



September 18, 1981

RELIGIOUS SERVICE, Friday, September 18, 1981, 8:30 p.m.
RABBI ROBERT GOLDSTEIN
"COVENANT - HOPE AND RESPONSIBILITY"
TORAH SERVICE, Saturday, Sept. 19, 1981, 9:15 a.m. and 11:15 a.m.

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Rosh Hashanah Starts Monday Eve Sept. 28 Two Morning Services Tuesday, Sept. 29

The High Holidays start this year with Rosh Hashanah Services on Monday evening, September 28th. Our first service is at 6:30 p.m. This is a Family/Adult Service (limited to children who can sit through a full service). At 9:00 p.m., we will have the Adult Service for parents and children over 15 years of age. Rabbi Baumgard will sermonize at both services. Rabbis Hoffman and Goldstein will co-officiate at both services. Joe Rubin will serve as Cantorial Soloist and the Adult Choir will sign under the direction of Selma Baumgard.

Tuesday Morning Services

On Tuesday morning, September 29th, Rosh Hashanah Day, at 9:30 a.m., there will be two identical services. The Adults Only Service will be held in the Sanctuary. Simultaneously, starting at 9:30 a.m., there will be a Family/Adult Service in the Gym for adults and children under 15 years of age. This service will be conducted by Rabbi Hoffman and Rabbi Goldstein. Rabbi Goldstein will deliver the sermon. This service will feature a Young People's Choir conducted by Harriet Potlock, and Jackie Berney will serve as Cantorial Soloist.

Off-Campus Parking Tuesday Morning

For these Tuesday morning services, and only for the morning services, off-campus parking will be at the Commercial Bank of Kendall (across from the drive-in windows) at Kendall Drive and Dixie Highway. Bus service will start at 8:15 a.m. for this service and will return to the bank parking lot immediately after the conclusion of the services.

Admission Cards Must Be Presented

Beth Am admits members only to High Holiday services because of a problem with space. High Holiday admission cards must be shown at the door.

(MORE DETAILS NEXT WEEK)

"Judaica Treasures"

**Antique Judaica Exhibition & Sale
October 17th, 18th and 19th, 1981**

October 17th, Saturday night, will be the grand opening of this most exciting exhibition. This show will present 175 antique ritual and heritage pieces on loan from Moriah Judaica Gallery in New York for display and sale.

Miriam Cohen and Doreen Marx, Co-Chairmen of the Beth Am Cultural Arts Committee, announce that the first committee meeting for the Antique Judaica Exhibition was held on Friday, August 18th.

A selected light musical program is planned at the conclusion of Sunday's exhibit at 4 p.m. in the Sanctuary, and on Monday, the exhibit will be open for our school children and other parochial school children of the Greater Miami area.

An enthusiastic response was received from the 15 members of the Committee who were present at the meeting. The second meeting is planned for September 11th at 1 p.m. in the Chapel.

High Holiday Admission Cards To Be Mailed To All Registered Members This Week!

FUN AND PRAYER TO COMBINE ON SATURDAY, SEPT. 19 FOR S'lichot

For over 25 years, Beth Am has presented a combination of fun and prayer on the night of our original S'lichot Service. The Service is promptly at midnight, but the fun begins at 9:30 P.M. in the Social Hall. At that time, Marty Levitt and his three piece band will present his program of "Jewish Soul." Refreshments will be served.

The second part of the evening will begin at 11:30 P.M. when Rabbi Baumgard will speak informally to those assembled on the question of personal prayer. Rabbi Baumgard will give more of the interesting Hasidic stories that he usually presents on this occasion.

At midnight all will adjourn to the Sanctuary for the brief creative service without prayer-books. Many have said that they first learned to pray at this service.

The Temple youth group (BAFTY) will attend the service as a group and will have their private entertainment earlier in the evening at the home of Mitzi Levine, 8175 S.W. 93rd Avenue at 8:00 P.M. Donation: \$1.00.

BAFTY Social Set for Saturday, Sept. 19th

Don't forget, Saturday night, September 19th! There will be a pre-S'lichot social at the home of Mitzi Levine, 8175 S.W. 93 Ave., at 8:00 p.m. (donation \$1.00). Following the party we will all go to the Temple S'lichot service at 11:30. It should be a fun evening - don't miss out!



The Committee of 100

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

Eugene and Joan Bloom
Ronald and Charlene Esserman
Elmer and Susi Marmorstein
Peter and Maria Millheiser
Richard and Sally Sage
Ira and Estelle Segal

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

Warren and Donna Binder
Edward Cutler
Robert and Marlene Josefsberg
Marshall and Barbara Langer
Sanford and Nauma Levin
Melvin and Joan Levinson
Rosalind Pallot
Joshua and Elsie Segal
Stephen and Sandra Segal
Harvey and Rona Simovitch



FROM THE RABBI'S STUDY

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Relearning the Secret

High Holy Day time gives Jews the chance to rehearse that which makes them different from other human beings. We share a common humanity with all humans, but two factors make us different from others—our historic experience and our tradition (which includes our ideas and values). Behavior psychologists have demonstrated clearly that human behavior is changed by experience. People learn by their experiences to do one kind of deed or another. Jews have had a unique experience as a people for four thousand years. No other people has had that kind of experience. We are different because of that experience.

But neither an individual nor a people is defined merely by what others do to them or by the environment. A people helps to determine what it is by the creation and maintenance of a tradition. It follows that a Jew is more completely a Jew when he understands both the experience and the tradition of his people.

Some Jews prefer to think that they are isolated from the past. They want to start anew as merely one other human being in a neutral environment sharing that culture which is common to all others in the present situation. Self-hate is one of the factors that contribute to this kind of decision on the part of a Jew, but even this self-hate is conditioned by the Jew's past experience. Such a Jew is a victim of the treatment administered by the non-Jewish majority to the Jewish minority. The Jew who negates what is grand and noble in the Jewish experience and tradition in effect says, "I don't want to be what I am." Such a Jew may choose not to have a Jewish family and not to have Jewish children. He says in effect, "It was all a farce. It ends with me." He commits a kind of genocide for himself and his prospective children.

Most American Jews don't quite understand what makes them different, but they sense that they are. They are poorly informed as to the Jewish experience and as to the Jewish tradition in all of its ramifications. Most of us look at what is going on in America and we say, "This is not my way. I come from a people that eschews violence and theft. I come from a people that has courageously revered loyalty to family and loyalty to a moral code. We have dared to be different through all recorded history."

Most American Jews want to reaffirm their Jewishness. They want to relearn the secret that has kept Jewish life meaningful for these thousands of years. That is why most of us will return to the synagogue these Holy Days. We want to start again. Our presence there is a way of saying, "Let's go in search of our deeper meaning."

Of course, the search only begins at the Holy Day Services. Too many of us will drop the search there until the next Holy Days. Others, who are wiser, will go on to Adult Ed classes and to regular attendance at the Torah Services on Saturday morning (when we review the Bible reading of the week). Many of us will attend Friday eve services regularly to pray and sing with our fellow Jews and to hear a Jewish oriented statement on contemporary events.

Some of us will step forward to teach in the religious school because we know that if we don't volunteer, nobody else will. Others will join a Jewish organization to work for Jewish causes in still another direction. Those of us who are really serious about affirming our Jewishness will understand that nothing important is ever achieved with a one-shot approach.

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

Adult Education Institute Starts Sept. 23

The Adult Education Program at Beth Am will offer a wide variety of courses and the opportunity to study in depth as well as study "short courses" selected.

Even our "short courses" have been lengthened from four weeks to five. Among them is a course on the "Prophet Jeremiah" to be given by Rabbi Baumgard for five weeks beginning October 6th. Another is "Judaism Starts At Home"—five festival workshops beginning Wednesday, September 23rd and led by Rabbi Hoffman and Joan Schwartz.

Our popular courses in the Hebrew language given by Lenore Kipper entitled, "Hebrew from Scratch," will also be given five Wednesday evenings beginning October 21st.

In attempting to provide in-depth Jewish education for adults, the Beth Am Adult Education Institute will offer six units of five weeks each in Jewish History—from the beginning to the nearly medieval period. The course will not only run for thirty weeks this year, but it will also be continued next year. At that time, the course will begin with the medieval period and offer six segments which will bring Jewish history up to the present time. The dates of each lecture, as well as the lecturer, will soon be announced.

The Adult Education Institute, in association with the Beth Am Brotherhood, will be presenting Professor Bernard Schechterman of the University of Miami's Department of Political Science in a series of four lectures on the "Middle East Today." Shira Baumgard-Eisenberg will open up her Dance Group to the entire congregation in a Thursday evening series beginning in October called, "Israeli Dance for Everyone." We will also be offering the course in child development entitled, "Building Your Child's Self-Esteem" in cooperation with Miami Dade Community College and led by Nancy Kirsner. This course was offered twice last year. It was over-subscribed both times, and it is being brought to you again by popular demand beginning October 19th.

For those courses listed above where dates have already been set, please mark your calendars. Continue to watch the Commentator for more information on the other courses listed above, as well as several more courses currently being planned.

Calabash Club For Young Singles

The Calabash Club, a singles group for people between the ages of 22-33 held its first organizational meeting last week. There will be an informal wine and cheese gathering in the beginning of October so that people can get to know each other and also express some feelings about the upcoming calendar for the year. Please watch the Commentator and your mail for exact time and place. If you are not on the mailing list, or you have moved, please call Rhoda at the Temple (667-6667) with your name and address.

B'Nai Mitzvah

Saturday, September 19

9:15 a.m.



(photo not avail.)

Sari, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Stanton Freedman

Geoffrey, son of Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Travis

11:15 a.m.



Howard, son of Mrs. Ellyn Goldstein



Jill Bess, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. James M. Kaufman