



# Beth Am COMMENTATOR

MIAMI, FLORIDA

NOVEMBER 23, 1973

## Blood Bank At Temple Sun., Dec. 2

Once again, your Brotherhood is coordinating the Temple's annual blood bank, which will take place in our Social Hall on December 2, 1973, beginning at 9:00 a.m. Breakfast, of course will be served to all who come.

The above statement sounds prosaic and matter-of-fact, but a little knowledge may change the picture, especially for our new members.

Temple Beth Am, in conjunction with the Mount Sinai Hospital, maintains a blood bank for its congregants and their families. No request for this precious commodity is refused—and yet last year, less than ten percent of our over 1,100 families volunteered their blood.

We urge all of you who can to be present on the morning of December 2, when the technicians from Mount Sinai Hospital will be present to assist you make this donation. We cannot think of a more worthwhile Simcha. So, won't you help us in this worthy cause?

Remember, the blood you donate may save your life, the lives of members of your family, or that of your fellow congregants. Robert Clein is the blood bank chairman.

## Last Call

For Sisterhood's square dance dinner on Saturday, December 1, at 7:30 p.m., in the Temple Social Hall.

For reservations, call Sandi Simon at 665-5995 or Adrienne Darlow at 667-3325.

## Scholarships Available Through Temple

Temple Beth Am provides part scholarships for dedicated, needy children for the following summer programs:

**NFTY Torah Corps, Warwick, New York.** This is open to tenth, eleventh, and twelfth graders who are actively involved in academic Jewish studies. There are special interest groups for song, dance, and arts and crafts.

**CAMP COLEMAN.** A summer camp experience with a Jewish background of four weeks duration.

These scholarships will be awarded preferably to those who have never attended Camp Coleman. Limited to boys or girls from nine to 15 years of age.

**SEFTY at Camp Coleman.** A comprehensive leadership and academic session of ten days held at Camp Coleman in Cleveland, Georgia, following the close of the regular camp schedule, some time around the second and third week of August.

Applications for the above scholarships will be available in the Temple office on or about December 2 and must be returned to the Executive Director by January 15.

A Scholarship Selection Committee has been appointed to select those worthy applicants to receive financial aid. Selections will be based on motivation, potential and financial ability. Those selected will be notified prior to the first of March.

## Parent-Child Dinner Nov. 21

Under the chairmanship of Dr. J. Bernard Drucker, our annual father-child dinner will take place in the Social Hall beginning at 6:30 p.m., on Wednesday, November 21, 1973. There will be prizes, entertainment, and surprises for all the children. Attendance, however, will be limited to the first 300 reservations made.

Because some fathers are not available, this year mothers may bring their children. So, let us make this a happy, memorable occasion.

Reservations for adults are \$2.00 for each father, and \$1.00 for each child. Make your reservations as soon as possible by calling the Temple, 667-5587, or Col. Conn at 238-6718.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 23  
8:30 p.m.

RABBI BAUMGARD

'The Masks Jews Wear'

A Book Review

## RELIGIOUS SERVICES



NOVEMBER IS JEWISH BOOK MONTH

The Adult Choir will sing.  
Selma Baumgard  
Choirmaster

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 24  
11:15 a.m.

TORAH SERVICE



FROM THE RABBI'S DESK

## Questions Concerning Israel

**QUESTION:** Are the Jews in the Middle East as invaders or as imperialists?

The answer, of course, is that the Jews who created a great nation in Palestine 3,200 years ago, are the only people since that time to have an independent state in Palestine. Ever since the conquest of Judea by Rome, there has been no independent state in that area until the Jews again established their nation after the United Nations authorized the partitioning of Palestine in 1948.

The Jews who came to Palestine as refugees from Hitler found there a large number of Jews and a somewhat greater number of Arabs, but the greatest majority of the Arabs were Bedouin who lived in the area of Palestine only a few months of the year. There was no Arab nation in Palestine. Palestine, after World War I was a British mandate territory, and one of the missions of that mandate, as spelled out by the League of Nations, was to establish a homeland for the Jews there, a commitment further extended by the British Balfour Declaration. The nation of Jordan came into existence recently precisely in this fashion.

The Jews who came to Palestine, escaping from Hitler, were hardly in that kind of physical condition to dispossess anyone. The land on which they settled was purchased for them through certain international charitable funds like the Jewish National Fund.

It is a mistake to assume that in the interim after the Romans left and before the turn of this century that Palestine ever was a thickly settled land. Until recently, most of its barren and swampy land was wanted by no one, including the Arabs. Many Jews settled on just this kind of neglected land and turned it into a garden. We have to understand that in the settling of this unwanted land, no one was dispossessed or harmed. Indeed, as the Jews raised the productivity level of the land, as they introduced more advanced farming methods, the land was able to support more and more Arabs. So, as the Jewish population increased, so did the Arab population!

**QUESTION:** Why are there so many refugees and why are the Israelis blamed for them?

Refugees are the inevitable result of any war. The relatively recent Jordanian civil war produced many refugees. The Viet-Nam War has produced hundreds of thousands, if not millions, of refugees. Arab leaders have previously instigated two major wars against Israel, in 1948, and, again, in 1967. In each case, there were refugees. Let us understand, there were Jewish refugees resulting from these wars as well as Arab refugees. The hundreds of thousands of Jewish refugees from Arab lands resulting from the war of 1948 were welcome and absorbed by the State of Israel. There is no accurate count of the number of Arab refugees in 1948, but it is generally believed that the number is somewhat higher than the number of Jewish refugees produced by the same war. The difference between the two groups of refugees is that the Arabs refused to absorb their own people where the Jews were eager to absorb their kinsmen.

The Arab propagandists have tried to say that the Israelis thrust out the Palestinian Arabs at bayonet point. In considering whether the Arabs were chased out or simply fled of their own accord, William Montalbano, writing in the "Herald" on October 4, 1970, said, "The balance of evidence indicates that most fled."

# Buy Israel

In this 25th anniversary of the State of Israel, we call upon you to participate in a new venture--"The Jewish Market--Aid to Trade Program" (Buy Israel)--and to make a vital contribution to the strengthening of the State of Israel and its economic well-being.

Everyone can provide assistance to Israel in this simple way: make a regular purchase for your household necessities of the products of the land of Israel.

Israel now exports products of excellent quality at competitive prices in the world markets--food, wine, beer, liquors, clothing, shoes, diamonds, jewelry, cosmetics, tires, furniture, books, etc.

The trade deficit of Israel with the United States amounted to 145 million dollars this year, and now has an accumulated deficit of three billion dollars since the establishment of the state.

There is a simple way to increase the export trade. The Jewish population in the free world is estimated at eight million people, comprising over two million families. Of this number, six million Jews live in the United States. This Jewish community expends an estimated ten billion dollars a year on the necessities of life.

If there were a minimal purchase of \$1 per person per week (or \$50 per year) of the products of Israel, it would mean an increase of hundreds of millions of dollars for Israel, and would result in a major strengthening of the Israeli economy.

The following stores carry Israeli food in our area:  
Publix Market on Southwest 87th Avenue and Coral Way.  
The Treasury on South Dixie Highway.

## Joan's Gems

By JOAN SCHWARTZMAN

Congratulations to Tom, son of Doris and Don Frank, who became a member of the National Junior Honor Society at Palmetto Junior High School. . . . Mazel tov to Lois and Ronald Weingarten upon the birth of their daughter, Amy. . . . More good news. Mazel tov to our members, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Bender and Mr. and Mrs. David Shulman, upon the marriage of their children, Karen and Michael. . . . Second notice folks--Chanukah is just around the corner and our Judaica Shop, sponsored by the Beth Am Sisterhood, has many, many lovely gifts, Chanukah gelt, decorations, etc. Get your selections now before the supply is depleted. The shop is open daily and after services on Friday evenings.

The top four graduating seniors at Palmetto Senior High School are members of our congregation. Kudos to Laura Esserman, Jeff Potash, Karen Rosen, and Lorie Newman. . . . Richard Kilmer, our Religious School administrator, has been promoted to assistant principal of curriculum at South Miami Junior High.

*Bnai*

*Mitzvah*

Saturday  
November 24  
11:15 a.m.



Brian, son of  
Dr. and Mrs. Ross Davis  
Staci, daughter of  
Mr. and Mrs. Marshall Furshman