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Rabbi Herbert M. Baumgard

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## Legislative Committee to Address Brotherhood Breakfast Forum March 17th

"PROBLEMS AND PRIORITIES OF THE APRIL FLORIDA LEGISLATIVE SESSION" will be the topic of discussion at the next Brotherhood Breakfast Forum on Sunday morning, March 17th, at 9:30 a.m. in the Youth Lounge. Addressing themselves to this agenda will be:

State Senator Roberta Fox  
State Senator Larry Plummer  
State Representative Betty Metcalf

With the State Legislature set to convene April 1st, our elected representatives need input from their constituents as to what questions and problems are uppermost in their minds. Taxes, school funding, crime prevention, gambling casinos and lotteries, more funds for Dade County roads, etc., etc.

Admission to this all-you-can-eat Brotherhood Breakfast Forum is \$2.50 for Brotherhood members and \$3 for non-members. Everyone is invited, bring your friends and neighbors.

**April 21st:** Discussion on the case of "Bernhard Goetz - Subway Hero or Villain." Participants will be Mr. Joel Hirschhorn, nationally known attorney, and Mr. Louis Salome, Chief Editorial Writer of the Miami News.

## Rabbi Simon Conducts Purim Service Wednesday, March 6th, 7:30 p.m. in Sanctuary

The Temple will celebrate the arrival of Purim with a special service on Wednesday evening, March 6th, at 7:30 p.m. At that time, the "Megillah," the scroll of the Book of Esther, will be read. Noisemakers (groggers) will be handed out to young people who will be encouraged to "stamp out" Haman. Special Purim songs will be sung. After services, we will serve hamantashen and refreshments.

## GALA PURIM CARNIVAL SUNDAY, MARCH 10TH 11 A.M. COSTUME CONTEST FOR ALL AGES IN GYM

At 11:00 a.m. on Sunday, March 10th, we will start the Purim Carnival with a costume contest in the Gym. There will be a group of judges and prizes will be awarded in the following categories:

- Children 2 years old and under
- Children 3 and 4 years old.
- Children 5 and 6 years old.
- Children 7 and 8 years old.
- Children 9 years of age and over.
- Adults of all ages.



The Purim Carnival this year will feature:

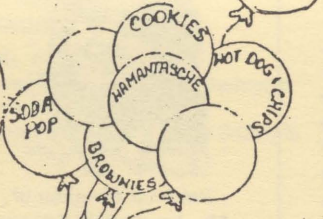
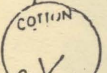
- A live band.
- A pony ride.
- A dragon moonwalk.
- An airplane ride.
- The ball crawl.
- The exciting helicopter.
- The ferris wheel.
- Wild animals.
- Hamantashen from Pumpernickels.
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# Purim Carnival

COSTUME CONTEST  
11:00 A.M. IN GYM

Sunday  
March 10  
11:00 A.M.  
to  
3:00 P.M.



Costume Contest  
Rides, Games  
Food, Contests  
Fun For All

## PRE-SALE OF TICKETS

Tickets will be presold in the Day School on Friday, March 8th, and in the Religious School on Saturday and Sunday mornings, March 9th and 10th. The price of tickets prior to the Carnival will be five for \$1.00. Tickets at the Carnival will be four for \$1.00. Buy your tickets in advance and save time and money.

This promises to be a truly super Carnival. Come early. Stay late. Bring your friends and neighbors.



**FROM THE RABBI'S STUDY**



**The Seagull and  
the Tree (Part One)**

*(For the next two weeks we will present excerpts from my sermon available in full from the Rabbi's Office.)*

Consider now, what do we tell our children from the moment they are born? We tell them we are raising them to be members of royalty. If they are not to be kings and queens, at least they are to be doctors and lawyers and psychologists and millionaires. From the moment they are born, we put a book in their hands, and we say, "This is your sole responsibility to us. You must get the best grades in school. You must go to the best college. You must become a professional. You must earn a great deal of money, and you must be secure economically, like a king." Isn't this what we tell them?

It is we who make our children self-centered. We are afraid to give them any chores in the house lest we take time away from their books. We do not ask them to contribute to the purchase of the family food or to the payment of the rent. We ask them only to take from us what we insist on giving, and we ask them to study.

**The Joy Of Being Needed**

When I was a boy, I had the privilege of living through the great depression. I had the privilege of selling newspapers as a street boy and putting food on the family table. Do you know what joy that can bring to a young boy; to know that he is important to his family in so vital a matter as food, to know that he is needed and that he is a part of a solemn and important effort? Our children today are denied that kind of privilege. We are, fortunately or unfortunately, too well off.

Now let us be fair about this. Studying is not the child's natural goal. It is we who insist that be his all consuming passion. It is we who nurture the thought that self-improvement is the most important goal in the world. We say nothing to our children about family needs or the needs of the Jewish people or the needs of America. Now let us face this question, "Of what can a bookworm properly dream?" Does a bookworm, overwhelmed with intellectual discipline, bored with sitting, dream about rootedness? Does he dream about being a tree? Of course not! He dreams about movement. He dreams about running and flying. He dreams of the seagull. He dreams about throwing off intellectual discipline, and to accomplish this, he may very well have to revolt against those who impose this discipline on him.

But Rabbi, you might ask, are you saying that we shall give up the traditional Jewish emphasis on learning? I am not saying that at all. What I am saying is that learning is not the only thing in the world. I am saying that even more important than academic learning and preparation for a career is teaching a child his responsibilities to the family, to the Jewish people, and to his country.

Since we do not give our children the opportunity to work for family, people, and country, we are teaching them something else. In addition to teaching them of the consuming importance of a career, we teach them to receive. We do not teach them how to give, to share; we teach them to take. No wonder so many of our children join all sorts of crazy groups that offer just these other possibilities for them! What does the Rev. Moon offer his young people? He offers them work for a cause, a high purpose beyond themselves, and belonging to a meaningful group. We Jews have all these things to offer and more, but we don't offer it. All we offer is attendance at the best college and free room, board, and spending money!

*(to be continued next week)*

**The 5th and 6th Grade Group** will be helping at the Purim Carnival on March 10th. On March 8th, the group will be having a pot luck dinner to discuss the Purim Carnival. It will be from 7:00 -9:30 in Room 101. To find out what you need to bring, you MUST R.S.V.P. to Margo by February 6th at 653-8060.

**The 7th and 8th Grade Group** will be going to Disney World on March 16th. Anyone interested in going must contact Fran as soon as possible at 666-4463.

**On March 9th, B.A.F.T.Y.** will be going to a Purim Dance at Temple Sinai. There will be a bus from the Temple at 7:00 p.m., returning at 12 p.m. You MUST R.S.V.P. to make a reservation on the bus. The Purim Carnival is on March 10th. Anyone who can help would be welcome. On Monday, March 11th, there will be a B.A.F.T.Y. meeting at 6 p.m. You MUST R.S.V.P. to everything to Adrienne at 667-6667. or 279-1862.

**JOAN'S JEMS by Joan Schwartzman**

Gail and Mort Podell have wonderful news to report about their daughter, Alison Rosenberg. She has just been appointed to head the Office of Policy Development for the A.I.D. (Agency for International Development). This is under the State Dept. Alison was formerly the African Affairs expert on the Senate Foreign Relations Committee staff, and she was the subject of a large article in the Miami Daily News when she was instrumental in obtaining millions of dollars in aid for the drought stricken African countries.

Mazel tov to Marlene and Bob Price upon the forthcoming marriage of their son Murray to Wendy Barsky. The young couple plan an August wedding... Jackie and Al Rose share the news that their daughter Linda produced an art show and exhibited her works for a month at Eagles Nest in Marco Island. Her technique is a laser beam. Her show will travel around the country. Mazel tov to Joe and Norma Reisman who have become grandparents for the first time. Born to their children Laura and Michael Dennis is a son, Russell Evert... Kudos to Penny Marlin who has been elected president of Family Counseling Services. She is also a development officer with the Greater Miami Jewish Federation and a member of its board since 1978. Congratulations to Barbara Zohman who has just opened the first Childrens Museum in South Florida. We are so proud of her accomplishment and a special thank you for all those who assisted her in this wonderful endeavor...

*B'Nai Mitzvah*

*Saturday, March 9*

9:15 a.m.

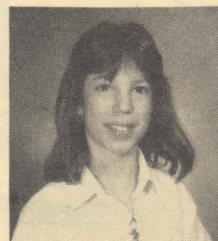


Rebecca, daughter of Mr. Jonathan Kislak and Ms. Lynn Kislak

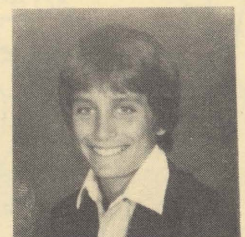


Elise Michelle, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Mittler

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Allison, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jon Speisman



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### Rabbi Baumgard Visits Gainesville March 12th

Rabbi Baumgard will be in Gainesville on Tuesday evening, March 12th, to meet with Beth Am Collegians. University of Florida students whose names and addresses have been turned in to the Rabbis' office have already been invited to dinner and discussion at the Hillel House. If your youngster is in Gainesville please remind him/her of the dinner.

The full schedule of the collegian trips for this year is as follows: Tulane University April 3rd, Atlanta area (Emory & others), March 27th, University of South Florida April 17th, and the Boston area, April 9th.

# It's Time To Plan For Temple Seder

## Annual Congregational Seder

Saturday, April 6th, 6:00 p.m., Social Hall  
 (on the second night of Passover)

SEDER DINNER: The traditional Seder dinner will be catered.

PARTICIPANTS: Our Rabbis will lead the narration.

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We will have a total of \_\_\_\_\_ people.

## 30th Anniversary Report Next Week

The 30th Anniversary Celebration which was held during the month of February was a noteworthy success. We will have a full report with many pictures in next week's Commentator.



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On Monday, March 11th at 8:15 p.m. in our Social Hall the Jewish Community Center together with Beth Am will present a brilliant movie on Israel.

This multi-media presentation will be shown at no charge. After the presentation of the movie, Dorit Shavit, Consul of Israel will lead a question and answer discussion.

## Caring Program Sponsors "Death and Dying - A Celebration of Life," Wed. March 20th

Once again we have the opportunity to enrich our lives: - Hear Edie Stark on "Death and Dying - A Celebration of Life" on Wednesday, March 20th, in Room 101 at 7:30 p.m.

Because of the success of her January session, we again invite you to hear Edie Stark, a professional in this field. Please bring with you your problems and questions, or just a zest for life. Call the Temple at 667-6667 to reserve a spot.

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## In Memoriam

We Mourn the Recent Passing of

S. Cecilia Cooper

Mother of Bennett Cooper

Harriet Jean Goldstein

Sister of Herbert Weinstein

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March 8

15 ADAR

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"May their memories be for a blessing."

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