



RELIGIOUS SERVICE, Friday, December, 21, 1979, 8:30 p.m.

Chanukah Candlelight Service

RABBI HERBERT M. BAUMGARD

Book Review: "WHEN MEMORY COMES", by Saul Friedlander

TORAH SERVICE: Saturday, December 22nd, 9:15 a.m. and 11:15 a.m.

Beth Am Commentator

December 21, 1979

Miami, Florida

HOW DO I PROFIT FROM FAIR SHARE GIVING at TEMPLE BETH AM?

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You will profit greatly from your generous contribution to Fair Share at Temple Beth Am.

Chanukah Candlelight Service Dec. 21st Harriet Potlock To Be Honored

The annual Chanukah Candlelight Service will be held at Beth Am on Friday, Dec. 21st at the 8:30 p.m. service. Each person is asked to bring a chanukah candle wrapped in tinfoil so that it won't drip.

The congregation will honor Harriet Potlock on this occasion for her ten years of serving as Director of Music in the Religious School and as director of the young people's choirs. Children from the choir will sing a portion of the musical program.

Rabbi Baumgard will report on the book, "When Memory Comes", by Saul Friedlander, in honor of Jewish Book Month. The Temple Library will have a sample display of the large number of books available in the Library. Our Library, with Margot Berman as Librarian and Rose Sobol as Assistant Librarian, is one of the finest synagogue libraries in the country. Located on the first floor of the Teenage Building, the Library has thousands of volumes, including the latest books of Jewish interest. The Library is dedicated in memory of Daniel and Fannie Serott by the Moser Family.

COLLEGIAN SERVICE, FRIDAY, DEC. 28TH COLLEGIANS TO READ SERVICE

The annual Collegian Service will be held on Friday, Dec. 28th at 8:30 p.m. Collegians home for the holidays will be invited to read portions of the service and to share in a special Oneg Shabbat after services. Those collegians planning to attend are urged to contact Rabbi Baumgard's secretary (667-5587) to let us know they are planning to attend.

SCHOOL DAYS - SCHOOL DAYS

Please note the following dates from now through the end of January when SCHOOL WILL NOT MEET.

NO RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

December 22	December 29
December 23	December 30
December 24	December 31

NO HEBREW SCHOOL

December 24	December 31
December 26	January 2

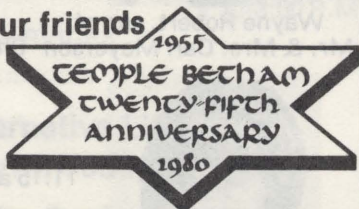
NO NURSERY/KINDERGARTEN/DAY SCHOOL

December 24 through January 6
January 15
January 25

CELEBRATE with your friends

Friday, February 1, 1980
Rabbi Schindler, President of the UAHC will speak.

Sunday, March, 23, 1980
Gala Dinner Dance at the Intercontinental Hotel.



HOW TO PLAN A BAR/BAT MITZVAH CELEBRATION

On Tuesday evening, January 8th, at 8:00 p.m. in the Chapel of the Teenage Building, Joan Schwartzman, Assistant Administrator will give an informal talk on the "A.B.C.'s" of planning that special day in your child's life.

All the things you want to know and were afraid to ask will be discussed. This is an informal meeting and a "question and answer" period.

Call the Temple office at 667-5587 and leave your name. Be sure and bring a pad and a pencil for notes to this meeting.

Summer Camp Counselor Interviews Friday, December 28 At Temple

Counselor interviews for Summer Camp will be conducted at the Temple on Friday, December 28th, from 10:00 a.m. until noon by our Camp Director. Application forms can be obtained in the office from Rhoda Bernheimer. These applications should be filled in completely and filed with the office prior to the interview.

SENIOR COUNSELORS must have finished their first year of college. JUNIOR COUNSELORS must be entering the 11th grade in High School. Specialists are needed in ART, BATON AND GYMNASTICS.



Meditation & Relaxation

[Last of a series]

THE RELIGION OF THE FUTURE

For the past several weeks, we have been speaking about the many teachers and groups in our time which have been stressing the importance of mind control. We have made the point many of these teacher-groups have hold of a basic idea that has merit. It is important for us to learn to relax. Some of us do it by "meditating" (with or without the aid of a swami). Some of us do it by exercising. Some of us do one of these things (meditating, running) to such an intense degree that it becomes a fetish to us. We begin to look on it not as a technique, which is what it is, but as a mysterious something which has power in itself. We begin to think of our relaxation technique almost as a religious discipline, and we become its devotees worshipping at its shrine. (Sometimes we associate an individual with that shrine and we project over to him/her extraordinary power.)

I employ many of the in vogue relaxation techniques, not because they are currently popular, but because I have been using them most of my adult life, and because I have found them helpful. But I am careful not to become a slave to my recreational and meditational techniques. They do not provide me with a life-perspective. They only give me relaxation. My perspective and world view comes from Judaism. It is Judaism which motivates my more serious activities. (Meditation borders on idolatry when one begins to take it too seriously.)

The more I study modern (and ancient) paths to happiness, the more I am convinced that Judaism is a unique and revolutionary life perspective. In various historic periods, covering some four thousand years, Judaism has differed from other life perspectives in that:

1. It has insisted that problems are not solved and goals are not attained by expressing belief in formulas. Loyalty to Judaism has never been tested by statements concerning belief but by one's conduct according to certain indicated "halachot" or paths.
2. Judaism has taught that a relationship with the creative Spirit of the world is not based on participation in certain miraculous rites which, in themselves, have saving power. On the contrary, those rites associated with Judaism are designed to root Jews in the historical EXPERIENCE of our people in its search for the deeper meaning of life, and to motivate us to live out the values associated with our faith.
3. Judaism holds that divine power rests not in sacred individuals or in sacred institutions, but in the moral law (Torah) which we are asked to act out. In observing the law, our tradition says, one discovers "eternal life". (Contrast this with that vague godliness that one is supposed to find within oneself during relentless meditation.)
4. Judaism teaches that isolation is a sin and withdrawal from the community is an evil. "Do not pray" our tradition teaches, "without a window in your room." Again, the Rabbis taught, "Sever not yourself from the community." Even studying was not to be done alone. The detached Yogi is the symbol of the ultimate meditator. The Jewish mystics danced together as an outpouring of their noblest faith.
5. Judaism teaches that God is a feeling and caring God. That is to say, God does not sit detachedly on the circle of the horizon encouraging others to be as detached and passionless as He. (The oriental god is without passion, as was Plato's god.) On the contrary, the Bible teaches, as in the story of the burning bush, that God "feels" and "knows" our pain. Further, God is moved to act in our behalf (i.e., to release the slaves, to heal the sick, etc.)
6. Judaism teaches that God needs human emissaries; God needs YOU! In the biblical story of the burning bush, which is a wonderful teaching story, God invites/commands Moses to be His helper in liberating the slaves. Similarly, He invites

Youth News

Matt Silverman Elected President of BAFTY

Matt Silverstein has been elected as President of Beth Am's Senior High Youth Group. In accepting this position, Matt said, "I look for cooperation from all of our members to help, so that we can continue with the successes we have had so far."


BAFTY To Attend Services, Special Oneg To Follow

Bafty members will attend the December 21 Chanukah candle lighting service. A private oneg shabbat will follow services at a nearby ice cream parlor.

Regional Convention In Atlanta Next Week

Members of Beth Am's youth group will be attending a convention of teenagers from the entire southeast region on December 24 - 27. The theme of the convention is, "The Survival of Judaism."

B'nai Mitzvah Saturday, December 22

9:15 a.m.	11:15 a.m.
	
Wayne Robert, son of Mr. & Mrs. Carl Meyerson	Andrew, son of Sheila Chesler & Alan Chesler
11:15 a.m.	11:15 a.m.
	
Brad, son of Dr. & Mrs. Mark E. Oren	Adam, son of Mr. & Mrs. Michael Neijna

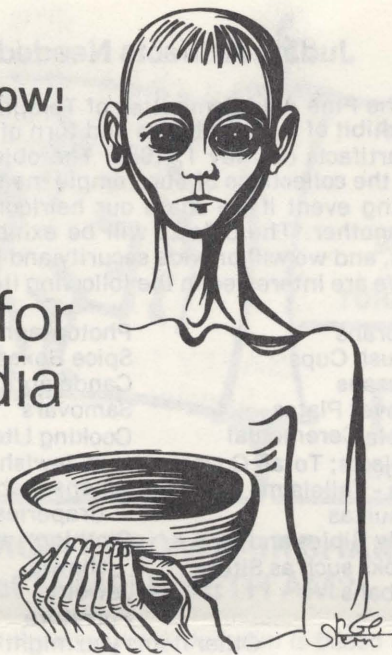
the Prophets to be His spokesmen in denouncing kings and nobles who think themselves above the law and who abuse the poor. The Midrash quotes God as saying, "Without you, I am not God!"

7. Judaism teaches that human beings cannot become God (as the Orientals teach), but we are created in the image of the divine, and we are asked to imitate God in His holiness, i.e., we are asked to become like God in his concern for justice, love and mercy. Some religions have taken over from Judaism its concept of God, but none has been more demanding of its adherents with respect to what God requires of us.

8. Judaism teaches that there is a messianic day at the end. It teaches that all our earthly striving has its purpose, that past and future are tied together in the present meaning of each deed. It teaches us that just as God is aware of our suffering, so the future will be proof to us that it was all worthwhile. "Blessed are those who do not give up hope," our tradition teaches, "for they shall be present at the victory."

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FRIDAY:	9:30-3:00 P.M.
FRIDAY EVENING AFTER SERVICES	

Marriage And Alternative Life Styles: Coping With Today

A Colloquium on Four Tuesdays in January

Dr. Samuel Greenberg, author of "Neurosis is a Painful Style of Living", will conduct a colloquium on marriage and alternative life styles on four Tuesday evenings beginning January 8, 8:00 - 10:00 PM in Room 26. He will invite other professionals to participate in the presentation and discussion with him. The women's movement, marital conflict, divorce, living together and living alone will be among the topics covered. Call the Temple office to reserve a place.

Cotillion Program To Begin Jan. 6th, 7:30 PM

Due to the great response by our 7th graders for Cotillion, we will begin our 2nd-10 week session. Please register now. Reservations are on a first come, first served basis. All reservations must be accompanied by a check.

Name of Student _____

Address _____ Zip Code _____

Phone _____

Yes, I'd like to be a parent volunteer _____

Check for \$40 accompanies registration _____

(Mail to Temple Office—Att: Cotillion)

SUPPORT THE HAITIAN BOAT PEOPLE

There are about 14,000 black men, women, and children who have landed on South Florida's beaches, many shipwrecked and nearly drowned. Many, including small children, have been imprisoned the moment they set foot on America's shores for the "crime" of illegal entry. They are the "boat people" of the Caribbean. But unlike all other boat people, they have not received the acceptance afforded the Indochinese, the Nicaraguans, the Cubans, and other refugees.

The Haitians are the victims of U.S. government blindness to systematic human rights violations initiated during the 22 year dictatorship of the Duvalier family.

WHY ARE THE HAITIAN REFUGEES HERE?

The refugees have escaped Haiti because of the dehumanizing and repressive actions of the Haitian Government. U.S. Congressional committees have heard testimony that arbitrary arrests, detention without trial and torture while in custody remain daily occurrences in Haiti. Recent federal court testimony that refugees forcibly returned to Haiti are imprisoned, persecuted in some cases, murdered.

For those escaping political oppression, poverty and hunger are a daily way of life. By all socio-economic indicators, Haiti is the poorest country in this hemisphere and one of the poorest in the world. Although foreign aid has increased by \$800 million in the last four years nearly half the government's internal revenue are unbudgeted and deposited into what one foreign official terms a "presidential slush fund."

The Haitians aren't criminals. Their reasons for leaving their homeland are as valid as those of Cubans, Vietnamese and Eastern European refugees. Yet the federal government, for all its tarnished trumpeting about human rights, goes on behaving towards the Haitians like the villain in a grade B political prisoner movie. With the exception of the Haitians, the U.S. has never made it a policy to detain people seeking political asylum.

WHY SHOULD WE HELP THE HAITIAN REFUGEES?

Haitians escaping for political and economic survival have systematically been denied political asylum like no other refugee group in the history of this country. Instead of being helped upon their arrival here, they have been incarcerated. Unable to pay high bonds, many have been deported back to the very country from which they risked their lives to escape.

For a Haitian, the price of political asylum is human suffering. Most arrive with no money, unable to afford legal counsel. Those lawyers who are funded by voluntary agencies to help the Haitians are faced with as many as 50 hearings a day.

Despite the fact that Haitians are a proud people desirous of working to support their families, the basic human right to work has been denied them by immigration authorities.

A U.S. Federal Judge in Miami, in a recent opinion, has noted the impact of current immigration policy:

"Haitian aliens in South Florida have suffered and will continue to suffer malnutrition, substandard and overcrowded housing, mental and physical illness and the breakdown of the family unit, unless work authorizations are returned to them."

Few refugees speak English, and most do not speak French. So they remain insulated in the Haitian community, unable to support their families, fearing deportation back to a land of suffering, violence and possible death. Thus, the Haitian refugee lives in constant fear even today.

Many Haitians become the victims of money-hungry entrepreneurs. One such occurrence resulted in the deaths of one Haitian woman and five of her children when ordered to jump off a boat assisting them illegally entering the country to join the father and two other children. Unable to swim, all six drowned. (continued next week)

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We are interested in the following items:

Menorahs	Photographs
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