

Beth Am COMMENTATOR

Sisterhood Season Starts Sept. 24

This year, women are free. FREE TO BE YOU AND ME.

This will be the theme for the opening brunch of the busy Sisterhood season. It will be held in the Social Hall on Wednesday, September 24, from 9:30 a.m. to noon. Back by popular demand will be a colorful fashion show with music presented by Jordan Marsh. In addition, there will be eye openers and a tasty gourmet brunch featuring delicacies such as mushroom omelets with cheese sauce, broccoli polynesian, and fruit tarts.

This is a reservations only affair. Free to paid-up members and \$4 for guests. Bring your mothers, grandmothers, and girl friends. But remember to pay your Sisterhood dues early and avoid long lines on September 24.

There will be raffles, door prizes and dinner for two for five days from Master Host for the early birds who call in their reservations prior to September 17. Call Jackie Edelson, 235-4090, Myrna Cohen, 233-7444, or Rosita Levy, 271-9665.



High Holidays

Drawing Near

Rosh Hashonah Starts Sept. 5

Charge into the office and register for membership. High Holiday Admission Cards will be mailed to all registered members during this week. All admission cards should be delivered by August 30.

ENTRY TO HIGH HOLIDAY SERVICES

Entry to High Holiday Services will be by admission card only. This is the one time during the year that entry to services is limited to Temple members. As in the past, you will be asked to present your High Holiday admission cards prior to entry to any of the services.

PLAN FOR CAR POOLS

During the High Holidays, parking is a problem. Plan your car pools now. We can handle a limited number of cars in our parking lot. If you ride with a friend, you will help an over-taxed parking situation. More details about parking next week.

SERVICE SCHEDULE FOR ROSH HASHONAH

Friday Evening, September 5	Saturday, September 6
6:30 p.m. — Family Adult Service	9:30 a.m. — Adults Only
9:00 p.m. — Adults only	1:30 p.m. — Children's Service
	3:30 p.m. — Family Adult Service

Family Adult Services are for adults and children, fifth grade and up. They are identical to Adult Services except for Yom Kippur day when the services are different.

Adult Services are for tenth graders and older.

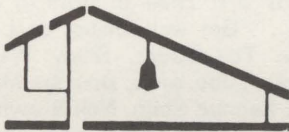
Children's Services are for fourth graders and younger. They last only for 45 minutes.

Calendar For Nursery-Kindergarten and Day School

Thursday, August 28 . . .	9:30 A.M., Sanctuary Orientation for Nursery-Kindergarten
Tuesday, September 2	School Begins for Nursery-Kindergarten and Day School
Friday, September 5 . . .	No School (Nur.-Kg. and Day School)

S'lichot Service Saturday, August 30

Rabbi Baumgard will conduct an original mood service on Saturday, August 30, at midnight, in celebration of S'lichot. This service is conducted without prayer books and is quite moving. A program of entertainment and refreshments will precede the service beginning at 9:45.



The Committee Of 100

The following families have joined the Committee of 100.

Neil and Nancy Braverman
Irving and Ann Bussel
Harold and Jill Gaffin
Robert and Barbara Gittleman
Dr. Henry and Frances Glick
Ernest and Dolly Harris
Dr. Marvin and Joan Harris

Dr. Max Kulvin
Neal H. and Gail Levine
Albert and Gloria Milberg
William and Helen Rakkind
Joseph and Lena Ragovis
Frederick and Harriet Segal
Fred and Adelle Stone

FRIDAY, AUGUST 29
8:30 p.m.

RELIGIOUS
SERVICES

RABBI CHEFITZ

'Holey, Wholly, Holy:
A Prelude To The Holidays'



SATURDAY, AUGUST 30
11:15 a.m.

TORAH SERVICE

High Holiday Admission Cards being mailed this week to all members.
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Preparing For The High Holidays

In the days when Jews considered religion the main dish of life, rather than a side-dish, the period preceding the High Holidays was dominated by a sober mood. In less materialistically oriented days, Jews considered the Holy Days the time when they actually met God face to face, so to speak. It was a time of confrontation.

So, what do you say to God when you meet Him that closely? Surely, He will want to know if you have been following His moral laws, if you have treated your family members, friends, and business associates with kindness and understanding. And He will not forget to ask you, "What about your people Israel? What have you done for them?" When you meet God on Rosh Ha-shanah, the anniversary of the date on which the world was created, it is no casual meeting. It is a time for accounting, for "tachlis."

Our fathers took this notion of a personal meeting with God seriously, so the Holy Days were enveloped in fear and trembling, as well as in joy. In modern times, especially in America, the Jew begrudgingly turns from his business (profession), or from his recreation, to trudge to the synagogue. In a way, he resents this intrusion on his time. Why does the service have to be so long (two hours)? Who is this God, anyhow, that everyone is talking about?

Not the least of the shadows cast on our advanced technocracy is the disappearance of God. As the mystics would say, "God is in eclipse." We go outside our homes and don't see the sun. For us, it is not shining. We have permitted all kinds of clouds to come between us and the sun. There it is, of course, in all of its customary brilliance, but we can't see it because our eyes are turned elsewhere. We're thinking about other things. We are interested in other things. We are working towards other goals. And we're saddened and heavy of heart. For some reasons, our new goals are not as fulfilling as we thought they might be. In the midst of plenty, we wonder where the joy of life has gone.

As we prepare for the forthcoming High Holidays, we might return to the old Jewish practice of doing some preparation for the Services. We might try to do some spiritual accounting and clarify a few things for ourselves. Beth Am has a special service for that purpose. It's called the "S'lichot" service and it will be held on Saturday night, August 30, at midnight. It's a mood service without prayer books. It's an education (15 minutes) in weighing one's own deeds. Some tell us they first learned to pray at this service.

There are other ways to prepare for the Holidays. Read a good Jewish book during this season. Try "Hasidism and Modern Man," by Buber, or "The Prophets," by A. Herschel, or "The Last of the Just," by Schwartzbart, or "Can Faith Survive," by Eisendrath, or a host of others in our library or at the book store. Even A. Sachar's "History of the Jews," or "Jews, God, and History," by Dimont, are a good beginning.

It is not quite possible to turn from "business as usual" and meet God on any level. One must prepare, if one is at all serious. Sharpen your Jewish attitude before you come to the Sanctuary. It will enable you to have a more meaningful experience this Holiday. Maybe that load weighing on your heart will be lightened.

Youth Program Starts Sept. 23

The Youth program is off and running. Beginning Tuesday and Wednesday evenings, September 23 and 24, several activities will get under way for our youth program under the chairmanship of Mrs. Iris Franco.

The present schedule calls for arts and crafts, drama, modern dance, judo, and, for our girls only, a self defense class.

On these evenings, the gym will be open for basketball, volleyball, and badminton. Our youth program will be supervised by our youth directors, Barry and Gail Friedman.

Watch the COMMENTATOR and the Rosh Hashonah brochure for further information and registration forms.

RAP SESSIONS WITH RABBI BAUMGARD CONTINUE ON MONDAY NIGHTS

All young people of college age are invited to meet with Rabbi Baumgard in an informal "rap session," in the Chapel, an informal room in the new Teenage Building. The meetings are being held on Monday evenings at 8:00 p.m. Young people are invited to "come as you are."

Joan's Gems

By JOAN SCHWARTZMAN

Nancy Greenberg has a showing of her recent paintings at Pier 66 Gallery in Fort Lauderdale through September 9. . . . We are delighted to share the news that our librarian, Margot Berman, is recuperating nicely since recent orthopedic surgery this past summer. . . . Kudos to Abe Eisenman, who has been department chaplain for the Jewish War Veterans, and his wife, Leah, has been appointed treasurer for the Department of Florida Ladies Auxiliary. . . . Mazel tov to Mr. and Mrs. Irwin Block, grandparents of a baby girl born to their daughter and son-in-law, Victoria and Steven Kramer.

Did you know that Elsie Segal serves as treasurer and Barton Udell (one of our past-presidents) as vice president of the Jewish Historical Society? . . . Ah, more good news. Gayle and James Commander are parents of a baby boy. Mazel! . . . Congrats to Debbie, daughter of June Friedman, who has made the Dean's List at Georgia Tech. She is also the news editor of the student newspaper and holds first chair in flute in the Georgia Tech Marching Band. . . . Get well wishes to Lani Abramson, Harold Tucker, Joe Teitelbaum, Stacy Ward, Andrew Gunther, Elizabeth Blocker, Joe Kitts, Blanche Manners, Ethel Light, Lillian Danuff, Lennye Stein, Neil Burwick, Alden Ziemann, Joshua Schwartz, Jill Gilson, and Louis Kostecki. . . . Kudos to the klutz of the year award go to Iris Franco. Ask her, and she'll tell you the story.

B'nai Mitzvah

Saturday, August 23
11:15 a.m.



Jacqueline, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Saul Genet

Saturday, August 30
11:15 a.m.



Shawn, son of Mr. and Mrs. Alan Olinick



Lorri, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Robinson