



FAMILY SERVICE, Friday, April 4, 1980, 7:30 p.m.
RABBI HERBERT BAUMGARD
"WHAT DID ELIJAH SAY TO SANTA CLAUS?"

SINGLES TORAH SERVICE, Friday, April 4th, 9:30 p.m.
RABBI MITCHELL CHEFITZ
In Chapel of Teenage Building

TORAH SERVICE, Saturday, April 5, 1980, 9:15 a.m. and 11:15 a.m.

Beth Am Commentator

April 4, 1980

Miami, Florida

ONE WAY TRAFFIC

Please remember that we are back to one way traffic at the Temple. ALL TRAFFIC SHOULD ENTER AT THE EAST END, towards Red Road. ALL TRAFFIC SHOULD EXIT AT THE WEST END, towards Ludlam Road. We have had a few minor scrapes and near misses by people ignoring the traffic pattern at the Temple. It takes less than a minute to do it the right way.

THE PSYCHOLOGICAL FOUNDATION OF JEWISH TRADITION

Aaron Ilson is both psychologist and rabbi. From Columbia University, where he was the coordinator of guidance and counselling, he went to Temple Sinai of Pittsburgh, and now comes to us with a reputation as a fine teacher and scholar and a counsellor of great compassion. He will offer a course on the psychological foundation of Jewish tradition, touching upon the needs to believe and to belong and the development of Jewish ritual.

Four Wednesday evenings beginning April 16, 8-10 P.M., Room 26. Call the Temple office now to reserve a place.

RABBI GURLAND COMPARES MOSLEM AND JEWISH TEXTS

Moslem thought has already made a great impression upon us this year. The more we can understand it, the better we can cope. Rabbi Gurland has a national reputation in the area of Jewish-Christian relations. Now he reaches out to a different culture.

Four Tuesday evenings, beginning April 22, 8-10 P.M., Room 26, Call the Temple office and reserve a place.

HEBREW FROM SCRATCH IN ONLY FOUR WEEKS

Lenore Kipper will do her thing again on four Thursdays beginning April 17, 8-10 P.M. in Room 24. you really can learn enough Hebrew in four sessions to follow the liturgy in the service and recite the blessings at home. As usual, the size of the class will be limited. The only fee is for materials. Call and reserve a place now.

Passover Information

PASSOVER BEGINS - Monday night, March 31st, Sundown
Light candles, Holiday introductory prayers
Brief Minyan Service at the Temple, at 6 p.m.
Conduct Home Seder. (Haggadahs available at office.)

MAIN PASSOVER SERVICE - Tuesday, April 1st, 10 a.m.
Public School Holiday for Jewish Children
Full Holiday for Adults

TEMPLE SEDER - Social Hall, Tuesday, April 1st, 6:00 p.m.
(Reservations Limited)

TEMPLE OFFICE CLOSED TUESDAY APRIL 1, AND MONDAY APRIL 7.

Rabbi Baumgard Will Be On TV

"JEWISH WORSHIP HOUR"

CHANNEL 10, APRIL 13, 8:00 A.M.

CONCLUDING PASSOVER SERVICE

Monday, April 7th, 10 a.m.

Yizkor, Memorial Service

Brotherhood Elections at Meeting April 9th

At the Brotherhood Meeting scheduled for Wednesday, April 9th at 8:00 p.m. in the Youth Lounge, the Brotherhood will vote on the slate of officers submitted by their nominating committee. The slate is as follows:

President..... Ben Friedman
Executive Vice President Bernard Elrod
Vice President Col. Arthur Conn
Vice President Jack Arkin
Vice President Theodore Deutsch
Treasurer Ralph Cohen
Secretary Al Pobby
Parliamentarian Bob Fried
BOARD MEMBERS: Ben Clein, Abe Eisenman, Max Feld, Les Freedman, Leo Gelber, Don Klein, Harold Malin, George Malin, Ira Pozen, Mike Weisberg, Jack Wolf, Louis Ziff.

BLOOD BANK SUNDAY

May 18, 1980

Reserve the Date

An Educational and Entertaining Evening Wednesday, April 16, at 8:00 P.M.

Once again Sisterhood is inviting Temple members to an outstanding program. This time it is in the form of a play - PLAYS FOR THE LIVING, as presented by the United Family and Children's Services. "A Choice To Make" is a play about aging, change, and sense of self. It is a many faceted play with several interwoven themes, with the central one being the capacity to retain or develop responsibility for one's self in the latter years of life's continuum. The choice is yours to make, so please RSVP to Rhoda at the Temple Office (667-5587) when you make your decision to join us in the Social Hall on Wednesday, April 16, at 8:00 P.M. for this stimulating event. Coffee and Danish included. \$1.00 Donation.

Teachers needed

BY OUR RELIGIOUS SCHOOL
(4th - 8th GRADES)

If you have an educational background, or if you have good experience with children in groups, we can give you the Judaic information.

Special training class for possible teachers (no guarantees) begins Wednesday evenings, April 23, 30, May 7, 14, at 8:00 p.m.

Passover



FROM THE RABBI'S STUDY

The Pleasure Of Not Eating Bread

As an Orthodox lad, I found Passover a whole new world. The preparation for the great change in the household had a psychological affect on me and the other members of the family. Something big was coming! We could tell by the way my mother put away the old dishes and inserted the Pesach-dicki (Passover) dishes. We could tell by the way she put away the regular foods and by the varied Passover-prepared foods she bought. Everything was different. We concluded that Passover must be special and the happiness at the Seder confirmed that fact.

We modern Jews have lost a great deal of this. Our children hardly know when Pesach is coming. We make very little changes in the house. We don't give our children the joy of anticipating the coming holiday. But if we are interested in Jewish survival, we must understand that the emotional aspect of our holidays is as important as their ethical themes. It is not enough for our children to know that Passover marks the first time a group of humans said, "We will be free." They must also experience Passover as an exciting and warm experience.

How can we do this without reverting back to the Orthodox procedure with changing all the dishes and all the foods? The answer is that we have to be most affirmative and creative about what we do. The quality of the little that we do must be first rate. This means that we have to spend some time thinking about how we can make the Seder attractive. Mothers (if they are doing the cooking) must take the time to see that the matzah balls are good and that the rest of the meal is memorable. Fathers (if they are leading the Seder) should bone up on the tunes and make sure there is much happy singing. It goes without saying that you should have a modern Haggadah which includes the best of the tradition and which includes references to the present situation. (The Temple Haggadah is excellent in this regard and is inexpensive. The U.A.H.C. has a lovely more expensive new edition). Your Seder will not achieve maximum results unless you put effort into it (like anything else). You are cheating your children if you don't really go all out for the Seder (we give info on conducting a Seder in our bulletin and will gladly answer all questions, including those that seem to reflect your ignorance. Ask! Make a beginning).

In Beth Am, we recommend that the first day of Passover is a holiday in which the parents should refrain from work and the children should stay home from school. Our service on the morning of the first day is well attended. You should bring your children to that service. (As you know, we hold a service on the seventh day with the Memorial prayers).

The Biblical holiday of Passover lasts seven days (Orthodox Jews observe eight days). When we say that Reform Jews follow the Biblical teaching, we mean that we observe the spirit of Passover for seven days. If this is to mean anything at all, it must mean that what customs we choose to follow, we will follow meaningfully. Not eating bread is the key custom for Passover. Every time you eat matzah instead of bread during Passover, you are affirming your Judaism. If you are eating out and make a mistake of taking a bit of bread, don't be afraid to admit your error; ask the waiter to take the bread away. By this request, you affirm your Judaism. In this era, when American Jews are fast assimilating into the environment, every time you make a choice of this kind, you are fighting assimilation; you are helping to preserve your Jewish identity. Your children will inescapably notice your conviction. If not eating bread is the one thing Reform Jews observe from the ancient lengthy list of traditional Passover restrictions, let us at least do it right. The quality of this observance has to be high, strict, positive. What a pleasure it is for me to deny

NOSTALGIA NIGHT

MAY 3rd

Details to follow!

Recent Library Acquisitions

STUDENT:

"The Innkeeper's Daughter" by Barbara Cohen. Sixteen year old Rachel successfully helps her widowed mother run a small inn.

"The Triumphs Of Fuzzy Fogtops," by Anne Rose. Illustrated for young readers by Tomie de Paola: stories from Chelm.

ADULT FICTION:

"The Reinhard Action" by Hershey Eisenberg. A man in California traces a unique necklace last seen in the possession of his mother at Auschwitz.

"O My America!" by Johanna Kaplan. The story of a man's rise from the ghetto to a visiting professorship at a noted university - with details of his private life.

"The Woman Who Lived In A Prologue," by Nina Schneider. The epic of a complex modern woman from childhood through grandmotherhood.

OF SPECIAL INTEREST:

"Text and Texture" by Michael Fishbane. Close readings of selected biblical texts.

"Final Journey" by Martin Gilbert. The fate of the Jews in Nazi Europe told by tracing individual families in their home country.

"Elli" by Livia E. Bitton Jackson. An account of a thirteen year old girl who is sent to Auschwitz and survives.

"The Jewish Way In Love And Marriage" by Maurice Lamm

"Gates of Mitzvah," by Simeon J. Maslin. A guide to the Jewish life cycle.

"The Book Of The Bible" by Eunice Reidel, Thomas Tracy, Barbara Moskowitz. A lively compendium of facts, stories, trivia and oddities.

"Next Year In Jerusalem," by Avital Shcharensky with Ilana Ben-Joseph. A Jewish activist couple in Russia are separated; he goes to prison, she to Israel.

RABBI BAUMGARD'S GAINESVILLE TRIP

Wednesday, April 23rd

(Projected date)

Do we have the name, address and phone number of your collegian in Gainesville?

Phone Selma: 667-5587

B'Nai Mitzvah

Saturday, April 5



9:15 a.m.

Lora, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jay Kalinsky



11:15 a.m.

Benjamin, son of Mr. and Mrs. Elijah Powell



Audra, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Harvey Simovitch

myself bread over this short expanse of time. It is so easy to do, if you really try. Are you a serious Jew or a make-believe one? It is one thing to be Reform. It is another thing to be seriously Reform. To be seriously Reform means to be affirmative in the standards that you set. These standards must lead you to Judaism, to differentiation from the mass. Do you really observe Passover, or is it one more of Judaism's wonderful things that you ignore in your drift towards assimilation?