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Rabbi Herbert M. Baumgard

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CONGREGATIONAL TORAH SERVICE

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### TWO NEW PROGRAMS AT BETH AM

The Day School is proud to announce new classes in our Pre-School for children 2½ years old. If your child will be turning 3 years of age from December 2, 1985, to June 1, 1986, that child will be eligible for this program. These classes will be under the direction of Sandi Kramer, our Early Childhood Director, and will offer Creative Movement, Creative Play, Motor Activities, Socialization Activities, Peer Interaction, Arts and Crafts, Music.

The program will be offered in both three day and five day segments. Call Sandi Kramer at 665-6228 for more information.

#### After School Program to Start in September

In response to many requests, Temple Beth Am is organizing an After School Program that will run from 3:00 to 6:00 p.m. The program will be offered two, three or five days a week, for all members of the Temple, in six or eight week segments.

Day care will be provided for children three or four years of age.

The program will be under the direction of a professional staff and will offer an assortment of enrichment activities for children from Kindergarten through 7th grade.

### Reins of Office Change



*Pictured above is Evelyn Goodman, President of Temple Beth Am, accepting the reins of office from Barry Goldstein, our Immediate Past President.*

*Pictured below, l to r, are Sylvia Weisberg, President of Sisterhood, Evelyn Goodman, Temple President, and Myron Kahn, President of Brotherhood.*



### The Committee of 100

The following family has volunteered to join the Committee of 100 for the fiscal year which begins July 1st:

**Stephen and Sabine Bittel**

#### "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 1st.

- Morton and Evelyn Axler
- James and Gale Bramnick
- Raymond and Miriam Cohen
- Errol and Cheryl Eisinger
- Dolores Engel
- Morris and Mikki Futernick
- Norman and Renee Goldenberg
- Howard and Barbara Katzen
- Jonathan Kislak
- Stephen and Dale Kulvin
- Richard and Fredda Levitt
- Jacqueline Mandell
- James and Janet Margolis
- James and Barbara Mofsky
- Peter and Yiska Moser
- Alan and Terri Perris
- Sigmund and Elaine Rosen
- Bernard and Rosalind Rudnick
- William and Frances Sanes
- James and Karyn Schwade
- Ira and Estelle Segal
- Arnold and Sandra Shevin
- Sam and Edith Stark
- Manuel and Aganes Stern
- Murray and Mildred Sudakow



FROM THE RABBI'S STUDY

"A Matter of Style"

The Catholic Church is in the midst of a great revolution. There was a time when the service was austere. The priest would intone the mass in terms of the Gregorian chant. The congregation would respond minimally. Music for the most part was medieval. The atmosphere was one of quiet and mystery with occasional ringing of bells and the sprinkling of incense.

Recently, I attended a Catholic service and the atmosphere was substantially changed. There was a song leader who led the congregation in modern "hep" songs while the words were projected on to a screen. The idea was to involve the congregation. The role of the priest was less dominant. The music was no longer medieval (or stately), the songs were different in content. There was no mysterious and soulful Gregorian chant.

The style of most American Catholic Churches has changed. Some Catholics like it better (the young). Some Catholics miss the old reverence (the older folk) (I missed the Gregorian chants).

We Jews have a similar problem. When Reform Jewish young people go to the Hillel House on the college campus, they generally don't like the service which is frequently geared to the traditional side to accommodate Conservative and Orthodox Jews. Reform Jews, by and large, have been trained in another style.

When our young people come home from college, having attended another Reform congregation in another town, they invariably tell me they like our service much better. Our style is different from the style of many other congregations.

Attraction to a worship service, it is clear, is tied to style. It is a matter of education. It is a matter of what you are used to. Actually, we here in Beth Am have deliberately tried to combine the best of the tradition, including traditional music, with the best of Reform (modern presentation). Someone truly immersed in our service ought to feel somewhat at home in almost any kind of Jewish service (which has a significant measure of English).

Some Jews get used to wearing hats. Others get used to worshipping without hats. It's a matter of education, and a matter of style.

The point is that when one gets older he feels most "at home" in that kind of religious service which he frequented when he was young. Even if as a youngster he rebels at attending services, he is absorbing the style by osmosis. He is "learning" even while he is unaware that he is learning. Such a person is better equipped to resist the style of non-Jewish services in his later years. He has something with which to compare the non-Jewish service and most often, he will not feel "at home" with it. On the other hand, if a Jew has not developed a sensitivity to a Jewish style, he will the more easily be attracted to something which is his first contact with religiosity. (Many college youngsters for example first begin to develop the religiosity they lacked when they were teenagers).

As a matter of education procedure, parents are wise to bring their youngsters to services on a regular basis. At the very least, they are educating their children to appreciate a certain style of worship that will be invested in their psychic memory forever.

From the President of the UAHC

"When one looks at the American Jewish community, it becomes clear that standing at its very heart is the synagogue. Who will assure that there will be a Jewishly educated, Jewishly committed generation two decades hence? Who will provide the teachers and the rabbis and the scholars for that generation? Who will assure those other communal and national Jewish organizations a reservoir of Jews on which they will be able to draw for their membership a score of years hence? Who will provide the State of Israel with a continuing corps of understanding Jews? The answer, in every case, of course is the synagogue. It has to be the synagogue — ..."

Rabbi Alexander M. Schindler

Summer Camp Open House June 9th

2:30 p.m. 1/2 Day Campers and 2:00 Program (ages 3 and 4 yrs.)

4:00 p.m. Full Day Campers (4-9 yrs.)

JOAN'S JEMS by Joan Schwartzman

Mazel tov to Lorraine Cushen upon the engagement of her daughter Amy Lynn to Todd Schultheis. Amy has grown up at Beth Am and of course Lorraine serves as our Religious School secretary. Irene and Bill Baros share the following good news for all of us. Their children Grant and Martien Baros just moved to Atlanta, Georgia where Martien just presented the Baros' their latest addition of grandchildren, a girl, Nicole Ruthanne weighing in at 7 lbs. 14 ounces. Daughter Marjorie Baros and her husband Phillip Kabler are moving to Norfolk, Va. where Phillip will practice law after graduating University of Penn law school. Incidentally, the Baros' daughter Lauren and her family live in Norfolk... Congratulations to Jonathan, son of Bruce and Lonnie Colan who won first place trophy in the Novice State Championship in Extemporaneous Speaking. His category was U.S. Domestic Policy. Jonathan is a 9th grade student at Gulliver Prep and has also been a student of Beth Am for many years. Mazel to the family! Sunday's Miami Herald (Mother's Day Issue) featured Beth Amites Sheila Natasha Friedman and Marlene Berg, Ronnie Greenstein. Their comments regarding children, motherhood were most interesting. Made you feel proud you know them. Dr. M. William and Francine Ross have much good news to share with us. Their daughter Allison, who is a student in the school of Nursing at Miami Dade announces her engagement to Joseph Shapiro. The young couple plan a December wedding at Beth Am. Mazel in order for their daughter Kimberly who just received her Bachelor's degree in Sociology at Sophie Newcombe and their daughter Elyse who just received her M.B.A. from Tulane and now works for Merrill Lynch in N.Y.C. We are proud to share the news that Lisa, daughter of Dr. Bernard and Ruth Drucker received a Silver Knight nomination in Social Science for her work in organizing the Japanese exchange program. Lisa will attend the Univ. of Michigan where she will major in foreign affairs... Mazel to Jeffrey, son of Harris and Mickey Cohen who has been selected as a legislative intern for the committee of the Florida House in Tallahassee. Jeff is a cum laude graduate of F.S.U. and has just completed his first year of law school...

B'Nai Mitzvah

Saturday, June 8

9:15 a.m.



Alison, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alan Hodin



Kenny, son of Dr. and Mrs. Lawrence Margolis

11:15 a.m.



Morris, son of Mr. and Mrs. Erwin Ravich