



November 20, 1981

RELIGIOUS SERVICE, Friday, November 20, 1981, 8:30 p.m.

RABBI HERBERT M. BAUMGARD

"WHERE IS THE TRUTH TO BE FOUND?"

Adult Choir Will Sing Under the Direction of Selma Baumgard

ORT SABBATH

TORAH SERVICE, Saturday, November 21, 9:15 a.m. and 11:15 a.m.

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November 22nd Is Blood Bank Sunday

YOU are being invited to become a lifesaver - a human being with true compassion. The South Florida Blood Service mobile unit will be at our Social Hall on Sunday, November 22nd between 8:30 a.m. and 2 p.m. Please pledge a pint of blood! Call Diana Elson 665-1958 or Doreen Marx 667-6667 or give your pledge to others who may contact you. The right to save a human life is a privilege you can share with other conscientious and humanitarian individuals. Every four minutes a pint of blood is needed in regional hospitals for transfusion which may be the difference between life and death. THERE IS NO SUBSTITUTE FOR BLOOD! YOU are being invited to become a lifesaver!

8th Grade Youth Group Provides Babysitting

The 8th Grade Youth Group, under the leadership of David Schwartz, has volunteered to help in the registration of blood donors and to provide teenage babysitting. If you have a problem with a babysitter Sunday morning, Nov. 22nd, bring the children to the Temple and we will take care of them.

In addition, don't forget that BAFTY is offering a carwash that same day.

BAFTY to Wash Cars Nov. 22nd

BAFTY will be wiping off the grime and leaving on the shine at this year's first CAR-WASH! Just drive your car to the Temple parking lot, Sunday, November 22 (the day of the blood drive). Donation \$2.50. On December 24-27 a delegation from BAFTY will be going to a SEFTY convention in Jacksonville. For more information see Rabbi Goldstein. Our overnight trip to Disney World was a GREAT success! Remember: general meetings the first Monday of the month, all are welcome to this dinner meeting.

Reserve For Brotherhood's Parent-Child Dinner, Wednesday, Nov. 25

On Wednesday, November 25th, at 6 p.m., in the Temple Social Hall, Brotherhood will sponsor their Annual Parent-Child Dinner. As usual, the Brotherhood will serve up one of their fabulous chicken dinners, with some prizes for the children. This is the night before Thanksgiving and allows fathers and/or mothers to attend with their children and leave the kitchen for a short time. The fee for the dinner is \$3 for children, \$3.50 for adults. Reservations are a must. R.S.V.P. to the Temple Office, 667-6667 (Rhoda). Reservations close Nov. 23rd.

"Dixieland Stompers" Perform After Dinner

After the Parent-Child Dinner, the "Dixieland Stompers," led by Frank Hubbel will perform. This Dixieland band has a national reputation and in cooperation with P.A.C.E. will play for the congregation and the public. Admission to the concert is free and is sponsored by the Performing Arts for Community Education with the cooperation of Local 655 of the American Federation of Musicians with assistance from the State of Florida and the National Endowment for the Arts.

New Candlesticks Dedicated Friday, Nov. 20th

New Sabbath candlesticks for the Temple have been contributed by Dr. Edward and Arlene Feller, in memory of Bertha Ratner, mother of Arlene. They will be dedicated as part of the service on Friday evening, November 20th, at 8:30 p.m.

Women's American ORT to Participate

Friday, November 20th, has been designated ORT Sabbath, and a representative of the Dade South Region of Women's American ORT will speak briefly on their activities and their goals of cultural and spiritual rehabilitation through vocational training. Part of their activities helps bring Jewishness closer to students in France, India, Italy, South America and Morocco, as well as in America.

"The Suffering Servant" Adult Education Course Meets Tuesday Nights

A sequel to the JEREMIAH course which has just ended will begin on Tuesday, November 11th. This course entitled "THE SUFFERING SERVANT" deals with a major theme in the second part of the book of Isaiah.

Using the metaphor of the people of Israel as a servant of God who was called upon to suffer in order to fulfill God's mission, this prophet has given us some of the most moving poetry in the Bible. Students will read selections from this material and discuss them. Why has Christianity interpreted this poetry as a prophecy of Jesus? Does God really reject Israel permanently? Is this a Messianic tract?

This course provides one credit toward adult Bar Mitzvah or Confirmation. The class meets in room 23.

BASIC JUDAISM CLASS

On Friday evenings at 7:30 (the hour before services or on Family service night the hour after services) Rabbis Baumgard, Hoffman and Goldstein teach a lively course on everything you ever wanted to know about Judaism, but somehow never got around to asking. This course is open to everyone and meets in room 28. This course works on an eleven week schedule, and every 11 weeks it begins again. You can come in at anytime!

Announcing The Beth Am MENORAH CONTEST

Open to families
(the child must do a significant part of the work)

Prizes awarded in categories:

- A) Kindergarten - 3rd Grade
- B) 4th Grade - 6th Grade
- C) 7th Grade - 10th Grade

(First, Second, and Third prizes in each category)

Decisions based on - Originality, Symbolism, Overall Quality, Neatness, Attractiveness.

Phone - 666-2536 for Information

Deadline - Dec. 19th - 20th



FROM THE RABBI'S STUDY

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Elijah The Mysterious

The following is an excerpt from Rabbi Baumgard's holiday sermon. You may obtain a full copy of that sermon from the Rabbi's office.

We see, then, that Elijah, as the great folk hero of our people, is linked to three virtues, concern for the poor and the weak, concern for the sick, and hope for a world radically different from our present one. These virtues projected on to the central Jewish folk hero are, quite obviously, virtues of the Jewish people itself. To the extent that any of us does not aspire to these virtues for himself, to the extent that we do not work in behalf of these causes, we are that much less a Jew.

Now, while I deem myself to be as much of a rationalist as any other Reform Jew, I greatly prize the legends surrounding Elijah. I think that the same emotion propelled thrusts that have created the romance of Elijah have also propelled many of us with Jewish genes to do what we do in life. Why are there so many Jewish doctors? Surely not just because of the fact that most doctors make a decent living. You can make a living without placing yourself in that bind where you have to make nerve-wracking decisions affecting life and death. Why are there so many Jewish lawyers? Surely not just because of the fact that many lawyers make a decent living. You can make a good living without having to go to college for seven years to learn how to protect innocent people and how to uphold human rights. Why are there so many Jews in the field of psychology? Why are so many Jews drawn to mind-healing, to the belief that human beings need not live in depression and despair? The answer to all of these questions is that the life experience of our people has helped to shape the character of our soul, and that life experience influences our actions as surely as it helped to mould the image of the legendary Elijah. Elijah does not appear in the many stories about him as a rich king or aristocrat who distributes his wealth to his subjects. The reason for this is that Jews never had the privilege of being the King or part of the nobility in many lands of their wandering; but Jews were poor peasants in rags, and this is how Elijah appears, demonstrating the power that even the poor peasant can have.

Elijah is the powerless person who somehow has the power to revolutionize the world. So it is with this tiny people called Israel, which somehow has produced an Einstein and a Sigmund Freud. The very first American scientist to win a Nobel Prize was a Jew, Albert Michelson, and the Nobel Prize list is filled with Jewish names, many of whom have made medical and scientific discoveries which serve to diminish human suffering.

Mark Twain said of the Jews, "If the statistics are right, the Jews constitute but one per cent of the human race. It suggests a nebulous dim puff of stardust lost in the blaze of the Milky Way. Properly, the Jew ought hardly to be heard of, but he is heard of, has always been heard of . . . he has made a marvelous fight in this world, in all the ages; and he has done it with his hands tied behind him." (*Harper's*, 1898)

Heinrich Heine, the great German poet, who once converted to Christianity only to become the greatest defender of the Jewish people, wrote in 1840, "Golgotha is not the only mountain on which a Jewish god bled for the salvation of the world. Jews are the people of the spirit, and whenever they return to the spirit, they are great and splendid and put to shame and overcome their oppressors. Rosenkranz profoundly compared them to the giant Antaeus, except that the giant was strengthened whenever he touched earth, while the Jews gain new strength whenever they touch Heaven."

Calling All Future 10's

Calling all women who want to get in shape and have fun doing it. Sisterhood presents three time slots Monday and Thursday morning at 9:30 a.m. and on Wednesday evenings at 7:00 p.m. in Room 101, a class in Aerobics. Shira Baumgard is the instructor.

"Learn How to Eat Smartly"

Watch this space for details of an exciting Sisterhood meeting on December 16, 1981.

Rabbi Baumgard Speaks at Kendall Methodist Church Thanksgiving Service, Wednesday, Nov. 25

The Kendall Methodist Church will be the host for the annual Interfaith Thanksgiving Service for our area on Wednesday evening, November 25th, at 8:00 p.m. Rabbi Baumgard has been invited to give the sermon and our youngsters under the direction of Harriet Potlock will participate in the musical portion of the service. The church is at 104th St. and 77th Ave.

This service is held on a rotating basis in the various congregations in the area. Rabbi Baumgard urges our members to come to the service as a gesture of good will and fellowship.

"Caring For Your Aging Parents" Rap Session Nov. 18

This month's 'rap' session will take place on Wednesday, Nov. 18th, at 8:00 p.m., in Room 28. With us will be Rona Bartelstone, counselor and consultant, who will answer questions regarding problems and feelings relative to older children and their parents.

We were most fortunate to have Dr. Bernard Saper, Professor of Psychology at F.I.U. at our October meeting. The meetings are productive both for disseminating practical information on community agencies for various kinds of home care, congregate and nursing home living facilities, as well as physical and mental evaluations. Not a small part consists in airing problems which find much common ground.

We welcome all those who would benefit from such a meeting, whether on the receiving end or in the giving of their expertise and experience.

JUDAICA SHOP HOURS

Monday 10:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.
Wednesday 10:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.
Friday 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.
Friday Evening After Services
Sunday 9:00 a.m.-12:00 Noon

Or - by special appointment - call
Miriam Cohen - 667-6667/665-1045

B'nai Mitzvah

Saturday, November 21

9:15 a.m.



Jeana, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Katz



Steven Elliot, son of Dr. and Mrs. Lee Bricker

11:15 a.m.



Elizabeth, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Eckstein



Thursday, November 26
11:15 a.m.

John, son of Mrs. Irving Bussel and the late Irving Bussel