



RELIGIOUS SERVICE Friday, April 17, 1987, 8:15 p.m.

Rabbi Leonard A. Schoolman

"WITH FEATHER AND SPOON: A PASSOVER SERMON"

CONGREGATIONAL TORAH SERVICE

Saturday, April 18th, 11:15 a.m.

Torah Portion: Hol Hamoed Pesach

Ex: 33:12-34:26, Numbers 28:19-25

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Installation Dinner Friday, May 8th

On Friday, May 8th, 1987, at 6:15 p.m. in the Youth Lounge, We will have our biennial Shabbat Installation Dinner. This will give us a chance to honor our outgoing Officers and members of the Board of Directors who will no longer be serving. We also will have the installing of the new Officers and Board of Directors for the coming year.

The speeches will be short and the food will be provided by an outstanding caterer. This is a combined affair for Temple, Brotherhood and Sisterhood.

Installation Dinner Reservation

Temple Beth Am, 5950 N. Kendall Dr., Miami, FL 33156

Enclosed is my check in the amount of \$ _____ for:

_____ adults (\$10 each) _____ Children (\$5 each)

Name _____ Phone: _____
(please print)

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.

Remember
the Happy Days
at

Beth Am Summer Camp

8 Weeks Starting June 22nd



**DINNER DANCE HONORING
RABBI HERBERT AND SELMA BAUMGARD
SATURDAY, MAY 2, 1987**

This gala event will take place Saturday May 2, 1987 at Signature Gardens. The price of \$75.00 per person includes an open bar, hors d'oeuvres, music by the Jerry Marshall Orchestra, dinner and wine. This is a wonderful opportunity for all of us to show our appreciation to these two wonderful people who have done so much to make Beth Am what it is today.

There will be no speeches, just good friends, good food and good music.

Memorial (Yizkor) Service Monday Morning April 20th, 9 a.m. (Last Day of Passover)

Beth Am will observe the last day of Passover with a Memorial (Yizkor) Service on Monday morning, April 20th, at 9.00 a.m. Rabbi Baumgard will speak. Sunday evening begins the final day, and candles are lit at home. The blessing is the usual blessing for the "Yom Tov."

Reform Jews follow the biblical injunction for a seven day holiday, but traditional Jews will observe Tuesday as the final day of the holiday.

Our regular Festival Service will be held on Tuesday morning, April 14th, at 9 a.m. This is a regular holiday service.

The Temple's Annual Seder will be held on Tuesday, April 14th, at 6 p.m. Rabbi Baumgard will conduct the service.

The Temple office will be closed on Monday, April 20th. There will be no Day School, Hebrew School or Monday Night School that day.

You have an opportunity to vote for liberalizing education in Israel

If you are a member of any Zionist Organization, as for example, ARZA, Hadassah, Pioneer Women or the ZOA, you will have the opportunity in May to vote in the World Zionist Congress election. In May, you will be receiving a ballot with the list of delegates nominated. If you will vote for delegates sympathetic to Reform Judaism, we will have a greater chance of influencing the way money is spent for educational groups in Israel.

For example, millions of dollars are filtered thru the WZA to educational organizations in Israel. Most often, the money goes to Orthodox organizations, some of which work against liberalizing religious institutions and attitudes in Israel. If you vote for the ARZA delegates (American Reform Zionist Association), you increase the chances of some of this money going to more liberal groups. Even if you do not belong to ARZA, but do belong to some other Zionist organization, like Hadassah, you can vote for the ARZA slate. Included in this slate are Rabbi Baumgard, Iris Franco, and Jon Kislak from Beth Am.

So look for your ballot and be sure to vote. Incidentally, if you are not a member of ARZA, you may join for only a few dollars. Make your check out to ARZA, 838 - Fifth Ave. NYC. \$18 for single membership and \$25 for a family. Our Rabbis hope for a 100% Beth Am enrollment in ARZA.

ARZA works for religious rights and full equality for all Jews in Israel, and a state of Israel committed to the ideals of prophetic Judaism.

**Greater Miami Rabbinical Association
Holocaust Memorial Day Observance
Sunday, April 26th, 7:30 p.m.
at Beth Torah Congregation
1051 North Miami Beach Boulevard
Professor Irwin Cotler Guest Speaker**

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Bakers Needed for May 15th

Bakers are needed for the Oneg Shabbat, honoring David Stuart, on May 15th. Please call the Temple Office 667-6667, if you wish to volunteer to bake finger cakes or cookies for this special evening.

Religious School Happenings

Mrs. Naturman's and Mrs. Klein's 7th graders invited members of the Contemporaries for brunch during their unit of study, From Generation To Generation. At this time the seniors shared their growing up experiences, telling the students about inventions during their lifetime, how they celebrated Jewish holidays and how they have active, helpful lives today.



Mrs. Katz's 7th graders display the Kosher, low salt, low sugar, foods, they purchased with their bake-sale money. They have been studying about the Three Branches of Judaism. They use this shopping experience to combine their knowledge of Judaism with acts of Tzedakah. The food is given to project Sinai for the Elderly.

The 8th graders had the opportunity to hear wonderful guest speakers this past month. Mrs. Kyoko Okamoto, widow of Rabbi Okamoto, spoke to the children about being a member of two minority groups, Jewish and Japanese, and the obstacles she had to overcome. Anna Shurik, a 18 year old Russian immigrant, shared her experiences in the Soviet Union and how she found her Jewish identity in Miami. Our students were surprised to meet a woman Rabbi when Rachel Hertzman visited with them. Rabbi Hertzman spoke about the training a Rabbi receives and women in the Rabbinate.

FROM THE RABBI'S STUDY



The "Tribute" Service — Part Two —

(Following is an excerpt from Rabbi Baumgard's remarks at the Tribute Service, Friday, March 20th)

Commencing this Fall, the sermons preached from this pulpit will not be delivered by Rabbi Baumgard and his associates but by Rabbi Leonard Schoolman and his associates. Rabbi Schoolman is fortunate to have such a capable professional staff to carry on the work they have done so well over the years. He is also fortunate to have a congregation of highly educated and talented people who will want to help him over the bridging years. Each Rabbi has his own style of teaching and his distinctive personality, but all Rabbis share the same legacy with our fellow Jews. That legacy does not change. Indeed, in this Sanctuary the legacy fairly screams at you.

From the texture of the Ark, we read the Prophet Zechariah's teaching, "Not by military power, nor by force, but by My spirit," saith the Lord." I leave behind that legacy. From the first window on your right we read the teaching from our Prayerbook, "B'chol yom m'chadesh ma'ah'seh b'raysheet, Each day God recreates the deeds of creation." I leave behind that message of hope. And from the window on my right, there calls the teaching of Rabbi Hillel who said, "If I am not for myself, who is for me; but if I am for myself alone, what am I? and if not now, when?" I leave behind this challenge to caring action. Indeed, since I am responsible for choosing all of these messages from our tradition for our windows, I will, in a sense, never cease speaking in this beautiful Sanctuary.

You see, I have tricked you, for I have encapsulated the great messages of our tradition here in our Sanctuary. They are mine, yes simply because I have tried to make them my own. They are not only the legacy of our tradition to you, they are in a smaller but more immediate sense my gift to you. My prayer is that each of you will make them your message, as well. I pray that each of you will come to "possess" these teachings and give them in turn to others.

A final word about you and me. I want you to know that I consider myself also to be merely a symbol. A Rabbi is, after all, only the designated religious leader of his community. He becomes by their choice the people's representative. I want you to know that I do not consider what has been accomplished here at Beth Am as merely a personal achievement. We have done all this together, and I am privileged to have been a part of it. We have shared over these thirty years not just the construction of half a dozen buildings, nor just the development of important spiritual and moral programs. What we have shared is — half a lifetime!

We have shared dreams and frustrations and failures and successes. We have shared births and Bar Mitzvot, and confirmations and marriages and illnesses and deaths. A Rabbi lives in the vortex of life, in the crucible of life's teeming. Some of us have touched infrequently, others of us have worked closely together and have shared many rich experiences over an enduring period of time. Many of us have lived our adult lives together. We have shared both laughter and tears. I want you to know that while I am stepping down as Rabbi, I am not stepping out of your life. My family and I will continue to live in Miami, and I will continue to be concerned about what happens to you and to yours. Friendship and caring do not end with an official announcement of retirement.

So let us look at this evening as a kind of joint celebration of what we have done together. We have earned the right to be immensely proud, and we have cause to be hopeful that the future will be equally rewarding

Bar Mitzvah

Saturday 18th

11:15 a.m.



Keith Jason son of Dr. and Mrs. Jose Goldberg