

RELIGIOUS SERVICE, Friday, Sept. 24, 1982, 8:15 p.m.
RABBI MORTON HOFFMAN
 "SIN AND REPENTENCE"
 TORAH SERVICE, Sat., Sept. 25th, 9:15 and 11:15 a.m.

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Yom Kippur Begins Sunday Night, Sept. 26 With Home Ceremony and Services

The Holy Day of Yom Kippur (Day of Atonement) begins at sundown, Sunday Sept. 26th. The home ceremony for the final meal before the beginning of the Holy Day is found elsewhere in this issue.

Schedule of Services

Sunday evening, 6:30 p.m. Family-Adult Service. (A full adult service for parents and children who can sit through such a service.) Cello solo promptly at 6:30 p.m. Rabbi Baumgard speaking.

Sunday evening, 9:00 p.m. Adults only service (tenth graders and up). Rabbi Baumgard speaking. Cello solo promptly at 9:00 p.m.

Monday morning, Sept. 27th. Two identical morning services. (Yizkor-Memorial also.)

9:30 a.m.-Noon: 1) Sanctuary - Adults only. (Rabbi Baumgard speaking.) 2) Gym-Teenage Bldg. - Family-Adult Service. (Rabbi Goldstein speaking.)

1:30 p.m.-2:15 p.m., Sanctuary: Children's Service. (Rabbi Goldstein.)

3:30 p.m. Family-Adult Service. (This service is entirely different from the morning service, except for a brief memorial service.) Rabbi Baumgard will answer your questions.

Which Service to Attend?

If you are an adult; (10th grade student or older), you may attend all adult services in the Sanctuary. These are held at 9:00 p.m. on Sunday night, Sept. 26th, and at 9:30 a.m. on Monday morning, Sept. 27th. Rabbi Baumgard will speak at all adult services. Adults will also want to attend the late afternoon Yom Kippur Service at 3:30 p.m., which is different from any other service and is especially beautiful musically. Rabbi Baumgard will speak.

Family-Adult services are the same as the adult service, but you may bring your children who are able to sit through an adult service. Family-Adult services on Yom Kippur are as follows:

Evening: 6:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary with adult choir and Cantorial Soloist.

Morning: 9:30 a.m. in the Gym in the Teenage Building with children's choir and soloist.

Afternoon: 3:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary with adult choir and cantorial soloist. Note: This service is different from any other service and will include a brief Yizkor or memorial Service.

Yizkor (Memorial Services)

Memorial Services will be held at both morning services on Yom Kippur Day at 9:30 a.m. (both in the Sanctuary and Gym). This is the full Memorial Service. A brief Memorial Service will also be held as part of the afternoon service (3:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary.) A worshipper may thus attend both of these services or either of them.

Children's Service

The children's service for very young children will be held at 1:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary, with Rabbi Goldstein speaking.

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QUESTION: CAN AMERICA SURVIVE A NUCLEAR WAR?

PARTICIPANTS: ELLIS RUBIN, Prominent attorney and former Naval Commander

DR. JAY KURZNER, of Physicians For Social Responsibility.

HAL BERGIDA, Moderator; Executive Director Tiger Bay Club

WHEN AND WHERE: Sunday morning, Sept. 26, 9:30 a.m. Temple Youth Lounge

ADMISSION: Brotherhood members - \$2.50 All non-members - \$3.00

All-you-can-eat breakfast. Bring your friends and neighbors.

Admission Cards Must Be Presented for Holidays

Beth Am admits members only to High Holiday services. High Holiday admission cards must be shown at the door.

No Reserved Seating

Beth Am does not reserve seats for the Holy Days. Seating is on a first-come, first-served basis. This means that individuals cannot save a block of seats for "people who are coming."

For the second service on Sunday night, Sept. 26th, cars will not be allowed into the parking lot until 8:00 p.m. This is one hour before the start of the service and will allow time to empty the lot after the first service.

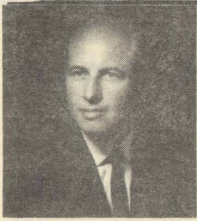
The Committee of 100

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

Richard and Eileen Breslow
 Jay and Ellie Kaiser
 Stephen and Marsha Mash
 Robert and Susan Roth

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

An Anonymous Family
 Marvin and Marcella Aizenshtat
 Stanton and Elaine Freedman
 Marvin and Mimi Hollub
 Robert and Marlene Josefsberg
 Shepard and Bernita King
 William and Helen Rafkind
 Lee and Francien Ruwitch
 Cliff and Betty Suchman
 Sidney and Sabina Wolofsky



FROM THE RABBI'S STUDY

SPIRITUAL? - WHAT'S THAT?

Western Jews are embarrassed by the spiritual. Our everyday life is so materialistically and pragmatically oriented that we don't really know anything about the spiritual. We know there is a word called "Prayer", but we don't know how to pray. We know there is a word called, "God", but we don't spend much time thinking about what God is, much less do we address ourselves to God. Many Western Jews have abandoned all spiritually oriented rituals, because, to tell the truth, they make us uneasy. Why light Sabbath candles when they put us into conflict?

The same problem runs over into the area of patriotism. Most Americans are embarrassed to salute the flag. The ceremony makes us feel awkward. We don't like to sing, "The Star Spangled Banner" anymore than we like to sing "Ahdom Ohlam" or "Ayn Kehlohaynu". Singing embarrasses us.

The fact is we westerners don't like to do anything that involves the emotions. We are afraid to feel deeply, perhaps because we have never been taught to feel. All of our training is directed towards learning an occupation and pleasuring ourselves. Consequently, we are very good at these things, on the whole.

Judaism encourages us to learn how to feel. But the feeling it talks about is not aimless sensation. You can get that by getting high on dope. Judaism encourages us to feel deeply about the purpose of life, about family relationships, about oppression of some humans by others, about the individuals around us, about groups which are devoted to bringing humans together.

A young man in our conversion class, a Jew told me that he had learned a great deal accompanying his fiance to the class and to services. He learned, first of all, what he had missed as a youngster. He learned, he said, of the importance of regular attendance at services. It's only when you come regularly, he said, that you begin to get the FEEL of it!

The same thing is true about ritualistic observance. It is only when you do it regularly, that it begins to take on meaning, and part of the meaning is what you creatively bring to it. A ritual, after all, is only an OPPORTUNITY for you to be creative. There is a vast difference between what some people FEEL while lighting the candles and what others feel.

In this High Holiday season, we might be wise to begin the process of rehearsing our Judaism, a bit more. It is rehearsal, performance, that brings understanding, sympathy, joy. A Hasidic Rabbi put it this way, "Pray to God and pray again, until He becomes YOUR God. Keep saying, 'My Father', until he becomes Your Father". It took me a long time to learn the wisdom of this Rabbi. He was saying that in emotional matters, sometimes the performance must precede the understanding.

And so it is with love.

Let's not be so fearful of letting ourselves go in the spiritual sense. Try a little more faith and trust and forgiveness and kindness. You may be surprised how good it will feel.

Registration for 1983 Pre-School

Beth Am Families interested in enrolling their child in our Day School Nursery Program (three year old) for Fall 1983 must put your name on our waiting list now. If your child will be three before December 1, 1983 call the school office, 665-6228, for a card to be completed so you are officially on our waiting list. Registration begins in February and information is mailed **only** to those on our waiting list.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Sandi Kramer, PreSchool Director

Come to our "Blessed Event" Wed., Oct. 13th

Sisterhood is going through great labor pains in planning our opening Mother and Child Luncheon and Fashion Show!

Please mark your calendar for Wednesday, October 13, and be part of our "Rebirth."

Watch for more details.

Home Hospitality Needed October 29-31

On October 29-31 (Friday-Sunday) BAFTY, our Senior High Youth Group will be hosting the Southeast Regional Executive Convention. The Convention will be open to our 9th Grade Youth Group as well. We are looking for host families. We expect about 150 young people from the Southeast region. Host families would provide Shabbat dinner Friday night as well as sleep accommodations for Friday and Saturday nights. If you can help out, please call Sharon Ruttenberg, President of BAFTY, (251-2651) or Rabbi Goldstein (667-6667).

B'Nai Mitzvah

Friday, September 24

8:15 p.m.



Nadine Beth, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jerome Schwartz



Margot, daughter of Mrs. Pauline Winick and Mr. Bruce Winick

Saturday, September 25

9:15 a.m.



Jonathan, son of Drs. Melvin and Nancy Greenfield



Lisa Kimberly, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Robert Pearl

11:15 a.m.



Andrew and Christopher sons of Dr. and Mrs. Ian Reiss

