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Rabbi Leonard A. Schoolman  
"ALL'S WELL THAT ENDS WELL —  
THE PLIGHT OF A DOCTOR'S DAUGHTER"  
(A tribute to the Viscaya Shakespeare Festival)

CONGREGATIONAL TORAH SERVICE  
Saturday, February 14, 11:15 a.m.

## Beth Am Commentator

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### Congregation To Honor Selma Baumgard Feb. 27th

In honor of our much loved Rebbitzin, Selma Baumgard, who will be retiring at the end of June, there will be a special service on February 27th. At this service, Selma will be presented with a piece of music which was commissioned especially for her. The composer, Bonia Schwu, is Director of Liturgical Art at the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion in Cincinnati. The music is set to Psalm VIII, and Selma will direct the Choir in this selection and others at the service.

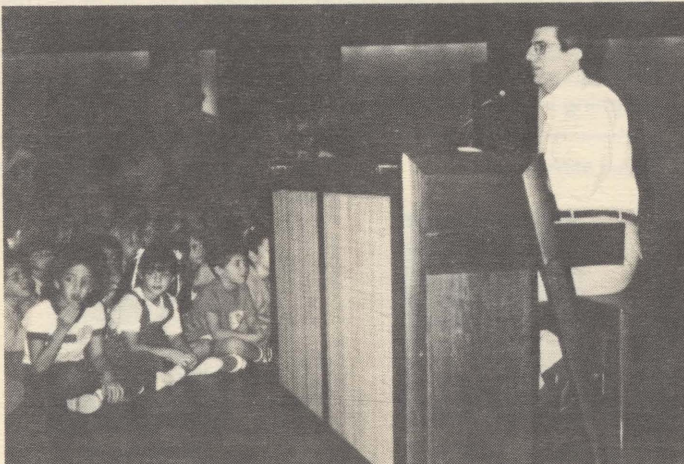
During the service, presentations will be made by members of the Choir and of the congregation, and a special Oneg Shabbat will follow with refreshments being prepared by congregation members.

Selma has not only been our volunteer Choir Director, developing our choir into a uniquely outstanding one with members graduating to the Metropolitan Opera in New York, but has served for the past ten years as secretary to her husband - a full time job!

The congregation is invited to show its appreciation to this lovely lady at the unique service on February 27th.

### A Day School Treat

Our Beth Am Day School students ended 1986 with a real musical treat, thanks to one of our students, Greg Frankel. As a Chanukah surprise, Greg invited his family friend, Mr. Marvin Hamlish to entertain our student body, and entertain he did! The entire day school was treated to a fabulous concert in which Mr. Hamlish sang, played piano, composed extemporaneous songs and simply delighted us all! It was a musical experience that students and teachers alike are sure to remember . . . We heard celebrated "Hamlish Hits" as well as new hits composed especially just for our Beth Am students! We thank Greg Frankel for thinking of us by having arranged this special treat . . . Our music appreciation curriculum has certainly reached a new height!



### Israel Ambassador Rachamin Timor To Address Breakfast Forum Sunday, February 15th

AMBASSADOR RACHAMIN TIMOR, COUNSUL GENERAL OF ISRAEL for Florida and Puerto Rico, will be the honored guest speaker at the next Congregational Breakfast Forum on Sunday morning, Feb. 15th, at 9:30 a.m. in the Temple Youth Lounge. Mr. Timor has been the Israeli Ambassador to the countries of Ethiopia, Togo, Zaire, Cyprus, Greece and from 1983-1986 Ambassador to Brazil. He is considered one of Israel's outstanding authorities on Middle Eastern and African affairs. The three years he has spent as the Brazilian Ambassador has greatly widened his horizon on world affairs.

Some of the focus of activities in the Iran arms scandal seems to be on Israel. Another area for ambassadorial discussion is the problems of the Jewish people of South America. These and many other worldwide problems concerning Israel are vital topics of discussion to Jewish people all over, which Ambassador Timor will be happy to discuss with you. He is new to this community and he would be very happy to greet and say hello to the Jewish population of South Florida.

Admission to this all-you-can-eat Congregational Brotherhood Breakfast Forum is \$3 for Brotherhood members and \$3.50 for all non-members. Please bring your friends and neighbors, men and ladies, for this fine opportunity to meet the Israeli Ambassador.



### Beth Am Summer Camp

Have you made your summer plans? Beth Am Day Camp will begin on June 22, 1987. There will be two four week sessions for children 2½ years old through 9 years old (pre nursery-3rd grade). Check your mail boxes for the new camp brochure. Remember there is a discount for early registration.

Half day and full day programs are offered, with an option for extended care for working families. The program consists of daily on site swimming instruction, twice weekly B.B.Q.'s, our own Mini Kibbutz, weekly Shabbat observances, special trips and theme weeks and a committed and loving staff.

Call Nancy Weinfeld 667-6667 between 1:00-6:00 p.m. for further information.

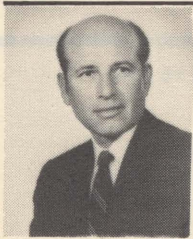
### Nominations Open for Temple Officers & Board

Barry Goldstein, Chairman of the Temple Nominating Committee, has issued a call for nominations to serve as an Officer of the Temple or to serve on the Board of Directors. Any Temple member willing to serve is eligible. Please submit nominations in writing to the Temple office, attention Barry Goldstein.

The Nominating Committee will be meeting late in February. Please submit names of those who truly want to get involved in the planning and governance of the Temple.

Temple Office Closed Monday, February 16th - Presidents Day





**From the Rabbi's Study**

**Teaching Our Children  
That Which Is Important**

We teach best by what we do. We teach our children what is important by what we do (not by what we say). When action and words are combined, we teach most strongly. When actions and verbalization are at odds with one another, we confuse our children.

What are we teaching our children in terms of a hierarchy of values? We are teaching them that making money is important (How much?) We are teaching them that a career is important (Is freedom to choose a career important?) We are teaching them that attending college is important (Are we also teaching them that they must attend only a few select colleges?) We are teaching them that knowledge is important (Are we teaching them that knowledge about how to help human beings is important?) We are teaching them to study to get good grades (Are we also teaching them that if they aren't at the top of their class that we will still think them eminently worthwhile and worthy of our deepest love?). We are teaching them that they have an obligation to be a good student (Are we also teaching them that they have an obligation to share in family responsibilities and in community responsibilities?). We are teaching our children how to go to fancy places for their vacation (Are we also teaching them that a significant part of our income must go to those less fortunate than ourselves?)

A vast change has come over the Jewish community in America. It doesn't have the same soul. It has to rediscover its sense of responsibility and compassion. My friends from the lower income groups tell me that they don't see the Jewish faces they used to see working for their cause. Time was when we domited these scenes. What pursuits are occupying our time now? Have we all fallen prey to the American fanatical pursuit of financial success? Is the family which lives in a small house a failure? Is the child who chooses to be an auto mechanic or a salesman a failure?

Those of us who deal with teen-agers and their hopes and fears see an increasing tension which grips them. They are under an intense pressure to be an academic genius. If they aren't, they feel that they have failed their parents. If they can't get accepted at Princeton or Harvard, they feel like an also ran. Most of these children haven't learned that the important measure of a human being is their decency, their kindness, their sense of justice, their disposition to charity. They aren't learning these things because their parents do not hold up these achievements as the highest goals.

The Jewish people has always accented education - but a certain kind of education, an education in humanity, in character, in ethical orientation. To accent academic education alone is to leave the heart out of the matter. Such sterile education is un-Jewish. We Jews have to rediscover our soul.

**Have You Sent In Your Ad  
For  
The Commemorative Journal?**

**Camp Coleman Slide Presentation**

There will be a special Camp Coleman slide presentation on Saturday, Feb. 28th, at 10:45 a.m. and again on Sunday, March 1st, at 11:15 a.m. in the Temple Gym. The presentations are for grades 3-8. Parents are encouraged and invited to attend. Plans for the 1987 upcoming season will be discussed in detail. See you there!

*Allan F. Solomon, Camp and Youth Director*

*Teaching*

**Chavurah Ahat Explores Judaism  
Through Many Routes**

At its monthly meeting, Chavurah Ahat members participate in topics of Jewish content through music, current event discussions, games of Jewish trivia, Biblical interpretation. Guest lecturers have provoked much thought; members have explored their Jewish roots.

Parents, children and grandchildren — entire families gather in Matheson Hammock Park for Passover and Chanukah traditional observances. Matzos and potato latkes are eaten at picnic tables. Prayers are recited under a canopy of trees.

Chavurah Ahat (the first Chavurah formed) has a total of 21 members and has met monthly for over 12 years.

**Men's Basketball  
Starts Wednesday, Feb. 11th**

Adult (not in high school anymore) Basketball starts Wednesday, February 11, 1987, in the Gym at 7:00 p.m. Per the Director of the program, Bob Berney, pre-registration will be required. No cost to Temple members, but \$50 to non-Temple members. Registration is limited to 50 people with first priority going to Temple members. People **NOT** registered will **NOT** be allowed to play. This ruling will be strictly enforced. Please sign up below and return form to Temple Beth Am. 5950 N. Kendall Dr., Miami, FL 33156; attention Men's Basketball.

**MEN'S BASKETBALL**

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

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

TEMPLE NUMBER? YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_

If not a Temple member, please enclose check for \$50 payable to Temple Beth Am.

**JOAN'S JEMS BY Joan Schwartzman Rothstein**

Four generations of Beth Amites celebrated a special birthday for Esther Halberg who is 84 years young and the great grandmother of Sarah Efronson; grandmother of Beth Weinstein and Lise Efronson and mother of Sydele Olchick. Congratulations to a lovely lady . . . Debra and Howard Susskind are proud to announce the birth of their first child, Hilary Leigh weighing in at 7 lbs. 2½ ounces. Proud grandparents for the first time are Joan and Melvin Levinson. Mazel to all . . . Number "7" is lucky for Ellie and Al Ziegler - case no. 7 grandchild a boy, Jordon Allyn was born to their children Dr. Jan and Theresa Ziegler weighing in at 7 lbs. 13 ounces. Mazel! Marcia and Shelly Lantinberg have good news. Their son Richard who grew up at Beth Am and received his Religious education here, made the Dean's list at American University. Richard is a sophomore at American is on the famed diving team of that university . . . We are delighted to share the news that Stan and Barbara Mintz are grandparents for the first time. Born to their children Carrie and Mark Mintz is a daughter Marissa Raquel weighing in at 8lbs. 5 ounces.

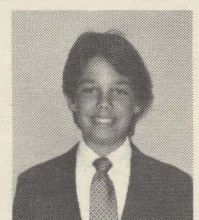
*B'nai Mitzvah*

*February 14th*

11:15 a.m.



Lauryn, daughter of  
Dr. and Mrs. Mark Friedman



Brett, son of  
Mr. and Mrs. Sherwin Gross