



RELIGIOUS SERVICE, Friday, October 17, 1980, 8:30 p.m.  
 RABBI HERBERT M. BAUMGARD  
 "HOW COULD GOD PERMIT THE HOLOCAUST?"  
 TORAH SERVICE, Saturday, October 18, 1980, 11:15 a.m.

# Beth Am Commentator

October 17, 1980

Miami, Florida

## Adult Education Programs Gain Momentum

Unusually large enrollments have marked the start of this fall's schedule of Adult Education programs, beginning with Rabbi Baumgard's series on **Modern Jewish Mystics** which drew over fifty people and continuing with Lenore Kipper's **Hebrew From Scratch** which overflowed the classroom with more than thirty students.

Rabbi Hoffman's **morning class** in Bible began on September 30th at 10:00 A.M. and will continue until the winter break every Tuesday morning. Because of the length of this series, it is almost never too late for students to enroll. Seniors who can travel more comfortably during the day than at night are especially invited to enroll. This class has begun studying the book of Leviticus.

The Book of Genesis is the subject of Rabbi Hoffman's other Bible Class which began on October 8th and will run through October 29th at 8:00 P.M. in Room 24.

On Tuesday, October 21st Rabbi Stuart Weinblatt begins his course entitled **Turning Points in Jewish History**. The goal of the course is to explain the techniques for survival which our people have successfully used in severe crisis situations in the past which threatened the life of Jews and Judaism. Are there any lessons from the past which can give guidance in our own concern with the health and continuity of the Jewish People.

Lenore Kipper continues her very popular Hebrew language instruction for those who will have finished her first course by beginning another four week series called simply **More Hebrew** on Thursday evening October 23rd and continuing on Thursdays at 8:00 P.M.

Watch the Commentator for notice of courses scheduled to begin in November.

## Calabash Club Halloween Party October 25

Once again, Beth Am's Young Singles out-scoops all the others! Come to a terrific bash, the first Halloween party of the year. Bring your friends to the Banyan Room of the Coconut Grove Hotel on Saturday, October 25th, at 8:30 p.m. for a terrific evening. The cost will be only \$5 for all paid up members, and \$7.50 for guests. Don't miss another great evening with the most exciting Young Singles group in all of South Dade!

## Camp Coleman Applications

Applications for Camp Coleman for the summer of 1981 are available in the Rabbi's Office. They must be picked up in person and signed by a Rabbi. Call the Rabbi's Office at 667-6667 to make arrangements.

## High Holiday Pledges

During the recent High Holidays the following families responded to our "Opportunities for Giving."

Guardian of Temple Beth Am .....	Jerry and Gwen Berlin
Dedication of Printing Office .....	Jay and Ruth Leshaw and Lee Leshaw
Walkway Column .....	Sidney and Mildred Koren

## Federation And Its Meaning To South Dade Discussion at Breakfast, October 19

"Will the services and activities now established on Miami Beach, North Miami Beach and Miami ever come to South Dade? Will we ever have "Meals on Wheels" for South Dade's elderly and/or destitute Jews?" You should be given the answer to these questions about Federation by Morton Silberman, Gwen Weinberger and Irene Baros, all who will be at Beth Am, October 19th.

Morton Silberman is a member of so many organizations that we list just a few: Past President of the Greater Miami Jewish Federation 1976-78; Vice President, American Israel Public Affairs Committee; and Chairman, Cash Mobilizations, 1980 C.J.A.-I.E.F.

Gwen Weinberger, in addition to her many activities in Federation, is President, Central Agency for Jewish Education; President, Women's Committee of the Jewish Family and Children's Service; Jewish Advisory Board, the University of Miami; O.R.T., and the Technion Society.

Irene Baros is constantly found in the halls of Federation working in many of its important committees. Recently, she was Co-Chairperson of the Committee on Services to the Elderly, and is now part of the Planning Staff formulating concepts for South Dade.

With tensions rising everywhere, it behooves us to understand and to take those steps to ensure our survival. We urge you to attend this breakfast. Remember our slogan, "Only an informed congregant can make intelligent decisions." Ask questions of our speakers and they will give you the answers.

Remember, the date is October 19, 1980, the time is 9:30 a.m., the place is our Youth Lounge. Donations for our bountiful breakfast are \$2.00 for members of Brotherhood and \$2.50 for guests. The ladies are always welcome.

## New Members Invited To Breakfast Oct. 19th

All new members of the congregation who have not previously attended one of our breakfasts are cordially invited to join us at the Congregational Breakfast on the morning of October 19th at 9:30 a.m. in the Youth Lounge. The speakers for the morning will be discussing the work of Federation in the community. (There will be no fund raising.) You are invited to come as a guest of the Temple. If you plan to attend, please call Rhoda in the Temple Office at 667-6667.

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## BETH AM SINGLES

All Singles Age 40 and Over Are Invited  
**FIRST DANCE OF THE NEW YEAR**

Wine..... Cheese..... Refreshments..... Music

Saturday night October 18

8 p.m. till ??? In the Youth Lounge

Members: \$2

Guests: \$3

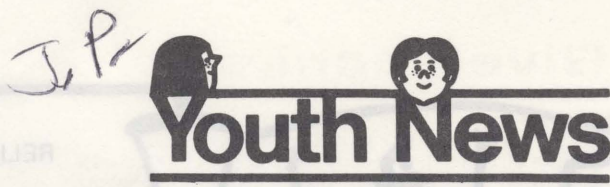
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FROM THE RABBI'S STUDY  
THE JOY OF BEING A JEW



We talk so much of the difficulty of being a Jew that sometimes we forget that Judaism and the Jewish people have their wonderful side. I had a Christian friend at our Simchat Torah service on Wednesday night, October 1st, and when the service was over, he exclaimed, "I wouldn't have believed it if I weren't a part of it. Imagine a parade in a House of God and everyone singing and having a party!" The hundreds of people who came to this service marched around the Sanctuary and through the social hall, waving flags, singing popular holiday songs, and carrying Torahs. Everyone present handled the Torah and became a part of it. If you have never attended our Simchat Torah service, you have really missed something. Children of all ages love it.

One of the most enjoyable experiences of the year for me and for many Jews is the break-fast after the fasting on Yom Kippur. Of course, if one does not fast, the break-fast is not fun. It's just another meal. I understand that not everyone is able to fast for 24 hours. Some can refrain from food but not from water. Some can abstain from lunch but not from a tid-bit at breakfast. My own feeling is that everyone should do the best he can. You may well find that your capacity to fast will increase each year, once you try to get the hang of it. At any rate, the break-fast will be pleasurable in direct ratio to the degree of fasting. How unfortunate for those Jews who can't have this wonderful experience. (Of course, the fasting takes on meaning precisely because it is tied to the exalted theme of our services.)

Kindling the Chanukah lights is always a festive occasion in our home. Our family not only kindles the lights and sings the songs, but we have our own special dance which we choreographed for ourselves. The dance is especially delightful for youngsters, but you'd be surprised how the grandparents love it. (If you don't know the songs, the Temple can supply the words and refer you to the music). Add delicious latkes to the lights and the singing and the dancing, and you get one orgy.

The Passover Seder is a fun opportunity that only the unimaginative can avoid. At our Seder, everyone present reads a passage and all join in the singing (If you don't have such a Seder at home, join us at the Temple on the second Seder night). The trouble with the Seder is - it can be too much fun - too much food. But this is a night when we join ourselves to our enslaved ancestors and experience with them the sweet taste of freedom. There is so much "food" for thought at the Seder. Ah, but you don't enjoy the taste of freedom unless you REALLY share the bitter taste of slavery! The Seder gives us a chance to live in history and to be grateful for the present—if you know how to take advantage of it.

No accounting of Jewish joys should omit the Sabbath experience, for this really is the most important of all. Those Jewish homes which are most invested in the essence of Judaism never fail to kindle the sabbath lights, enjoy the Sabbath meal with family and friends, and sing the Sabbath songs. Candle-lighting time is the love-moment, the time for expressions of love and forgiveness, the time for a family to draw together. Once each week for this kind of open expression is not too much. Indeed, it is much needed in our hectic society. Friday night is the time for homecoming-to family and to God.

It's fun to be a Jew - if you know how to have fun.

**Pilgrimage to Jerusalem in November**

Our Congregation has been invited to join the Great Pilgrimage to Jerusalem in November—a great demonstration of solidarity with Israel on the crucial question of Jerusalem's future.

More than 100 Conservative, Orthodox and Reform congregations across the country are expected to participate, even sending just a *Minyan* to take part in this vital project.

A special rate is being offered to participants. The Pilgrimage program days in Jerusalem are November 17-20. Packages ranging from \$972 and up, covering 6 to 13 days are being offered. Departures begin November 12.

If interested, please contact Rabbi Weinblatt at 667-6667.

**Upcoming BAFTY Events**

As we go to press, reservations are almost filled for the Senior High Youth Group's trip to Disney World on Friday, October 17. If you are interested in coming, contact Rabbi Weinblatt at 667-6667 to find out if there is any additional room.

The next meeting of BAFTY is scheduled for Monday, November 2. The Youth Group will meet the first Monday of each month for a program, meeting, and/or dinner. Additional activities are scheduled throughout the week. Watch these pages for further details.

**JOAN'S JEMS . . . . . By Joan Schwartzman**

Mazel tov to Miriam and Jack Schenkman who are grandparents for the first time. Born to their children Drs. Randy and Joel Schenkman is a girl Lara Alyse.... Don and Doris Frank recently visited Romania where they attended Rosh Hashanah services in Temple Coral in Bucharest. They also found third cousins who live in a small town Tirgu Neamt which is in Moldavia. They spent Yom Kippur in Israel and met three more cousins who migrated there many years ago. If you want to hear some interesting stories ask Don and Doris and they'll be glad to share them with you. We are pleased to announced the birth of Peter Marc, born to Sally and Richard Rabe. Peter was born on Yom Kippur .... what a way to celebrate our holiday.

**Use of Temple Phone Numbers**

The Temple has three phone numbers - Please try to direct your call to the proper number for quicker more efficient service.

**MAIN TEMPLE NUMBER . . . . . 667-6667**  
This number should be used for all calls directed to the Rabbi's office, the Executive Director, Administration, Bookkeeping, Youth Groups, Adult Education, and anything other than school information.

**RELIGIOUS SCHOOL AND HEBREW SCHOOL . . 666-2536**  
This number should be used for all calls concerning Week-end Religious School, Monday Night School and Hebrew School.

**NURSERY/KINDERGARTEN/DAY SCHOOL . . . 665-6228**  
This number should be used for all calls concerning Nursery School, Kindergarten and Day School except for bookkeeping.

**"Ideas Through Books" Meeting Notice**

**BOOK:** "THE TIN DRUM" by Gunter Grass. Available in paperback. Highly acclaimed novel about wartime Germany, by one of the finest writers of modern times.

**REVIEWER:** RABBI JEROME GURLAND, former Rabbi in residence at Beth Am, now on the staff at Temple Beth Shalom.

**DATE:** THURSDAY, OCT. 23, 1980, 9:30 a.m. or 8:00 p.m.

**PLACE:** **MORNING:** Home of Helaine Lipinsky  
4850 Ronda, Coral Gables  
RSVP: 667-2451, or Gail at Temple  
**EVENING:** Home of Sofia Markovitch  
11340 S.W. 72 Avenue  
RSVP: 233-0665, or Gail at Temple

*B'Nai Mitzvah*

Saturday, October 18  
11:15 a.m.



Keith, son of Mrs. Marilyn Heier and Mr. Barry Heier



Alan, son of Mr. and Mrs. Larry Zucker