



PASSOVER MINYAN SERVICE, Friday, April 5, 1985, 6:00 p.m.

Rabbi Herbert M. Baumgard

PASSOVER TORAH SERVICE

Saturday, April 6, 11:15 a.m.

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## Calendar for April

- "Babies & Toddlers" ..... Tue. Apr. 2, 9-1 am, Rm. 31,  
also 16th, 23rd & 30th
- Pre-School Seder ..... Tue. Apr. 2, 9:30 a.m., Youth Lge.
- Day School Seder ..... Wed. Apr. 3, 10:30 a.m., Social Hall & 101
- Men's Basketball ..... Wed. Apr. 3, 7-9 p.m., Gym,  
and every Wed. thru April
- "Basic Judaism" ..... Wed. Apr. 3, Rms. 24, 28 & A. & Crafts  
7 p.m., and every Wed. in April
- "Babies & Toddlers" ..... Thu. Apr. 4, 9-1 a.m., Rm. 31,  
also 18th and 25th
- SPRING BREAK - NO SCHOOLS -- FRI. APR. 5 THRU SUN. APR. 14 --
- PASSOVER MINYAN SERVICE ..... Fri. Apr. 5, 6 p.m., Sanctuary
- PASSOVER TORAH SERVICE ..... Sat. Apr. 6, 11:15 a.m., Sanct.
- CONGREGATIONAL SEDER ..... Sat. Apr. 6, 6 p.m., Suchman Hall
- Brotherhood Meeting ..... Wed. Apr. 10, 7:30 p.m., Rm. 103
- LAST DAY PASSOVER, MEMORIAL SVCE. FRI. APR. 12, 10 a.m.  
OFFICE CLOSED
- Religious Services ..... Fri. Apr. 12, 8:15 p.m., Choir Sings  
Congregational Torah Svce. .... Sat. Apr. 13, 9:15 & 11:15 a.m.
- Calabash Dance ..... Sun. Apr. 14, 7 p.m., Suchman Hall
- Contemporaries Picnic ..... Sun. Apr. 14, away  
-- ALL SCHOOLS RESUME MONDAY, APRIL 15th --
- 7th/8th Grade Dinner Meeting ..... Tue. Apr. 16, 6 p.m., Youth Lge.
- Temple Board Meeting ..... Tue. Apr. 16, 7:30 p.m., Rm. 101
- Film & Discussion re Holocaust ..... Tue. Apr. 16, 8 p.m., Chapel
- Art Teitelbaum Lecture
- Yom Hashoah Observance, ..... Thu. Apr. 18, 8 p.m., Chapel
- Bet Cafe for Singles ..... Thu. Apr. 18, 7 p.m., Suchman Hall
- BAFTY Dinner ..... Fri. Apr. 19, 5 p.m., Youth Lge.
- BAFTY Creative Service ..... Fri. Apr. 19, 8:15 p.m. Sanctuary
- Congregational Torah Service ..... Sat. Apr. 20, 11:15 a.m.
- Calabash ..... Sun. Apr. 21, 12 Noon, Ballfield
- Brotherhood Breakfast Forum ..... Sun. Apr. 21, 9:30 a.m., Youth Lge.
- Jr. Hi Holiday Choir Tryouts ..... Mon. Apr. 22, 7 p.m., Rm. 101
- Calabash Discussion Group ..... Tue. Apr. 23, 7:30 p.m., Rm. 23
- Beth Am Camp Coleman Reunion ..... Wed. Apr. 24, 7 p.m., Chapel
- P.A.T.I.O. Board Meeting ..... Thu. Apr. 25, 9 a.m., Rm. 101
- Religious Service ..... Fri. Apr. 26, 8:15 p.m., Sanctuary  
("Jewish Contribution to Broadway") Adult Choir under Selma Baumgard
- Congregational Torah Service ..... Sat. Apr. 27, 9:15 & 11:15 a.m.
- ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING ..... Mon. Apr. 29,  
7:30 p.m., Rm. 101

## Passover is Here - Holiday Starts Friday Evening, April 5th

The first home Seder for Passover will be held on Friday evening, April 5th. It is hoped that all Jews will be at a Seder on that evening. Because of the coincidence of the Sabbath and Passover, there will be **no late service on Friday night**. Instead, there will be a brief "**minyán**" service promptly at **6 p.m. in the Sanctuary**.

Saturday morning services will be held at the usual time, 11:15 a.m., and both the Sabbath and Passover themes will be emphasized. The annual **Temple Seder** will be held on **Saturday evening, April 6th, at 6 p.m.**

### Memorial Service Friday, April 12th, Last Day of Passover

Beth Am will observe the last day of Passover with a Memorial (Yizkor) Service on Friday morning, April 12th, at 10 a.m. Rabbi Baumgard will speak on the theme, "We Are Still Slaves." Thursday evening begins the final day, and candles are lit at home. The blessing is the usual blessing for the "Yom Tov."

Reform Jews follow the biblical injunction for a seven day holiday. Traditional Jews observe Saturday as the final day of the holiday. Our Friday evening service on April 12th is at 8:15 p.m.

### Lenore Kipper Publishes Book on Jewish Values

Edie Spiegel, Chairperson of the Beth Am School Board, announces that Lenore Kipper, Director of Jewish Studies in our Day School, has just co-authored a book on Jewish Values with Howard Bogot, Co-Director of the Commission on Jewish Education of The Union of American Hebrew Congregations.

The book is entitled, "The Alef-Bet of Jewish Values" and is sub-titled "Code Words of Jewish Life". The idea of the book is to introduce key letters of the Jewish alphabet as they appear in meaningful words and phrases that have been developed in our tradition. Among these words and phrases encompassing Jewish values are "Emet-truth", "G'milut Hasadim-Deeds of Kindness", "Derech Eretz-Manners", etc. The text is rich in stories and ideas. The book's beauty is enhanced by lovely art work by Jana Paiss. The book is available in our Judaica Shop.

### We Need Your Blood Sunday, May 5th

Sunday morning May 5th, from 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m., the South Florida Blood Service will be at Temple Beth Am. A fantastic breakfast will be served to all donors. All donors will also receive a raffle ticket for a fabulous door prize.

Please stop by and donate a pint of blood. There will be no waiting. We have a beautiful Temple with a large membership. Give "A Gift of Life" for a needy person. The need is so great!



## The Committee of 100

The following families have volunteered to join the Committee of 100 for the next fiscal year:

Jerome and Joan Fisher  
L. Alan and Carol Jacoby  
Jack and Ann Norman

## Last Call — Deadline April 2nd Annual Congregational Seder

Saturday, April 6th, 6:00 p.m., Social Hall  
(on the second night of Passover)  
call Joan at 667-6667



## FROM THE RABBI'S STUDY

*Archives*

### On Retirement

My Uncle Izzie owned a pawn shop and, having come from a very poor family, was delighted that he could make a good living. His Americanized sons, who were both medical doctors, urged him to retire. Uncle Izzie always asked, "But what will I do with my time?" The boys would answer with suggestions based on what they would do with their time if they were to retire. Finally, reluctantly, since he didn't really need the income, Uncle Izzie sold his business.

Three months later, being completely miserable in his retirement, Uncle Izzie went to the new owners of the business and asked, "Would you please let me work for a few hours a day. I'll do it for nothing."

It is important to spend your retirement time meaningfully.

In this column last week, I mentioned that I would be retiring in about 2½ years. Some people have asked what I will be doing. I will be doing the same kinds of things I have always been doing, but I will not have the burden of carrying a major institution with its thousands of small but important problems. A younger person will be the Senior Rabbi and will be responsible for the day-to-day operation of the Temple, along with much of our staff now sharing the many facets of our rich program.

What happens to a former Senior Rabbi? I tried to say in my last column (the printer left out a few words) that a Rabbi Emeritus does not disappear. The Temple will arrange for me to have an office and a part time secretary. My interest in the Temple and in its members will continue, but I will not be "on call." The new Senior will be "on call." The Rabbi Emeritus is available for consultation and advice (when solicited), but he does not officially interact with the congregational board or officers. That is done by the new Senior Rabbi. The Emeritus is not the supervisor of the new Senior Rabbi, nor is anyone on staff responsible to the Emeritus. On the other hand, it is to be assumed that the human aspects of the relationships he has built over the years with staff and members will continue.

Since I am the Founding Rabbi of this congregation, and since I have built it from the ground up, so to speak, (with the help of some devoted lay persons and professionals), I will continue to have more than a normal interest in Beth Am. I also hope to do some university teaching (more than I am doing now), and I plan on doing the writing for which I have not had time while I am "in the saddle". A Rabbi Emeritus does not have to look for work to do, but on the other hand, he may be able to take a little time off. Senior Rabbis do not have that luxury.

Meanwhile, we still have 2½ years between now and my retirement. There is still much for us to do together. I don't intend to operate at anything less than full pace during this time. I hope I can count on your help along the way.

### Camp Coleman Presentation April 24

On Wednesday, April 24, at 7:00 p.m. there will be a Camp Coleman presentation in the **Chapel**. Allan F. Solomon, who is celebrating his 20th year as Camp Director and Larry Cooper, Assistant Camp Director, will be available to answer your questions and show slides.

Camp Coleman is our Regional Reform Camp located in the Blue Ridge Mountains of Georgia. The Jewish and Recreation Programming are excellent and each year Temple Beth Am sends hundreds of students to the camp.

This meeting is for Parents as well as their children between the ages of 7 - 15 years and we urge you to attend and learn more about Camp Coleman.

### Pool Needed for Day Camp

Beth Am's Summer Day Camp is looking for the use of a nearby pool from June 28th through August 16th. If you are interested in **renting you pool** for the summer, contact David Stuart at Temple.

### Tryouts for High Holiday Youth Choir April 22nd

Auditions for the High Holiday Youth Choir will be held on Monday, April 22nd, from 7:00-8:00 p.m. in Room 101. Please be able to sing the She-hech-eyanu and Do-Ray-Me.

New members and returning choir members who have been in the choir **two years or less** will have practices twice a week beginning in the month of May, ending before final exams begin. We will then meet again in September after school begins to review and polish our songs. Members who have been in the choir three years or more do **not** have to attend in May.

If you were a member of last year's choir, it is unnecessary to try out again. Please contact Mrs. Berney at 387-2486 to reconfirm your participation in the choir.

The High Holiday Choir is a lot of work but a great deal of fun. It adds so much beauty to our service. Join us!

### Batik of Ora Sperber on Display in Sanctuary Lobby During April

For the entire month of April in our Sanctuary Lobby, the walls will be filled with the framed batik art of Ora Sperber. These quilted batiks cover a wide spectrum of Jewish, biblical and general subjects, and they come in various sizes and shapes from 8' x 12" to 6' x 8'.

Ora is a native of Israel. She came to the U.S. originally as an exchange teacher in Chicago. There she continued to study arts and crafts and started displaying and selling her work before moving to New York. Ora has participated in many juried shows and one person exhibits nationally. Her work is known in Europe, Israel and North and South America.

### New Adult Education Offering For Spring

A unique experimental course is going to be offered at Beth Am for adults this Spring, entitled "Contemporary American Jewish Issues", using American Jewish periodicals. This course, taught by Rabbi Simon, will meet from 7:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. on the following Tuesdays; April 23rd, April 30th, May 7th and May 14th. Avoiding the standard lecture and discussion format, this unusual course will approach four very diverse but crucial Jewish issues as seen through the pages of contemporary Jewish magazines. Each student will receive a packet of each of the four articles which will be utilized in the class. Although each class will be independent in of itself, all students will be encouraged to attend all of the classes. The issues to be discussed will include the relevance of the synagogue, the legitimacy of Reform versus Orthodox Judaism, conversion to Judaism, and other issues. These articles represent some of the best contemporary writing which is currently being produced in America, and course participants will be exposed to four of the most controversial Jewish periodicals currently in publication today. Although students will not be required to do the assigned reading, verbal participation in the class will be limited to those who have read the article for the specific evening. This course will be taught by Rabbi Simon, and if you are interested in the course, **you must contact Rabbi Simon immediately so that you can receive all materials before the first class.**

*B'Nai Mitzvah*



*Saturday, April 6*



Joshua and Noah, sons of Mrs. Edelle Sher