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RELIGIOUS SERVICES



FRIDAY, MARCH 24
8:30 p.m.

'The Political Immaturity Of Americans'

Rabbi Baumgard

ADULT CHOIR
Steve Dubow, Soloist

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SATURDAY, MARCH 25
11:15 a.m.

TORAH SERVICE

PASSOVER SERVICE In Sanctuary

Thursday, March 30
10:00 a.m.

(Public School Holiday Suggested)

PASSOVER BEGINS
WEDNESDAY NIGHT, MARCH 29

ART SHOW

Third Annual Beth Am Show

April 16 - 23

OPEN COMPETITION:

\$5.00 entrance fee
(Mrs. Friedman, MO 7-5587)

JUDGE:

KARL D. NICKEL
Curator of Art, Emory University

Champagne Opening
April 15, Saturday Evening

Amy Genet Receives Hebrew Award March 24

Amy, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Saul Genet, has been named as the recipient of the Ceil Wayne Memorial

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Passover Seder March 30 Limited Registration Available

The Temple's annual Seder will be held on the second Seder night, Thursday, March 30, at 6 p.m., in the Social Hall. Singing will be led by Mr. Steve Dubow, serving now as our cantorial soloist. Our Rabbis will lead the narration of the Haggadah.

There are only a limited number of seats available. Please see the registration form on page three of this issue for further information.



FROM THE RABBI'S DESK

Questions And Answers

1. I UNDERSTAND YOU HAVE JUST RETURNED FROM YOUR ANNUAL TRIP TO THE UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA. HOW SUCCESSFUL IS YOUR MEETING WITH THE COLLEGIANS AND WHAT DO THEY WANT TO DISCUSS?

About 25 of our young people met with me for dinner (on Beth Am) at the University Inn in Gainesville recently. We invited directly all those whose names have been sent in to the Temple by the parents. The young people stayed overtime for the discussion and were most interested in questions concerning God. Last year, the main questions concerned the need for institutional Judaism. I am usually most gratified by these discussions, as I was this year. We are grateful to Mr. and Mrs. Louis Kerr for making these trips possible.

2. HOW DO YOU FEEL ABOUT THE BUSING SITUATION? THE COMMENTATOR PRINTED YOUR FEELINGS ABOUT WALLACE AND IT CARRIED ASKEW'S STATEMENT ON BUSING. WILL YOU MAKE A DIRECT STATEMENT?

I would not be happy about transporting my child a long distance into a slum area (white or black). Nor am I happy about transporting a child from a slum a long distance into an area where he feels inferior. The proper solution of this problem is the development of areas where blacks and whites live together in one neighborhood. There is little development along these lines. Until that happens, we will have to live with the busing problem. The alternative is separate school systems. We can't go back to that.

3. MANY OF THE CHILDREN COMPLAIN ABOUT RELIGIOUS SCHOOL. WHAT ARE YOU DOING ABOUT THIS PROBLEM?

Children complain about schools in general, and they complain most about the situation which is an added burden to them, the weekend school. Also, they sense that religious school is not quite as compulsory as public school. This is the weak spot in the compulsory line, so they release their objections to all schools at this point.

On the other hand, there are problems in the weekend school which will have to be solved. First of all, it is increasingly difficult to get dedicated teachers. Most of you who are intelligent and talented consume your energies in other fields. You don't come forward to teach. Some of our teachers are not the best, and some of them do not devote the necessary time in preparation, in spite of the increasingly higher range of salaries. This problem will not be solved until more of our imaginative and creative people offer their time. You don't have to give us a year. Give us three months, one month. (This is not to say that we don't have many first grade, quality teachers).

Secondly, we realize that we have to move progressively away from the class room to more romantic and stimulating environments. The tenth grade experimented this year with two weekends away at a beautiful camp and was out of the class room an entire term. It was successful, we thought. If some nice family would contribute a camp to the Temple, we could turn to the weekend camping program which some congregations are beginning to institute.

4. I HEARD DR. ORLINSKY, THE BIBLICAL SCHOLAR, AT FRIDAY NIGHT SERVICES AND PLAN ON HEARING DR. KAPLAN AND OTHERS IN YOUR "FRIDAY NIGHT UNIVERSITY" SERIES. HOW DOES THE TEMPLE PAY FOR THIS KIND OF FORUM?

The forum is maintained by private contributions. We will be happy to receive yours. Make your check out to the Temple and write on it "University." Our expenses this year are about \$900.

FRIDAY NIGHT IS TEMPLE NIGHT

Joan's Gems



By JOAN SCHWARTZMAN

Passover is almost here. Did you get your supplies from our Judaica shop? The goodies are going fast. Get your order in today! . . . The Temple will hold its annual Seder on Thursday, March 30, at 6 p.m. Make your reservations immediately. Steve Dubow, now serving as cantorial soloist, will lead the singing. . . . Get well wishes to Seymour Cohen, Roberta Emanuel, Sid Efronson, and Carolyn Belin. . . . Two of our members had baby boys on the same day. Mazel tov to Joel and Evelyn Hirschhorn and Alan and Christine Querido.

The Primary Bloc contributed time at the Greater Miami Jewish Federation stuffing envelopes as part of true Tzedakah. They also made a tour of the building. . . . Regrets to Martin Reuben for not giving him credit before for the pictures he took of the Primary Bloc. . . . Get well wishes to Helen Brooks and Nancy Lash who have recently been hospitalized. . . . Curtis Rayam, a member of our choir, who won the Florida State Metropolitan Opera auditions, traveled to Atlanta and won the Southeast Regional Competition. He goes to New York in March for the finals.

Bring Old Newspapers To Religious School

Parents of Religious School children are urged to have students bring old newspapers with them as they come to weekend school. Starting now, and continuing through the end of the year, Mr. Liebman's eighth grade Sunday class is sponsoring a newspaper recycling project with proceeds to go to the Teenage Building Fund. Paper pick-up facilities will be visible as cars enter our parking lot area. The only regulations are that 1) newspapers only will be accepted, and 2) they should be stacked neatly and tied with a string.

HOME PICK-UP TOO

If it is impossible to deliver your newspapers here, arrangements can be made to have them picked up at your home. This service will be provided on Thursday evenings between 6:30 and 9:30 p.m. For arrangements, please call Helene Hollub, 233-7501.