



beth am commentator

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Miami, Florida

Rabbi Herbert M. Baumgard

"THE IMPORTANCE OF ESTABLISHING GOOD HABITS"

Friday, October 13, 8:30 p.m. RELIGIOUS SERVICE

Saturday, October 14th, 11:15 a.m. TORAH SERVICE

Sukkot Holiday Begins October 15 SERVICES AT 10 A.M. MONDAY, THE 16th

Sukot, the original Thanksgiving Holiday, begins Sunday night, October 15th, at sundown. Services will be held at the Temple on Monday morning at 10 a.m. Monday night school will be held on Monday, the 16th, and Rabbi Baumgard's Monday class for adults will meet as usual at 7:30 p.m. in the Youth Lounge.

The coming of Sukkot is observed with home rituals which are described below. It is traditional to build a Sukkah, if you can, and to eat in it. The Sukkah is a reminder of the early agricultural beginnings of the Jewish people, who used to dwell in the Sukkah during harvest time. Come visit our Sukkah at the Temple.

Sukkot is the original Thanksgiving holiday which was copied by the early Pilgrims in America as the basis for the American Thanksgiving. It is appropriate to dress the home with flowers, plants, and fruit designs. Be creative:

LULAV AND ETROG ARE SYMBOLS

The symbols of the Sukkot holiday are the lulav and etrog. The lulav is a palm branch entwined with myrtle and willow branches. The etrog is a large, lemon-like fruit. These symbols are held together and shaken in all directions during the Sukkot service in a special ceremony as we ask for a continuation of the miracle of growth.

The last day of Sukkot at Beth Am will be Simchat Torah, which we will observe with the traditional Torah parade on October 22nd and 23rd.

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SCHEDULE OF YOM KIPPUR SERVICES TUESDAY EVENING, OCTOBER 10 (KOL NIDRE)

6:30 p.m. Family Adult Service - Rabbi Baumgard speaking
Cello Solo at 6:30 sharp.

9:00 p.m. Adults only. Rabbi Baumgard speaking
(This service is identical to the earlier service)
Cello Solo at 9:00 p.m. sharp

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 11

9:30 a.m. Memorial Yizkor Services (two identical services)
Sanctuary, Adults only. Rabbi Baumgard speaking
Teenage Building. Family Adult Service, Rabbi
Chafitz speaking.

1:30 p.m. Children's Service. Rabbi Chefitz speaking.

3:30 p.m. Family Adult Service, Rabbi Baumgard speaking.
(Includes short memorial service.) This service is
completely different from the morning service.)

Kol Nidre Services for Yom Kippur begins on Tuesday evening, October 10, with the 6:30 p.m. Adult-Family service, to be followed by an identical adult service at 9:00 p.m. Rabbi Baumgard will speak at both services, which begins promptly with the cello solo of Kol Nidre by Ingus Naruns, first cellist for the Miami Philharmonic.

Please note that families may worship together on Yom Kippur Day (Wednesday) not only at the Yom Kippur 3:30 p.m. service in the Sanctuary, but also at the 9:30 a.m. morning Memorial Service which will be held upstairs in the Teenage Building. The morning Family-Adult Memorial Service will be identical to the simultaneous service to be conducted in the Sanctuary for adults only.

The customary afternoon Yom Kippur Service at 3:30 p.m. will have a short memorial service, but will be entirely different from the morning service. Families with children able to observe decorum may come to this adult service. Rabbi Baumgard will speak.

The usual children's service for very young children will be held in the Sanctuary at 1:30 p.m. Rabbi Chefitz will speak.

It's time to roll up your sleeve...



GIVE BLOOD NOW

OCTOBER 15

IS BLOOD BANK

SUNDAY

Just a reminder to those of you who planned to donate a unit of blood to our blood bank. The date is Sunday, Oct. 15, from 9 a.m. to noon in the Youth Lounge. This is a congregational blood bank; so be sure and come and give this precious unit of life-sustaining fluid.

We need your help to maintain the integrity of our blood bank. If we cannot replace the blood requested by our congregants, we cease to exist. So, please come, and make your needed donation and enjoy a hearty breakfast as only our Brotherhood's famous kitchen crew can provide. See you October 15.

COMPARE JUDAISM TO ORIENTAL RELIGIONS COURSE BEGINNING OCT. 25

Rabbi Ovadya Hiroshi Okamoto will offer a course entitled ORIENTAL RELIGIONS IN RELATION TO JUDAISM as part of our fall Adult Jewish Studies program on four Wednesday evenings beginning October 25th.

Rabbi Okamoto is a native of Japan. He did his undergraduate work in Tokyo, received his ordination and doctorate from the Hebrew Union College in Cincinnati, has studied at Oxford University in England, and for the last seven years has been teaching at the University of Miami.

You may reserve a place in his class or in any other of our October classes by returning the registration form to the Temple office. Classes meet Wednesday, Oct. 25, Nov. 1, 8, 15, from 8:00 - 10:00, in Room 24.

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FROM THE RABBI'S STUDY

Applying the High Holiday Experience

Each of us experiences the High Holidays at a level consistent with his native sensitivities and his religious training. This is a way of saying not all of us get the same thing out of the Holiday experience. Those of us who had a childhood exposure to a "hazan" or traditional leader of the singing enjoy those melodies which exposure to a "hazan" or traditional leader of the singing enjoy those melodies which remind us of our old "shul". Those of us who know something about modern music enjoy the treatment that modern composers like Helfman, Miron, and Bloch have given to some of the traditional motifs. Others of us couldn't care less about the music. The latter don't experience the emotional stirrings that the music brings to some.

Some of us sit patiently through the services waiting only for the sermon. Others have said to me, "The one thing I can't stand is those sermons". Some understand that the kind of sermonic interpretation you hear in Beth Am is not heard everywhere, and they appreciate this. Others wonder why our Rabbis can't talk on the same subjects as their former Rabbi.

Some people like a sermon on God. Others sleep through that kind of sermon. Some like a sermon on ethics. Others say of this kind of presentation, "He's telling us what to do again".

For some, the Prayerbook is a real inspiration. Reading the same prayers year after year strengthens the feelings and ideas for these worshippers. Others would rather have new prayers or none at all. Some of our members like the interpretative pamphlet which we have added to the services. Others want to know what we are doing tampering with the tradition.

Some of our families come to all of the services, evening and morning (or afternoon), and they enjoy the Yom Kippur afternoon Nilah service the most. Others pick and choose their services like one picks fruit out of a bowl. These latter don't understand that the Holiday services are integrated, that each gathers increased meaning in its relation to the others.

Many of our families fast on Yom Kippur and come to the break-fast exhausted and pained, but thoroughly enjoy the break-fast as if it were a great celebration. Other families consider fasting to be something for the primitives, and their pleasures are to be found elsewhere than in the break-fast.

The amazing thing is that with so many people coming from so many different "places", psychologically and religious speaking, we nevertheless seem to form a sympathetic group during the Holiday observances. For almost all of us something warm and mystic, something transcendent, happens. The overwhelming majority of our members speak of getting a big lift during the services. The problem for all of us is what do we do with this group experience? How do we act it out in our lives? We tried to give you some pragmatic help with our "Suggested Credo" discussed on Rosh Hashanah morning and distributed at services Rosh Hashanah evening. Its time now to incorporate at least this skeleton outline of what it means to be a Reform Jew into our daily living.

One thing is certain - Judaism is not just a Holy Day religion. It is for every day. Being Jewish should enter into the way you do each and every thing in your daily routine. When this consciousness is strong, when it is a determining factor in your actions, then you are fulfilling your responsibility as one of those chosen to be "a light unto the nations".

YOUTH ACTIVITIES FOR OCTOBER, 1978 BAFTY (Beth Am Federation of Temple Youth)

10th - 12th Grades

Sunday, October 22 - Simchat Torah Rally to support SOVIET JEWRY. Meet at Beth Am at 9:00 a.m. to proceed as a group to the rally.

Saturday, Oct. 28 - Dance - Live Band! Social Hall at 8 p.m.
11th - 12th Grades

Wednesday, Oct 18 - Special "College" Seminar Series. First Topic: Choosing a college, opportunities, Jewish Life. Speakers include Leslie Forester from the Jewish Vocational Service as well as representatives from Hillel.

9th Grade Youth Group

Saturday, Oct 14 - "Water Boggin" Trip. Meet at Beth Am at 2:00 p.m. For further information call Jeffrey Narod, Youth Director, 223-0735 eves.

8th Grade Youth Group

This year's 8th grade Temple Youth Group promises to be an exciting experience. This can only be done, however, with the help of the parents. We need chaperones at all events to insure the safety of your children. We hate to disappoint these kids, so parents, please help out.

The following outline of October's programs will give details of time and costs:

10/14 Bowling - cost \$1 per game with shoes free.

Time 8-10 p.m. Meet at Temple and pick up at Temple.

10/18 - Pizza Party - Place: Pizza Hut on Bird Road. Cost \$1.50 per person. Time: 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.

10/22 - Movie Matinee - to be decided at a later date.

Questions? Call Susan Rones at 279-2532 after 7 p.m.

SUKKOT BEGINS OCTOBER 15

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BLESSINGS FOR SUKKOT EVE (Oct. 15) IN THE HOME

When ushering in the holiday during the evening meal, it is customary to recite these blessings:

MOTHER KINDLES THE LIGHTS

Bah-ruch Ah-tah Ah-don-nai El-loh-hay-noo Meh-lech Ha-oh=lahm Asher Ki-di-shah-noo B'mits-voh-tahv V'tsi-vah-nu L'hahd-lik Nare Shel Sha-bat V'Yom Tov.

(All together): We look upon these candles as the symbol of a courageous past and a glorious future. We understand that our task as Jews is to help bring the light of justice and peace into the world.

FATHER BLESSES THE WINE:

Bah-ruch Ah-tah Ah-doh-nai Eh-loh-hay-noo Meh-lech Ha-oh=lahm Ha-moh-tsee Leh-chem Min Ha-ah-rets.

As we eat this food, may we be strengthened to help others not as fortunate as we are.

(Break a slice of bread and all eat from the same slice.)

ALL TOGETHER

Bah-ruch Ah-tah Ah-doh-nai Eh-loh-hay-noo Meh-lech Ha-oh=lahm Sheh-heh-cheh-yah-nu V'ki-mah-noo V'he-gi-yah-noo Laz-man Ha-zeh.

We give thanks to the God who has enabled us to rejoice on this occasion.

B'NAI MITZVAH

Saturday
October 14
11:15 a.m.



Eric, son of
Mr. and Mrs. Laurans Mendelson
Mark, son of
Dr. and Mrs. George Salzberg

