

April 10, 1981

RELIGIOUS SERVICE, Friday, April 10, 1981, 8:30 p.m.

RABBI HERBERT M. BAUMGARD

"DOES GOD REALLY HEAR OUR PRAYERS?"

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

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Rabbi Baumgard Going to University of Florida Wednesday, April 22nd

Rabbi Baumgard will hold a dinner-discussion for Beth Am students in Gainesville at the University of Florida on Wednesday, April 22nd, at 5 P.M.-7:30 P.M. at the Hillel House. Parents are urged: a) to notify their young people and to have them send Rabbi Baumgard a card indicating that they will be present (so that we can plan properly); b) call the Temple office and give the Rabbi's secretary the name, address, and phone number of your child, so that we can communicate with him/her directly.

Plans are also underway for trips to other colleges where we have a sufficient number of students. Planning will be best when you give us the names and addresses of your children wherever they may be. Annual trips are usually made as far north as Boston. When colleges are not visited, the young people nonetheless receive special material from our Rabbi and they are put on the national Jewish collegian list for special meetings and materials.

New Beginnings (397 to 54½) Plans for April 12th

Sunday, April 12th is the date, Temple Beth Am Social Hall is the place, 7:30 p.m. is the time for a super fantastic evening.

A western (dress optional) square dance, also regular mixer dance music, is only part of the fare. A professional square dance caller and eight (8) dancers will be on hand to perform and teach all of us how to swing your friend. Kegs of brew, soft drinks, pretzels and popcorn till 10:00 p.m. Then a late box supper will be served - with coffee and cake. Come enjoy, dance, smile, have fun and make a new friend. Would you believe all for \$7.00 donation per person - who says you can't beat inflation — New Beginnings found a way. Hope to see and greet all of you Sunday, April 12th. You can make your check payable to Beth Am New Beginnings.

Watch for your flyer in the mail. If you want more information call Syd 251-3183, please leave a message on the machine.

Panel On Mid-Age Children "Caring For Aging Parents" a Success! Next Meeting April 22nd

The panel discussion held March 12th, on the problems and concerns of mid-age children and their parents can be considered a success. That is, if success can be judged not only by the number who attended, but in the myriad of questions asked, and in the many requests to make this an on-going "rap" session each month to help find answers to such questions as alternatives to institutional care and day-care centers for the older adult who cannot be left alone.

The committee, headed by Nancy Persily, Diana Elson, and Evelyn Goodman, have scheduled the next meeting for April 22nd. All interested are welcome to come.

Selma Rappaport Receives Service Award At Religious Service Friday, April 10th



Selma Rappaport, a member of Temple Beth Am for over fifteen years, will be honored on Friday evening, April 10th, at 8:30 p.m., as the recipient of the Harry Gunther Service Award. The Gunther Award is named after a deceased member of Temple Beth Am who was one of our founding fathers and who served as an officer of the Temple and on the Board of Directors for over fifteen years.

Selma and her husband Lenny joined Beth Am in 1967 and quickly became entwined into Temple activities. Selma's list of activities are many - she taught Nursery School at Beth Am for two years; served as Chairman of our Kiddush Committee; was Vice President of the Religious School Committee, was Sisterhood President for two years, a member of the School Board of Beth Am for over ten years, a member of Beth Am's Board of Directors, and Co-Chairman of Beth Am's Contemporaries.

Her other activities include volunteer for the Sunrise School for the Retarded for four years, a Pink Lady at Baptist Hospital, a Cub Scout Leader, Corresponding Secretary for the Lorber Chapter of the National Asthma Center, and served as Editor for District 13 of the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods.

To top off all of the above, Selma has raised two sons and a daughter, all of who have been Bar/Bat Mitzvah and Confirmed at Beth Am. We congratulate this outstanding Beth Amite for service beyond the call of duty.

The Award reads, "Presented to Selma Rappaport in Grateful Recognition of Her Wise Leadership, Devoted Service, and Unselfish Efforts." The wording on the plaque tells you the story of Selma Rappaport's efforts for Temple Beth Am. She is only one of the many who are deserving of such an award.

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

PASSOVER MINYAN SERVICE - SATURDAY, APRIL 18th AT 6:00 P.M.

MAIN PASSOVER SERVICE - SUNDAY, APRIL 19th AT 10:00 A.M.



THE PASSOVER STORY

(Passover begins the night of April 18th)

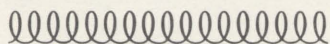


Passover is one of the three original Jewish Holidays. Thousands of years ago it was the New Year Festival. It is natural to think that the year begins with the rebirth of vegetation in the Springtime. Passover is thus the season of hope. But the distinctive character of Judaism is that it tied together the symbol of nature and of human history. Passover also marks the time when the ancient Hebrews were given their freedom from the Egyptian slave-masters. Thus the Hebrews joined together the themes of mankind's struggle for a world of meaning and the struggle of nature to be born again.

Consider, for example, the interweaving of the symbols of nature and of history in the Holiday.

1. The **parsley**, (karpas) is the symbol of Springtime.
2. The **Matzoh** is the symbol of the historic Exodus, made in haste before the baked dough could rise.
3. The **Charoseth**, made of nuts and raisins, reminds us at once of the sweetness of Springtime and of the mortar used by our forefathers to make bricks for the Egyptians.
4. The **egg** (bayzah) is a symbol of the birth of Springtime and it is also used as the symbol of the offering in the Temple.
5. The **roasted shank bone** (z'to-ah) represents the Paschal lamb which was eaten hurriedly as our forefathers hastened to leave Egypt.
6. The **salt water** represents the tears of bitterness shed by the Hebrews.
7. The **bitter herbs**, (maror) represent the bitterness of the bondage of our fathers.
8. The **Hillel sandwich** made by including a little bitter herbs with some of the sweet charoseth is to teach us that life consists of both good and bad, and if we are to survive we must be prepared to accept both.
9. Finally the **Seder** itself is designed to remind us that we must recount the history of the past constantly so that we might become personally identified with our history. Through this biographical approach to history, it is hoped that we will each become fighters for freedom in our day.
10. **Cup of Elijah** - Like no other prophet, Elijah figured in Jewish folklore as the friend of the common people. Legend has it that before the Messiah comes, Elijah will return to announce the good news. Thus by pouring a coup of wine for Elijah we express the hope that the Messianic Day of peace and justice will come immediately.
11. The **Afikomen** is a piece of matzoh which is hidden at the beginning of the Seder. It is eaten at the conclusion of the Seder as a dessert. Usually, the young people are encouraged to find the hidden Afikomen and are given a present for their discovery.

Beth Am has a modern Seder booklet (Haggadah). You can purchase it at our cost.



NOTE IRREGULAR SCHOOL SCHEDULE

Parents are urged to study very closely the unusual schedule for our schools. Public school holidays and Passover make for this unusual arrangement.

Monday, April 6th - no Monday night school.

Mon. & Wed., April 6-8 - no Hebrew School.

There will be NO Saturday or Sunday School on April 11th, 12th, 18th or 19th.

There WILL be Monday night school on April 13th and 20th.

There WILL be Hebrew School on April 13th and 15th.

There will be NO Hebrew School on Monday, April 20th, but there WILL be Hebrew School on Wednesday, April 22nd.

Classes then proceed normally. The 10th grade (Confirmation class continues through June 1st, and Confirmation takes place on Sunday, June 7th.

Religious School classes end on May 17th.
Hebrew School continues through May 20th.

Blood Drive At Temple

Sunday, May 17th

Mark Your Calendar

"Masada" On T.V.

A dramatization of the story of Masada will be presented on Channel 10 on April 5th, 6th, 7th, and 8th, from 9-11 p.m. Important stars will be featured in this important episode in Jewish history.

Confirmation Retreat March 20-21

We arrived at Camp Owaissa Bauer on schedule at 5:15 Friday evening, March 20th. The weather was unseasonably cold but it didn't prevent us from having a great time.

The 10th grade retreat had many highlights. The Friday night Shabbat dinner was followed by a warm and moving service conducted by Rabbi Weinblatt in which one of our Confirmands, Eric Sheldon, told a story reminding us of our responsibility as Jews to choose what we believe is right, rather than what is popular.

There was singing and story-telling around the campfire and it left us all with a wonderful feeling of camaraderie. Our round-table discussions included The Role of A Jew, Jews As The Chosen People, Jewish Survival, Ritual and Reform, Commitment—Pathways to Confirmation, and Inter-marriage. Our conversations on these subjects proved to be thought-provoking and stimulating to both the students and parents—and though we had but three scheduled study periods during the retreat you could hear these subjects being pored-over at meal-time and free-time as well.

The weather on Saturday was made-to-order for field sports and Rabbi Weinblatt was right in there being tackled (a couple of times) on the football field. Other staff members and parents were seen participating with the students in volleyball and basketball (the parent-athletic award goes to Larry Silver for STAMINA).

Everyone had a marvelous time and our thanks must go to all the parents and teachers who participated—Adrienne Cherdak, Ted Essinger, Ken and Glad Gold, Pat and Bob Markowitz, Iris Salzberg, Myrna and Larry Silver, Irene and Sherman Squire, Phyllis Zeigler, Diane Elson, Flippy Klau, Linda Lurie, Bob Schneider and Jeff Schwartz.

A very special thanks to Phyllis Zeigler and Myrna Silver. Phyllis was the chairman and organizer of our first retreat and again stepped forward, in a time of real need, to help organize and plan the second retreat. Myrna was invaluable for devoting her time and effort in planning, organizing and coming up with all the little extras (like Haagan Dazs ice cream and chocolate chip cookies from the Cookie Market).

B'Nai Mitzvah

Saturday, April 11

11:15 a.m.



Andrew David, son of Mrs. Frances Britton and Dr. Robert Britton



Lisa, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Melvin Hellinger