

RELIGIOUS SERVICE Friday, April 10, 1987, 8:15 p.m.

Rabbi Herbert M. Baumgard
"THE POLLARD AFFAIR"

Day School Administrators Honored

CONGREGATIONAL TORAH SERVICE

Saturday, April 11th, 9:15 and 11:15 a.m.

Torah Portion: Tzav, Lev. 6:1-8:36

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The strength of Beth Am Day School is largely derived from its devotedly loyal staff. Its solid corps of veterans is exemplified by these honorees who, between them, represent half a century of service to the Day School. At the special service on April 10th, it will be Ceil Coonin's privilege to recognize:

SANDI KRAMER - Pre school administrator - 20 years of service. Early on Mrs. Kramer was a teacher in the pre school and kindergarten. Her natural ability made it inevitable that she become the pre school administrator.

MARLENE PRICE - Assistant director of the Day School - 20 years of service. Mrs. Price has served the school in a variety of capacities including teacher, curriculum advisor, fiscal administrator and counselor. Her experience encompasses every aspect of the Day School program.

WILMA KLEIN - Office manager - 10 years of service. Suffice it to say that, if Mrs. Klein was in charge of arranging weddings, there would never be a divorce. She is a very indispensable lady.

Let us all join in honoring these wonderful people at the Friday night service on April 10th.

*You are cordially invited
to a dinner dance honoring*

Rabbi Herbert and Selma Baumgard

Saturday evening, the second of May

Nineteen hundred and eight-seven

Signature Gardens

*Cocktails at 7:00
Dinner to follow*

*Jerry Marshall Orchestra
Black tie optional*

\$75 per person

West Kendall Busing

To better serve our West Kendall members, the Religious School is investigating the possibility of providing bus service from the West Kendall area to our afternoon Hebrew classes. Please call Dorothy Herman, 666-2536, in the Religious School if you are interested in a **central pick-up area**.

Passover Begins Monday Night, April 13th Festival Services Tuesday, April 14th, 9:00 a.m.

The Passover (Pesach) holiday will begin Monday night, April 13th, at sundown. Appropriate home rituals should be observed at sundown, if possible. (See these rituals elsewhere in this issue.) There will be a brief minyan service promptly at 6 p.m. in our Sanctuary

Our regular Festival Service will be held on Tuesday morning April 14th, at 9 a.m. Plan to be with us.

The Temple's annual Seder will be held on Tuesday night, April 14th, at 6 p.m. Seder reservations are required. (See form in this issue.)

The service for the last day of Passover will be held on Monday morning, April 20th, at 9 a.m.

Our Rabbis remind us that the first and last days of Passover are considered "Holy Days" and therefore refraining from work and school is appropriate. Yizkor or Memorial Services will be held on Monday, April 20th at the morning service. (Orthodox Jews will also observe Tuesday, April 21st as part of Passover.)

"No Bread on Passover"

On Passover Jews refrain from the eating of bread except for unleavened bread. The custom applies for the entire holiday (7 days in Reform Judaism and in Israel, 8 days in Orthodoxy in the diaspora). Jews who eat in restaurants during this period are encouraged to use special care in avoiding bread. Our Rabbis have taught, "Every time we make the choice not to eat bread on Passover, we affirm our Judaism and the memory of the Exodus. Every time we deliberately choose to eat bread we sever ourselves from our traditions."

Passover Rituals For the Home

Candles are lit when the family is together on Passover eve (the 13th) to usher in the holiday, preferably at sundown. The blessing follows:

Bah-ruch Ah-tah' Ah-doh-nai Elo-hay-nu Meh-lech' Ha-oh-lahm Ah-sheh Kid'sha-nu B mitz-voh-tahv V'tzi-vah-nu L'had-lik Nare Shel Yom Tov.

ברוך אתה, יי אלהינו, מלך העולם, אשר קדשנו
במצותיו, וצונו להדליק נר של יום טוב.

We give thanks to You, Creator of the Universe, who calls us to kindle these lights in celebration of the Passover.

Bah-ruch Ah-tah Ah-doh-nai Elo-hay-nu Meh-lech Hah-oh-lahm She-heh-cheh-yah-nu V'ki-mah-ni V'hi-gi-ah-nu Lah-z'man Hah-zeh.

ברוך אתה, יי אלהינו, מלך העולם שהחיינו
וקיימנו והצונו לזמן הזה:

We give thanks, Oh Lord, that we have survived to this season and are able to celebrate this wonderful occasion. Blessing over wine and matzah are said during the Seder. The Temple has a modernized Seder manual (Haggadah) for you. Other "Art" Haggadot are available in the Judaica Shop.

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FROM THE RABBI'S STUDY

The "Tribute" Service

(Excerpts from Rabbi Baumgard's response on March 20th)

On an occasion like this a Rabbi would like to say something that would make a lasting impression on his congregants. What comes to mind is the story in our tradition of a farmer who could not read. The farmer worked very hard at his menial tasks from dawn to dusk, day in and day out. Still he barely scratched out a living. When he was about thirty years old, the farmer's uncle, who lived in a distant city, died. The uncle had died without children, so the will was brought to the farmer. Since he was unable to read, the farmer put the will aside intending at some time to have somebody read it. Time passed, however, and the farmer consumed with his never ending labors, never got to learn the contents of the will. At a reasonable age, the farmer himself died, never having emerged from his dire poverty. The will, however, was found by others who were startled by its contents. The will read: "To my dear nephew I leave all my fortune in the amount of a million dollars".

This story, I believe, is intended for every Jew. Each of us has an ancestor who has died and who has left us with a legacy. The common ancestor is Moses. The legacy he has left us is called Judaism. The question is whether we are going to take the time to read and study the legacy - whether we will in fact ever come to appreciate and use the treasure that has been left to us. At a time like this, a Rabbi wants to communicate his greatest wisdom. My wisdom simply is - don't waste your legacy!

A number of years ago, the annual convention of the Central Conference of American Rabbis was held in Israel. At one of our sessions, Goldie Meir, then Prime Minister, was the speaker. During the question and answer session, this Rabbi rose to ask Mrs. Meir a question. I asked, "Madam Prime Minister, we will soon be going back to our congregations in America. What message would you have us take back to them?" The Prime Minister hesitated only a few seconds, then she answered, "Tell them not to forget who they are".

In a real way, Mrs. Meir's admonition has been the basis of all my teaching for these past thirty years. I have been trying to teach you not to forget who you are; for I believe that to be a Jew is a destiny, a weighty burden and a thrilling opportunity. To be a Jew is to be a descendent of the Prophets and a bearer of the ethical law. To be a Jew is to be the descendent of slaves and the inheritor of a history of suffering and discrimination. To be a Jew is to be the child of a people which gave the world its goals of peace and justice and the faith to work towards the realization of those goals. To be a Jew is to be the beneficiary of a tradition which teaches that there is a God who cares about the lowly and the outcast and that we have to imitate this God in His holiness and in His caring. My message tonight is the message I have tried to teach you for over thirty years - "Don't forget who you are".

(To Be Continued)

Plan For Some Significant Dates

- April 27th** - Monday Night - Annual Meeting - Election of Officers and Board Members for 1987-88
- May 8th** - Friday Night - Installation Dinner and Service of Installation
- May 15th** - Friday night - Dinner honoring David Stuart upon his retirement followed by a special tribute service.

LAST CALL FOR Annual Congregational Seder

Tuesday, April 14th, 6:00 p.m. Social Hall
(on the second night of Passover)

SFEDER DINNER: The traditional Seder dinner will be catered.

PARTICIPANTS: Our Rabbis will lead the narration.

RESERVATIONS: First come-first served basis. Please clip the coupon below and mail with check.

SEATING: *The seating plan for the Social Hall will be as follows: long tables will be placed toward the front of the room and round tables that sea ten will be in the rear.*

TO: BETH AM SEDER RESERVATIONS
5950 North Kendall Drive, Miami 33156

FROM: _____
Name (please print) Address Phone

PLEASE RESERVE THE FOLLOWING

MEMBERS OF THE CONGREGATION:

- _____ Adults @ \$20 each \$ _____
- _____ Children 4-12 yrs. @ \$11 each \$ _____
- _____ Children 3 and under @ \$5 each \$ _____

NON-MEMBERS OF THE CONGREGATION:

- _____ Adults @ \$25 each \$ _____
- _____ Children 4-12 yrs. @ \$12.50 each \$ _____
- _____ Children 3 and under @ \$7.50 each \$ _____

Please seat us with: _____

We will have a total of _____ people.




NEW AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM TO BEGIN TUESDAY, APRIL 21 - REGISTER TODAY - PRE-SCHOOL THROUGH 6th GRADE

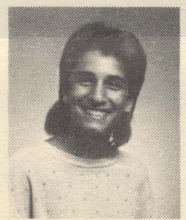
Call Nancy 667-6677 for further information

B'nai Mitzvah **April 11th**

9:15 a.m.




Scott, son of Mr. Alan Liebowitz




Abraham, son of Mr. and Mrs. Manuel Smilowitz

11:15 a.m.



David, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Beame



Jeffrey, son of Dr. and Mrs. Terry Reisman