



RELIGIOUS SERVICE, Friday, September 26, 1980, 8:30 p.m.

RABBI HERBERT M. BAUMGARD

"THE WONDER OF THE TORAH"

TORAH SERVICE, Saturday, September 27, 9:15 a.m. and 11:15 a.m.

Beth Am Commentator

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Miami, Florida

SUKKOT.....SUKKOT.....SUKKOT

Begins Sundown, September 24th - Light Candles

Services Welcoming Holiday Thursday,

September 25th, 10 a.m.

In The Sanctuary
Visit our Sukkah!

Simchat Torah Processional Wednesday,

October 1st, 7:30 p.m.

Join the Parade

Memorial and Simchat Torah Processional

Thursday, October 2nd, 10 a.m.

Library Open Many Hours

The Beth Am Library is open during **Religious School hours** on Saturday and Sunday mornings and Monday evenings. It is also open during **Hebrew School hours** on Monday and Wednesday.

It is also open on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday from 9:30 to 3 p.m., and after Friday night services the library is open for one-half hour.

Since the library is open for part of each day of the week except Thursday, we hope that the congregation will make good use of it during the coming year. If you are a new comer to the Temple, please stop by and fill out a borrower's card. "Welcome" to all.

Margot Berman, librarian for the library staff



The Committee of 100

The following new members have volunteered to join "The Committee of 100" for the new fiscal year:

An Anonymous Family

Melvin and Marcella Aizenshtat

Edward and Diane Eisenberg

Herman and Shirley Marks

Stan and Barbara Mintz

Jose and Hortense Rappaport

Lee and Laini Schillinger

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

Stanton and Elaine Freedman

Dr. Philip and Helen Gassman

Stanley and Joy Jaffee

Gerald and Joan Kaiser

Stephen and Sandra Segal

Fred and Adelle Stone

Simchat Torah Processional Wednesday, Oct. 1, 7:30 P.M. Processional and Memorial Service Thursday, Oct. 2, 10:00 A.M.

Simchat Torah, that wonderful holiday when we parade around the Sanctuary with the Torah, falls on Wednesday night, October 1st, and continues until sundown on Thursday, October 2nd. Candles are lit in the home at the festive dinner or Wednesday night. The blessings will be found below.

Services will be held at the Temple on Wednesday night at 7:30 p.m., and on Thursday morning at 10:00 a.m. Yizkor, or Memorial Services, will be said at the morning services. The Torah processional will be held at both the evening and the morning service.

On Simchat Torah, the cycle of reading the Torah is completed. To mark this event, two Torahs are read at the service; the "drama" is for the reader to end one Torah and to begin the second without taking a breath. This is done to show that there is never an end to the reading of the Torah. As the Talmud teaches, "Turn it and turn it, for everything is in it." (Traditional Jews observe Simchat Torah one day later.)

Whoever heard of a parade in a Sanctuary? Judaism has one. Come and join in the fun.

Home Ceremonies For Simchat Torah

When ushering in the holiday during the evening meal, it is customary to recite these blessings:

MOTHER KINDLES THE LIGHTS

Bah-ruch Ah-tah Ah-don-ai El-loh-hay-noo Meh-lech Ha-oh-lahm Asher Ki-di-shah-noo B'mits-voh-tahv v'tsi-vah-nu L'hahd-lik Nare Shel Yom Tov.

(All together): We look upon these candles as the symbol of a courageous past and a glorious future. We understand that our task as Jews is to help bring the light of justice and peace into the world.

FATHER BLESSES THE WINE

Bah-ruch Ah-tah Ah-donai El-loh-hay-noo Meh-lech Ha-oh-lahm Boh-ray P'ree Hagafen.

Thanks be to you, Oh Lord Our God, King of the Universe, Author of Creation, whose spirit is present in the planted seed which produces these grapes and whose spirit moves mankind to noble deeds.

ALL BLESS THE BREAD (together)

Bah-ruch Ah-tah Ah-don-ai Eh-loh-hay-noo Meh-lech Ha-oh-lahm Ha-moh-tsee Leh-chem Min-Ha-ah-rets.

As we eat this food, may we be strengthened to help others not as fortunate as we are.

(Break a slice of bread and all eat from the same slice.)

Sanctuary Window To Be Dedicated Sept. 26

The last Sanctuary window will be dedicated at the Friday evening service on September 26th, at 8:30 p.m. The window is dedicated to the memory of Elizabeth Wexler. Donors are Shirl, Irving, and Reva Wexler.

The window, which is just to the west side of the Altar, contains an inscription which is the famous teaching of Rabbi Hillel, "If I am not for myself, who is for me; but if I am for myself alone, what am I?; and if not now, when?"

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FROM THE RABBI'S STUDY
**RENEWED EMPHASIS IN
QUALITY EDUCATION**

Beth Am has established a wide-spread reputation as a congregation which tries very hard to maintain quality education throughout its various schools. Recently, Sim Lesser, the Director of our Day School, was invited to Houston to inform the Reform Jews of that city about her program at Beth Am. As a consequence of her visit, Houston's Beth Israel congregation has decided to begin a day school. In this way, we are influencing the Reform Movement around the nation.

WE have made a dramatic move this year into a more intensive High School program for post-confirmands. In cooperation with the Central Agency for Jewish Education, we now have three classes going on Monday nights for eleventh and twelfth grade students who are coming voluntarily and studying Jewish subjects for college credit. We intend to push this program in the years ahead.

Adults will have increasing opportunities to take courses in our Adult Education Institute. My course on "Modern Jewish Mystics" begins on Tuesday evening at 8:00 p.m., on Sept. 23rd. It's not too late to enter. Additional courses in Hebrew, Bible, Jewish History, and the like are beginning very soon. Note the list to be found elsewhere in the Commentator. It will help us if you will send a card officially registering, but you don't have to register to come. Just come. These courses are free to members. (The staff, including Rabbis Weinblatt and Hoffman, is superb.) Incidentally, those of you who can't come in the evening can take Rabbi Hoffman's Tuesday morning Bible Class, which begins Sept. 30th at 10 a.m. in Room 9.

The Adult Institute encourages you to join others in becoming Bar/Bat Mitzvah or to be Confirmed. These group ceremonies will be held at the end of the year. There are specific requirements as outlined in our Adult Education brochure. If you didn't get your brochure on the holidays, pick one up at the office. Get in the swing! Adult Ed is the thing!

The Mental Health Institute is presenting four courses beginning Oct. 9th for four Thursday nights at 8 p.m. in the Social Hall. There is a small fee (\$2) for these courses.

Our singles groups are also getting active. There is a highly successful singles group for young people 22-33, known as the Calabash Club. Write Pam Kessler c/o the Temple if you're interested, or contact Rabbi Weinblatt. There is also a new group for singles 18-22. The middle singles group known as Friends Unlimited is being organized also (35-55). Our special religious service for singles of all ages will begin again on the first Friday in October at 9:30 p.m. in the Chapel (first floor rear of the Teenage Bldg.) A discussion about organization and program will take place after the service. The singles will break into groups for this part of the evening. Both Rabbi Hoffman and Rabbi Weinblatt will be at these meetings.

Registration is also being taken for Cotillion (seventh grade dance group) and BAFTY, The Beth Am Federation of Temple Youth for tenth grade and up. Separate youth groups will be operated for eighth and ninth graders by Mrs. Sandy Goldstein.

"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.

**Temples Annual Dinner-Dance
Beth Am's Foremost Social Event Sat. Sept. 27**

Remember last year, when our reservation lists closed at 250 persons? Were you among those who could not join in the Temple's annual Dinner-Dance? If you were, this is your opportunity to make up for it.

On Saturday night, Sept. 27, 1980, in our Social Hall, our dinner-dance will begin. Excellent live music will provide the mood for your dancing pleasure, and a platter of cold cuts and accompanying breads, salads and condiments will satisfy the gourmet in you.

Now listen to this - there is no cost for Temple members who have their High Holiday cards with them. And for guests, the donation is a modest \$7.50 a person.

So, if you like the big band sound of the 40's and 50's, or the rock and roll of the 70's and 80's; if you prefer Latin music, or a touch of "Yiddishkite" in your rhythms, it will be there for you.

Soft drinks and plenty of ice will be on hand for those who indulge.

Come, dance the evening away with your friends in the Beth Am family. Remember to call Rhoda at the Temple and give her the number of persons in your party. The lists close at 250 persons.

Adult Education In The Morning Starts Sept. 30

For those who have been studying the Bible during the past several years, and for members of the Contemporaries who find it difficult to travel at night, Beth Am announces that once again a Bible Study course will be offered.

The first session of the course, conducted by Rabbi Morton Hoffman, will take place on Tuesday, September 30th at 10:00 a.m. in Room 9 of the School facility.

The continuing members of the class, having completed Genesis and Exodus, have requested that we continue with selected segments of Leviticus and Numbers during the first part of the year in the hope that the Book of Deuteronomy can be studied in the latter part of the year to complete the Pentateuch.

The class is open to all members of the congregation.

Bar/Bat Mitzvah Photographs

All parents should note that photos of their Bar/Bat Mitzvah child should be supplied to the Temple in black and white, and not in color. Martin Aronow, photographer, phone 444-6471, is the official Temple photographer and will photograph your child for the Commentator at no charge.

There is a tendency for people to send in pictures in color. These pictures do not reproduce properly and result in a reproduction of skin tones in a very dark color. Please try to have these pictures in our hands three weeks prior to the date of the Bar/Bat Mitzvah, and in black and white.

B'Nai Mitzvah

Saturday, September 27



9:15 a.m.

Daniel, son of
Mr. and Mrs. Sy Barrow



11:15 a.m.

Romy, daughter of
Dr. and Mrs. Richard Sandrow



Patricia, daughter of
Mr. and Mrs.
William Palastrant



Bradley Harold, son of
Mrs. Jacquelyn Stone and
Mr. Ronald Stone