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"THE EXPLOSION OF THE CHALLENGER -  
THE SUDDEN ENDING OF GREAT HOPES"  
Adult Choir Sings Under the Direction of Selma Baumgard

CONGREGATIONAL TORAH SERVICE  
Saturday, March 15, 11:15 a.m.  
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### Purim Service, Groggers 'n' All Mon., Nite, March 24th

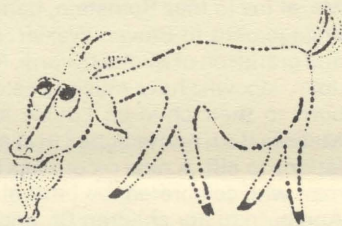
Believe it or not, at the Purim Service it is permissible for everyone to make noise (on cue, of course). Normally, we are all asked to maintain a reverent silence, except when we are praying. Not so, at the Purim Service. When the "Megillah", The Scroll of Esther, is read, our Rabbis encourage all present to turn their groggers (noise-makers) and stamp their feet. Precisely (and only then) when the name of Haman is read.

The Temple service will be Monday, March 24th, at 7:30 p.m. The Book of Esther which is found in our Bible (Tanach) is the quintessential story of how the Jews overcame one of their major adversaries. Haman is Pharaoh and Hitler rolled up into one, all together with Torquemada and a few dozen other persecutors. The story of Esther which is set in ancient Persia tells us how the Jews managed to overcome Haman's design to destroy them.

In the story there are two heroes, Mordecai and Esther, who may have been a reluctant heroine. This is a fun service for the entire family. Hamantaschen (Haman's hats) are made as a tasty delicacy on Purim.

Don't forget the Purim costume contests on Sunday morning, March 23rd at 11 a.m. in the Gym, and be there at the PURIM CARNIVAL on Sunday, March 23rd when there will be games (splash the Rabbis with a wet rag!), rides, and good food. Are you too old to have fun?

BACK AGAIN...  
BY POPULAR DEMAND  
BETH AM  
DAY CAMP KIBBUTZ



In addition to all the usual camp activities, arts and crafts, games, gymnastic, swimming, music and field trips, Beth Am Day Camp will once again be the site of a MINI KIBBUTZ. Small farm animals, such as chicks, ducks, rabbits and baby goats will once again inhabit our Day Camp Kibbutz. The campers love to watch eggs hatch, to feed the ducks and chickens, and hug the goats and bunnies.

The Kibbutz experience is more than just a "watching" experience. Campers will be involved in the day to day care and feeding of all the animals. They will acquire a sense of responsibility for the well being of each animal on our Kibbutz. This program will be integrated to include other concepts of Kibbutz life. Israeli songs and dance will be taught, and we will cook authentic Israeli food.

What better way is there for your child to enhance his sense of Jewishness, than by taking part in a real KIBBUTZ situation. Enroll your 3 through 9 year old in Beth Am Day Camp, and allow them to have a unique summer experience.

Register before April 1, 1986 and save on fees.

### gala purim carnival sunday, march 23rd 11 a.m. costume contest for all ages in gym

At 11:00 a.m. on Sunday, March 23rd, we will start the Purim Carnival with a costume contest in the Gym. There will be a group of judges and prizes will be awarded in the following categories:



Toddlers  
Pre-School  
Kindergarten - 2nd Grade  
3rd - 4th Grades  
5th - 6th Grades

The Purim Carnival this year will feature:

A live band.

A pony ride.

A dragon moon walk.

Stuffed animals.

Cotton candy.

Ice cream.

The ferris wheel.

Bumper cars.

Hamantaschen from Pumpernicks.

Brotherhood's famous hot dogs and cokes.

Buttered popcorn.

Hot cookies.



### Dreams of Judaica

Would you like to lend us or present us with a special piece of your antique or contemporary Judaica? The Temple has a large, elegant showcase that needs to be filled with meaningful pieces. We want all who enter en route to our Sanctuary to be able to pause & reflect on the tradition that is ours.

Call the Temple office 667-6667 if you can help us with this project. Miriam Cohen will return your call.

### Final Rabbinic Perspectives Course This Wednesday

Rabbi Herbert M. Baumgard will be the final speaker in the fourth session of our successful Adult Education course, "Varieties of Rabbinic Perspectives." This class meets on Wednesday, March 12th at 8:00 p.m. in Room 101. Rabbi Baumgard will summarize the previous courses on various branches of Judaism and will give an analysis of Reform Judaism and its relationship to the other branches.



## FROM THE RABBI'S STUDY

### On Martin Luther King

Several weeks ago I delivered a "sermon" on the late M.L. King. Before I give such a sermon, I always do a little reading. I have to squeeze the reading in between the many other things I do, but I never talk "off the top of my head". It is important to be able to impart some extra information to your listeners.

The book I read on Martin ("Let the Trumpet Sound" by Oates) contained some very interesting facts which did not fit into my sermon. Perhaps, you'd like to know some of these. As a boy Martin tried to kill himself twice. Each time, the occasion was the seeming death of his grandmother to whom he was closely attached. His father was a strong disciplinarian and the grandmother was Martin's haven of refuge.

The first time Martin thought his grandmother had died, he threw himself out of a window twelve feet to the ground. When she died later, he jumped out of the same window again. He felt that God had punished him for a wrong he had done. How fortunate for America that Martin did not succeed in his impulsive destructive efforts.

Martin's interest in marches for the sake of his people was in emulation of his father's earlier activities. M.L. King Sr. led Atlanta blacks in a voting rights march as early as 1936.

When Martin became active in his own right, he was opposed by Atlanta's black establishment. They thought he was too radical.

Martin died of an assassin's bullet. Most people know this. What they may not know is that he was almost killed by a black woman years before. The woman stabbed him so severely, several of Martin's ribs had to be removed to get the knife free.

Abraham Heschel, the Professor at the Jewish Theological Seminary, who was often at Martin's side during civil rights marches and on many other occasions, once said, "The whole future of America will depend upon the impact and influence of Dr. King". A nation does not live half slave and half free.

Unlike some modern black leaders, King had great sympathy for the State of Israel. He criticized anti-Zionists Stokely Carmichael and H. Rap Brown as taking a "very irrational and immoral course". King called Israel "One of the great outposts of democracy in the world. It is an example of how a desert can be transformed into an oasis of brotherhood and democracy".

In his doctrine of non-violence and in his sympathy for other persecuted peoples as well as for the blacks, Martin Luther King was head and shoulders above some of the new crop of black leaders. He was a man for all peoples.

### APRIL 13th IS BLOOD BANK SUNDAY AT BETH AM

The South Florida Blood Service Mobile unit will be at our Youth Lounge on Sunday, April 13th between 8 a.m. and 2 p.m. Please come and donate a pint of blood.

Your blood is urgently needed to help those in critical need. A very few minutes of your time may save a life.

Please call Sydell Olchick at 251-3183, and tell us you'll be there. Brotherhood will serve a delicious breakfast to all donors (no lines) and we promise to get you in and out as soon as possible and who knows, you may win one of the fabulous door prizes which have been donated to us.

### American Balalaika Company Concert at Beth Am Sun., April 13, at 7:30 p.m.

Temple Beth Am is delighted to be co-sponsoring with P.A.C.E. a performance by the American Balalaika Company on Sunday, April 13th, at 7:30 p.m. in our Social Hall. This event is free to all congregants and to the community - so Come On Down!

### Shall Religious Institutions Give Sanctuary to Illegal Aliens?"

#### Topic at Congregational Breakfast Sunday, March 16th

In recent months, the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, the Central Conference of American Rabbis, the Rabbinical Council of the Conservative Movement, and some of the hierarchy of the Catholic and Protestant churches have strongly endorsed resolutions approving sanctuary for illegal aliens from the oppressed areas of South America. This will be discussed at the next Breakfast Forum on Sunday morning, March 16th, at 9:30 a.m. in the Temple Youth Lounge. Participants in the discussion will be:

**Mr. Rick Seiderman, Republican Party Executive Committee  
Rabbi James L. Simon, of Temple Beth Am  
Circuit Court Judge Alan Kornblum, who will act as  
Moderator.**

U.S. criminal laws forbid the harboring of illegal aliens under the penalty of prison. Authorities have threatened strong retaliation by arresting and putting on trial Protestant churchmen for their participation in hiding and counseling the refugees. Some have gone to jail. Yet the sanctuary movement is growing. Come on down on March 16th and learn more.

Admission to this all-you-can-eat Breakfast Forum is \$3 for Brotherhood members and \$3.50 for all non-members. Ladies are always welcome.

### Summer Day Camp Staff Positions Available

Specialty counselors, with backgrounds in music, dance, song-leader, gymnastics, arts and crafts and sports are needed to complete the summer day camp staff. If you are 16 years or older, enjoy working with children, and are free from June 23 through August 15, call Nancy Weinfeld, 667-6667.

### JOAN'S JEMS by Joan Schwartzman

Mazel to Dr. William Silver who was presented the "Honors of the Association Award" which is an annual award given by the Florida Cleft Palate Association. This surprise award was presented recently at their meeting held in Tampa... Barbara and Marvin Firtell are sharing the news that their daughter Vicki is engaged to Lloyd Zweben of Tampa. Mazel... Sy and Jeanne Kirshner are elated to announce the engagement of their daughter Julie Ann to Garry Indianer Dyal. The young couple plan a fall wedding. Mazel! Mazel tov to Inez Rothstein, daughter of Sam Rothstein upon her engagement to Steven Wexler, son of Michael and Judy Wexler and grandson of Minna Galardi. Mazel to all our families!... Art and Joan Jacowitz have much to celebrate. Their first grandchild was born to their children Louise and Allen Richard. Her name is Melissa Beth and weighed in at a petite 6 lbs. 6 ounces. Congratulations to all! A new record has been set by Grandma Jean Newman who celebrated the birth of her fifth granddaughter, Jessica Ann born to her children Dr. and Mrs. Jonathan (Lorie) Levine...

We congratulate Lee, son of Dr. Marvin and Sheila Silverberg who is a sophomore at Emory and was the recipient of the Bobby Jones Scholarship - a full year's study at St. Andrew University in Scotland in the field of English literature.

B'Nai Mitzvah

Saturday, March 15

11:15 a.m.



Scott Bradley, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Horovitz



Barbara Lynn, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Neil Schneider