



RELIGIOUS SERVICE, Friday, October 31, 1980, 8:30 p.m.
 RABBI HERBERT M. BAUMGARD
 "WHAT DO WE BELIEVE ABOUT GOD?"
 TORAH SERVICE, Saturday, November 1, 1980, 11:15 a.m.

Beth Am Commentator

October 31, 1980

Miami, Florida

Mental Health Topic Thursday, Oct. 30th "Conflict - How To Deal With It"

We hope you won't have any conflict about deciding to attend this program on "CONFLICT - HOW TO DEAL WITH IT." It will take place in the Social Hall on Thursday, October 30th, at 8 p.m. Planned with our Temple by the Mental Health Association of Dade County, admission is \$2.00 for non-members of MHA. Refreshments will be served.

Two More Adult Courses Start in November

Beginning a four week series on Wednesday evening, Nov. 5th will be Rabbi Morton Hoffman who will introduce his students to Rabbinic literature. Studying selections from the Mishnah and the Gemara, the class will be able to trace the story of **HOW THE RABBIS SAVED JUDAISM.**

With the catastrophe of the year 70 C.E., namely the destruction of the second temple, the Jewish people faced possible extinction both physically and spiritually. The great rabbis of the Talmud developed new techniques for interpreting the law, new rituals for the people to observe, and an entirely new definition of what constitutes Jewish piety. To all those adults for whom the Talmud has been a closed book, an invitation is extended to study the pages of that great work in English translation.

Rabbi Lewis Bogage To Speak On Jewish Art

Rabbi Lewis Bogage will offer a course on Jewish Art beginning on Tuesday evening, November 18th, which will also run for four weeks. Rabbi Bogage will address the questions: Is there a Jewish Art? Can Art be Jewish? Can "Jewish" be an Art? He will explore the dimensions of the Second Commandment of the 10 Commandments which has inhibited but surely not suppressed Art in Jewish History. Rabbi Bogage will, during the course of his series, also address himself to the works of selected artists of world renown.

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 B.G.R.'s Comin' to Beth Am
 November 26th
 Watch this space for more info

Congregational Breakfast

Subject: Soviet Jewery: Its Problems and Promises
Speaker: Elaine Bloom
Place: Beth Am Youth Lounge
Date and Time: November 16th, 1980 at 9:30 a.m.
 Remember - only an informed Congregation can make intelligent decisions!!

Congregational Tour To Israel In June of 1981



Al Leibert, Chairman of our Israel Tour Committee is ready to accept reservations for the Temple Beth Am Tour to Israel - The Committee is in the process of finalizing the details of the trip as to the exact itinerary, the dates and the cost to the individuals participating.

The tour is of two weeks duration during the middle of June of 1981 - first class all the way - with a rather complete tour of Israel and three or four days in Egypt. Make your plans now. We should have all the details shortly. Watch this space.

Singles Services To Be held On Friday, Nov. 7th, at 9:30 P.M. In The Chapel

On the first Friday of each month following the early Family Service Singles Services are conducted by Rabbi Morton Hoffman in the Chapel behind the Library in the Teenage Building. The Services begin at 9:30 P.M., and include a short Worship Service with lots of singing, and a short Torah study session led by Rabbi Hoffman on the portion of the week. The Torah study is not in the form of a sermon, but is an open discussion of selected portions of the weekly Parashah. Following the Worship and Study portions of the evening, there will be Israeli Folk Dancing led by Diane Stahl, in the Social Hall with refreshments served.

The October Services were well attended, and the interest in Study and Dancing was high. For an enjoyable evening of Jewish content and Jewish fellowship, all singles in the congregation and their friends are invited to attend on November 7th.

Bloodmobile at Temple - November 23rd

The Bloodmobile will be at our Social Hall on Sunday, November 23rd, between 8:30 a.m. and 2 p.m. Please pledge a pint of blood! Call Doreen Marx at 667-6667 or Diana Elson at 665-1958. Brotherhood as always will serve a delicious breakfast.

There have been some changes from the old rules:

YOU MAY GIVE BLOOD:

- 1) if you are over the age of 17 and in good health.
- 2) if you are over 110 pounds.
- 3) if your diabetes is now normal without the use of insulin.
- 4) if your blood pressure is normal even with the use of medication.
- 5) if you have allergies.
- 6) if you have eaten a meal.
- 7) if you have never had hepatitis.

A record 177 pints were collected at our previous Blood Drive. Let's set another record on November 23rd. Please consider becoming a volunteer blood donor and help some very sick people receive fresh clean blood.



FROM THE RABBI'S STUDY

"WHY JUDAISM" - An excerpt from a Holiday sermon by Rabbi Baumgard

When you look back upon the history of the western world for the last 2,000 years, you really don't have to ask the question, "Why should Judaism continue to exist?" The answer is clear. Judaism has something its two daughter religions do not have. They have absorbed some of the tenets of Judaism, but they have not been able to digest all of its spirit, and the reason is that a religion is much more than a bundle of abstract teachings. Especially is this true of a law centered religion like Judaism. Judaism is the result of 4,000 years of the experience of a truly unique people. It is the interaction with many cultures without being absorbed into any of them which has made Judaism and the Jewish people what they are today.

Judaism, through the Bible and through the living example of the bearers of the Bible, the Jewish people, has given the western world precisely those ideas, those ethics, that view of man's purpose, that view of how humans should govern themselves, which have become the foundation and the goal of western society.

It would seem that Judaism is needed in the world today more than ever before, because it alone of the major religions in the western world clings tightly to the doctrine of innate human goodness and potential.

Fundamentalist Christians, that is to say, those Christians who take the New Testament literally, take as their starting point the myth in the Jewish Bible which tells us that the primal couple, Adam and Eve, disobeyed God and ate from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. Fundamentalist Christianity is based on the assumption that because of this original sin, all human beings subsequently born are born in sin. There is no basis for this doctrine in the Hebrew Bible, as I study it. Nowhere does our Bible say that all subsequently born souls shall be worthy of eternal damnation. Indeed, not even Adam and Eve received such a terrible sentence for their sins. As a Jew, I reject this doctrine which seems calculated to place humankind under fear, so that we will clutch at any straw and accept any authority that claims to save us from this damnation.

As a Jew, I point instead to that second myth in our Book of Genesis which tells us that when God created the world, He gave it to the man and the woman and said to them, "Here is my gift. it is wonderful indeed. It is yours to use and command. Only do not abuse it. You must use the world responsibly and morally."*

This part of the Genesis story tells us that God thought enough of humankind to appoint them as His stewards in caring for this wonderful world. Judaism emphasizes the myth of human stewardship and responsibility. The Christianity of St. Paul, St. John, and Luther emphasizes the myth of human corruptibility.

*A paraphrase of the spirit of Genesis 1: 26-31

Who's Who In Brotherhood

The following are your officers and board members for 1980-1981:

- President..... Ben Friedman
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Youth News

BAFTY to Meet on Monday, November 3rd

The next meeting of our Senior High Youth Group will be held on Monday, November 3rd at 6:15 P.M., in the Social Hall. Come to what promises to be an interesting meeting. Already close to 50 people have joined BAFTY. Don't miss out on all of the run!! JOIN TODAY

THE NEXT BIG EVENT IS ON SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 9TH "A CHALLENGE OF THE SEXES"

Send Us The Name Of Your Collegians!

Give us the name and address of your collegian and he or she will:

- a) Receive special collegian materials from the Temple;
b) Be invited to intercollegiate conferences, retreats, and meetings arranged by the national office of our Reform movement;
c) Receive special intercollegiate materials published by the Union of American Hebrew Congregations;
d) Possibly receive a visit from one of our Rabbis on campus (if we have enough Beth Am youngsters to warrant a visit).

Dear Rabbi Baumgard: (5950 N. Kendall Dr., Miami, 33156) My collegian's name and address is: (please print)

- 1) _____
2) _____

My name is: _____

Calabash Club to Meet Sunday, Nov. 2nd

Program:

"Everything You Always Wanted To Know About Judaism."

The Temple Beth Am Young Singles will be meeting this Sunday evening, November 2nd, at 8:00 P.M. in Rms. 101-102. This will be the second of our new Programs scheduled for the first Sunday of each month. The program will be: "Everything You Always Wanted To Know About Judaism But Were Afraid To Ask."

Rabbi Stuart Weinblatt will be our guest speaker and will answer any and all questions you have. Refreshments will be served following the meeting. Please come and join us for what promises to be an interesting event.

B'Nai Mitzvah

Saturday, November 1 11:15 a.m.



Peter, son of Mr. and Mrs. Emanuel Cohen



Laura, daughter of Mrs. Linda Goldberg and Mr. J. Arthur Goldberg