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Rabbi James L. Simon

"INCREASING SPOUSAL ABUSE - WHAT CAN WE DO ABOUT IT?"
Adult Choir Under the Direction of Selma Baumgard

CONGREGATIONAL TORAH SERVICE

Saturday, May 10, 11:15 a.m.

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

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Temple Adopts Budget for 1986-87

The Budget Committee, under the chairmanship of Michael Brown, has been working on the budget for the new fiscal year which starts July 1, 1986, and runs through June 30, 1987. At the last Board meeting, the Temple Board adopted this budget which forecasts expenditures of approximately \$1,650,000. This is exclusive of Day School and Summer Camp expenditures.

For the current year ending June 30, 1986, we forecast a small deficit of approximately \$25,000-\$30,000. We have been running a deficit budget for the last three to four years, occasioned mostly by the fact that Fair Share pledges have not been increasing at the rate of increase of our operating expenses.

For the budget for 1986-87, we were particularly careful to limit expenditures in all categories. Every department was scrutinized, and in most cases budgets were reduced from their original forecast by about 10%. We have some extraordinary expenses for the coming year, but we also have planned for some special fund raising.

School Fees Raised for 1986-1987

In addition to accepting the budget for 1986-87, at its last meeting the Board of Directors voted to raise Religious School fees and Hebrew School fees by \$15 per student. This will result in Religious and Hebrew School fees being pegged at \$90 for each child. This will help defray the cost of running our Religious and Hebrew Schools. This represents an increase of less than 50¢ a week for each student.

We will have further details about the budget and school expenditures in a forthcoming issue of the Commentator.

Tryouts for Beth Americans, New Generation and Troubadours

Tryouts for the **Beth Americans** will be held on Tuesday, May 27th, from 7:00-8:00 p.m. in the Temple Social Hall.

Tryouts for the **New Generation** will be held on Wednesday, May 28th, from 6:30-7:30 p.m. in the Social Hall.

Tryouts for the **Troubadours** will be held on Wednesday, May 28th, from 7:30-8:30 p.m. in the Social Hall.

All instrumentalists who are interested in playing with the above groups are invited to contact Don Bennett at 347-2419, or appear at the tryouts listed above.

Brotherhood Awards Dinner Saturday, June 7th

On Saturday, June 7, 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.

"How To Protect Yourself Against Consumer Frauds" to Be Discussed by Consumer Advocate Walter Dartland at Congregational Breakfast Sunday, May 18th at 9:30 a.m.

"HOW NOT TO BE A VICTIM OF CONSUMER FRAUDS" will be the illuminating topic of discussion at the next Brotherhood Breakfast Forum on Sunday morning, May 18th, at 9:30 a.m. in the Temple Youth Lounge. Delivering this talk will be the head of the Dade County Consumer Advocate's Office, Walter Dartland.

Mr. Dartland's reputation as Ombudsman, or investigator of citizen's complaints, is nationwide as being aggressive and highly productive, equal in accomplishments to Ralph Nader. His class action suits have forced some auto manufacturers to adhere to a much higher standard of safety, correctness and warranty liability. The Consumer Advocate's Office has successfully handled complaints in reference to utility companies, security frauds, auto lemon laws, and, believe it or not, government agencies amongst other things. This will be a learning session for all.

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



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.

Gary and Louise Brown
Bruce and Lonnie Colan
Marvin and Jean Erbesfeld
Norman and Renee Goldenberg
Neil and Karen Goodman
Arnold and Phyllis Grossman
Michael and Barbara Hale
Harold and Eddyse Kessler
Eric and Paulette Lebowitz
George and Jean Levine

Alan and Cynthia Lewin
Martin Liebling
Mark and Nedra Oren
Kenneth and Judith Ratzan
Fred and Eva Rawicz
Terry and Marcia Reisman
Clifford and Lois Russell
Sam and Edith Stark
Sydney and Sabina Wolofsky
Stanley and Stella Young

Personal reflection



FROM THE RABBI'S STUDY

"On The Road To Recovery"

This is written on April 22nd, two weeks after my coronary by-pass surgery. I have a way to go yet, but as my doctors have assured me from the beginning, the outcome should be most positive. I am now a member of the "Zipper Club" the growing informal group that includes the tens of thousands who have had this surgery. The surgery is becoming increasingly popular for those whose coronary arteries are so blocked that medicine or the "balloon" are not viable options. How my arteries became blocked is a story we won't discuss here if indeed the answer is known, (inherited problem(?) stress?), but I was fortunate that the surgical alternative was available.

I am so close to the surgery in point of time, that I am still entrapped in some of its psychological webbing, but I can transmit a few things I have learned.

- 1) The human body is remarkably endowed with amazing power to resuscitate itself when injured.
- 2) Humans have learned enough about the body over the ages to understand a great deal and to be able to help it transmit its normal functions in a wide variety of difficulties.
- 3) The heart is a "tough customer". It's not easy to defeat if you work with it and not against it.
- 4) Face a medical problem while it is manageable, and before it becomes complex and more difficult.

I received good advice from my doctors and I went along with them. I received amazing support from my family, congregants (those who knew), and friends. How fortunate I am to be able to look forward knowing that this potential problem will probably not disturb me for many years.

As a Rabbi, I have had the chance to form a perspective that gives me a multi-dimensional view of life and death. Death comes to us all, and often from an unexpected source. We must be prepared that death is inevitable - but life is better when it is still within our grasp.

It looks like I will share this precious gift with you for a while. How fortunate we are to have the opportunity to share the joys of life with friends and loved ones! "Todah l'el!" Let us not take this opportunity for granted.

Bar/Bat Mitzvah Dates for 1987-88

Due to the enormous demand for Bar/Bat Mitzvah dates during 1987 and 1988, we must reconfirm the dates reserved for that period. It is important that parents understand that their child must comply with the requirements outlined at the time the date was set. This form **MUST BE RETURNED NO LATER THAN JUNE 30, 1986.**

Hearing Aids

There are hearing aids available for your use every Friday night or Saturday morning. This activity is sponsored by the Contemporaries and someone will always be available to help you.

It's Time to Register

**Beth Am's
fun on the run
JR. high school
travel camp**



**BAFTY BANQUET MAY 15:
Attention 8-12th Graders!!!**

BAFTY Banquet May 15th at the Radisson Hotel. Come see what BAFTY is all about. The cost is \$15. The time is 6:30-9:00.

You must send in your reservation by May 12th to Adrienne Borisman. Please call if you have any questions: 279-1862 or 667-6667.

Name: _____ Grade: _____
Address: _____ Phone: _____ Vegetarian: _____

**Many Exciting Trips to Israel
Available for High School and College Students
For more info call Adrienne at 667-6667**

JOAN'S JEMS BY Joan Schwartzman

Mazel tov to Gordon and Debbie Jones upon the birth of their second son Max Hunter Jones born in April weighing in at a "lucky" 7 lbs. 11 ounces... May I take this opportunity to thank all of you who have wished my children Steven and Susan Schwartzman such good mazel upon their recent marriage. May we enjoy many simchas to come... Seth Greenberg, our good friend at the University of Miami Basketball Camp announces two exciting sessions in July and August. If you are interested call Seth at the University at 284-2680. We are pleased to announce the forthcoming marriage of Doreen Marx to Byron Krulewitch. This wonderful couple plan a May wedding... Mazel to Mary Silberman upon the coming marriage of her Ronald Allen to Marla Finkler. They will be married in May and will make their home in Miami. Mazel...

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Temple Cares**

It is most important for parents to know that their children are being well cared for during the school day, as well as after school Temple Beth Am has heard of the need for quality after school care from the community, and this year began a highly successful after school care and enrichment program for children 3-years-old to sixth grade.

Children participate in enrichment activities in a safe environment, with a trained staff each day from 2:45-6 p.m. Classes such as pottery, arts and crafts, drama, dance, nature, karate, cooking, Spanish and tutoring are offered with new options each eight weeks.

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<i>B'Nai Mitzvah</i>	<i>Saturday, May 10</i>
	9:15 a.m.
Cherie Alain, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Johnson, Jr.	
	11:15 a.m.
Jon, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harris Gubernick	
Anthony, son of Dr. and Mrs. Evan Katz	