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Rabbi Herbert M. Baumgard  
"ANATOLY SCHARANSKY - HOPE FOR ALL FREEDOM SEEKERS"

CONGREGATIONAL TORAH SERVICE  
Saturday, March 29, 11:15 a.m.  
Torah Portion: Tzav, Lev. 6:1-8:36

# Beth Am Commentator

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## Blood Drive Set for April 13th in Youth Lounge

On Sunday, April 13th between 8 a.m. and 2 p.m., Beth Am will aid the South Florida Blood Service in supplying blood to the needy. Voluntarily donated blood assures the fastest possible blood supply at the lowest possible risk to the patient.

Please consider becoming a volunteer blood donor. Pledge your pint of blood by calling Sydell Oltchick at 251-3183 or give your pledge when our phone committee calls you. (We never know when our own personal blood need may arise.) Brotherhood, as usual, will supply a fantastic breakfast.

As an added inducement this year, donors will be given raffle tickets for lovely prizes to be raffled off. You need not be present to win a dinner or other great prize.

## Nominations for Officers and Board 1986-87

The Nominating Committee, under the chairmanship of Barry Goldstein, has submitted its nominations for Temple Officers and Board of Directors for the coming year.

The following recommendations will be voted on by the general membership of the Temple at our Congregational Meeting which will be held on Monday night, April 28th.

President .....	Evelyn Goodman
Executive Vice President .....	Michael Weisberg
Vice-President .....	Michael Brown
Vice-President .....	Miriam Cohen
Vice-President .....	Eleazer Greenstein
Vice-President .....	Dr. Mark Oren
Vice-President .....	Edie Spiegel
Financial Secretary .....	Jack Orkin
Treasurer .....	Stan Mintz
Corresponding Secretary .....	Murray Greenberg
Recording Secretary .....	Selma Rappaport

The following were nominated to serve on the Board of Directors for a **three year term to expire in 1989**: Robert Berrin, James Comander, Iris Franco, Rafael Kapustin, Dr. Robert Sandler, William Saulson, William Sussman, Dr. Theodore Wolff.

The following was nominated to serve on the Board for a **two year term to expire in 1988**: Nancy Persily.

Nominated to serve on the Board for a **one year term to expire in 1987** was Edgar Lewis.

Remaining on the Board for a two year term to expire in 1988 are: Jerome Berlin, Dr. Eugene Bloom, Jay Cooper, Carlos Dominguez, Andrew Horn, Jay Rossin and Carolyn Wallach.

Remaining on the Board for a one year term to expire in 1987 are: Gary Cohen, Bruce Jay Colan, Doreen Marx, Allan Solomon, Betty Suchman, Dr. Eric Lebowitz and Sydell Oltchick.

## ADDITIONAL NOMINATIONS

Additional nominations for any office or for membership on the Board of Directors may be made by filing a petition signed by at least ten (10) members with the Nominating Committee Chairperson at least thirty (30) days prior to the Annual Meeting. No nominations may be submitted without the consent of the nominee.

**This Is Last Week  
For Early Registration!**



**Register Before March 31 and  
Save Money for Early Registration**



## 5th and 6th Grade Shabbat Dinners

The fifth and sixth grades held its Shabbat Dinners recently with 332 people in attendance. These unique dinners culminated a month's study of Shabbat for the students and two evening workshops for the parents. The students prepared derma and kugel for the dinner. Parents and students set tables, served dinner and participated in all of the rituals and singing. Parents and students created original Shabbat poetry that appeared in our special Shabbat Manual.

INTRODUCING  
the staff for  
beth am's  
fun on the run  
jr. high school  
travel camp



Beth Am's new Junior High School Travel Camp, FUN ON THE RUN, will have Dana Budd as one of the chaperones for this new summer program.

Dana is known to many at Beth Am, where she has been on the Day School Staff for 4 years. Dana also has had many years of camp experience. Last summer was spent at Camp Blue Star, where she was the administrator of the Health Center.

Dana is the mother of two children, Adam a student at Beth Am Day School, and Josh who attends Jr. High School. In her spare time she enjoys running, racquet-ball, tennis, biking and cooking.

We are happy to have Dana join our Summer Camp Staff. Her good nature, enthusiasm, and love for children will enhance the exciting FUN ON THE RUN program. Call Nancy Weinfeld at 667-6667, for all camp information.

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### FROM THE RABBI'S STUDY

#### White House Briefing

Several weeks ago I was privileged to be invited to a special briefing arranged by the White House and the State Department for the Presidents of National Jewish Organizations. Mr. Reagan, we were told, would probably drop in to say, "Hello". Instead the President spoke to our fairly small group of one hundred people for about half an hour. He spoke about Israel briefly. His theme was Nicaragua, and he chose this occasion to make a major policy speech. Just before he entered, the small room was flooded with TV cameras.

I had watched President Reagan on TV many times. His style is really geared to a small room. He came across sincerely. Kenneth Bialkin, currently serving as Chairman of the Conference of Presidents of American Jewish Organizations, thanked Mr. Reagan for his aid to Israel and for his efforts to gain the release of Scharansky. Mr. Reagan felt warm enough to tell us a joke, it wasn't as good as his speech.

The real discussion relating to Jewish affairs was led by Richard Murphy, Under Secretary of State for Mid-East affairs. Mr. Murphy made it clear that with Hussein's abandonment of Arafat and the recent terrorist murder of the Israeli appointed Arab Mayor of Nablus (the major city in the west Bank), that Israel and the United States have lost both aspects of new current initiatives for peace.

The result is a stand off. The key unknown factor in the situation now is Syria. Syria holds her cards close to her vest. She can be an important helper. Thus far she has chosen to remain silent while building up her army and air-force. Through Syria, Russia could become more of a factor in the Mid-East. Neither Israel nor the U.S. would enjoy this. It **could** be the way things will go - if indeed peace is to be obtainable.

The briefing also included an appearance by Chief of Staff Donald Regan, who is not the most impressive person in the administration, and the new chief of anti-terrorism activities. I must admit that I only lasted through four hours of the briefing, and I had to catch a return plane.

My previous briefing in Washington was with a smaller group of Synagogue Council Rabbis (five) who met with State Dept. officials concerning a new phase of Soviet mistreatment of its Jews. We found then (several months ago) that the Reagan administration is willing to give the Jewish community considerable attention when it comes to relations with the Soviet Union - whether it be anti-Semitism in the Soviet Union or the Soviet arming of Mid-East nations. It is because the administration sees Nicaragua as another example of Communist infiltration that it links what is going on in Central America to activities in the Mid-East and within the Soviet Union.

We Jews should not be blind to what is happening in Nicaragua. Jews forced to leave there speak of Arab (PLO) influence in the revolutionary government. Administration sources, according to Pres. Reagan, have clear evidence that Nicaragua will be another Cuba, another Soviet base near to our shores. There is some conflicting testimony, as there was originally concerning Castro. Some historians claim that if we had worked with Castro, he would not have become a Communist ally. Those who take this view say we should befriend the current government in Nicaragua. The debate on this issue holds sway in Congress as this is written. It is not easy to get a clear line on the best path to follow, especially because violence is involved. Yet major gains in human history have sometimes been achieved by military means. How we solve the Nicaraguan crisis may be one of Americas most critical decisions.

**"Jewish Contribution to the Broadway Stage"  
at Beth Am, Friday, April 18th**

### BETH AM BASKETBALL AWARDS

On Sunday, February 2, 1986 at Suchman Hall, the annual Basketball Banquet was held. 440 people were in attendance along with guest speakers from University of Miami, Assistant Basketball Coach Seth Greenberg and the star forward Eric Brown. Eric Brown signed numerous autographs for the kids and Seth Greenberg spoke on "Being The Best Person You Know How To Be". Numerous prizes were raffled off and there was fun for all.

*All Photos By Martin Aranow.*



*Basketball Commissioners: Bob Berney, Pete Sobel, Peter Weissman, Ave Marcus, Frank Hessel, Mel Rappaport.*



*Guests & Hosts: (L-R) University of Miami Basketball Player Eric Brown, Commissioners Mel Rappaport & Bob Berney and Assistant Basketball Coach at University of Miami Seth Greenberg.*



*Special Award Winners: (L-R) Commissioner Bob Berney, Andrew Persily Award winner Peter Sobel, Co-David Berkowitz Award winner Peter Weissman for son Jeffrey, Steven Rappaport, Commissioner Mel Rappaport.*

*B'Nai Mitzvah*

*Saturday, March 29*

*11:15 a.m.*



*Jeffrey, son of Mr. and Mrs. David Lawrence*



*Philip, son of Ms. Gayle Weston and Mr. Mark Brodtkin*