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FAMILY WORSHIP SERVICE, Friday, May 2, 1986, 7:30 p.m.

Rabbi James L. Simon

"ANIMALS ARE PEOPLE TOO"

CONGREGATIONAL TORAH SERVICE

Saturday, May 3, 11:15 a.m.

Torah Portion: Acharay Mot, Lev. 16:1-18:30

# Beth Am Commentator

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## CALENDAR FOR MAY

**LAST DAY OF PASSOVER - NO SCHOOLS - OFFICE CLOSED - WED. APR. 30**  
 "Ideas Through Books" ..... Thu. May 1, 9:30 am & 7:30 pm, away  
 Family Worship Service ..... Fri. May 2, 7:30 pm  
 Congregational Torah Svce. .... Sat. May 3, 11:15 am  
 Contemporaries meeting ..... Sun. May 4, 2-4 pm, Youth Lounge  
 "Introduction to Judaism" ..... Wed. May 7, 8 pm, Rm. 101 and  
 (Rabbi James Simon) every Wednesday thereafter  
 "Hebrew", Lenore Kipper ..... Wed. May 7, 7:30 pm, Rm. 24, and  
 every Wednesday thereafter  
 Religious Service ..... Fri. May 9, 8:15 pm, Adult Choir  
 Congregational Torah Svce. .... Sat. May 10, 9:15 & 11:15 am  
 B.A.F.T.Y. meeting ..... Mon. May 12, 5 pm, Gym  
 Sisterhood Lunch/Discussion ..... Tue. May 13, 11 am, Rm. 101  
 P.A.T.I.O. meeting ..... Thu. May 15, 9 am, Rm. 101  
 Religious Service, School Awards ..... Fri. May 16, 8:15 pm  
 Congregational Torah Svce. .... Sat. May 17, 9:15 & 11:15 am  
**LAST DAY SABBATH SCHOOL ..... SAT. MAY 17**  
**LAST DAY SUNDAY SCHOOL ..... SUN. MAY 18**  
 Brotherhood Bkfst. Forum ..... Sun. May 18, 9:30 am Youth Lge.  
 Concert, Pianist R. Goode ..... Sun. May 18, 4 pm, Sanctuary  
 Temple Board Meeting ..... Tue. May 20, 8 pm, Rm. 101  
 Day School Americana Fair ..... Thu. May 22, 6:30-9 pm, Gym  
 Band and Dancing, Day Sch. .... Thu. May 22, 8 pm, Social Hall  
 Religious Service ..... Fri. May 23, 8:15 pm, Choir Sings  
 Anniversary of Day School ..... Special Oneg in Gym  
 Congregational Torah Svce. .... Sat. May 24, 9:15 & 11:15 am  
 --MEMORIAL DAY - NO SCHOOLS - OFFICE CLOSED, MON. MAY 26--  
 "Ideas Through Books" ..... Thu. May 29, 9:30 am & 7:30 pm, away  
 Confirmation Class Creative Svce. .... Fri. May 30, 8:15 pm  
 Congregational Torah Svce. .... Sat. May 31, 9:15 & 11:15 am  
**CONFIRMATION ..... SUNDAY, JUNE 1, 9:45 AM**

### Memorial (Yizkor) Service Wed. Morning April 30, 9 a.m. (Last Day of Passover)

Beth Am will observe the last day of Passover with a Memorial (Yizkor) Service on Wednesday morning, April 30th, at 9:00 a.m. Rabbi Simon will speak on the theme, "Of Life and Memories." Tuesday evening begins the final day, and candles are lit at home. The blessing is the usual blessing for the "Yom Tov."

### Brotherhood Awards Dinner Saturday, June 7th

On Saturday, June 17, 1986, from 6:30-11:00 p.m., Brotherhood will have its Annual Awards Dinner at the Kendale Lakes Golf and Country Club, 6401 Kendale Lakes Drive. There will be a live "Old Time" band and a complete chicken dinner with wine, cash bar. Flagler Federal is co-sponsoring this event. Dinner cost: \$15 per person.

To: Beth Am Brotherhood Awards Dinner Reservations  
5950 N. Kendall Drive, Miami, FL 33156, Att: Rhoda

From: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Please print) Name Address Phone

Enclosed is a check in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_ reservations.

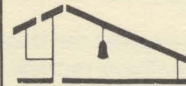
### A Note of Thanks

*Rabbi Herbert and Selma Baumgard thank all those who have expressed their best wishes for the speedy recovery of Rabbi Baumgard from his recent illness. They thank all those who made contributions on his behalf and sent flowers, cards, etc. They deeply appreciate your thoughts and prayers and are sure that these helped in his recovery.*

*The entire Baumgard family wishes the congregation a wonderful Passover.*

### Birthday Blessings At Family Service May 2nd

Parents are urged to call in the names of their children to the Temple Office if they celebrate their birthdays during the month of May. Bring your children to the Family Service this Friday night, May 2nd, at 7:30 p.m. for their special blessing.



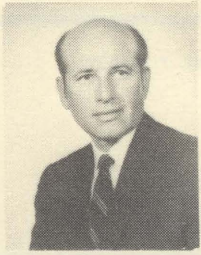
## The Committee of 100

### "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 1, 1986.

In the critical year ahead, it is important for more members to join the "Committee of 100." We appeal to those members who can afford to join this important group to offer their support.

James and Gale Bramnick  
 Stephen Carner  
 Ronald and Charlene Esserman  
 Morris and Mikki Futernick  
 Bernard and Evelyn Goodman  
 Harry and Ruth Graff  
 Ernest and Dolly Harris  
 Richard and Judith Jacobs  
 Stanley and Joy Jaffee  
 Kenneth and Joyce Keusch  
 Stephen and Dale Kulvin  
 Glenn and Nanette Lapides  
 Richard and Fredda Levitt  
 Lawrence and Linda Major  
 Herman and Shirley Marks  
 Morton and Doris Notarius  
 Edward and Barbara Raduns  
 Joseph and Norma Reisman  
 Sherwin Ross  
 Richard and Cessy Rubinson  
 Joel and Randy Schenkman  
 Arnold and Sandra Shevin  
 Manuel and Aganes Stern  
 Charles and Rosalyn Stuzin  
 Sanford and Betty Susman  
 Edward Waronker



## FROM THE RABBI'S STUDY

### What I Believe As A Reform Jew (part two)

See last week's Commentator for part one or get the full pamphlet from the Rabbi's office.

#### OF SOCIETY

**I believe that the religious person must necessarily be involved in the political and economic struggles of his time.** If this world is the center of man's meaningful existence, the individual must oppose any attempt to deviate from the moral law recognized by all men as basic. The righteous person acts out his ideas and attitudes. He may not hide himself from the social problems of his fellow beings.

**I believe that democracy must be economic as well as political, that the land and the means of production must be owned neither by an omnipotent state nor by a few monopolists.** The land and the products of the land belong to God and to all people. The way must be open for all humans to share bountifully in the fruits of the earth.

**I believe that the people must be free to change their leaders and their government when they become oppressive.** I believe that war cannot be the way to good government, nor force the pattern of international diplomacy. As a Jew, I strive towards the Messianic Day of world peace based on understanding and justice.

**As a Jew, I must insist on every man's right to express the truth as he sees it, without fear of social, economic, or political reprisal.** I do not believe that popularity alone or orthodoxy alone is a proper criterion for the truth of a statement. I believe that slander is akin to murder. It is a grievous sin to permit a righteous person to be slandered.

#### OF THE INDIVIDUAL

**I believe in the value of learning for its own sake.** I believe that investigation into any field of human activity will lead to a broadening of one's mind. But I believe that wherever possible learning should be coupled to action which serves humankind in some way.

**I believe in the sanctity of the home.** I believe in the loyalty husband and wife owe each other, and in the loyalty parents and children owe each other. I believe in the Jewish effort to extend the concept of the family relationship to the realm of the nation and the nations.

**I believe in the sanctity of children.** I believe that the parent who violates his child's personality detracts from the divine image. I believe that the main function of the parent is to teach the child, with love, that the world and people are for him and not against him. The parent must teach the child to be "at home" in the world. The parent who does not equip himself or provide his child with ideas and techniques to establish a meaningful world forfeits the name of parent.

**I believe in the necessity of "GAMILUTH HASADIM," Deeds of Kindness without thought of personal reward.** Visiting the sick, feeding the hungry, and clothing the naked are as vital as labor for the just society. The world cannot stand unless the weak and the oppressed are upheld.

**I believe in the on-going-ness of life.** I have no pre-conceptions about life after death, but I believe that the God who created us is great enough to care for us. I believe that "Death" is but part of the process of life which endures so long as God endures.

*Reform Ideas*

## YOUTH GROUP NEWS

**5TH & 6TH GRADE BANQUET MAY 4.** The 5th and 6th Grade Youth Group will be having its final event for the year on Sunday, May 4th. We will have a banquet at Tony Roma's from 6:00 - 8:30 pm. We will meet at Temple Beth Am. The cost will be \$8. All money is due by May 1st. If you have any questions, please feel free to call Adrienne at 279-1862 or 279-2938.

## Day School Doings

The students in the Beth Am Day School have been busy indeed... the latest project being their exhibits at the Dade County Youth Fair. Aside from the beautiful individual entries, the entire school worked together to produce a magnificent paper mache' American Eagle which has since been donated to the Haven School. All students can be proud of this effort and many thanks to Suzzi Glaser and Bobbi Stein for their wonderful direction. Also in the world of art, 13 of our students were selected for the Festival of the Arts Exhibit on Miami Beach. Two of the pictures were chosen to be sent to Japan as part of an exchange program... Congratulations to Elana Goldstein and Ryan Weiss... and of course to the other 11 lucky children!

In addition, the students of Lower Bloc recently honored their grandparents by celebrating "Le dor va dor"... "From Generation to Generation Day". It was a special treat for the students and we know the grandparents will kvell for quite sometime. In the works now is a Talent Show given by Senior Bloc students and a Spelling Bee by the children in Intermediate Bloc.

Lastly, students and teachers are busy readying for next month's annual Day School Fair... this year called "The American Rainbow". It will be exhibited on Thursday, May 22, 1986 at 7:00 p.m. in the Gym. It is a spectacular event, so please make a date to join us! It is a traditional highlight of our school year and we hope you'll be there.



B'Nai Mitzvah

Saturday, May 3

11:15 a.m.



Erin, daughter of  
Dr. and Mrs. Howard Katzman



Joshua Asher, son of  
Judge and Mrs. D. Bruce Levy