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Hal Bergida Speaks Sunday Morning

Hal Bergida, newspaper columnist, radio news commentator, and the Executive Director of the Tiger Bay Club, the South's leading public forum, will be the guest speaker at our Congregational Breakfast on Sunday, February 20, 1972, beginning at 9:30 a.m. The breakfast will be held in the Temple Social Hall.

Born in New York City in 1922, Mr. Bergida served in the Army Air Corps first motion picture unit in World War II; worked on the staff of the British Staff Combine after the war; and came to Miami in 1946. He is a graduate of the University of Miami.

Parents Learn How To Raise Children

On Tuesday evenings, parents may bring their problems to the professional psychiatrists and psychologists at 9:00 p.m. at the Temple. The informal discussion group is called "Effective Parenting" and is under way now.

At 8:00 p.m., Rabbi Steinberg will conduct his class in Bible (The Book of Job). At the same hour, there is a class in Hebrew for beginners and plodders. At 8:00 p.m. also, there is a class in Jewish Cooking, and at 9:00 p.m., a class in Needlepoint (preparing to create an original tapestry for the Temple lobby). At 9:00 p.m. also, there is a class in Israeli Tourist Hebrew.

Religious School Teachers Wanted

Anyone wishing to substitute in our Religious School on weekends, please contact Jean Gillis, 666-2536, on Monday, Tuesday, or Wednesday, between 9 and 5 for an interview arrangement.

Beth Am Presents The Sabbath University

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 8:30 p.m.

Dr. HARRY ORLINSKY, world renowned Bible Scholar
"Scientific Discoveries and the Bible."

FRIDAY, MARCH 17, 8:30 p.m.

Dr. ABRAHAM KAPLAN, voted one of the ten outstanding college professors in America (Life Magazine).

"Judaism in the Twentieth Century."

FRIDAY, APRIL 21, 8:30 p.m.

Speaker to be announced.

Contributions to finance these speakers are invited.

Call Rabbi Baumgard's office, 667-5587.

The "Sabbath University" is a complementary program to the "First Friday Forum," which deals with popular subjects the first Friday of each month, following the family service. Make Friday night a habit at the Temple.



RELIGIOUS SERVICES

Friday, February 18, 8:30 p.m.

Pollution Is 'Traif' Helping Nature Is 'Kosher'

A new need for an old concept

Rabbi Baumgard

PURIM CARNIVAL

The weekend of February 26, 27

FUN at the Temple
Costumes, Games,
Food
for young and old



FROM THE RABBI'S DESK

How Budgets Grow

"Big trees," they say, "grow from little acorns." The Talmud suggests that the first Temple in Jerusalem was built, in spite of the lack of wealth, because the people courageously made a beginning. Somehow, the walls of the Temple seemed to take shape as if moved by some unseen force. Consequently, the Rabbis taught, "We build better than we know . . ."

Those who began Temple Beth Am 15 years ago had no idea they were building a congregation of such vigor and magnitude. They could not possibly have foreseen the growth of the Jewish community in this area. Some few families worked like beavers in those early days (1956-57) and made generous financial contributions. As a result of their foresight and dedication, we have our wonderful facilities, which, if we had to build now, would cost us about \$2,000 per family. We are all in their debt.

Recently, the Beth Am Nursery-Kindergarten presented its budget for the 1972-73 year. It will be a little over \$100,000. This is substantially greater than the entire Temple budget in 1956. (The Nursery-Kindergarten budget is separate from the Temple budget and is fully paid for by the tuition charges for the Nursery-Kindergarten School). The point here is that the individual Temple affiliates are now operating at budgets equal in scope to our unambitious Temple beginnings. It is indeed true that "We build better than we know . . ."

The Nursery-Kindergarten has such a large budget because it is a quality school, because it has 225 students, and because it is the victim of inflation (like all other institutions in America).

The Temple budget, involving a thousand families, has grown to \$400,000 a year. Each family unit costs us roughly \$400 a year (about the national average). The minimum dues of \$300 a year do not pay the per family cost of maintenance.

Those who supervise the Temple budget have fought very hard to operate at levels of highest efficiency. Our facilities are in constant use (the Religious School meets in three shifts). Salary levels for our staff are at the low range of average.

While inflation has pushed our budget up sharply, we have not failed to introduce new and quality programming. Today's children are more demanding of variety and creativity in the classroom. More planning is required from the top. More ingenuity is required in the classroom situation. The Religious School budget has maintained a relatively stable budget until recent years. It is now sharply on the rise. (This in spite of the fact that the number of students has remained constant for four years).

Where can the additional funds be obtained? The answer lies in a "Fair-Share" dues program, now operating in mature congregations throughout the country. The concept of one level of dues for all families irrespective of income simply cannot maintain the modern synagogue with its dynamic school, youth programs, adult education, etc. Unless the families of relatively larger income voluntarily raise their own dues level, the modern synagogue may become a thing of the past, and Judaism will once more be administered by untrained personnel which makes no attempt to meet changing needs.

Wanted-- Teenagers To Sing

The young adult choir, which sings each Family Service, needs sopranos and altos. Please contact Miss Harriet Potlock at 226-5708.

The Beth Americans and Troubadours will sing at a special Family Service on April 7.

Teenage organists who wish to accompany Religious School Services should contact Miss Potlock at 226-5708 for further details.

Coming Events

FEB. 20, SUNDAY, 9:30 a.m.

HAL BERGIDA speaks at Congregational Breakfast.

FEB. 22, TUESDAY EVENING and subsequent Tuesdays

ADULT EDUCATION--"Effective Parenting" course, Bible, others.

FEB. 25, FRIDAY, 8:30 p.m.

World renowned Bible scholar, Dr. HARRY ORLINSKY, at Temple, speaking on archaeology.

FEB. 26, SATURDAY MORNING
PURIM CARNIVAL begins.

FEB. 27 - - PURIM CARNIVAL

FEB. 29, TUESDAY, 11:30 a.m.

SISTERHOOD LUNCHEON at Eden Roc, featuring Philharmonic in behalf of our Religious School.

B'nai Mitzvah

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 19
11:15 a.m.



Edmund, son of
Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Baer
Hugh, son of
Dr. and Mrs. Irwin Gotbaum
Saul, son of
Dr. and Mrs. Leonard Lewis

He who aggrandizes his name, loses his name; he who does not increase his knowledge, decreases it; he who does not seek to acquire wisdom, forfeits his life; and he who makes unworthy use of the crown of learning is wasting his powers.

--Hillel