



Beth Am Commentator

March 3, 1978

Miami, Florida

Rabbi Herbert M. Baumgard
 "A MODERN STORY OF LITTLE RED RIDING
 HOOD AND THE BIG BAD WOLF"

Friday, March 3, 7:30 p.m., FAMILY SERVICE

Saturday, March 4, 11:15 a.m., TORAH SERVICE

Three Adult Study Courses Begin Soon

This month, we are pleased to have two new additions to our Adult Jewish Studies faculty. Both should be well known to you through their activities in the community. Rabbi Morris Kipper served as Rabbi of Temple Judea prior to founding the high school in Israel. Susan Panoff is presently on leave of absence from her position as director of the Educational Research Center of the Central Agency for Jewish Education. In addition to these new courses of Rabbi Kipper and Mrs. Panoff, our own Rabbi Chefitz will be repeating one of his courses which always are in great demand.

Please register in advance by calling the Temple office. Enrollment will be limited.

ORIGINAL INTENTIONS: A TREATMENT OF GENESIS.

Four Wednesday evenings, 8 to 10 p.m., beginning March 8, in Room 27, Rabbi Morris Kipper. Rabbi Kipper offers a new perspective to Bible study. Enrollment limited to 20.

TWENTIETH CENTURY JEWISH LITERATURE.

Four Thursday evenings, 8 to 10 p.m., beginning March 16, in Room 27, Susan Panoff. Book lists will be circulated to those who register. Enrollment is limited to 20.

ETHICS AND THE JEWISH FRAMEWORK.

Four Tuesday evenings, 8 to 10 p.m., beginning March 14, in Room 26, Rabbi Chefitz. Enrollment limited to 40.

HEBREW SCHOOL HONOR ROLL

The Hebrew School wants to give recognition to the students who are doing top academic work and making excellent progress. The students whose names are printed below are on the Hebrew School Honor Roll for January, 1978.

GRADE ALEF

Teacher: Calie Loss

Amy Notarius, Stacey Maranz.

Teacher: Susan Davidow

Adam Bricker, Marjorie Bollinger.

Teacher: Judy Enteen

Joyce Alpert, Debbie Berkowitz.

Teacher: Myrna Rogoff

Steve Rochkind, Sheryl Simon.

GRADE BET

Teacher: Miriam Zadok

Betsy Fishman, Linda Singer, Stephanie Malin.

Teacher: Lenore Kipper

Robert Chaiken, Barry Simon.

Teacher: Barbara Katz

Michelle Minor, Lori Levitt.

Teacher: Knute Krassenstein

Lisa Grossman, Jack Wolfe.

Teacher: Art Leichner

Michael Edelson, Margie Orlin

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Greta Carmen Kaplan

Speaks After Services

Friday, March 3



Too many of us take for granted the artwork and ornaments that give our sanctuary such integrity and warmth. Greta Carmen Kaplan, artist and Temple member, is responsible for the design of our window panels, the tapestry on the doors of our ark, and many other works of art in and about the sanctuary. Following services this Friday, she will speak briefly about the conception and construction of these beautiful pieces which have become a part of all of us. Greta's work has won her many awards. It is found in many of the finest art collections about the country. But the finest collection of her work may well be right here at Temple Beth Am.

Purim Carnival Sunday, March 26

Get ready for the biggest and best Purim Carnival, which will be held on Temple grounds Sunday, March 26, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Put on your costumes and take part in all the fun. We will have our great bake sale and plant sale and the highly successful White Elephant Sale.

Want to help out? Check your closets and garages for all new or used items and donate them to our carnival. Then, all the merchandise will be on display for sale for fun and charity.

Pre-schoolers will enjoy a specialized game area and the older kids will be able to partake in games, rides, cotton candy, popcorn and hot dogs. Prizes galore for everyone! You'll be able to have your child have his picture taken while riding on a pony. What a splendid way to spend Purim!

Volunteers are needed. If you would like to bake, bring plants, gifts, contact Millie Infeld at 238-2238. We need a lot of people to participate. Come on in and enjoy the fun.

By Popular Demand!

THE TEMPLE CHOIR PRESENTS IN CONCERT

Musical Pathways

Through Judaism

FRIDAY EVENING, MARCH 10, AT 8:30 P.M.

(The concert will be in place of the service)

BETH AM CULTURAL SERIES

presents

GRETA CARMEN KAPLAN

The artist responsible for sanctuary windows
and ornaments conducts a tour
of her work in the sanctuary
following services March 3, 1978



FROM THE RABBI'S STUDY

Are Rituals Important?

Those who deal with the complex mechanism of the human mind, the psychiatrist and the psychologist, are becoming more and more convinced that human beings must have the help of ritual in facing certain of life's problems.

Does this mean that we must accept the entire mass of Orthodox ritual? Does this mean that we must assume, as the traditionalists do, that God is the author of ritual? No. To understand that SOME ritual might be important is not to assert that ALL ritual is important or that one should pre-occupy himself constantly with meeting the obligations that fixed ritual can impose.

For example, we in Beth Am strongly urge upon you the kindling of the candles on Friday evening, on the advent of the Sabbath. We urge this as a weekly ritual of identification with your people. We suggest that you perform this little act with the thought strongly in mind, "I am doing this to remind myself that I am a Jew, that I am a child of a people that long has struggled to build a world of meaning."

The revival of Shiva shows the wisdom of our ancestors. Judaism suggests that following the funeral you be "at home" to your friends for a fixed period of time (seven days in Orthodoxy, three in Reform). Knowing that you will be "at home" or "sitting shivah," your friends come and commiserate with you.

There is not space in this column for further demonstration of this point today, but the conclusion seems clear. We human beings need certain forms and opportunities for emotional expression. Many of our Jewish rituals are brilliantly designed to be of great help in this regard.

HEBREW SCHOOL HONOR ROLL

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GRADE GIMEL

Teacher: Susan Davidow Hope Breslaw, Kim Katz.

Teacher: Judy Enteen Mark Orovitz.

Teacher: Knute Krassenstein Richard Jackson, David Levi.

BOY SCOUT OPEN HOUSE MARCH 9

Boy Scout Troop No. 502, sponsored by Temple Beth Am these many years, is holding an open house on Thursday, March 9, at 7:30 p.m., in the Youth Lounge.

All parents interested in enrolling their children in scouting (ten year olds and older) are invited to come with their children this night to observe the troop in action. Don't forget the date: Thursday, March 9, at 7:30 p.m.

TWO IS TWICE AS GOOD FOR CONTEMPORARIES MARCH 5

The Contemporaries will have two things to look forward to when next they meet on Sunday, March 5, from 2 to 4 p.m., in Room 28.

The M'Shrim, that delightful group of Beth Am teens under the direction of Harriet Potlock, to be followed by a discussion on the Chavurah program, led by its two dynamic chairmen, Dr. Gil Snyder and Dr. Berney Saper. What an afternoon to look forward to!

Refreshments and plenty of good company on the agenda, too.

LETTER OF COMMENDATION

A letter was received by Rabbi Baumgard from Mrs. Frances Kramer, director of the elderly services division of the Metropolitan Dade County Department of Human Resources, lauding the efforts of our Contemporaries, under the able chairmanship of Edith and Ed Weinstein, who have raised \$695 worth of food coupons which are being utilized by the low-income elderly.

DR. HELEN FAGIN GIVEN HOLOCAUST AWARD

Dr. Helen Fagin, a Beth Am member and professor of English at the University of Miami, was honored this past month by the New York Society of Clinical Psychologists with the Holocaust Memorial Award.

In 1973, Dr. Fagin was the first in the country to introduce into any university a course in Holocaust literature. Now, that course is being offered in several schools, and an abbreviated course has been offered here at Beth Am as part of our adult studies program.

REGISTRATION FOR BETH AM DAY SCHOOL

NURSERY THROUGH FIFTH GRADE

Now open to Temple members

Registration priority for Temple members ends April 3

Limited spaces available. First come, first served.

Bnai

Mitzvah



Saturday March 4 11:15 a.m.

Jonathan, son of Drs. Jay and Marjorie Sanders David, son of Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Wolf