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Rabbi Herbert M. Baumgard  
"THE BURNING BUSH"  
Adult Choir Under the Direction of Selma Baumgard

CONGREGATIONAL TORAH SERVICE  
Saturday, January 24, 11:15 a.m.

# Beth Am Commentator

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## Adult Ed Classes Start This Week

### What Makes Jews Different Starts January 27

"What Makes Us Jews Different?" will be taught by Professor Robert Sandler of the University of Miami English Department. His classes will meet on six Tuesday nights, beginning January 27 and continuing through March 3. Professor Sandler will respond to the questions: What is our Jewish inheritance and why should we continue to be different?

### Roots of Anti-Semitism Starts February 4

"Roots of Anti-Semitism" will be taught by Dr. Helen Fagin, former chairperson of the Jewish Studies Department of the University of Miami. The course will last four weeks, and will begin on Wednesday evening, February 4, and will meet on February 11, February 18 and February 25. The session will begin at 8:00 p.m.



**"An Afternoon of Music"**  
**Carlo Grante, Pianist**  
**Sunday**  
**February 8th at 4 PM**



This 25 year-old pianist is an honors graduate of the prestigious Santa Cecilia Conservatory in Rome, Italy, where he won several national piano competitions. In 1982 Mr. Grante won both the Rachmaninoff International Competition and the Manogue International Competition in Charleston, S.C., where he was described as "a very exciting performer, with a brilliant technique and a flair for romantic music." He resides in London, here he continues his studies with Alicia Kezeradze-Pogorelich. General admission is \$10 and \$5 for students and senior citizens. Our fourth concert will be on April 5th, featuring the outstanding cellist, LESLIE PARNAS. Mr. Parnas is a charter member of the prestigious Lincoln Center Chamber Music Society.

### Camp Coleman Rally Sunday, February 1st

Please note on your calendar that there will be a special Dade County Camp Coleman Rally on Sunday, Feb. 1, 1987, at 4 p.m. at Temple Beth Sholom on Miami Beach. This "Rally" will be for old campers, new campers, prospective campers, parents, and anyone else interested. There will be a special slide presentation, refreshments, door prizes, etc.

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**Sent In**  
**Your Ad**  
**For The Commemorative Journal**

## Temple Beth Am Inspires Many To Become Rabbis

Beth Am has two students at the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion studying to become Rabbis at the present time. They are Jeffrey Falick, son of Gerald Falick and the present Celia Cummins, and Gail Pomerantz, daughter of Herman and Barbara Pomerantz. Gail is attending the New York School of the HUC-JIR and Jeffrey is attending the Cincinnati campus. Randy Robbins is an Orthodox Rabbi in Milwaukee. He is the son of Sy and Rita Robbins.

Ken Kanter, formerly a President of the Beth Am Youth Group, is the Rabbi of Mitzpah Congregation in Chattanooga, Tenn. He is a graduate of the HUC-JIR. Other Rabbis who claim they were influenced by their association with Beth Am are Harold Loss, son of Martin and Calie Loss, currently serving in Temple Israel, in West Bloomfield, Michigan. Calie was Principal of our Hebrew School for many years.

Mel Hecht most recent served Congregation Ner Tamid in Las Vegas, Nevada. Mel also served on the Beth Am staff for a number of years.

Other Rabbis influenced by Rabbi Baumgard include Rabbi Michael Eisenstadt, of Temple Judea in Coral Gables. Rabbi Eisenstadt was a Bar Mitzvah boy of our Rabbi in his first pulpit in Elmont, L.I. Ralph Kingsley, Rabbi of Temple Sinai in North Dade was Rabbi Baumgard's Youth Director in Elmont, L.I.

Rabbi Charles Emanuel, who serves as a congregational Rabbi in London, England, was also the Rabbi's student in Elmont (Temple B'nai Israel).

If you happen to know of other Rabbis who came through the Beth Am system, please let us know.

## Parent-Tot Classes at Beth Am

Come join the fun! Play with your children and help them to learn at the same time.

Meet new friends. Watch your children play and grow.

Social time, circle time, project time, discussion time and more.

Registration \$25... once a year only  
Three five week sessions. \$25 each  
Make checks payable to Temple Beth Am

Call for details: School office: 665-6228

First Session: January 20, 27, February 3, 17, 24  
Second Session: March 3, 17, 24, 31, April 7  
Third Session: April 21, 28, May 5, 19, 26



### REGISTRATION FORM

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ BIRTH DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP CODE: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ CLASS REQUESTED: \_\_\_\_\_

SESSION REQUESTED: \_\_\_\_\_

Class Schedule: Tuesdays: Older Toddlers - 9:15-10:15 a.m.

Younger Toddlers - 10:20-11:20 a.m.



## From the Rabbi's Study

### Can We Escape Semitism?

*(The following column by Rabbi Baumgard has been reproduced in "Jewish Post & Opinion" and in many synagogues and newspapers.)*

Recently our sensitivities to anti-Semitism have been awakened. Channel 7 TV has been showing the reactions of a Miami based tourist group which has visited the concentration camps of Eastern Europe. Over and over again one has to wonder, how was it possible? How did the various peoples of Europe let it happen? And then you read that in places like Austria and Hungary the local authorities were only too anxious to cooperate with the Nazis. Hatred of the Jews was so imbedded in the psyche of the European non-Jew that there was little resistance to the extermination of an entire people.

Now the Arabs are borrowing from the lore of the anti-Semites. The official delegate of Saudi Arabia to the United Nations declared on December 5th before the seminar on Religious Tolerance and Freedom, 'If a Jew does not drink every year the blood of a non-Jewish man, then he will be damned for eternity.' This is the stuff of ancient folklore and it is amazing how it continues to surface. When the Jew reflects upon this hatred which seems to be woven into earthly civilization, he cannot help but wonder if there is ever to be and end to it.

There is much that Jews are trying to do through agencies like the Anti-Defamation League, the American Jewish Committee, and the like. These are wonderful and needed organizations to which each of us should belong. Nonetheless, I am convinced that the big battle for Jews is not in the minds of non-Jews, but in the minds of Jews. What we have to work on is our own self-hatred, which is a natural consequence of so much negativism thrust at us from the outside.

I find that most Jews are upset by anti-Semitism but they do nothing to enhance their knowledge or practice of Judaism. Most Jews are willing to remain Jews and take all the slings and arrows of outrageous fortune, but they are not willing to celebrate Judaism, they are not willing to take advantage of the positive aspects of being Jewish.

Most Jews manage to avoid the joys of Sabbath and Festival observance. They don't review the biblical portion of the week on the Sabbath and are not stimulated by the remarkable content of our Bible. Many Christians go about busily claiming our Bible as their own, but Jews don't seem to care if their own history and scripture is wrested away from them. Gorgeous Jewish songs remain unsung by most Jews who enthusiastically chant the primitive verses of pop music.

Unique Jewish concepts about the meaning of the world and human existence are not, for the most part, the subject of discussion by Jews but instead we talk about the banalities of our fantasy world.

If it is worth taking all the hate which is spewed out against us by the anti-Semites, it is worth knowing something about our people and our faith, it is worth beholding the beauty and uniqueness of our odyssey in this upside down world.

Take a few minutes, on a regular basis, away from your recreation and your business to enjoy what it means to be a member of the people that sees the human role in this world in terms of the need to imitate God in His holiness. You might learn what it means to enjoy being Jewish.

### Attention: N.F.T.Y.-Kutz Participants

If you attended or are the parent of someone who attended the NFTY-Kutz Camp in Warwick, N.Y. during the last 20 years, please write to the following address. They are trying to contact all alumni.

Friends of Kutz Society, P.O. Box 443, Warwick, N.Y. 10990

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## — YOUTH GROUP NEWS — 7th/8th Disney Trip — Jan. 31 - Feb. 1

The annual Disney Overnight will be held January 31 - February 1. The trip includes transportation and lodging plus two fun-filled days at Disney all for the low price of \$90.00. For more information call Ilene at 667-6667 (Temple) or 279-2819 (Home).

### BAFTY to sponsor SADD Dance on January 24

Saturday night, January 24, BAFTY will be holding a dance with Temple Israel. There will be a live band, food and a raffle with a grand prize of SeaEscape for 2. The dance will begin at 9:00 p.m. at Temple Beth Am gym. The cost is \$4.00 for the dance and raffle tickets are \$1.00 each.

BAFTY will also be attending a program on Human Sexuality at Temple Sinai on February 14. The program will be followed by a dance.

Anyone interested in these programs or any other BAFTY event, please call Ilene Reiter at 667-6667 (Temple) or 279-2819 (Home) for more information.

### Rabbis Teach Bar/Bat Mitzvah Parents

The Rabbis of Beth Am will be conducting a class on Sunday mornings for parents only. The class will be conducted on **January 25th, February 1st, February 8th and February 22nd**, (4 weeks). The purpose of the class will be to enrich their understanding of what the Bar/Bat Mitzvah ceremony means in terms of our Jewish history and future.

In this class they will learn some of the things about Judaism that their children have been learning in preparation for the ceremony. This is a time when the children are stimulated to heighten their commitment to Judaism and to the Jewish people, and this is an opportunity for their parents to be party to that in a more personal sense.

Rabbi Baumgard will teach the first two sessions and Rabbi Schoolman the last two. The classes will start at 10 a.m. and end at 11:30 a.m. The meeting area is the Temple Lobby Museum. Part of the final weeks will deal with some of the parental anxiety association with the practical aspects of the ceremony.

B'Nai Mitzvah

Saturday, January 24

11:15 a.m.



Jill, daughter of  
Mr. and Mrs. Mel Grappell



Brian, son of  
Mr. and Mrs. Ray Hirshorn

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