

FAMILY SERVICE, Friday, Sept. 5, 1980, 7:30 p.m.

RABBI MORTON HOFFMAN
"TALES MY FATHER TOLD ME"

TORAH SERVICE, Saturday, Sept. 6th, 11:15 a.m.

Beth Am Commentator

September 5, 1980

Miami, Florida

UNIQUE S'lichot SERVICE AT MIDNIGHT SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 6TH

Our annual midnight service in observance of S'lichot will take place on Saturday night, Sept. 6th, beginning at 11:30 p.m., in the Social Hall. Although the actual service does not begin until midnight (it lasts for 20 minutes), Rabbi Baumgard sets the mood for this service **without prayer books** in the half hour beginning at 11:30. Many who have attended this brief service have said, "It was here that I learned to pray."

Following our usual custom, we have planned several hours of entertainment to precede the S'lichot service. The evening will begin at 9 p.m. There will be Jewish music, a humorist, a short skit, and refreshments.

Our S'lichot service is a creative service first instituted by Rabbi Baumgard some thirty years ago, and it has received national attention and duplication. You will find it to be a unique experience.

Opening Luncheon/Fashion Show To Be Sisterhood's 25th Class Reunion!!

Sisterhood's Opening Luncheon and Fashion Show (Wednesday, October 15th, at 10:00 A.M.) will be our 25th Class Reunion Celebration, also meaning that this reunion will be one with class! Free to Paid-Up Sisterhood Members, we urge you to mail in your dues now. This will save you and your guest time at the door. Guest Admission is \$10.00. Claudia Dessler and Kathy Revitz tell us to be on the look out for our individual invitations to arrive soon. We are expecting a bigger turn out than ever for this very special PREPPY LOOK FASHION SHOW by BARBARA KATZ and delicious lunch to be shared with old and new friends.



The Committee of 100

The following new member families have volunteered to join "The Committee of 100" for the fiscal year which began July 1, 1980:

Arthur and Gloria Bieler
Dr. Jacob and Mary Jo Goldberger
Shepard and Bernita King
Dr. Norman and Barbara Nash
Samuel and Beverly Schoninger

The following members of "The Committee of 100" have re-joined for the current fiscal year.

Stephen and Sondra Blass
Seymour and Elaine Cohen
Marvin and Betty Florman
Dr. David and Marian Katzin
Robert and Rita Marcus
Dr. Harvey and Rona Simovitch

ROSH HASHANAH STARTS WED., SEPT. 10 TWO MORNING SERVICES THURS., SEPT. 11

The High Holidays start early this year, with the start of Rosh Hashanah on Wednesday evening Sept. 10th. Our first service is that Wednesday evening at 6:30 p.m. This is a Family-Adult Service (limited to children who can sit through a full service). At 9:00 p.m. we will have the Adult Service for parents and children over fifteen years of age. Rabbi Baumgard will speak at both services, Rabbi Hoffman will serve as the Cantorial Soloist, Rabbi Weinblatt will co-officiate, and the Adult Choir will sing.

ADMISSION CARDS MUST BE PRESENTED

Beth Am admits members only to High Holiday service because of a problem with space. High Holiday admission cards must be shown at the door.

NOTE FOR THURSDAY MORNING SERVICES

Cars attempting to enter Temple grounds more than 30 minutes before service time will be turned away by the police.

Physically handicapped members will be allowed to be dropped off and/or park at the Temple at all times.

ADULT AND FAMILY SERVICES IN THE MORNING

On Thursday, Sept. 11th, Rosh Hashanah Day, at 9:30 a.m., there will be two identical services. The Adults only service (children over 15 permitted) will be held in the Sanctuary. Rabbi Baumgard will speak, Rabbi Hoffman will serve as Cantorial Soloist, and the Adult Choir will sing. Simultaneously, starting at 9:30 a.m., there will be a Family-Adult Service in the Gym for adults and children under 15 years of age. This service will be conducted by Rabbi Weinblatt, and he will deliver the sermon. The Gym will be specially decorated for the Holidays. This service will feature a Young People's Choir conducted by Harriet Potlock, and Jackie Berney will serve as Cantorial Soloist.

OFF-CAMPUS PARKING AND CAR POOLS

For these morning services, and only for the morning services, off-campus parking will be at the Epiphany Catholic Church, which is located just north of 84th Street on Red Road. Bus service will start at 8:15 a.m. for the morning service and will return to the church parking lot immediately after the conclusion of the service.

CHILDREN'S SERVICE

There will be a Children's Service for young people in the Sanctuary at 1:30 p.m. Harriet Potlock will conduct the music and Rabbi Baumgard will speak.

AFTERNOON SERVICE

At 3:30 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 11th, there will be a Family-Adult Service in the Sanctuary. This will be a repeat of the morning service and will feature Rabbi Hoffman as the Cantorial Soloist and the Adult Choir. Rabbi Baumgard and Rabbi Weinblatt will co-officiate, with Rabbi Hoffman delivering the sermon. See Rabbi Baumgard's column for special blessings to be presented at the beginning of Rosh Hashanah in the home.

ROSH HASHANAH SERVICES WEDNESDAY EVENING SEPTEMBER 10TH

6:30 p.m. - Family-Adult Services, Rabbi Baumgard speaking
9:00 p.m. - Adults only - Rabbi Baumgard speaking

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High Holiday Admission Cards Have Been Mailed To All Registered Members



FROM THE RABBI'S STUDY

WHAT IS ROSH HA-SHANAH?

The New Year as celebrated by all Americans on January 1st is based on an old Roman holiday celebrating the birthday of the god Janus, who was sometimes called Saturn. We have in English the word "saturnalia" which means a prolonged and unrestrained party. It is in this fashion that many Americans tend to celebrate January 1st.

American Jews, like Jews throughout the world, have another New Year holiday known as Rosh Ha-Shanah. This celebration, however, is far from a saturnalia. It is a solemn call to spiritual renewal.

Jewish tradition holds that on the first day of the month of Tishri, as calculated by the ancient calendar, the world was created. On the anniversary of creation, then, we look to the possibilities for new creations. Especially in our personal life, we look for the possibility of "doing things over," of remaking our spiritual self. Judaism teaches that God feeds us with the power to clear the slate and begin anew.

On Rosh Ha-Shanah the Shofar is blown, calling Jews to their tasks under the covenant with God as first made with Abraham. Rosh Ha-Shanah, is, then, the time for recommitting oneself to the covenant.

Light is always one of the central symbols of creation. Jewish families begin the holy day by kindling the "Yom tov" candles at sundown. The blessing over the wine also calls to mind the wonders of creation and the infinite possibilities for change that exist. A special challah, or round loaf, is broken at the initiating holiday meal as a symbol of the bounty which God provides to us, and as a symbol of the continued newness and freshness (round) of the world. Sweet things are eaten to suggest a good year ahead, and Jews greet each other with the greeting, "L'shanah Tovah," an abbreviation for the wish, "May God inscribe you in the book of life for a good year."

Rosh Ha-Shanah is a time for soul searching and for soul reaching. It only begins the "10 Awesome Days" which culminate in Yom Kippur, the Day of Atonement, when according to our tradition, God forgives those who sincerely repent and who reorient their life in righteous fashion.

RITUALS FOR ROSH HASHANAH

The blessing over the **candles** for Rosh Hashanah is: Thanks be to You, Oh Lord, King of the Universe, who urges us to ennoble ourselves with the lighting of the candles for the beginning of the year.

Baruch Ahtah Ahdonai Eloheynu Melech Ha-ohlam, Ahsher Kid'shanu B'mitzvotav V'tzivahnu l'Hadlik Ner shel Yom Tov.

The abbreviated blessing over the **wine** is: Bahruch Ahtah Ahdonai Eloheynu Melech Ha-ohlam Bo-ray P'ri Ha-Gafen.

We are grateful to You, Oh Lord, Source of all created things, symbolized by this wine

The blessing over **bread** is: Baruch Ahtah Ahdonai Eloheynu Melech Ha-ohlam Ha-motzi Lechem Min Ha-Ahretz (Ahmen)

Thanks be to You, Oh Lord, Who causes the earth to yield its fruit and Who causes the human year to yield its fruit of love and understanding.

It is customary for each person present to take a piece of bread (or all eat from one slice that is broken apart) and eat simultaneously. Expressions of family affection and good wishes immediately follow.

PLAN YOUR HIGH HOLIDAY CAR POOL

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Basketball League Registration, Sept. 6 & 7th

Sherman Squire, Chairman of the Beth Am Basketball league invites all young men from grades 4th thru 12th to register for the forth coming Beth Am Basketball league on Saturday, September 6th in Room 101 in the Learning Center at 12:00 Noon, or on Sunday, September 7th in Room 101 in the Learning Center at 12:30 p.m. This league is open to all boys who have previously played as well as newcomers. All information will be provided for on the above dates.

Lahav—Israeli Dance Tryouts Tuesday, September 16 and 23rd

Lahav, Beth Am's performing Israeli dance Troupe will be holding its annual tryouts on two consecutive Tuesday evenings in the Chapel of the Teenage building. The group has performed throughout South Florida, on Channel 7, at the Klover Hotel, for Jewish Federation, Hadassah, various Synagogues, and condominiums. The try-outs will be held from 7-9 P.M. and anyone with some dance experience is welcome to try out. The group is directed by Shira Baumgard-Eisenberg. Lahav has developed an authentic Israeli style and has won acclaim whenever they have performed.

High Holy Day Services in Gainesville

Rabbi Lewis Bogage, Regional Director of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, announces that he will be holding High Holy Day services in Gainesville. The U.A.H.C., our national Reform movement, has a coordinator in Gainesville whose name is Andy Hodes. He may be reached through the Hillel Student Center anytime, 16 N.W. 18 St. in Gainesville. Phone number: 372-2900.

Beth Am young people who will be in Gainesville during the Holidays are encouraged to attend this service.

For further information, the local office of U.A.H.C. may be phoned: 379-4553.

WINTER BOWLING LEAGUE

A NEW Couples Bowling League is starting in September. Please join us for a Tuesday night handicap league. Call Sandy Cook at 595-5980 for information

Rosh Hashanah Services

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THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 11TH

9:30 a.m.:

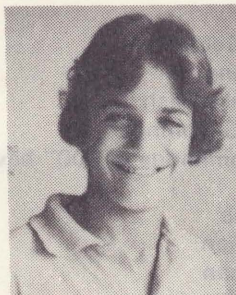
- a) Adults only - Sanctuary - Rabbi Baumgard speaking
- b) Family Service - Teenage Building - Rabbi Weinblatt

1:30 p.m. - Children's Service - Rabbi Baumgard speaking

3:30 p.m. - Family-Adult Service - Rabbi Hoffman speaking

B'Nai Mitzvah

Saturday, September 6
11:15 a.m.



Matthew, son of Mr. and Mrs. Herb Dunn



Susan, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Fred Sherman