



YOM KIPPUR SERVICE SCHEDULE
 Friday Evening, Sept. 19: 6:30 p.m. - Family-Adult Service
 9:00 p.m. - Adults Only
 Saturday, Sept. 20: 9:30 a.m. - a) Adults only - Sanctuary
 b) Family-Adult Service - Teen Bldg.
 1:30 p.m. - Children's Service
 3:30 p.m. - Family-Adult Service

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Sukkot Holiday Begins September 24th Services at 10 A.M. Thursday, the 25th

Sukkot, the original Thanksgiving Holiday, begins Wednesday night, Sept. 24th, at sundown. Services will be held at the Temple on Thursday morning at 10 a.m.

The coming of Sukkot is observed with home rituals which are described below. It is traditional to build a Sukkah, if you can, and to eat in it. The Sukkah is a reminder of the early agricultural beginnings of the Jewish people, who used to dwell in the Sukkah during harvest time. Come visit our Sukkah at the Temple.

Sukkot is the original Thanksgiving holiday which was copied by the early Pilgrims in America as the basis for the American Thanksgiving. It is appropriate to dress the home with flowers, plants and fruit designs. Be creative!

Lalav And Etrog Are Symbols

The symbols of the Sukkot holiday are the lulav and etrog. The lulav is a palm branch entwined with myrtle and willow branches. The etrog is a large, lemon-like fruit. These symbols are held together and shaken in all directions during the Sukkot service in a special ceremony as we ask for a continuation of the miracle of growth.

The last day of Sukkot as celebrated at Beth Am is Simchat Torah, which we will observe with the traditional Torah parade on Wednesday evening, October 1st at 7:30 p.m. and on Thursday morning, October 2nd, at 10 a.m. Yizkor (memorial prayers) will be recited as part of the morning service.

YOM KIPPUR BEGINS FRIDAY, SEPT. 19 WITH HOME CEREMONY AND SERVICES

The Holy Day of Yom Kippur (Day of Atonement) begins Friday night, Sept. 19th at sundown. The home ceremony for the final meal before the beginning of the Holy Day is found elsewhere in this issue.

Schedule of Services

Friday evening, 6:30 p.m. Family-Adult Service. (A full adult service and for children who can sit through such a service.) Cello solo promptly at 6:30 p.m. Rabbi Baumgard speaking.

Friday evening, 9:00 p.m. Adults only service (tenth graders and up). Rabbi Baumgard speaking. Cello solo promptly at 9:00 p.m.

Saturday morning, Sept. 20th Two identical morning services. Yizkor-Memorial.

9:30 a.m. - Noon: 1) Sanctuary - Adults only. (Rabbi Baumgard speaking). 2) Gym - Teenage Bldg. - Family-Adult Service. (Rabbi Weinblatt speaking).

1:30 p.m.-2:15 p.m. Sanctuary - Children's Service. (Rabbi Weinblatt)

3:30 p.m. Family-Adult Service. (This service is entirely different from the morning service, except for a brief memorial service.) Rabbi Baumgard will speak.

Off-Campus Parking and Car Pools For Saturday Morning Only

For these morning services, and only for the morning services, off-campus parking will be located at the Commercial Bank of Kendall, which is located just off Kendall Drive and Dixie Highway. Bus service will start at 8:15 a.m. for the morning service and will return to the bank parking lot immediately after the conclusion of the service.

High Holiday Admission Cards Must Be Presented At The Door WHICH SERVICE TO ATTEND?

If you are an adult (10th grade student or older), you may attend all adult services in the Sanctuary. These are held at 9:00 p.m. on Friday night, Sept. 19th, and at 9:30 a.m. on Saturday morning, Sept. 20th. Rabbi Baumgard will speak at all adult services. Adults will also want to attend the late afternoon Yom Kippur Service at 3:30 p.m., which is different from any other service and is especially beautiful musically. Rabbi Baumgard will speak.

Family-Adult services are the same as the adult service but you may bring your children WHO ARE ABLE TO SIT THROUGH AN ADULT SERVICE. Parents are responsible for seeing to it that their children maintain decorum at these services. FAMILY-ADULT SERVICES ON YOM KIPPUR ARE AS FOLLOWS:

Evening - 6:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary with adult choir and Cantorial Soloist (Rabbi Baumgard will speak.)

Morning - 9:30 a.m. in the Gym in the Teenage Building with children's choir and soloist. (Rabbi Weinblatt will speak.)

Afternoon - 3:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary, with adult choir and cantorial soloist. (Rabbi Weinblatt will speak. Note: This service is different from any other service.)



The Committee of 100

The following new members have volunteered to join "The Committee of 100" for the fiscal year which began July 1.

- Stephen and Karen Rossman
- Nathan and Evelyn Rudne

The following members of "The Committee of 100" have rejoined for the current fiscal year.

- Charles and Daliah Gans
- Robert and Marilyn Grossberger
- Ronald and Carole Korn
- Peter and Yiska Moser
- Phil and Muriel Revitz
- David and Sandra Shore
- Sydney and Sabina Wolofsky



FROM THE RABBI'S STUDY

Is there any depth in sudden conversions? Most students of Human Behavior say "No". I have visited many people who are seriously ill, and it is commonplace to hear them say, "Rabbi, when I get out of this hospital, I'm going to change my way of living". Three months later, when the former patient is well on his way to recovery, the revolutionary perspective and its ardor are dissipated. What we get is a return to the old routine and business as usual. Of course, there is that rare exception.

Similarly, I find that the Holy days are a kind of conversion experience for a surprising number of people. The regular synagogue attenders know that the quality of the sermonic messages and the music are not different on the many Sabbaths throughout the year, so, for them, the Holy day services are merely reinforcement for a considerable commitment. There are usually a large group of people, however, who suddenly "discover" the beauty of Judaism and Beth Am on the Holy days. Perhaps, it is the presence of a larger number of worshippers, perhaps it is the greater length of the service, perhaps there is an inspiration that comes from the well of childhood.

At any rate, we seem to have each year a considerable number of members who are "lit up" and ready to go, Jewishly speaking, after the Holy days. The question is, how long will the conversion last?

Over the Holy days, we spoke of many different ways in which our members could actively support the ideals and institutions of Judaism. Judaism will survive, we all confirmed, only if we live our life according to the noblest Jewish teachings, and only if we try to project these virtues into those institutions which lend strength to the Jewish community and to society in general. One cannot be a good Jew in a vacuum, we agreed. It is in togetherness, in reinforced family life, in pointed programs in healthy institutions that we prosper the most.

If one is serious about working for Jewish survival, one has to become a giver, a giver of time and effort, a giver of funds within one's means. We listed some of the agencies which are worthy of your support - the Temple, Federation, ARZA (the Reform Zionist group within the World Zionist Agency), Israel Bonds. To this list we can easily add many others, such as "Impact", the Social Action Program of our National Reform Movement.

Many of you have already linked yourself to this survival effort, and have done so for years. Some of you look like you are about to take that leap towards becoming one of our committed supporters. Don't be afraid. Jump! You'll be glad that you did! Tell us where you want to make your commitment. Before you know it, we'll have you working on a committee - or is that carrying a conversion too far?

"IDEAS THROUGH BOOKS" NOTICE

Our first review of the season will be on Thursday, October 23rd. The book will be *The Tin Drum* by Gunther Grass. This was made into a fabulous movie recently. The book is rather heavy reading, although it has passages of great humor and wonderful imagery. If you want to start reading ahead, it is available in paperback at Moderne Book Store and Walden in Dadeland. South Miami Library will gather a few hard cover books for us. Ask for Mrs. Digg if you go there.

The reviewer will be Rabbi Jerome Gurland, who is able to bring us special insights because of a background in German. He feels that the book is especially relevant to the political situation in America today and that just before the elections is the perfect time to have it reviewed.

BAFTY Begins New Year

BAFTY, Beth Am's Youth Group for Senior High students will begin its activities with a meeting on Monday, September 22, at 6:30 p.m., in the Youth Lounge. Come and meet old friends and make new friends and join the crowd.

On Saturday, September 27th, BAFTY will sponsor another exciting Progressive Dinner. Come to the meeting and learn all about it and the other exciting programs for this year including a trip to Disney World!

Youth Groups Galore!

Temple Beth Am has several youth groups serving the needs of young people in junior and senior high school, as well as college and beyond. The programs and groups for high school students, as well as the Young Singles Club, are all under the direction of Rabbi Stuart Weinblatt.

THE EIGHTH GRADE YOUTH GROUP offers an opportunity for youngsters in that grade to get together in a wide variety of social activities. The emphasis is on forming a sense of group identity through activities which include an overnight trip to another congregation, horseback riding, Oneg Shabbat parties after services, and a special Tz'dekah project.

THE NINTH GRADE YOUTH GROUP meets for dinner programs approximately once a month, usually prior to Monday Night School. In addition to these meetings, the 9th Grade Group will also have a number of social and cultural activities throughout the year.

Sandy Goldstein, a member of the staff of Temple Beth Am, will be advising these two groups.

THE THIRD GROUP IS FOR 10TH-12TH GRADERS. It is called BAFTY (the Beth Am Federation of Temple Youth). The young people in this group participate in a wide variety of activities which they plan on their own, with the help of Rabbi Weinblatt who advises the group.

New Members and Congregational Breakfast

The new members of the Congregation who missed the Membership Breakfast on Sunday, August 23rd are cordially invited to join us at the Congregational Breakfast on the morning of Sunday, September 28th at 9:30 a.m. in the Youth Lounge as guests of the Temple. If you plan to attend please call Rhoda in the Temple office, 667-6667.

Seventh Grade Cotillion Begins October 5th

Registration for seventh grade cotillion is now open. Cotillion will begin on Sunday evening, Oct. 5th, from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. in the Temple Social Hall, and will continue for ten sessions. The cost per child is \$45.00.

Boys must wear coats and girls must wear skirts or dresses. No jeans or tennis shoes allowed. The class will be limited to 50 students on a first come basis. (First 23 girls, first 27 boys.) Refreshments and end of session party planned. Registrations must be accompanied by check made payable to Temple Beth Am. Please return the form below immediately.

Child's name _____ Parents name _____

Address _____ Phone _____

Check one: Boy Girl

Parents will be expected to chaperone one evening when called upon.

If you have any questions, please contact Teddi Segal, 667-5172.
Mail to: Cotillion, Temple Beth Am, 5950 N. Kendall Dr., 33156