



RELIGIOUS SERVICE, Friday, November 28, 1980 8:30 P.M.

Rabbi Herbert M. Baumgard
"THINGS TO BE THANKFUL FOR"

TORAH SERVICE, Saturday, November 29, 9:15 a.m. and 11:15 a.m.

Beth Am Commentator

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Miami, Florida

Chanukah Begins Tuesday, Dec. 2nd Candle-Lite Services Dec. 5th

Light your first Chanukah candle on Tuesday night, December 2nd. The holiday begins at sundown on that date and continues for eight days, ending at sundown on Wednesday the tenth. The Temple Judaica Shop has candles, games, and books, as well as Menorahs.

Our annual candle-light service, in honor of Chanukah, will be held on Friday evening, December 5th, at 7:30 P.M. Please bring a candle, wrapped in tinfoil (wide at the bottom to catch falling wax), for each person attending.

HOW TO OBSERVE CHANUKAH

There are five ways in which Chanukah is observed in the home. First, lighting of candles. Second, gifts. Many Jewish families give the children a gift on each night of Chanukah, after the candles are lit. Third, food. Chanukah has its own favorite foods, such as potato latkes and nuts. Fourth, songs. There are many extremely beautiful Chanukah songs which should be sung after the candle lighting. Fifth, stories and games. The game, Dreidle (spin the top), is an essential feature of the Chanukah observance.

SHAMASH IS THE LEADER

Light the first candle with the shamash, or attendant, candle. The shamash may be permitted to burn or be put out. The second night, light two candles with the shamash, etc. The first two of the blessings are said on all nights. The third is said only on the first night. Sing the songs after the lighting each night. Have fun as a family.

CHANUKAH CANDLE BLESSINGS

1. Bah-rooch Ah-tah Ah-doh-nai, Eh-loh-hay-noo Meh-lech Hah-oh-iam; Ah-sheh Kid'-shah-noo B'mitz-voh-tahv, V'-tzi-yah-noo L'hahd-leek Nair Shel Chah-noo-kah.

We thank You, O Lord, King of the Universe, who has asked us to teach the world that it is better to kindle lights than to curse the darkness.

2. Bah-rooch Ah-tah Ah-doh-nai, Eh-loh-hay-noo Meh-lech Hah-oh-lahm, Sheh-ah-sah Nih-seem Lah-voh-tay-noo, Bah yah-meem Hah-haym, Bah-z'-mahn Hah-zeh.

We thank You, O Lord, our God, for helping us to resist those who tried to destroy us at this season long ago. We pray that we will have the courage to affirm our Jewishness today also.

3. (first night only)
Bah-rooch Ah-tah Ah-doh-nai, Eh-loh-hay-noo Meh-lech Hah-oh-lahm, Sheh-heh-cheh-yah-noo V'kih-y'-mah-noo, V'-hih-gih-yah-noo Lah-z'-mahn Hah-zeh, Ah-men.

We thank You for health, and life and for the privilege of celebrating this holiday. Amen.

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Top Country-Western Music by B.G. Ramblers At Beth Am, Wed., Nov. 26th!

One of the 'percs' or 'extras' of being a member of Beth Am is the opportunity to attend a first-rate performance, at no charge, of a group such as the B.G. RAMBLERS. It is an event for **all** the family—**every** age person will enjoy this country-western music that's so top tappin', you'll want to get up and dance—and we'll provide the space for **that**, too—). But there's also singing and dancing entertainment of the first order. We've got a championship-winning mother and son clogging team who will have you sitting there with your mouth open! (And they'll introduce you to the art of clogging, with a lesson, during intermission).

We are sponsoring this in conjunction with P.A.C.E., (Performing Arts for Community and Education), as the first event of the year—set up for **YOU**, our treasured members, to enjoy. If you miss it, it will really be **YOUR** loss!!

WED., NOV. 26TH, 7:30 P.M., in the GYM. (This will begin **after** parent-child dinner, scheduled for 6:30 P.M.—no conflict!)

SOME DATES TO REMEMBER

Friday, December 5th - Candlelight Service - 7:30 P.M.

Friday, December 12th - Chanukah Music Festival by
The Adult Choir - 8:30 P.M.

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FROM THE RABBI'S STUDY
WHY JUDAISM?

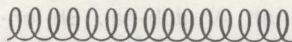
A Holy Day Sermon
by Rabbi Dr. Herbert M. Baumgard

A few days ago, a young man, a believing Christian, was in my office. He was kind enough to want me to perform the ceremony in which he would be wedded to the daughter of one of our members. I informed the young man that I was honored by his request but that I was not a notary public and that my function as a rabbi was to perform weddings between two believing Jews. The young man was not satisfied with my answer, and he continued to prod me. I then began to talk about the importance of Jewish children and the fact that a child living in a household where each parent was committed to a different religion would inevitably have severe difficulties. As we continued the talk, I spoke about the importance of Jewish survival. In spite of the fact that I was cordial to the couple and understanding of their dilemma, in spite of the fact that I assured the young man that I was not Billy Graham, and that I believed that he was as much beloved in God's eyes as a Christian as I was as a Jew, he could not control his anger that I would not officiate at the wedding ceremony. Finally, he blurted out, "What's so gosh awful important about the survival of Judaism anyhow? the world would be no different if it vanished from the earth!"

When two people fall in love and want to get married, they are not ready to participate in a calm discussion about different religions, but perhaps you and I can talk with some objectivity. This young man asked a question which is being asked in one way or another by many Jews today: "What's so gosh awful important about the survival of Judaism, anyhow? Why can't I live my life the way I want to, without regard to Jewish standards and Jewish survival?" It is true that Judaism is a yoke, and being Jewish has never been easy. Is the game really worth the candle?

There are eight hundred million people today who are members of the Islamic faith. There are five or six hundred million who are members of the Christian faith. Only twelve million are members of the Jewish faith. Why, we might well ask, should we continue to hold out? Or, to put it another way, why should we continue to choose Judaism?

As we begin our research for the answer to this question, we are confronted with the fact that both of these religions, Islam and Christianity, with hundreds of millions of followers, are rooted in Judaism. One cannot read the Koran, the bible of those who follow Mohammed, and one cannot read the New Testament without learning that each of these testaments are built on the foundation of the Hebrew Bible. Each of these documents is presented as a continuation of the Jewish testament. Neither of them intends to describe a different kind of God or to introduce a different kind of ethics. In these two central matters, the nature of God and the standard by which mankind is asked to live, both Islam and Christianity infer that they are preaching a kind of Judaism. If this be so, if Judaism is so vital a religion that it can inspire hundreds of millions of human beings to adopt some of its basic teachings, should we conclude that for some reason the time has come that we no longer need the mother religion?



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Youth News

BAFTY Challenge Of The Sexes On Thanksgiving Day

On Thursday, November 27, the Senior High Youth Group will determine who is really the fairer gender. Our young people will participate in a day of fun and games, beginning at 10:30 a.m. and lasting until 2 p.m. Contact Mitzi Levine for further information.

General Meeting on December 1

The first Monday of each month, BAFTY meets in the Social Hall at 6 p.m. for a dinner meeting. Upcoming events are discussed and plans are made for future activities. Come to our December meeting, this coming Monday, December 1 at 6 p.m.

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NINTH GRADE YOUTH GROUP

The **9th Grade Youth Group** is involved ... Not only socially but **involved in the Community!**

November 23rd we took part in assisting with the **Blood Drive** here at Temple. The members helped in the serving of breakfast for all the great donors. It's because we CARE.

We will also be involved in getting together with a very special group "The Buddy Club." We will offer our services to gain a better understanding of retarded young adults.

For our Monday evening dinner meetings, we will be having discussion topics such as: "Anti-Semitism and You" and "What To Do If A Cult Member Invites You to Join?"

Parents of Youth Group Members are invited to these meetings.

Calabash Club To Celebrate Chanukah

Beth Am Young Singles will hold its next regular meeting on the first Sunday of December, December 7 at 8 p.m. The group is planning an old fashioned Latkes party, with plenty of food, fun, and fellowship for all. Come and join us, and bring your friends for another great evening.

B'Nai Mitzvah

11:15 a.m.



Cheryl, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Simon

Saturday, November 29th

9:15 a.m.



Andrew, son of Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Cuba



Adam, son of Dr. and Mrs. Stephen Margolis



Howard, son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Young



Andrew Bradley, son of Dr. and Mrs. Terry Reisman