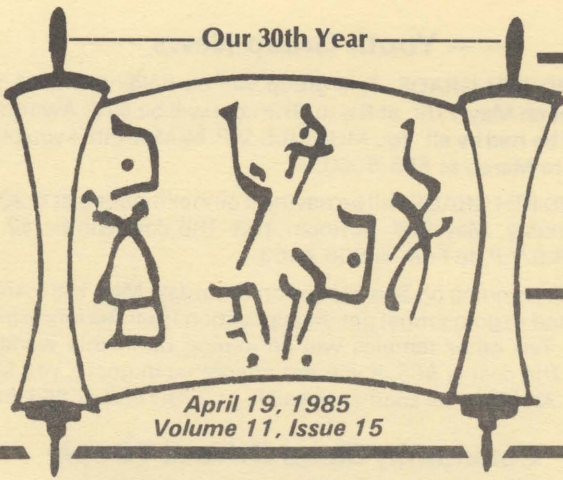


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B.A.F.T.Y. CREATIVE SERVICE

CONGREGATIONAL TORAH SERVICE

Saturday, April 20, 11:15 a.m.

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### BETH AM DAY CAMP KIBBUTZ

Teddi Segal, Chairperson Camp Committee and Nancy Weinfeld, Day Camp Director are pleased to announce a new day camp program, **Mini-Kibbutz**.

Beth Am Day Campers will be involved in a unique learning and growing experience at camp this summer. In addition to our usual day camp activities, Beth Am Day Camp will be initiating a **Mini-Kibbutz**.

Present plans are to include young farm animals and an incubator for hatching eggs. A small farm for growing flowers and vegetables will also be an intreged part of our **Mini-Kibbutz**.

Campers will feed and care for ducks, chickens, bunnies and goats. They will plant, water and weed a small garden, and experience the actual hatching of chickens and ducks in our own incubator.

Fran and Dan Martinelli have volunteered their services and special knowledge and love of animals to this program. They believe that a **Mini-Kibbutz** experience encourages a sense of responsibility and empathy with the animals and with the world at large.

The **Mini-Kibbutz** will be more than a farm with tame animals, but a fully integrated camp program including Israeli music, dance, cooking and more!

This will be a marvelous opportunity for our campers to learn, relate, and develop a responsible attitude towards animals, the land and their Jewish identity.



### Iris Franco Appointed Chairperson of Search Committee



Barry Goldstein, President of Temple Beth Am, is happy to announce the appointment of Iris Franco as Chairperson of the Search Committee to seek a replacement for Rabbi Baumgard.

Rabbi Baumgard has announced his retirement as of the summer of 1987. Filling his shoes will be a difficult task. Even though this is two years away, we are starting to look for a suitable replacement.

Iris Franco is eminently qualified to head the Search Committee. She is past Vice Pres. of Women's Division of Greater Miami Jewish Federation, is a member of the National Board of Trustees of U.A.H.C. and is immediate Past President of S. Fla. Federation of U.A.H.C. Iris chaired the Social Action, Religious and Youth Committees of Beth Am in the past, and was Vice President of both Sisterhood and the Temple. She was the recipient of the Temple's Harry Gunther Award for youth activities. She is currently serving as the Temple's Corresponding Secretary.

Iris has announced that there will be a town hall type of open meeting for members of the congregation to express their opinions on replacement qualifications for the Senior Rabbi position. This meeting will be held on **Tuesday, May 7th, at 7:30 p.m. in Room 101**. We hope to have a good cross section of the congregation represented at this meeting, young and older people, new members and long time members, single parents and couples with and without children, and seniors. In other words, everyone is welcome to come to this meeting. Your input will be valued and appreciated. If you cannot attend but have ideas to put forth, please put them in writing.

It is anticipated that this will be an arduous undertaking which will require some eight or nine months of searching and interviewing before a final decision is made.

### "The Jewish Contribution to the Broadway Stage" A Sermon in Song Friday, April 26th, 8:15 P.M.

The annual choir program which has been so popular, "The Jewish Contribution To Broadway", will be presented again this year on Friday, April 26, at the 8:15 service, in lieu of a sermon. This year we are dedicating this program to great love songs. Songs will be sung by various choir members and a group chorale presentation will climax the program.

Some of the songs that will be sung are "If Ever I Would Leave You", from Camelot, "Look Ever There", La Cage, "Some Enchanted Evening", So. Pacific, etc. In addition, there will be a medley by the choir from My Fair Lady.

Most of the choir members are professionals who have experience in musical productions. Selma Baumgard will direct the choir from the Altar.





FROM THE RABBI'S STUDY

Are We 'The Chosen People?'

Our Bible makes it clear that our fathers considered themselves to have been chosen by God as His special people (Ahm S'gulah). For hundreds of years, Jews who inherited the tradition of Abraham have been puzzled by the concept of "Choseness."

When Abraham was chosen by his God, it was an era when all the surrounding peoples considered that they, too, were chosen by their particular chief god. The concept of chosenness includes, as its corollary, the notion that the people also chose.

To covenant with a god meant to follow his laws. The significance of the Hebraic covenant with their God was the unmatched excellence of the laws associated with Him.

Only the unlearned Jew has interpreted "Choseness" to mean that the Jew would get special rewards. The prophet Amos dramatically pointed out (8th century B.C.E.) that since God was the Father of all peoples, "Choseness" for the Jew meant only that as His first child, the Jew would be required to perform in more exemplary fashion.

In the end, then, the question, "Are the Jews the chosen people?" can only be answered by the Jews of each generation -- for themselves. We are chosen if we assume the covenant of following the laws associated with our God.

There is a special obligation involved in this inherited doctrine of chosenness. If we do not admit to its validity in the present, then we are betraying generations of Jews who lived and died to make it true.

Youth Group News

5TH AND 6TH GRADE: This group will be holding their Annual Banquet on May 11th, at 6 p.m. The cost will be \$10. Awards and fun will be had by all. You MUST R.S.V.P. by May 6th if you plan to attend, to Margo at 653-8060.

7TH AND 8TH GRADE will be having a dinner meeting at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, May 2nd, in Room 103. The cost will be \$2. You MUST R.S.V.P. to Fran at 666-4463.

B.A.F.T.Y. is going on Sea Escape on Saturday, May 18th. Anyone interested in going must get an application from Adrienne immediately. Ten other temples will be joining us in this wonderful cruise. The cost is \$65. If you are interested in going, you MUST contact Adrienne as soon as possible at 279-1862 or 667-6667.

Community Blood Drive at Temple Sun., May 5th, 8:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

The South Florida Blood Service Mobile Unit will be at our Social Hall on Sunday, May 5th between 8:30 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. Please call Sydell Olthick at 251-3183 or give your pledge to others who may contact you.

YOU MAY GIVE BLOOD:

- 1) if you are over 17 and under 85 years of age and in good health,
2) if you are over 100 pounds,
3) if your diabetes is now normal without the use of insulin,
4) if your blood pressure is normal even with the use of medication,
5) if you have allergies that are not active on the day of the drive,
6) if you have eaten a meal,
7) if you have not had hepatitis,
8) if you are not pregnant,
9) if you have a cold.

Please help us on May 5th. Become a volunteer blood donor and help some very sick people receive fresh blood.

Sisterhood's "Ideas Through Books" Meeting Notice

- BOOK: "THE CANNIBAL GALAXY" by Cynthia Ozick. Available in paper at Bookworks. Short, intellectual novel.
REVIEWER: SHEILA GOLDEN, Beth Am teacher, popular reviewer
DATE: THURSDAY, APRIL 25, 9:30 am for coffee 7:30 pm for dessert
PLACE: MORNING: Home of Norton and Teddi Segal 625 Reinante, Gables
RSVP: 667-5172, or Gail at Temple
EVENING: Home of Ruth Kruglick 6845 Camarin, Gables
RSVP: 665-4158, or Gail at 667-6667



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B'Nai Mitzvah

Saturday, April 20

11:15 a.m.



Jill Heather, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Marvin Silverberg



Eric, son of Dr. and Mrs. Peter Weissman