



April 3, 1981

FAMILY WORSHIP SERVICE, Friday, April 3, 1981, 7:30 p.m.
RABBI HERBERT M. BAUMGARD
"A STORY OF TWO BIRDS"

SINGLES SABBATH SERVICE, Friday, April 3, 1981, 9:30 p.m.
 in Chapel of Teenage Building
RABBI MORTON HOFFMAN

TORAH SERVICE, Saturday, April 4, 1981, 11:15 a.m.

Beth Am Commentator

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Kaleidoscope
 of
Jewish Art
Preview Opening
Thursday, April 2, 1981
7:30 P.M.

The Marketing of a Candidate Breakfast Topic April 26th

What do State Senators Bob McKnight, Dick Renick, Gwen Margolis, Sherman Winn and Paul Steinberg have in common? Add to this imposing list of legislators the names of Mayor Steve Clark, Metro Commissioners Ruvin, Shack and Schreiber, and State Representatives Barry Kutin, Ron Silver, Hal Spaet and Carrie Meek. Still hunting for the one thread that binds them? The answer is obvious - they use the same public relations advisor who helped develop their respective campaigns as they ran for public office. His name is George DePontis, a principal of Project Masters, located in the City of Miami.

At age 34, DePontis is, in its truest sense, a complete politician. Considered by many as a leading political strategist in the south, he and his firm handled the 1980 campaigns of 38 candidates. Despite a busy schedule, Mr. DePontis still found time to become President of the nationally known Tiger Bay Luncheon Club, bringing to its podium distinguished speakers from the legal and educational, as well as political stratas of society.

We urge you, now that 1982 is almost here, to listen, learn, and then question Mr. DePontis on how he develops the method of presenting each client to us, so that we may be able to select more intelligently those who aspire to high places in our government.

The date is April 26, 1981; the place is our Youth Lounge, and the time is 9:30 a.m. Members of Brotherhood will be admitted free to enjoy our complete buffet. The donation for all others is a modest \$2.50. Ladies are more than welcome.

You are cordially invited to be our guests at a
SALUTE TO ISRAEL
CHAMPAGNE BREAKFAST
Sunday, May 3, 1981 at 9:45 a.m.
in the
Social Hall
when we honor
GEORGE and HANNAH MALIN
Recipients of the Israel City of Peace Award

"The Big Band Sound" at P.A.C.E. Concert Saturday, April 4, 8:30 p.m. in Social Hall

Paul LeGrande and Jack Salley are proving that the sound of the "Big Band Era" is just as moving and popular today as it ever was as the LeGrande-Salley orchestra delights their audiences, young and old alike.

Beth Amites will have the opportunity of becoming reacquainted with the exciting scores and rhythmic beat of the greatest sounds in dance and listening music originally presented by such masters as Tommy Dorsey, Glenn Miller, Stan Kenton, and Bunny Berigan, when the sixteen piece LeGrande-Salley Orchestra bring their music to our Social Hall on Saturday, April 4th, at 8:30 p.m.

Both LeGrande and Salley share the baton while coordinating their efforts to highlight their individual musical abilities. LeGrande performs as the vocalist with a rich baritone voice and an obvious feeling for lyrics while Salley displays extraordinary expertise as the lead trumpet.

Paul LeGrande has been a professional musician for the past sixteen years and has toured with such notables as the Glenn Miller Orchestra, the New Christie Minstrels, and Anita O'Day.

Jack Salley graduated from Berkley with a B.A. in Music Education, and has toured nationally and internationally as staff trumpeter and/or conductor for Donald O'Connor, Dick Haymes, the Platters, Eddie Fisher, Milton Berle, Barbara McNair, and Sherman Hemsley.

For a memorable evening of captivating rhythm, a touch of romance, great music, and an American tradition at its best, don't miss Paul LeGrande and Jack Salley and their superb orchestra as they perform in a P.A.C.E. Concert at Beth Am on April 4th.

There will be room for some old time dancing during the concert.

Do We Have The Name Of Your College Student?

Rabbi Baumgard will be going to Gainesville on Wednesday, April 22 for dinner with the Beth Am young people. Have we got your child's name?



The Committee of 100

"Committee of 100" Seeks members

In a special appeal to members the past several weeks, three NEW FAMILIES have volunteered to join "The Committee of 100" for the fiscal year which starts July 1, 1981.

All members of the congregation should thank those families whose names are printed below, since it is only by contributions like this that our budget ends up in balance. There is no limit to the number of families needed for this committee. All are welcome. Can you join?

Rafael and Sara Kapustin
 Dr. Alan and Susan Serrins
 Edward Sirkin



FROM THE RABBI'S STUDY

Partners with God

The following is an excerpt from the sermon "The Religion of the Future" as printed in the new volume "Loving What Is Close" by Rabbi Baumgard.

God is far greater than any of us can imagine, but He does not control everything. He is Creator of galaxies and atoms, inventor of lungs that breathe and minds that think. He is with us in our loving and giving, yes, and He fails with us and shares our tragedies. Otherwise, if God controlled everything, we would be like puppets on a string, and He would be the puppeteer. The greatest gift that God has given us is our freedom, freedom from His complete control, so that we can forge our own character through trial and error, and, thus, grow in nobility. Because we have this freedom to help or harm ourselves and each other, we have accidents, wars, and concentration camps, but we also have love, accomplishments, and sharing. The world is as it is, with its mixture of good and evil, sadness and joy, because God wants us as a partner and not as a puppet. The religion of tomorrow will teach the partnership of man and God in perfecting our imperfect world.

Some people contend that they are not religious, because they don't believe in Heaven and Hell, and because they don't believe in life after death. I don't believe in Hell either, except as people experience it here on earth. On the other hand, if we don't have some understanding of the ongoingness of life, some understanding of the continuity of human effort, then, the Hell here on earth will become unbearable. The religion of tomorrow can hardly teach of Hell in the next world, for how can we reconcile the concept of the goodness of God with the existence of a fiery place where God waits greedily to punish those who have erred. Such a God, in my opinion, would be not God, but devil. Surely, men suffer enough here on earth that they don't need to look forward to even greater punishment. While Christianity is founded on the doctrine of punishment for the sinner in the world to come, the idea of Hell has always been somewhat outside of the main stream of Judaism. Indeed, our Bible does not speak of Hell, as it is commonly understood.

I am sure that most of you have heard the story of a group of Jews who came to the gates of Heaven only to be told by the caretaker that while they deserved to enter Heaven, they would have to wait until new living quarters were built. Where were they to wait? In the domain below - in Hades. After they had spent almost a week in Hell, so the story goes, the Devil desperately called the caretaker in Heaven and pleaded with him to take away his Jews. "Why?" asked the heavenly caretaker; "We agreed that you would keep them temporarily for two weeks." "Well," replied Satan, "I refuse to keep them any longer. They've been here only one week and already they have air-conditioned the place!" I like this little story which does not even have the status of a legend. I like its mood, which teaches that the function of a Jew is to try to relieve man of his suffering, to air-condition a world made too oppressive by poverty and war.

Sometimes, when I have told outside groups about the Reform Jewish attitude towards Hell, I have been asked, "If we aren't going to Hell when we're bad, then, why be good?" To which I reply, in the spirit of the Book of Job, "For the sake of being good," or "To make man's stay on this earth somewhat less burdensome; to bring God's presence more fully into the world."

Special Observance
Yom Hasho'ah - Holocaust Memorial
Friday, April 24, 1981
Hold the Date!

YOUTH NEWS

BAFTY ONEG COMING UP

Our Senior High Youth Group will have an Oneg Shabbat following services this Friday night. We will meet in the courtyard immediately following services in order to get rides to go to the home of one of our members for another super Oneg Shabbat.

On Monday, April 6th, we will meet at the Temple to go ice skating.

On Sunday, April 12, we will attend the Miami Yom Hashoah Day Commemoration. This day is the day of memorial and remembrance for the victims of the Holocaust.

Be Part of "A New Beginning"

"New Beginning's" first social event was so fantastic, 150 super singles, 39(?) to 54½, participated in a very special evening.

Now is the time for plans for our second social event to be put in order. The Steering Committee has decided on a Western-Square Dance on April 12th in the Social Hall at Beth Am. More details will follow in the Commentator.

If you would like to participate and help make "New Beginnings" the best single social scene in South Dade, call Syd at 251-3183. Please leave message on machine and I will return your call. We welcome all to our Steering Committee meetings.

Sisterhood Presents

International Drama Workshop April 8

Selma Rappaport, President of Beth Am Sisterhood, announces that the International Drama Workshop will present an hour of creative improvisational entertainment with audience participation on Wednesday, April 8 at 2 p.m. in the Social Hall. Donation is \$2.00 per ticket. The proceeds of these funds will go towards the Camp Coleman Scholarship Fund. Be sure and bring your children to this festive afternoon of theater. Refreshments will be served.

Last Call For Early Registration Summer Program Rates Go Up April 1

B'Nai Mitzvah

Saturday, April 4

11:15 a.m.



Jennifer Lynne, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Malin



Michelle, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Rawicz

In Jerusalem, Israel



Jonathan, son of Dr. and Mrs. Howard Zwibel



Angela, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sanford Miot