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Rabbi Herbert M. Baumgard

"CAN THE INDIVIDUAL ACHIEVE HAPPINESS OUTSIDE THE GROUP?"
Adult Choir Sings Under the Direction of Selma Baumgard

CONGREGATIONAL TORAH SERVICE
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Before assuming the position of Temple Treasurer, Dr. Mark Oren served on the Board of Directors for three years. He is a member of the Budget Committee, Religious Committee and Youth Committee.

Mark and wife Nedra have been members of the Temple for almost ten years, and their three teenagers, Brad, Sara and Jill, attended the Beth Am schools.

Mark received his A.B. degree from Cornell and his M.D. from Harvard. He did postgraduate work at Harvard, Yale and the University of Miami, and saw service at the National Cancer Institute, U.S. Public Health Service, Bethesda, Md. He is a Physician specializing in Hematology, Oncology and Internal Medicine. He is Chairman of the Oncology Sections at Baptist Hospital and at Doctor's Hospital, and is Vice Chairman, Dept. of Medicine at Doctor's. He is also Clinical Assoc. Professor of Medicine and Oncology at the University of Miami.

Dr. Oren is a member of the Greater Miami Jewish Federation and of numerous medical societies and groups. Beth Am is fortunate to be another recipient of the time and energy of this busy man.

Bakers Needed for Anniversary Oneg Feb. 1st

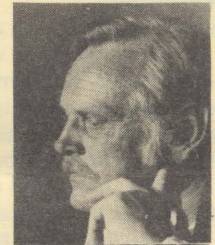
Temple Beth Am's gala 30th Anniversary celebration will begin on Friday, Feb. 1st, with a Family Service and a special Oneg Shabbat. We are asking all of the wonderful bakers among our congregants to bring some of their specialties for what we anticipate will be a huge attendance. Please call Rhoda at the Temple Office, 667-6667, or Sylvia Weisberg at 238-4630 and let us know that you will participate.

"Dealing With Intermarriage" Class starts Tue., Feb. 5th

Many aspects of intermarriage have presented problems to the Jewish community, as, for example, How do you deal with a child who wants to marry out of the faith? How do you deal with your own feelings? How do you deal with your potential son-in-law or daughter-in-law? How do you handle your grandchildren. What privileges does a spouse practicing another religion have in the synagogue?

Rabbi Mark Kram will deal with these problems in his class "Dealing With Intermarriage" beginning Tuesday evening, Feb. 5th, for 5 Tuesdays, at 8 p.m. in Room 28 of the Teenage Building.

"An Afternoon of Music" Sunday, Jan. 27th With Ingus Naruns and Michele Levin



The Cultural Arts Committee of Temple Beth Am is proud to announce the second concert of our current season on Sunday afternoon, Jan. 27th, at 4 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

Temple members will remember that cellist Ingus Naruns performed the inspiring "Kol Nidre" at High Holiday services for many years. Mr. Naruns has performed throughout North America and Canada and has given recitals to great acclaim in both Town Hall and Carnegie Hall in New York City. He toured for ten years as principal cellist of the Boston "Pops" under Arthur Fiedler. He was principal cellist of the former University of Miami Symphony, the Florida Philharmonic, the Boca Raton Symphony and the Miami and Palm Beach Operas. He performed many times as soloist with the Florida Philharmonic under Alain Lombard and James Conlon. He will perform this season as soloist with the Milwaukee Symphony.

Ingus Naruns and Michele Levin have given many duo recitals together. Their program on Jan. 27th will consist of works by Bach, Debussy, Chopin and the Latvian composer Janis Medins.

The third concert in our series will be on March 3rd, at 7:30 p.m., with the distinguished pianist Menahem Pressler, and the final concert will be on May 19th with Daniel Phillips, violinist.

General admission is \$8, students and senior citizens \$4.

Art of Emanuel Schary Featured in Sanctuary Lobby January 25th - Jan. 27th

Emanuel Schary is a consummate artist whose work reveals a realistic, gentle and humanistic beauty. Schary records scenes and people of the Lower East Side, Williamsburg, Brooklyn & New York seen with a Jewish depth of Jewish feeling. His work has been exhibited in many galleries and museums throughout the U.S., Canada & Europe. Oils, lithographs & limited edition graphics are enclosed in this present show.

The exhibit will be on view from Friday, January 25th thru Sunday, January 27th in our new lobby.





FROM THE RABBI'S STUDY

Who Is A Jew?
(1985)

A full essay on this question is available in my book, "Loving What Is Close". For now, we will try to answer the question from a slightly different angle and while standing on one foot. A Jew is one who practices the ethical and religio-cultural traditions of his people and who transmits them lovingly to his children and/or those of the next generation. The emphasis here is on practicing and transmitting.

Amidst all the current discussion of "Who Is A Jew" it makes sense for us to discuss what it takes for Jews and Judaism to survive in a world that in many ways is antagonistic to that survival. It seems to me that we might well define a Jew as "one who makes for Jewish survival", in the sense described above.

1. Ethics. By the rigorous standard that survival requires, one is not entitled to be called a Jew in a meaningful sense, unless he (she) consciously practices the ethics his people introduced to the world and which form the core of Judaism. If the concept of "choseness" means anything at all, it means that Jews are expected to act out the hypothesis we proclaimed thousands of years ago to a pagan world - that there is a holy (ethical) God, and He commands His people to imitate Him in His holiness. As the Prophet Isaiah taught in the name of God, "You (the Jewish people) must be a Light Unto The Nations". If someone wishes to be called a Jew he cannot "follow the crowd to do injustice". A Jew is one who sets an ethical example for others.

2. Religio-cultural Traditions. The religio-cultural traditions of our people center around life-cycle events, holidays (often associated with historic events), and the home. Every time a Jew observes one of these traditions (matzah at Passover, candles on the Sabbath, Bar/Bat Mitzvah) he affirms his Jewishness. Every time the Jew abstains from one of these traditions, negating the opportunity to observe it, he dulls his sense of positive identification with his people (he trains himself away from his traditions).

American Jews, especially, like American Christians, tend to be embarrassed by the observance of rituals, but the truth is that the regular performance of a ritual, especially in the home, is a major vehicle for maintaining personal conviction. Such observance is also an important psychological means of teaching the richness of the faith to family members. The person who says, "I observe Jewish ethics but not the rituals", is not only missing some of the deepest pleasure of being a Jew, but he is not fulfilling his responsibility to transmit the religio-cultural heritage to his family and to others.

We have all observed the zeal with which Christians try to missionarize and to convert others to their faith. American Jewish adults could use some of this zeal in transmitting Judaism to their children and to other Jews. Too many Americans (modernized) Jews are unmindful of their role as models and teachers in this regard.

May I urge you to consider the definition I have proposed? Will you study it in relation to yourself? A Jew is one who practices the ethical and religio-cultural traditions of his people and who transmits them lovingly to his children and/or those of the next generation. For a guide to Reform recommended rituals and holiday observances, see the books published by the UAHC and available in our Judaica Shop, (Gates of Mitzvah, Gates of The Seasons, Shabbat Manual).

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 your pool for the summer, please contact David Stuart at the Temple.

Temple To Host Special Senior High Care Conference February 10th

"ADDING LIFE TO YOUR YEARS: The Synagogue Community and the Challenge of Aging", will deal with the current status of legislation affecting health care for seniors; the development of a network of knowledge on issues of senior concern; and the direct involvement of Temples and Synagogues in this most important area. The Conference will take place on SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 10th, FROM 9:30 A.M. TO 4:00 P.M., starting in the Sanctuary, and is sponsored by the UAHC South Florida Committee on the Aging, the South Florida Federation, and the UAHC Caring Community Project. Rabbi Richard Address, Director of the Caring Community Project, and Rep. William Lehman will be among the participants.

Seniors and all others with an interest in this field, are welcome to attend. For additional details, contact Evelyn Goodman, 661-8458. Donation is \$8.00 in advance, \$10.00 at the door, (includes breakfast and lunch).

Caring Program Course For The Emerging Woman

THE EMERGING WOMAN - Wed. Feb. 6th, 7:30 p.m., Room 24 Jo Ann Lederman, M.S.Ed., Marriage and Family Therapist in private practice. Course designed for "The Emerging Woman." Who is she? Profile of women whose roles are changing: 1) New mothers who wish to work at home, 2) Women whose children are school bound/nursery or college, 3) Newly divorced women, 4) Newly widowed women, 5) Women who would like to achieve new business or academic goals.

Preliminary discussion, analysis identification of goals for you.

Pushkes Fight Hunger in Ethiopia

The Religious School children and their families contributed \$340.00 through our Pushke Fund to aide the people of Ethiopia.

By having a pushke, each family member becomes aware of their responsibility towards those not as fortunate as we are. Pushkes are collected three times a year. You may obtain a pushke in the Religious School office if you do not already have one. Our next collection will be in February.

Foster Home Needed for 14 Year Old Girl

A foster home is needed for a lovely 14 year old Jewish girl. If you can help, contact Mrs. Freitche of the Jewish Family Service at 445-0555.

Send In Your Reservation

Beth Am Basketball Banquet Sunday, Feb. 3rd

Bar Mitzvah

Saturday, January 26

11:15 a.m.



Gary Michael, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Kramer

It's Time To Send In Your Reservation
30th Anniversary Dinner-Dance

Date: Saturday, February 16, 1985