

Beth Am COMMENTATOR

MIAMI, FLORIDA

NOVEMBER 2, 1973

Sunday Night At The Movies

Supervised by Rabbi Altman.
Presented on Sunday nights at 7:30
p.m. in the Youth Lounge.

Oct. 28 - "The Fixer"

Nov. 11 - "A Journey to Jerusalem"

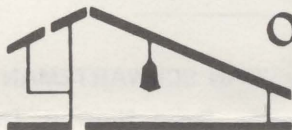
Dec. 9 - "Gentlemen's Agreement"

Jan 13 - "The Jerusalem File"

(Free - Donation)

ADULT EDUCATION
CONTINUES ON
TUESDAY EVENINGS

The Committee Of 100



The following members joined
the Committee of 100.

Gerson and Barbara Blatt
Richard and Barbara Litt

Beth Am And The Israeli Crisis

Your congregation has lent itself as an arm of the Greater Miami Jewish Federation and State of Israel Bonds in helping to collect funds for Israel in the current crisis. Your Temple Board, under President William Sanes' leadership, has organized a series of fund-raising activities. The Temple put on extra help in the office to receive and make phone calls. Tables soliciting funds have been maintained after every Temple program and service.

Some of the activities are as follows. Rabbi Baumgard appealed to the congregation on Yom Kippur afternoon to give freely. An emergency meeting for Israel Bonds was held on October 8. Almost 400 people attended. All present bought bonds or made gifts to I.E.F. The following Wednesday evening at Sukkot Services, 600 people were in attendance and participated in an appeal. A Service of Memorial was held on Thursday morning, the first day of Sukkot, as part of a national effort. An additional bond appeal was made on Sunday, October 14, as part of Mobilization Day. Congregation members collected funds at the 18th hole at Kings Bay Country Club. Still another bond appeal was made on Sunday, October 21, in cooperation with the Temple Brotherhood and as part of National Action Day. Our executive vice president, Bernard Goodman, chaired this event.

The largest known gift from a Temple member was \$75,000 in bonds. Other purchases were for \$50,000 and \$40,000. Many purchases were in the \$10,000 range. The highest known gift to the Israel Emergency Fund from a Temple member is \$50,000. There were a number of gifts in the \$10,000 range.

The national office of the Israel Emergency Fund has stated that its goal, due to the devastating aspects of the war, is about \$750,000,000. The bond office is after \$650,000,000. The war has already cost Israel over \$3 billion. These totals would indicate that all previous standards of giving are passe. While the Beth Am total of near one million dollars is better than any of our past performances, it is but a drop in the bucket of what is needed.

The Temple Youth Group (BAFTY) collected \$1,500 for I.E.F. in a vigorous and imaginative program. The Religious School collected over \$2,000 in a special drive.

Many of our members not only gave generously, but have continued to work in getting others to give. Volunteers who are willing to work for Israel bonds or the Israel Emergency Fund should call Evelyn Goodman at 661-8776.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 2
7:30 p.m.

RABBI ALTMAN

'More Tales From The
Wise Men Of Chelm'

RELIGIOUS SERVICES

Stephen Dubov
Cantorial Soloist



Family Worship Service

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 3
11:15 a.m.

TORAH SERVICE



FROM THE RABBI'S DESK

The Jews On The Anvil

One historian wrote, "The Jews are the anvil of human history on which is beat out the destiny of mankind." It would seem that we are that anvil now. Israel, the nation, is at the core of a problem involving the two major powers. Certainly, the war between the Arabs and Israel has ramifications which spill over into world-wide problems.

I think we Jews ought to understand clearly that America is helping Israel not only because it is a democracy, not only because of Jewish influence in America, but primarily because the United States needs allies in the Mediterranean desperately. After the Six Day War, a French political observer said, "The most important new fact in this part of the world is the new Soviet fleet, which now controls the Mediterranean." The Soviets would like nothing better than to make the Mediterranean a Soviet lake. The demise of Israel, as a friend of America, would help create the Soviet goal. It is not an accident that the best Israel boosters in America are the American military.

Whenever Israel comes to the center of world interest, as now, all kinds of feelings are stirred up in the minds and hearts of non-Jews. Some of them identify with our continued suffering. Others find old anti-semitic thoughts coming to the fore. Many are indifferent. A recent Gallup poll shows that 47 percent of Americans show sympathy with the State of Israel in its present crisis. Four percent identify with the Arabs. The remaining 49 percent have no opinion (neutral) or don't care. Each of these figures has important implications. The poll shows that 11 times as many Americans have sympathy for Israel as for the Arabs. This is an overwhelming figure. It ought to hearten every Jew. There are many indications that in this war, at least, the Jew is not alone. Strong evidence of this is to be found in the fact that 67 Senators urged the President to do all he could for Israel, and the President responded with a request to send Israel over two billion dollars worth of aid without cost. These actions were taken with the knowledge that the oil nations would take steps to hurt America, and they are, therefore, all the more meaningful in the present crisis.

The four percent in sympathy with the Arabs might include Arab descendents who are Americans or anti-semites. Anti-semites could also be included in the 49 percent with no opinion, but the poll would indicate that the level of anti-semitism is not high in America, although there might be a subdued potential.

There will be attempts to blame the Jews for the oil shortage in the future, but this shortage would have come even if the Arab nations had not decreased (or cut off) the six percent of our total needs that they have been sending. The shortage is in the absence of plants to convert crude oil to useable fuel. The present shortage is in the middle, rather than at the beginning (the crude oil itself). The latter may well develop over the years. There is a long range problem here.

When I think of all the ways America could have reacted to the present crisis, I am, on the whole, happy with the response. Israel is getting its arms, without which it would go under. America has bucked the Arab oil pressure. The future will have other problems, but if America had not reacted the way it did, there would be not much of a future for the State of Israel. The Talmud says, "Sufficient to the day is the evil thereof." In other words, "Be grateful for the gifts of this day. There is time to worry about tomorrow's problems."

It will never be entirely smooth and good for Jews. Maybe that's why we have survived so long. For the present, let us take heart and move closer together.

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November 4 is the date set for the Bagel Brunch deliveries. BAFTYites are asked to volunteer either to concoct the bagel brunch bags or to deliver them that morning. Call Steve Bittel, 238-2897.

That same night, classes of the New School begin at 6:30. Dinner is served at 5:30. A discussion and film on equal rights follow classes.

November 7, Wednesday night, the ninth grade youth group meets. Call Ellen Mintz for details. The TYG is the most active ever with outings and activities every month. Call Ellen at 235-7236 or 233-0174.

All those into classical music and/or Israel, make sure you see "A Journey to Jerusalem" with Leonard Bernstein and the Israeli Philharmonic. The scenery is set in and around Jerusalem. Date is November 11 at 7:30 in the Youth Lounge.

Junior Youth (seventh and eighth) skating was great. Our next outing will be even better! November 18 at noon is the day. Watch for details.

Fantastic! As of October 21, BAFTY has collected almost \$2,000 for the Israel Emergency Fund. Great work!

Parents: Send us the name of your Collegian. We'll contact him, maybe visit him.

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Address _____

College _____ Year in College _____

Mail to Beth Am, 5950 N. Kendall Drive, Miami 33156,
% Rabbi Baumgard.

Joan's Gems

By JOAN SCHWARTZMAN

Get well wishes to Lyla Simons, Susan Notarius, Dr. Bernard Tumarkin, Diane Kaplan, Frances Steig, and Kim Schneider who have been hospitalized recently. . . . Kudos to Phyllis Cohen (Mrs. Edwin) who has been appointed assistant principal at Killian Senior High School. . . . Mazej tov to Dr. and Mrs. Glenn Salkind upon the birth of their son.

Bnai

Mitzvah



Saturday
November 3
11:15 a.m.

Dean, son of
Dr. and Mrs. Robert Adler
Ira, son of
Mr. and Mrs. Harold Finn