



RELIGIOUS SERVICE, Friday, February 8, 1985, 8:15 p.m.

Rabbi Herbert M. Baumgard

"WHO'S PILOTING THE PLANE?"

Adult Choir Sings Under the Direction of Selma Baumgard

CONGREGATIONAL TORAH SERVICE

Saturday, February 9, 1985, 9:15 & 11:15 a.m.

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## Beth Am Commentator

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### 30th Anniversary Service

Friday, February 15th, at 8:15 p.m.  
Honorable Dante Fascell Will Speak

### 30th Anniversary Dinner-Dance

Saturday, February 16th, at 7:30 p.m.  
Suchman Social Hall  
Send In Your Reservation Now!

### Know Your Officers



**Miriam Cohen**  
Recording Secretary

Anyone who visited the Temple at any time during the Chanukah season could not fail to notice the dazzling display of decorations in the reception area. At other times during the year the walls are hung with attractive artwork of local artists who work in a Judaic theme. For this we can thank Mimi Cohen, who is in charge of our Judaica Shop and has made it a place that attracts people from all over the community looking for Jewish oriented gifts and other material.

Mimi and husband, Dr. Raymond Cohen, have three daughters, Loren, Robin and Tobi, and a son, Barry, all of whom were educated at Beth Am schools during the almost twenty years of the family's membership. Though she doesn't look it, Mimi is also the grandmother of an adorable baby girl, Andra, who may move to Miami so she can study here!

Mimi studied Education at Queens College in New York, French at University of Lausanne, and English at Florida International University. She received her B.A. degree 30 years after starting at Queens College.

Though Mimi says her community activities consist of "tennis, tennis and tennis," she has been a teacher of music and Hebrew at Beth Am, is Co-Chairperson of the Cultural Arts Committee, and is on the Blood Drive Committee at the Temple. Mimi has also been asked to be Curator of the new Judaica Museum in the Lobby area of the Sanctuary, which is an exciting challenge for this creative lady.

Mimi is one more example of the dedication and devotion to the Temple which marks all of our officers.

### Regional Reform Leadership Installed At Service Friday, Feb. 8th, at 8:15 p.m.

Officers of the Southeast Council, Union of American Hebrew Congregations, will be installed at services at Temple Beth Am on Friday, February 8th. Rabbi Herbert Baumgard will officiate at the service and installation.

Samuel Steen, Past President of Temple Beth Am, will be installed as President of the Southeast Council, which includes 73 member congregations of the national parent body of Reform Judaism. Vice-Presidents of the Southeast Council are:

Judge Harvey Schlesinger, Jacksonville, Fla.

Jean Kent, Columbus, Ga.

Irvin Gassenheimer, Montgomery, Ala.

Harold Jacobs, Charleston, S.C.

Harold Schwartz, Chattanooga, Tenn.

Robert Nemo, Atlanta, Ga., will be installed as Secretary of the Council, and Paul Frank, Plantation, Fla., will be installed as President of the Council's South Florida Federation.

The Installation Service will highlight a meeting of the Southeast Council Executive Board February 8 - 10 in Miami. The Council, which is directed by Rabbi Lewis C. Littman, provides educational, religious, administrative and youth programs and resources to the Reform congregations in the five Southeastern states, and serves as a liaison between those congregations and the national Reform Movement.

### Brotherhood Forum to Hear Rabbi Baumgard Discuss "Answering Jerry Falwell" Feb. 17th

"ANSWERING JERRY FALWELL" will be the topic of discussion led by Rabbi Herbert Baumgard at the next Brotherhood Breakfast Forum on Sunday morning, Feb. 17th at 9:30 a.m. in the Youth Lounge.

This subject was part of the adult education program of last fall. Because of the election of Ronald Reagan, greatly assisted by a strong evangelical Baptist movement, it is more important than ever for us to acquire the knowledge to combat their biblical misrepresentations and misinterpretations of the Old Testament to justify their beliefs to the Jewish people. While the Christian fundamentalists seem to strongly embrace the right of Israel to exist as a nation, they are casting ballots for anti-Israel candidates for Congress. This breakfast forum should be a learning must for all.

Admission to this all-you-can-eat Brotherhood Breakfast Forum is \$2.50 for Brotherhood members and \$3.00 for non-members. Everybody is invited; bring your friends and neighbors.

### Tzedakah Box In Lobby

According to recent statistics, hunger in Dade County is on the increase. Beth Am's Sisterhood is fighting back, but we need your help. Please don't forget the Tzedakah Box that is located in the lobby of the Sanctuary. Any food items can also be left with Rhoda in the Temple Office.

FROM THE RABBI'S STUDY



**The Israeli Vote on  
"Who Is A Jew"**

This is written on January 16th, the day on which the Israeli Knesset voted to defeat the Orthodox motion to limit the definition of "Who Is A Jew" to "one born of a Jewish mother or one converted by an Orthodox board". The Orthodox motion would have excluded from Israeli immigration anyone converted into the faith by Conservative and Reform Rabbis. Abba Eban had called the motion, "An attempt to reverse the character of Jewish history". Mr. Eban, along with most of American Jewry, applauded the defeat of the narrow motion.

On the other side of the picture is the liberalism manifested by Shlomo Goren, who at one time was the Chief Rabbi in Israel. Rabbi Goren had authorized the transplant of a kidney from a slain yeshivah student to a nine year old Arab girl at Hadassah Hospital. The young man, 23 years old, had been slain by Arab terrorists near Hebron. The Arab girl belongs to a family which has been known for its warm support of the PLO.

At that time, in 1970, Orthodox circles were just forming a modern doctrine concerning transplants. Since Orthodox Jews believe in the resurrection of the dead, they discourage any kind of mutilation of the body. Rabbi Goren has ruled that where there is an immediate need for a transplant, it may be performed. This is a tremendous change for the Orthodox, who previously have discouraged even autopsy. The ruling of Rabbi Goren is what is truly an extreme situation (a murdered Jew and an Arab from a PLO family) does show us that the Orthodox are capable of important adaptation.

Recently I attended a local conference sponsored by the University of Miami Medical School, concerning organ transplants. More and more of this kind of operation is being successfully done. Reform Jews do not believe in the resurrection of the body (but in some kind of spiritual survival). Accordingly, we see no reason why a person cannot donate his organs, at this death, to some living person who can use them. You might want to think of saving someone else's life in this way. If you decide that you are interested, contact the Organ Procurement Program, Department of Surgery, P. O. Box 016310, Miami, Florida, 33101 or phone 547-6315. You will be able to obtain further information on this important subject.

**Free Tax Assistance at Beth Am**

As was offered last year, Temple Beth Am will again be "headquarters" for a service, FREE OF CHARGE, given by an AARP team who, in cooperation with I.R.S., are specially trained to assist those persons who need help in filling out their income tax return forms.

This team will be available each Tuesday, from 1 to 5 p.m., starting February 5th through April 9th in Room 105 & 106.

There are no restrictions or limitations -- ANYONE is welcome to take advantage of this service.

**Forum on Teenage Problems  
Wednesday, February 20th, 7:30 p.m.**

The Beth Am Caring Program will present a forum discussion on parent-adolescent relationships on Wednesday, February 20th, at 7:30 p.m. in Room 101. Drug, sex, and cult problems will be among those discussed by Dr. Mitchell Gordon, Ph.D., Vera Hirsch, Education Specialist, Gary Eisenberg, Cult Specialist, and Lynn Leight, AASECT.

On the following Wednesday, February 27th, there will be a second session at the same time with Tom Barr Ph.D., Human Resource Coordinator for Spectrum.

The Caring Program is made possible by a gift in memory of Rose Warner and Albert Arky.

While registration for these discussions is not required, it is requested that you phone 667-6667 to register.

**5th & 6th Grade:**

The 5th and 6th Grade Youth Group will be going to the Miami Seaquarium on Sunday, February 10th, from 12-5 p.m. The group will meet at the Temple and be picked up there. It will cost \$5. You MUST R.S.V.P. to Margo by Feb. 7th, at 653-8060.

**7th & 8th Grade:**

The 7th and 8th Grade Youth Group will be having a car wash on Feb. 10th from 12-4 p.m. Call Frank for further details. Upcoming events will be a pot luck dinner on Friday, Feb. 22nd, and skating on February 24th. You MUST R.S.V.P. to Fran two days before the event at 666-4463.

**B.A.F.T.Y.:**

B.A.F.T.Y. has a busy month ahead. On Saturday, Feb. 9th, we will be going to a Laser Show and having a sundae party afterward. We will be leaving the Temple at 7:30 p.m. On February 22nd, B.A.F.T.Y. will help serve at a Contemporaries Friday night dinner. On Feb. 23-24, B.A.F.T.Y. will Shul-In with four other temples. It will start at 12 Noon on Saturday and will include lunch and dinner. Get your application from Adrienne as soon as possible. You MUST R.S.V.P. to Adrienne at 279-1862 or 667-6667.

**1984 Menorah Contest Winners**

**Grand Prize — Kevin Aizenshtat**

Pre-School Kindergarten: 1st Place - Adam Hyman; 2nd Place co-winners - Jeffrey Rakofsky and Joshua Stern; 3rd Place co-winners - Jennifer Deutsch and Amber Flaxman; Honorable Mention - Brad Golub.

First-Third Grade: 1st Place - Micah and Joshua Lipman; 2nd Place - Janessa Blum; 3rd Place - Jenny and Debbie Posner; Honorable Mention - Joshua and Elizabeth Kohn.

Fourth-Sixth Grade: 1st Place - Jodi and Elissa Steinberg; 2nd Place - Linda Kohn; 3rd Place - Anthony Berk; Honorable Mention - Jennifer Gillman.

Seventh-Tenth Grade: 1st Place - Kevin Aizenshtat; 2nd Place - Reisman and Buchbinder Families; 3rd Place - Bonnie and Marla Rosenfield; Honorable Mention - Howard Glass.

**Jason Gold Ties for First Place in  
Regional Essay Competition**

In December, Jason Gold represented Temple Beth Am in a D'var Torah (written essay) competition. He tied for first place with a student from another temple. Ivan Dominguez, another Beth Am student, won second place. All three students will now enter the national competition in May. Good luck to all!

**Men's Basketball League Gets New Chairman**

Cliff Feldman has been appointed to head the new Men's Basketball League of Temple Beth Am. This group will meet every Thursday starting February 7th, from 7:30-9:30 p.m. in the Temple Gym. Anyone interested in joining this group should call Cliff at home at 251-5111, or at his office at 935-5110.

*B'Nai Mitzvah*

*Saturday, February 9*

11:15 a.m.



Stephen, son of  
Mr. and Mrs. Charles Gans



Jake, son of Ms. Barbara Klein and  
Mr. Michael Klein