

RELIGIOUS SERVICE Friday, November 14, 1986, 8:15 p.m.

Rabbi Leonard A. Schoolman
"SEARCHING FOR GOD I: FRANZ ROSENZWEIG"

Adult Choir Under the Direction of Selma Baumgard

CONGREGATIONAL TORAH SERVICE

Saturday, November 15th, 11:15 a.m.

Beth Am Commentator

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Searching For God I: Franz Rosenzweig

On Yom Kippur afternoon, I asserted that one of the affirmations that each Reform Jew must make in order to be called Religious was to begin a search for God. I pledged myself to be a participant in this search with you.

I also said that I would begin a series of lecture-sermons on different thinkers and their approach to God. The first sermon on this theme will be on Friday, November 15. I have chosen one of the interesting men for this beginning talk: Franz Rosenzweig. Born a Jew, he had a flirtation with Christianity before returning to become one of the significant Jewish thinkers of the time. He died too young (at 43) of Lou Gehrig's disease.

A special bookshelf has been established in the Library with appropriate books. A reading list is also available in the Rabbis' study.

Leonard A. Schoolman

For Singles

"I'm O.K. - You'd Better Be Perfect"

Featuring William Novak

Author of the book bearing that title,

Co-author of "Iococa" with Lee Iococa

Popular lecturer on Jewish Singles in N.Y. area

Wednesday, November 19th, 7:30 p.m.

In cooperation with S. Dade Jewish Community Center

Beth Am Sanctuary

Want To Do A Good Deed? Join Our Visiting Corps

The Beth Am Caring Committee announces the newest extension of its program. Carolyn Wallach and Joan Blum, Co-chairpersons are happy to inform us that Carol Gittess, R.N., has agreed to captain a new volunteer group which will make occasional visits to shut-ins. Mrs. Gittess, who has had experience taking care of ill people who are unable to fend for themselves, will train those who wish to serve on her team. Volunteers will need transportation so that they can visit the home of those who need cheering up or who need a small service or a little attention. Volunteers can give as little or as much time as they choose. If you are interested in being helpful in this important area of need, call the Temple and say, "I'm interested in volunteering for the Caring Program with Mrs. Gittess", and leave your name, address and phone number with the secretary.

International Terrorism & The Middle East

A Four Week Series Beginning

Tuesday, Nov. 11th, 8 p.m., in the Youth Lounge

Conducted By

Prof. Bernard Schecterman

Dept. Politics & Public Affairs, U. of Miami

Testimonial Dinner for Rabbi Baumgard

Plans are underway for a Testimonial Dinner in the Spring of 1987, honoring Rabbi Baumgard.

As you all know, Rabbi Baumgard will be retiring at that time from active participation in Temple affairs. Rabbi Baumgard is the founding Rabbi of Temple Beth Am and has served on our pulpit for over 30 years. We all want to pay homage to this loving man.

Commemorative Journal

At the dinner we will distribute a Commemorative Journal honoring Rabbi Herbert Baumgard. All members of the congregation have received a letter and an ad order blank. We would like 100% participation by all members of the congregation in this culmination of Rabbi Baumgard's services to our Temple.

Rabbi Baumgard will have his office at the Temple after his retirement and will serve as Rabbi Emeritus. Invitations and details concerning the testimonial dinner will be forthcoming shortly.

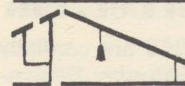
Thanksgiving Interfaith Service Wednesday, Nov. 26th

Rabbi Baumgard will give the sermon at the annual Interfaith Thanksgiving Service to be held this year on Wednesday, November 26th at 7:30 p.m. at the Kendall United Methodist Church, 77th Avenue at 104th Street.

Selma Baumgard will lead the Beth Am Adult Choir at the service. Other choirs from different congregations will participate. Ministers from the participating congregations will share various aspects of the brief worship service.

The Interfaith Service has been going on for many years and is always well attended. Beth Amites are urged to come in support of our Rabbi and Choir and to enjoy what is always a wonderful experience. Refreshments will be served.

U.S. Vatican Ambassador David Walters to Talk On Israel-Vatican Relationship at Brotherhood Breakfast Forum Sun., Nov. 16th



The Committee of 100

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

John Abramson

Larry and Sheryl Berrin

Joel and Rita Cohen

Bruce and Carol Fleisher

Marc Levine

Robert and Jean Mayer

Harry and Trudy Weitzer

Lawrence and Diane Wildstein



FROM THE RABBI'S STUDY

The Importance of Symbols

(The following is an excerpt from the Y.K. morning sermon by Rabbi Baumgard. The full text of this and other sermons by Rabbi Baumgard and Rabbi Schoolman are available in the Rabbi's office.)

Symbols and rituals are part of one another. Often in modern times I have young couples say to me, "Rabbi, we really don't feel the need for a public wedding ceremony. After all, we have been living together for a while, and the ceremony is really for the two of us". Nothing could be further from the reality of the matter. A wedding ceremony is one of the most important of all community rituals, for it is through the wedding ritual that the community renews itself. Two people in love who are concentrating on their own future and who are thinking primarily of themselves can hardly understand this fact. Indeed, most people who share in the wedding ceremony don't completely understand it, but the truth is that the ceremony speaks to everyone. Those involved are not just the couple and their families but everyone who is present.

While it is perfectly understandable that the young couple would want privacy for their marriage ceremony, they misunderstand the ramifications of the ceremony. To couples who come in complaining about the fact that their parents are making too much of the ceremony and the party, I explain, "But you see, it is their affair at least as much as yours. They have been looking forward all the days of your life to this moment. They have a great deal invested in you, and now this ceremony is for them like a victory celebration. It gives them the opportunity to say, 'thus far we have done well', and it gives them the chance to think, 'my son or daughter will be cared for in the future'." "For you", I say to the couple, "it is a beginning. For your parents, it is a grand culmination!"

Beyond the horizon of the marriage ceremony lies the prospect of children and the continuation of the family name and fortune. The whole cycle of life comes into play at the marriage ceremony. If the ancient Rabbis had not invented such a beautiful ritual, it would have to be reinvented all over again, because the circumstance cries out for some kind of symbolic procedure to carry us all over the threshold of this feeling-packed moment. As the song, "Sunrise, Sunset" aptly says, the marriage ceremony is "laden with happiness and tears". Past and future are spectators as the ritual unfolds and the symbols of wine, ring, and glass are brought into play.

Baby naming ceremonies may seem to be unnecessary baggage until you have a baby and want to see the child properly and officially accepted into the community. Bar or Bat Mitzvah ceremonies may seem to be a bore, until you have raised a child to that point and watch the child proceed through the ceremony. How fortunate we Jews are to have a religion which gives us such magnificent opportunities to express our hopes and gratitude at the critical points of our life.

Long Time Members Reunion Dec. 6th

All members who joined from 1955 thru 1966 are cordially invited to a "Long Time Members" Reunion on Saturday, December 6, 1986 in our Social Hall. (Note change of date!)

At that time you will feast on the food of Senter and Chess Caterers, dance to the New World Band and enjoy the fabulous festivities planned for the evening, plus an open bar!

Name _____

Address _____ Phone _____

Check enclosed for _____ persons in the amount of \$ _____

Donation is \$37.50 per person. Sign up now. Your check is your reservation.

NOVEMBER YOUTH GROUP CALENDAR

- November 9 - 5th & 6th Grade Ice Skating Trip - 12:00 - 4:00
- November 16 - 7th and 8th Grade Sports Day with other Temples - 12:00 - 5:00
- November 16 - BAFTY Open House with Rabbi Schoolman
- November 17 - BAFTY General Meeting 6:00 p.m.
- November 21-23 - Southeast Federation of Temple Youth Open House Convention in Orlando (BAFTY)

For more information on any of the above events, please contact Ilene Reiter at 667-6667.

Temple Beth Am Concert Series

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with

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Please bring your KAZOO with you!
Artists • Audience Reception
Following the Concert

Sunday, December 7, 1986
4:00 - 5:00 p.m.
\$2.50 General Admission

Temple Beth Am Sanctuary
5950 North Kendall Drive
Miami, Florida



Concert Information: 667-6667 Temple Office • 665-6228 Temple Beth Am School

I will attend Temple Beth Am Children's Concert on December 7, 1986 at 4:00 p.m.

Student's Name _____ Age _____ Phone _____

Address _____ STREET _____ ZIP _____

School _____ Rm.No. _____

No. of Tickets at \$2.50 _____ Amount of Check _____

Please make check payable to: Temple Beth Am Children's Concert, 5950 N. Kendall Dr., Miami, FL 33156

Do You Have A Chumash?

We once had many, many Chumashim (Pentateuch with Haftrot) in the Sanctuary. The number is slowly dwindling. Please check your libraries at home. Ask your post-Bar/Bat Mitzvah child. If you do have a copy or two, please return them to the Temple.

BABY SITTERS NEEDED: Many of our members have asked the Temple to help in getting reliable, mature baby sitters. Sitters are needed for week-days, week-ends and/or evenings. If you are interested call Rhoda in the Temple office (667-6667) and we will arrange a contact for you.

B'Nai Mitzvah

Saturday, November 15th

11:15 a.m.



Matthew, son of
Dr. and Mrs. Neil Goodman



Kevin, son of
Dr. and Mrs. M. Seth Hochman