

RELIGIOUS SERVICE, Friday, May 30, 1986, 8:15 p.m.

Rabbi James L. Simon

"CONFIRMATION CREATIVE SERVICE"

CONGREGATIONAL TORAH SERVICE

Saturday, May 31, 9:15 & 11:15 a.m.

Torah Portion: Behukotai, Lev. 26:3-27:34

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Confirmation Weekend

Creative Service

Friday, May 30th, 8:15 P.M.

Confirmation Exercises

Sunday, June 1st, 9:45 A.M.

Confirmation weekend begins on Friday evening, May 30th, when the Confirmation Class will present a creative service at 8:15 P.M., on the theme "Jewish Views of War and Peace".

Final exercises will take place at 9:45 A.M. on Sunday, June 1st. The Confirmation Class will present at that time an original musical-narration entitled "From Us With Love". The program is dedicated to the families and teachers of the Confirmands. Dance and choral music will be interwoven into the narrative.

Ninety-three Confirmands will be graduated at the Exercises. Most of these young people have come all the way through our Religious School beginning as early as Kindergarten. The Beth Am Confirmation class is one of the largest in the country. Our program is generally regarded as a model program.

CALENDER FOR JUNE

CONFIRMATION EXERCISES	Sun. June 1, 9:45 am, Sanctuary
LAST DAY OF HEBREW SCHOOL	WEDNESDAY, JUNE 4
"Introduction to Judaism"	Wednesday, June 4th
	L. Kipper 7:30 pm, Rm. 24
	Rabbi Simon, 8 pm, Rm. 101
	and also on June 11th
Kindergarten Graduation	Fri. June 6, 10 am, Sanctuary
Family Worship Service	Fri. June 6, 7:30 pm
Congregational Torah Svce.	Sat. June 7, 9:15 & 11:15 am
Singing Groups Concert	Sun. June 8, 6 pm, Social Hall
Summer Camp Open House	Sun. June 8, 2:30 & 4 pm, Rm. 101
Last Day Nursery/Kindergarten/Day School	Thurs. June 12
	FRI. JUNE 13 - NO SCHOOL - OFFICE CLOSED
Shavuot Services and	
Day School Graduation	Fri. June 13, 8:15 pm, Sanctuary
Congregational Torah Svce.	Sat. June 14, 9:15 & 11:15 am
Adult B'nai Mitzvah Svce.	Sat. June 14, 4 pm, Sanctuary
	Reception following, Social Hall
Temple Board Meeting	Tue. June 17, 7:30 pm, Rm. 101
Dinner for Rabbi Simon and	
Installation of Boards	Fri. June 20, 6 pm, Social Hall
Religious Services	Fri. June 20, 8:15 pm
Congregational Torah Svce.	Sat. June 21, 9:15 & 11:15 am
SUMMER CAMP OPENS	Mon. June 23rd
Religious Services	Fri. June 27, 8:15 pm
"New Beginning"	Sat. June 28, 7:30 pm, Youth Lge.

Friday Night, June 20th

Shabbat Dinner Honoring

Rabbi James L. Simon

6:00 p.m. - Social Hall

Followed by installation of new officers.

Save the Date!!!

FACTS YOU SHOULD KNOW ABOUT OUR BUDGET

Annual Operating Costs)

(Anticipated for 1986-87)

\$1,634,000

(Based on a membership of 1,700 families)

Operating Cost per Family: \$961

Minimum Fair Share Dues: \$700

Cost per Religious School student: \$275

Your Tuition Fee: \$90

Cost per Hebrew School student: \$200

Your Tuition Fee: \$90

Cost of Youth Activities: \$42,250

Your Youth Activities Fee: \$0.00

Cost of Adult Education The Caring Program,

Library Fees, Special Activities

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Your Fees: \$0.00

THESE FACTS SPEAK FOR THEMSELVES

Rabbi Simon Accepts UAHC Appointment

Rabbi Simon has informed the Board of Directors that effective July 5, he will be moving to St. Louis to become the Mid-West Regional Director for the Union of American Hebrew Congregations. In that capacity, Rabbi Simon will represent the Reform movement throughout the 12 states which comprise the mid-west section of the United States.

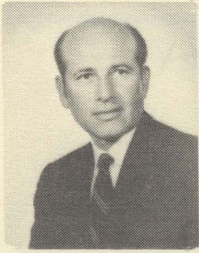
In a letter sent to Temple staff and to the Board of Directors, Rabbi Simon writes: "These three years have been a source of tremendous growth and opportunity for me. I now look forward to taking the knowledge and experience accumulated at Beth Am and helping other smaller congregations who do not have the resources and energy which are so much a part of this synagogue."

We wish Rabbi Simon and his family a hearty mazal tov and best wishes as he embarks on this exciting new move!

Balloons For Peace

The Religious School staff and students thank the many wonderful parents who joined us in the early weekend hours to help with our Balloons for Peace Program in honor of Israel Independence Day. We appreciate your support.

Dorothy C. Herman, Principal



FROM THE RABBI'S STUDY

Understanding the Sick Person

As this column is written, I am recovering nicely from my surgery. After the third week, I have been coming into the office for a half day and working progressively into my schedule. While it may clearly be said that I am substantially recovered from the surgery, there still are some very interesting (?) after effects.

For years I have visited people in the hospital and tried to sympathize with their pains and problems. I thought I understood, but it is only now when I have joined the ranks of the patient that I can fully understand what it is that a sick person goes through.

For example, while I was in the hospital, the cheerful attendants would bring me meal trays full of the delicious goodies that emanate from the hospital kitchen. I would quickly wave the attendant away and refuse to eat even one bite of the delicacies. My wife was very disturbed. She let me know that she felt it important for me to eat so that I could regain my strength. What I was unable to communicate to her was the fact that it was simply impossible for me to eat at all. The effects of medicine and the unusual aroma of the food combined to make the whole thing repulsive. It is only now that I am able to understand the sick person's inability to eat at times. This phenomenon can be quite gripping and overwhelming. I have also learned more deeply the importance of emotional support given to a patient. The congregation has been simply wonderful in its outpouring of support both during the early phases of my surgery and later as I have been recovering. I was surprised to see how significant this support was. I had imagined myself to be quite independent and equal to the problems that surgery would present, but the truth is that the support which was directed my way not only from adults but also from children, proved to be very touching. Major surgery is a very humbling experience. It is a profound reminder of one's mortality and insignificance. It is an assault on the ego. Friends and well-wishers help keep you afloat. It helps also to believe in the miraculous nature of the human body, a gift from God to us. It helps to have confidence in the professional learning and in the caring of your doctors.

To undergo major surgery is to participate in a battle. Remember this the next time you have a friend in the hospital. Let him know you're on his side. In traditional Judaism, "Bikur Cholim, visiting the sick" is a major mitzvah. Modern Jews might well practice it.



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.

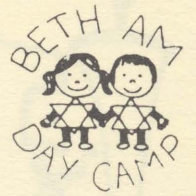
Tryouts for the New Generation will be held on Wednesday, May 28th, from 6:30-7:30 p.m. in the Social Hall.

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.

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BETH AM SUMMER CAMPS START MONDAY, JUNE 23RD



Central Agency Contribution For Religious & Hebrew School Scholarships

The Central Agency for Jewish Education, a member agency of The Greater Miami Jewish Federation has made a contribution to Temple Beth Am's scholarship program for our Religious and Hebrew Schools. This helps in our open door policy of accepting members at "what they can afford" and never refusing membership to any needy family. We are truly grateful for this effort.

JOAN'S JEMS by Joan Schwartzman

Congratulations to Scott and Vicki Lowe upon the birth of their second child, son Matthew. Proud Grandpa once again is Stephen Carner... We are proud to announce Jeffrey Cutler's latest happenings. Jeff was educated here at Beth Am, graduated the University of Florida and its Law School with highest honors and just opened his office in the Gables. He is the son of Iris and A. Budd Cutler. Mazel to all! Our heartiest congratulations to Beth Amite Dr. Stephen Streitfeld who has graduated this month from the University of Miami Medical School and will continue with his residency in Miami. Proud wife Diana joins us in wishing him much mazell... Dr. David and Rita Gair wish to share the good news that their son Stephen Gair has gained the position of family therapist at the Bertha Abess Children's Center. Much mazell... We congratulate Michael Goodman, son of Bern and Evelyn Goodman who has been awarded a five year collegiate scholarship at Florida State University. If I know Michael he'll be a Heisman candidate in no time! Mazell... Louise and Mort Stubins announce the birth of their third grandchild, Taryn Allison, born to their children Lisa and Steve Weiss. By the way, Momma Lisa was a confirmand at Beth Am but now makes her home in Ann Arbor where her husband serves as a research doctor at the University of Michigan. Mazel to all our families!... We are pleased to announce the engagement of Sandy Altman to Lisa Miller. Sandy is the son of Ruth Altman and Dr. Donald Altman. Sandy and Lisa will be married next spring when Sandy will graduate from medical school. Mazell...

B'Nai Mitzvah

Saturday, May 31

9:15 a.m.

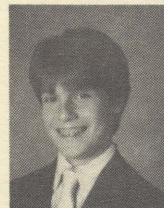


Alan, son of Mr. & Mrs. Luis Stukalsky

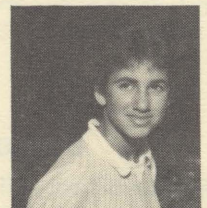


Amy Lynn, daughter of Dr. & Mrs. Howard Zwibel

11:15 a.m.



Joshua, son of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Darrow



Kim, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Taffer