

RELIGIOUS SERVICE, Friday, May 16, 1986, 8:15 p.m.

Rabbi Herbert M. Baumgard

"STARTING ALL OVER - IS IT POSSIBLE?"

CONGREGATIONAL TORAH SERVICE

Saturday, May 17, 9:15 & 11:15 a.m.

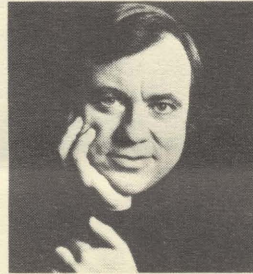
Torah Portion: Emor, Lev. 21:1-24:23

Beth Am Commentator

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Temple Beth Am Concert Series Presents Richard Goode, Pianist May 18th at 4:00 p.m.



Pianist Richard Goode has appeared with the Philadelphia Orchestra, National Symphony, Los Angeles Philharmonic, San Francisco Symphony, Baltimore Symphony, the Saint Louis Symphony, the Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra and the New York Philharmonic. Called a "musician's musician" early in his career, Richard Goode has more than lived up to that reputation for twenty years.

Beginning as a Young Concert Artist, Mr. Goode went on to win First Prize in the Clara Haskil Competition (1973) and the Avery Fisher Prize (1980).

As a chamber musician, Mr. Goode has performed with vocalists Benita Valente, Frederica Von Stade, Bethany Beardslee, as well as clarinetist Richard Stoltzman and cellist Yo-Yo Ma.

We are fortunate to have this distinguished artist make his South Florida debut at Beth Am, a fitting close to our season.

Tickets are priced at \$10 for general admission, and half price for students and senior citizens.

Confirmation Weekend, May 30th - June 1st

Confirmation weekend begins on Friday evening, May 30th, when the Confirmation Class will present a creative service at 8:15 p.m., on the theme "Jewish Views of War and Peace".

Final exercises will take place at 9:45 a.m. on Sunday, June 1st. The Confirmation Class will present at that time an original musical-narration entitled "From Us With Love". The program is dedicated to the families and teachers of the Confirmands. Dance and choral music will be interwoven into the narrative.

Ninety-three Confirmands will be graduated at the Exercises. Most of these young people have come all the way through our Religious School beginning as early as Kindergarten. The Beth Am Confirmation class is one of the largest in the country. Our program is generally regarded as a model program.

The Confirmands are broken up into various groups which prepare the creative aspects of the final programs. These include a creative service, an original narration, creative art, choral group and dance group. We are fortunate to have on staff specialists in these areas who are able to direct the young people in their preparation.

Marylin Harrison serves as Administrator of the Monday Night Program.

Beth Am Confirmation Class 1986/5746

Confirmand

Heather Aizenshtat
Lisa Arky
Jonathan Asch
Anthony Baer
Douglas Baer
Lori Berman
Nancy Block
Jodi Rodgers-Bow

Paige Brodtkin
Jonathan Chopp
Jennifer Cohen
Jonathan Colan
Julie Cook
Chad Cooper
Jason Dimond
Judith Dolkart
Lorie Ederr

Deidre Eisinger
Darcy Engel

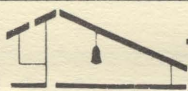
Susan Feinberg
Debbie Finkel
Robert Forman
Peter Frank
Marc Futernick
Tracy Gaffin
Gregory Galperin

Parents

Melvin and Marcelle Aizenshtat
Marlin and the late Steve Arky
Jerome and Marianne Asch
Donald and Bettie Baer
Kenneth and Sandra Baer
Elliot and Chi-Chi Berman
Paul Block and Lynne Stein
Barbara and Richard Bow
Patti and Lawrence Rodgers
Mark Brodtkin and Gayle Weston
Harold and Ellen Chopp
Mickey and Marsha Cohen
Bruce and Lonnie Colan
Burt and Sandy Cook
Jay and Linda Cooper
Alan Dimond and Bobi Dimond
Andrew and Jane Dolkart
Jeff and Judy Bayer
Richard and Debbie Ederr
Errol and Cheryl Eisinger
Dolores Engel and the late
Howard Engel

Mike and Brenda Feinberg
Ted Finkel and Arline Finkel
Gerald and Phyllis Forman
Howard Frank and Merle Frank
Morris and Mikki Futernick
Harold and Jill Gaffin
Arnold and Sondra Galperin

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The Committee of 100

"Committee of 100" Seeks Members

In a special appeal to current members of the "Committee of 100" the following families have volunteered to rejoin the Committee for the fiscal year which starts July 1, 1986.

In the critical year ahead, it is important for more members to join the "Committee of 100." We appeal to those members who can afford to join this important group to offer their support.

Morton and Evelyn Axler
Raymond and Miriam Cehen
Norman and Diana Elson
Harold and Jill Gaffin
Keith and Susan Kashuk
Alan and Sue Kurzweil
Ian and Jodi Reiss
Randy and Paul Rieger
Eric and Barbara Schwartz
David and Lilian Serviansky
Brian and Carole Weiss
Allan and Barbara Weiss



FROM THE RABBI'S STUDY

What Is Judaism?

It is Abraham interceding for the people of Sodom.

It is a religion which teaches that the good man must stand between the people and group disaster. He must act to avoid impending doom. (Gen. 18:16 ff.)

It is Moses climbing the mountain to touch hands with God to obtain the Ten Commandments.

It is a religion based on certain ethical laws believed to be part of the fabric of the world and without which society couldn't stand.

It is the prophet Hosea saying in the name of God, "I desire loving-kindness and not priestly forms."**

*That is, priestly worship forms believed, in themselves, to satisfy God.

It is a religion which includes many customs and ceremonies, but it recognizes that human kindness (loyalty) is greater than any of these.

It is Amos saying, "Are ye not as the children of the Ethiopians unto me, o children of Israel?" (9:7)

It is a religion which looks beyond race and skin color for the basic worth of every human being as a child of God.

It is the prophet (Amos) saying, "Just as I brought up Israel out of Egypt, so I brought the Philistines from Caphtor, and the Aramites from Kir." (9:7)

It is a religion born out of the experience of one people which does not favor one nation against the other, and yet requires greater responsibility, a noblesse oblige, from the Jewish people.

It is Isaiah calling upon Israel to obey God's law even though they suffer and "are afflicted for the sins of many." (Isaiah 53)

It is a religion which teaches that the service of God may invoke not reward but heartbreak, and, yet, the good and the just cause must be served, none the less.

It is Ezekiel proclaiming that "the dry bones will live."

It is a religion which preaches hope no matter how dark and dismal conditions may be, for man does not labor without an ally.

It is Moses declaring, "Ye shall be holy because I, the Lord your God, am holy." (Lev. 19)

It is a religion which teaches that the "imitation of God" is man's greatest duty; and the sanctification of life is his greatest goal.

Consumer Advocate Walter Dartland to Address Breakfast Forum May 18th at 9:30 a.m.

The problems of the average citizen in protecting himself against bilking, defrauding, swindles and government incompetence that add to our daily costs can be an ongoing struggle. "HOW TO PROTECT YOURSELF AGAINST BEING A VICTIM OF CONSUMER FRAUDS" will be the topic of discussion at the next Brotherhood Breakfast Forum on Sunday morning, May 18th, at 9:30 a.m. in the Temple Youth Lounge. Speaker will be WALTER DARTLAND, head of the Consumer Advocate's Office of Dade County.

Mr. Dartland's battles with large corporations for the citizens of Dade County have become nationwide news events. His success in battling for the people of this county in protecting them against frauds and misdeeds of both the private and official sectors has earned him a stature equal to Ralph Nader.

Admission to this all-you-can-eat Brotherhood Breakfast Forum is \$3 for Brotherhood members and \$3.50 for all non-members. Bringing your friends and neighbors, they will thank you.

*Jewish
Ideas*

**Melissa Goldstein and Jillian Lasky
Win Calie Loss Award**

Toward the end of each year the Beth Am Hebrew School selects students who are worthy of singling out for best achievement academically during the year. This year Melissa Goldstein, who is a product of the Beth Am Day School, and Jillian Lasky, who is a product of the Beth Am afternoon Hebrew School all the way from Kitah Alef (first class), were selected for fluency in reading, comprehension and diligence of effort.

At the Friday evening service on May 16th, these two students will be called to the pulpit and presented with beautiful plaques. Calie Loss, in whose name the Award for Outstanding Achievement has been established, was for many years the head teacher of Beth Am Hebrew School during the 60's and 70's.

Religious School Celebrates Israel Independence

Dorothy Herman, Principal, announces the Weekend Religious School celebrated Israel Independence Day May 10th & 11th, with a school assembly featuring a dramatic presentation by the teachers, directed by Raisa Edelman, Israeli dancing led by Nava Knopf, and an Israeli songfest with Patty Segal. Rabbi Norman Lipson spoke on the theme, "Your Responsibility To Israel". The students wrote original prayers for peace which were attached to helium balloons. We hope that whoever finds them, will mail them back to us.

We Give Thanks. . . .

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BETH AM DAY SCHOOL FUND

Mr. & Mrs. Samuel Blumenthal in memory of Gertrude Harold Carol & Michael Clein & family in memory of Gertrude Harold Judge & Mrs. Harvey Goldstein in memory of Gertrude Harold Michael & Iris Hyman to congratulate Rabbi Simon & Rebecca Kanarish on their marriage
Michael & Iris Hyman for the speedy recovery of Rabbi Baumgard
Michael & Iris Hyman in memory of Gertrude Harold
Jeff, Paula, David & Stephanie Lackowitz in memory of Shirley Bosin's brother-in-law
In honor of Karen Stein & Shelly Ellis & all the PATIO mothers who made the Day School Seders so successful
Nancy & Herb Weinfeld in honor of Rebecca Martinelli's Bat Mitzvah
Nancy & Herb Weinfeld for the speedy recovery of Rabbi Baumgard
Nancy & Herb Weinfeld in memory of Gertrude Harold

<i>B'Nai Mitzvah</i>		<i>Saturday, May 17</i>	
9:15 a.m.			
Jennifer Lyn, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Cohen	Leslie, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Grappell		
11:15 a.m.			
Tamara, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Shepard King	Laurie Elizabeth, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Sheldon		