

September 11, 1981

RELIGIOUS SERVICE, Friday, September 11, 1981, 8:30 p.m.  
RABBI HERBERT M. BAUMGARD  
"ARE THERE REALLY ANY ANGELS?"  
TORAH SERVICE, Saturday, September 12th, 9:15 a.m. and 11:15 a.m.

## Beth Am Commentator

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### First Brotherhood Breakfast Forum Discusses Miami Riots Sunday, Sept. 20th

The first of our new series of Brotherhood Breakfast Forum discussions will begin Sunday morning, September 20th, at 9:30 a.m. in the Youth Lounge. The topic for this first program will be "PROMISES MADE AND PROMISES KEPT - A POST MORTEM OF THE MAY, 1980, MIAMI RIOTS." Participants in this discussion will be a distinguished group of community people long active in local leadership. They will be:

U.S. District Court Judge Alcee Hastings  
Florida State Representative Roberta Fox  
Georgia Ayares - Former member of the Community Revitalization Board

Moderator will be Rabbi Herbert Baumgard, a member of the Community Relations Board.

It has been 18 months since the disastrous riots of 1980 in our town. Many promises were made by national, state and local political leaders. The business community also made extensive promises. Have any of these promises been kept, and to what extent? Have the many community agencies involved accomplished anything of a constructive nature to help prevent another repetition of a community upheaval? It is important to all of us in this area that this type of event does not happen again. What has been done and what is expected to be done to see that this will not happen again? Come and bring your ideas.

Admission to this Brotherhood Breakfast Forum is \$2 for Brotherhood members and \$2.50 for non-members. Ladies are always invited to these discussion sessions.

### Religious & Hebrew Schools Open This Week

Hebrew School starts Wed., Sept. 9th  
Religious School starts Sat., Sept. 12th  
and Sun., Sept. 13th

Monday Night School starts Monday, Sept. 14th



### The Committee of 100

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

Harold and Eleanor Aibel  
Sephen and Lois Reiter  
S. Anthony and Jody Wolfe

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

Melvin and Marcella Aizenshtat  
Jordan and Judith Bittel  
Charles and Kathryn Kram  
Fred and Adelle Stone  
Blair and Barbara Zimmatt

### ATTENTION ALL FOURTH GRADE PARENTS

If you have not yet registered your children in the Hebrew School, please do so immediately!

There is now a four year Hebrew study requirement in preparation for Bar/Bat Mitzvah. This policy has been in effect since last year. Fourth graders should be enrolled in the Hebrew School now.

Those who wait for fifth grade and have only three years of Hebrew preparation will have to postpone their Bar/Bat Mitzvah ceremony in order to complete the four year requirement.

Please contact the Hebrew School Secretary, Mrs. Infeld, to enroll your children without delay.

### BAFTY Welcomes All to First Meeting Sept. 14

Come to our first general dinner meeting of the year on Monday night, Sept. 14th, at 6 p.m. in the Social Hall. This will be a chance to reunite with old friends and to meet the new officers.

On Sept. 19th, a Saturday night, BAFTY will be holding an Oneg Shabbat with a midnight S'lichot service following it. Details will be given at the meeting.

Let's all make this year #1 for BAFTY!

### High Holiday and Succoth Workshop For Young Parents September 23

Following on the success of the two Passover workshops which were held last Spring, Rabbi Morton Hoffman and Mrs. Joan Schwartz will hold a workshop on Wednesday evening, September 23, at 7:30 p.m. in the Social Hall, in order to assist families interested in enriching their home observance of the holidays.

For those men and women interested in the gourmet side of the holiday observance, Joan Schwartz will demonstrate her fantastic honeycake recipe in the Temple kitchen and will also teach the making of a mixed fruit harvest tzimmes in honor of Succoth. Rabbi Hoffman will lead a discussion on Rosh Hashonah and Yom Kippur and will distribute cassettes containing some of the popular synagogue melodies for those holidays. However, since the High Holy Days are primarily focused on synagogue observances, he will spend most of his time discussing activities which may be undertaken at home to enrich the Succoth festival season. These activities range from building and decorating a Succah to the use of the Etrog and the Lulav.

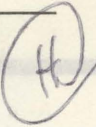
A handbook with instructions on how to observe the holiday, as well as with historical background, stories appropriate for children, songs, and recipes will be distributed at the workshop.

For some years now, it has been clearly understood that children who participate in Jewish observances at home are those who remain most closely attached to the tradition for the rest of their lives, regardless of the number of years they attend various religious schools. The workshop is particularly appropriate for parents of young children; however, adults of all ages will undoubtedly learn something from participation.

Those interested in participating are asked to call the office and leave their names with Rhoda Bernheimer or with Rabbi Hoffman.



FROM THE RABBI'S STUDY



In The Holiday Mood

Even Jews who are only loosely associated with the Jewish community come back for the High Holy-Days. At the very least, such a return to the synagogue is a way of saying, "I haven't completely disassociated myself. Count me in." In a way, the otherwise assimilated Jew comes to the synagogue on Rosh Hashanah to vote—to cast his affirmation for the worthwhileness of Judaism and the Jewish people.

Those of us who are intensely involved in the Jewish calendar, who rejoice in the Sabbath rituals and Festival observances throughout the year, get more out of the High Holy Days than the once a year crowd. It's like listening to classical music. If you are trained by experience in what to look for, you appreciate the delicate nuances; but if you are a stranger to the music, it all seems peculiar.

Those who come to synagogue once a year can't help feeling a little bit like a spectator. If you don't play tennis but once a year, it's hard to get your swing in the groove. You miss a great many shots. If you play tennis regularly, you sense the rhythm of the bouncing ball and you step into it to give it your best shot. So it is with reading the prayers. When you read them with some frequency you get to understand their purpose and flow. When you read them for the first time, their meaning bounces away from you.

Still it is better to open the prayer-book once a year than not at all. My philosophy professor at rabbinical school had us read certain works in their English translation. Occasionally, he would say, get the work in the original language, even if you can't translate it. "Rub your fingers over the book," he would say; "Just doing that will transmit a certain knowledge to you." It is good to come into contact with great works and great minds, even if you don't completely comprehend what is transpiring.

All of our members should begin to prepare for the Holy Days now. When I was a boy, I could sense the excitement in the house as my mother cleaned the house, and began to prepare special dishes. My father was a hard working tailor who was away from home all day long, so we seldom did anything together, but we walked to the synagogue together (a long way), and we sat together all day in the synagogue. Children remember the dramatic things they do with their parents. We might ask ourselves, "Will they remember the football games or the religious services?; the skiing or ethical discussions?; the social rituals we perform (cocktailing and the like) or the religious rituals we perform?;" What religious things that are dramatic do you do with your children (do you try to make them dramatic)?

It is important for parents to impress upon their children the solemnity and dignity of the Holy Day Services. We teach them by our demeanor and by our participation. Children can't help but notice whether the parent is reading the prayer or talking to his/her neighbor.

Let me say again that for me, the most important service of the Holy Days is the afternoon service on Yom Kippur. This service is different from all others. It is NOT a repeat of the morning Yom Kippur service. Why is it so important (the tradition says God makes His decisions about the coming year at this time)? I think it important because of its emotional impact. The Holy Days must be taken as a unit, not as a number of isolated services. It is precisely because one has prayed through a number of services already that the afternoon service on Yom Kippur is so psychologically significant. It is precisely because one has heard the music several times that the music takes on a new dimension at this service. It is precisely because one is tired (from fasting and from praying) that one begins to FEEL deeply, that one gets BEYOND thinking. Unless one experiences the full impact of the Holy Day Services, one is robbed of its most profound meaning.

Start practicing for the holidays now. (Maybe come to the s'lichot service at mid-nite on September 19th). You can't handle the bounces unless you practice.

Gala Chicken Dinner to Open Havurah Season Sept. 17

Ira Pozen, Chairperson of the Temple Beth Am Havurah Committee, announces that the opening event of the 1981-82 Havurah year will take place on Thursday evening, September 17, in the Youth Lounge at the Temple at 7:30 p.m.

After the dinner, there will be an open discussion of the following agenda items:

- 1) The strengthening of existing Havurot when needed.
- 2) The establishment of new Havurot when needed.
- 3) The planning of a retreat, as well as one other inter-Havurah activity, such as a festival observance or a Havdalah program.

All members of existing Havurot, as well as new members who have not yet belonged to a Havurah, are cordially invited to attend this event. There will be a nominal \$2.00 charge per person for the chicken dinner.

You are requested to R.S.V.P. to the Temple Office, care of Rabbi Hoffman, if you plan to attend.

Mark Your Calendar For "A New Beginning"

Sunday, September 13th, at 7:30 p.m., "A new Beginning" starts the New Year with a super singles event for ages 35-54½, to be held in the Social Hall. Our Theme is, "An Evening at Coney Island."

We will dance to the music of the Jeff Dow band, have a late supper, all for a \$6 donation.

Please, do your single friends a favor by telling them about "A New Beginning."

For further information, call Syd at 251-3183 and get on our growing mailing list.

Join DANCER-CISE class sponsored by Sisterhood

Which day and time would be best for you?

Mon.-Fri. 9:30-10:30 a.m. / 10:30-11:30 a.m.

Tues. or Wed. 6-7 p.m. / 7-8 p.m.

Open to all Sisterhood members

\$20 for once a week — \$35 for twice a week

Course to run eight weeks

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B'Nai Mitzvah

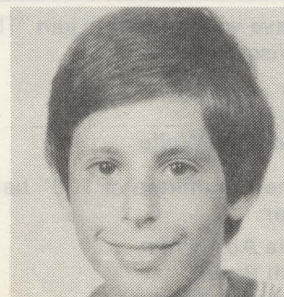
Saturday, September 12

9:15 a.m.



Peter Matthew, son of Dr. and Mrs. Karl Kramer

11:15 a.m.



Russell, son of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Diamond



Geoffrey Mark, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Infeld