
- Edward Waronker

Name (please print) _____

Address _____ Zip _____

Phone _____

No. Adults _____ No. Children _____ Total Enclosed _____



FROM THE RABBI'S STUDY

ANTI-SEMITISM HURTS

Dear Rabbi Baumgard,

I am a fifteen year old member of the confirmation program at the Temple. Recently, through attempting to fulfill my confirmation requirements, I began to think about being a Jew, and I realized that if we don't start trying and applying what we know now, by the time my children have their own children, the Jewish people will almost be extinct. This was only part of the reason I wrote this article. The other part was due to the fact that recently a former good friend of mine stopped talking to me because I was Jewish. Up until this point, I never knew how much anti-semitism really hurt. At that time I felt compelled to write this article. I felt it was my duty as a good Jew, to tell my peers what I have found out. I am sure this will not be my only meeting with an anti-semite, and for those Jews who feel that they have not been touched by this hatred, they are closing their eyes to a problem that affects all of us. In short, I'm sure that you will find an interest in this article partly because you're interested in your congregation, and partly because your staff has given me the information needed to write this article. They're doing a great job, and I hope that every student learns that at one point in their education here at Beth Am.

Anti-Semitism Hurts

I am a black, does that mean I am a rapist, or a "hood?" I am a Cuban, but does that mean I smuggle drugs? You are a Puerto Rican, but does that mean we are forbidden to speak? Well, I am a Jew. Similar to the blacks, the Cubans, and the Puerto Ricans, I am a stereotype. A scapegoat of society since the beginning of time. But why?

In the beginning we were victims of the Inquisition. More recently, six million of us were exterminated. In the midst of all this, one question still remains: How can one human being come along and order the execution of six million others? Why did Hitler choose the Jews? Is it because we have "horns?" And tell me, why are we blamed for the death of Christ? Why would we kill one of our own? If not, then tell me why are we the one's looked down on as a scapegoat? Or are these just excuses for hate?

Why does anti-semitism exist? One answer might be that the anti-semites don't know how much their hatred hurts. But the Jews continue to remain silent. Rather than fighting and speaking out for what we believe in, we take the easy way out. We neglect to teach our children what we know. Some of us forget about our religion altogether. Some of us even convert. Is this why we have had years of Jewish education? Is this what God expects of us?

In order to keep our faith alive, we must do more than just go to religious school. We must apply what we have learned, and we must have faith in ourselves. If we don't do this we are no better than the anti-semites themselves. Are we responding to this challenge correctly, the way God wants? We must remember we are the chosen people. God chose us, and in return we must keep His name alive. If we don't, then we will be granting Hitler's every wish, and we will just be the artifacts of an extinct people.

By: Lauren Feingold

The Pink Envelope Is Coming!



A summer of loving and caring are ahead for your child at Beth Am Day Camp this year Register Now! Camp starts June 18th

Alan Jacobs and Adam Fels Win Calie Loss Award

Toward the end of each year the Beth Am Hebrew School selects students who are worthy of singling out for best achievement academically during the year. This year Alan Jacobs, who is a product of the Beth Am afternoon Hebrew School all the way from Kitah Alef (first class), and Adam Fels, who is a product of the Beth Am Day School, were selected for fluency in reading, comprehension and diligence of effort.

At the Friday evening service on May 4th these two students were called to pulpit and presented with beautiful plaques by Calie Loss, in whose name the Award for Outstanding Achievement has been established. Calie Loss was for many years the principal of the Beth Am Hebrew School during the 60's and 70's.

Final Sisterhood Board Meeting May 23rd Open To All

The next Sisterhood Board Meeting will be open to everyone and will be held at Morey's Meat Market on May 23rd at 11:30 a.m.

Sandra Stonberg, M.S., from Jewish Vocational Services will be our guest speaker and will make a presentation on helping women who wish to return to the job market. R.S.V.P. to the Temple Office at 667-6667 by May 21st. Cost of luncheon is \$7.50.

Troubadours, New Generation, and Beth Americans To Celebrate With End-of-Year Concert, Saturday, May 19th

The Troubadours, New Generation, and Beth American will cap off another successful year with an End-of-the-Year Concert and Celebration. The music groups have been active all year doing concerts in a variety of places. The New Generation recently returned from an exciting Concert tour at Temple Israel in Merritt Island. The Troubadours just returned from a very exciting tour of the Boston area which included Rabbi Robert Goldstein's new congregation in Falmouth, Massachusetts.

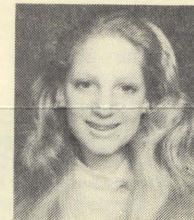
The music groups have been directed by David M. Schwartz with the able assistance of Susan Shane as his assistant director.

The End-of-the-Year Concert Celebration is scheduled for Saturday evening, May 19, at 7:00p.m. in the Sanctuary. Admission is free and all are invited to attend and see the talent Temple Beth Am's young people have.

B'Nai Mitzvah

Saturday May 12

9:15 a.m.



Loren, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Harvey Simovitch

11:15 a.m.



Cheryl, daughter of Mrs. Karen Broder and Dr. Lawrence Broder



Peter, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Lax