



RELIGIOUS SERVICE, Friday, May 16, 1980, 8:30 p.m.

RABBI HERBERT M. BAUMGARD  
"MOTIVATING YOUR CHILDREN TO LOVE JUDAISM"

TORAH SERVICE, Saturday, May 17, 1980, 11:15 a.m.

## Beth Am Commentator

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Miami, Florida

### Shavuot Festival and Yizkor (Memorial) Services Wednesday, May 21, 10:00 A.M.

Along with Passover and Sukkot, Shavuot is one of the great Jewish festivals dating from the time of the Torah. Indeed it is the festival which celebrates the giving of the Torah at Sinai. Fifty days is the traditional counting from Passover to Shavuot. Passover we celebrate with matzah, but Shavuot we celebrate with cakes and fruit and especially dairy products. It is appropriate to kindle the festival candles (shel yom tov) on Tuesday evening, to serve a festive meal, and to join together as a congregation to hear the reading of the ten commandments on Wednesday morning in the sanctuary at 10:00 A.M.

### Facts You Should Know About Our Budget

#### Annual Operating Costs

(Anticipated for 1980-81)

**\$1,114,150**

This means

(Based on a Membership of 1,600 Families)

Operating Cost per Family: **\$696.00**

Minimum Fair Share Dues: **\$525.00**

Cost per Religious School Student: **\$180.00**

Your Tuition Fee: **\$65.00**

Cost per Hebrew School Student **\$128.00**

Your Tuition Fee: **\$50.00**

Cost of Youth Activities: **\$24,500**

Your Youth Activities Fee: **\$0.00**

**These Facts Speak For Themselves**

### We Need You On May 18th!

On Sunday morning, May 18th between 9 a.m. and 2 p.m., in our Social Hall, please come and donate a pint of blood. Your blood is urgently wanted to help those in need. A few minutes of your time may save a life. Please call Doreen Marx at 667-5587 or Diana Elson at 665-1958. Brotherhood will serve a delicious breakfast. See you Sunday!

### Youth Group Car Wash On May 18

The Temple's Senior High Youth Group BAFTY will hold a car wash on Sunday, May 18. Come and support the Temple's Youth Group and drive away in a clean car! The car wash will be held from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

### "Dor Hadash" Conducts Friday Evening Service Installation of Officers and Board Members

Graduates of our new Hebrew program will conduct the entire service this Friday evening, May 15, at 8:30 p.m. This is the first year of our Dor Hadash program. Dor Hadash is Hebrew for "A New Generation", and indeed, these young people, most of whom are recently bar or bat mitzvah, represent the new generation. Or let us hope that they are representative! It requires considerable dedication to Jewish tradition to continue with Hebrew training after bar or bat mitzvah, and these young men and women have shown that they have such dedication. That there are so many of them augurs well for the future!

It is hoped that the entire congregation will come and delight in their accomplishments. Especially we hope that the young Hebrew students will attend, so that they might have an understanding of the skill and proficiency that it is possible to gain in the years to come.

### Temple Officers and Board and Sisterhood and Brotherhood Officers Installed

Also at this service, Rabbi Baumgard will install the new officers, Board members and members of the Board of Trustees of the Temple. In addition, the newly elected officers of the Brotherhood and Sisterhood will be formally installed at this time.



### The Committee of 100

#### "Committee of 100" Seeks Members

In a special appeal to members the past several weeks, twelve NEW FAMILIES have volunteered to join "The Committee of 100" for the fiscal year which starts on July 1, 1980.

All members of the congregation should thank these families whose names are printed below, since it is only by contributions like this that our budget ends up in balance. There is no limit to the number of families needed for this committee. All are welcome. Can you join?

Anonymous

Henry and Barbara Arman

David and Joanie Halberg

Howard and Barbara Katzen

Ronald and Betty Kurtz

Dr. Stuart and Linda Leeds

Dr. Sanford and Nauma Levin

Noel and Cary Nation

Erwin and Joan Ravich

Fred and Harriet Segal

Arthur and Carol Sheldon

Dr. Brian and Carole Weiss





FROM THE RABBI'S STUDY

## LIFE REGIMEN OF RITUALS FOR JEWS

(Part Two)

**6. FUNERAL:** When a Jew dies, he is buried in a formal ceremony, usually in the ground in a Jewish cemetery. Burial in the ground is important to the Orthodox who believed in the resurrection of the righteous. Reform Jews do not believe in the resurrection of the body and may permit cremation, although most reform Jews are also buried in the ground.

The Reform Jewish funeral service is very simple and usually includes a Psalm, (frequently the 23rd), a specific prayer for the soul of the departed (ale molay), a prayer reminding the worshipers of their duty to return to the tasks of life (the alaynu), and the kaddish prayer, which extolls God even in this moment of sorrow and looks to happier days for all mankind. There usually is a brief eulogy.

In the tradition, each of the mourners puts one shovel of dirt over the casket, but in America the casket is not usually lowered until the mourners leave, and a symbolic cup of earth is placed on the casket (sometimes a flower is so placed). Generally, Jews do not use flowers at funerals, because they tend to conceal the reality of death.

While Orthodox Jews believe in the resurrection of the body, Conservative and Reform Jews tend to believe in the survival of the soul, although this is not a dogma in Judaism. This Rabbi believes that we are all fragments of one Life-Spirit and that our "Eternal Life" is assured in our being part of that central Spirit. When we die, we return to the Source of our being, as the river returns to the ocean.

**7. SHIVAH:** For a week after a person is buried, the traditional Jewish family is "at home" to relatives and friends who visit and commiserate with them over their loss. Reform Jews observe three days of "Shivah", while some traditional Jews do, also, for particular reasons. Jews are encouraged to release their sadness at this time in any natural way, either by verbally expressing their pain and frustration, or by crying. Stoic acceptance of death is not part of Jewish tradition. Jews encourage healthy emotional release during "Shivah" and set aside a period for moderate mourning, known as "Shaloshim", which goes on for thirty days after "Shivah". In our synagogue, the name of the departed is read at four successive Sabbath services which are attended by the grieving family.

During "Shaloshim", the Jew is expected not to go to parties, movies, etc. The tradition extends this prohibition (in a modified degree) to a year, while liberal Jews are more lenient. After the year comes the "unveiling" ceremony and the emphasis on life's goodness. It is then considered improper to mourn overmuch.

Traditional Jews say prayers in honor of the deceased three times a day for a year after the burial. Reform Jews pray on the Sabbath for twelve months following burial. The basic Jewish tradition is that we honor the dead most by imitating their good deeds. It is traditional to give charity in the name of the deceased, so that "their memory may be for a blessing." This is why in Jewish synagogues and hospitals you will see so many plaques honoring the deceased.

In Reform congregations, it is customary for the entire congregation to rise with the mourners when the kaddish is said, in a show of sympathy. In Orthodox congregations, only the mourners rise. In Beth Am, we recognize that some of our members have established the prior pattern of not rising for the kaddish, so we do not require that a non-mourner rise unless he wishes to do so.

The recitation of the kaddish prayer in the synagogue for a period of time after the death has many positive results, and the mourner is strongly encouraged to do so, even if he/she is not in the mood. The recitation of the kaddish is a release of feeling, it is a way of affirming the death but in an environment where one feels the presence of supportive friends and of God. Further, coming to the synagogue gives the mourner the opportunity to

# Youth News

## 8th Grade Youth Group

The 8th Grade Youth Group returned from a fabulous weekend in West Palm Beach. We were hosted by Temple Israel and our weekend included Sally Fox and her dramatic interpretations, dinner, Havdalah service, and a lot of fun bowling. We want to thank **Mrs. Norton (Teddi) Segal** for helping chaperone the trip.

Now we will be hosting **Temple Israel!** A fabulous schedule is being planned! It will include: A **Shabbat** dinner, a **creative** service, a **mixer** where we will make our own sundaes, dance program, field activities, pizza party, Havdalah Service, and roller skating! This will be provided by our own 8th Grade Youth Group and we give special thanks to our parents for their support!

Disney World preparations are also in the plans! This has been a very **successful** and fun year for all!

## JOAN'S GEMS . . . . . by Joan Schwartzman

Mazel tov to Lisa, daughter of Richard and Leta Behren. Lisa has just been initiated into Phi Beta Kappa at Vanderbilt and will graduate Summa Cum Laude in the field of English. On top of all that, Lisa was one of four finalists picked from a field of 400 to work in Washington this summer with the American-Israeli Publishing Affairs Committee. She will continue her master's studies at Boston University in the fall. Mazel to a lovely young lady and her proud family..... Bernard and Evelyn Goodman have much to "kvell" about. Their son Steven will receive his law degree from Cornell; their son Daniel will receive his masters in Philosophy and Mama Evelyn is getting her A.A. degree from Miami Dade Community College in the field of Social Services. Mazel to all! More good news. We congratulate Jodi, daughter of Sue and Alan Kurzweil who has graduated from the University of Florida with a B.A. in Finance..... Mazel to Harold and Harold Rosen upon the recent marriage of their daughter Lori to Harry Harp. The young couple will live in Aspen, Colorado..... Edith and Monttie Zipp are delighted to tell us that their daughter Susan will graduate in May from the University of San Francisco and will make her home there. Congratulations to Joe and Lois Emanuel upon the engagement of their son Jay to Nancy Weiss..... Mazel to Lee and Jacob Friedman who have become grandparents for the first time. Born to Daniel and Enid Friedman is Heather Michelle..... Kudos to Abe Eisenman who has been elected as Dade County Commander of the Jewish War Veterans.

*B'Nai Mitzvah*

Saturday, May 17

11:15 a.m.



Josef, son of  
Dr. and Mrs.

Frederick Blumenfeld



Laura, daughter of  
Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Cohn

move closer to his/her faith. It is an opportunity for learning and for deepening one's linking oneself to the community and to the past and the future. In this way is the tragedy of the present diluted and placed in perspective. No Reform custom is more emphasized than attendance at services for at least four weeks after a death.

**8. UNVEILING:** Most Jews hold a brief unveiling ceremony about a year after the burial. In this brief ceremony, the stone is "unveiled" and prayers affirming the goodness of life are recited. The emphasis is on forward-looking, and the ceremony marks an end to the period of formal mourning.