

# Beth Am COMMENTATOR

MIAMI, FLORIDA

MARCH 1, 1974

## Temple Beth Am SUMMER PROGRAM



Full Day Program  
For 4 to 14 year olds

8 Weeks Starting June 19

- Red Cross Swimming
- All Athletics
- Arts and Crafts
- Music and Dancing
- Special Events
- Field Trips

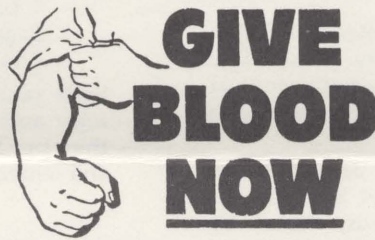
**PRIORITY FOR MEMBERS  
THRU THE MONTH OF MARCH**

Call Rhoda Bernheimer at the Temple  
office, 667-5587, for brochure and  
registration.

## Calling All Artists And Craftsmen

Display your works of art and your  
wares for sale at the Purim Carnival on  
Sunday, March 10, at the Temple. Call  
Nina Meyer at 279-6070, Mondays thru  
Thursdays, 7 to 9 p.m., for information.

*It's time to roll up your sleeve...*



**BROTHERHOOD'S  
BLOOD DRIVE**

Sunday, March 3.

At the Temple  
Starting 9:00 a. m.

Breakfast will be served

Robert Clein, Blood Bank Chairman

## Women Alone Discussed Tuesday, March 5

Men and women will be interested in the talks and panel discussion Tuesday night, March 5, at 8 p.m., in the Temple Social Hall, on the problems faced by "Women Alone." Dr. Edward Wallach and Dr. Michael Stokols, local psychologists, specializing in this field, will be present along with Sheila Fletke. Miss Fletke will speak of the growing alcoholism among lonely women.

The largest attendance of the series on living problems is anticipated for this event. With the decline of marriage as the inevitable institution for women, and with the record increase in the divorce rate, this subject is of growing national concern.

COME ONE - COME ALL

## PURIM CARNIVAL

Sunday, March 10, Starting at 11:00 a. m.

Family Fun For All

Rides, Games, Magicians, Artists

Crafts, Hot Dogs, Hamburgers, Cokes

FRIDAY, MARCH 1

7:30 p.m.

**FAMILY SERVICE**

RABBI ALTMAN

**'King David And  
The Spider'**

Mrs. Saft's Hebrew classes  
will participate in the services

## RELIGIOUS SERVICES



Stephen Dubov  
Cantorial Soloist

SATURDAY, MARCH 2

11:15 a.m.

TORAH SERVICE

**PURIM SERVICE, THURSDAY, MARCH 7, AT 7:30 P. M.**



Let's Celebrate Purim

The Hebrew word "Purim" means "lots." This festival is called by that name because on Purim the Persians had cast "lots" to destroy the Jews. Purim occurs this year on the evening of Thursday, March 7, and continues to sundown, Friday, March 8. The Megillah (the scroll of the Book of Esther) will be read in the Temple on Thursday, March 7, at 7:30 p.m.

The story of Purim, which is told in the Book of Esther, is supposedly in Persia in the fifth century B.C.E. (The Judeans were carried captive into Persia in the sixth century). There is good reason to believe, however, that the entire story is a parable with certain moral lessons.

Purim commemorates the day when the Jews of Persia were saved from death by the intervention of Mordecai and Queen Esther. The viceroy of King Ahasuerus, Haman by name, talked the king into passing a law which required the destruction of the Jews. Haman was angry because Mordecai, the Jew, would not bow down to him. Haman plotted that Mordecai should be hanged, but Queen Esther exposed Haman at a banquet she had prepared for the king and Haman. Haman was hanged on the gallows he had prepared for Mordecai, and the law against the Jews was repealed.

The story illustrates, for one thing, that the fate of all Jews is bound together. Mordecai tells the reluctant Esther, "Think not that you shall escape the edict against the Jews because you are in the King's house." This is a message to all privileged Jews who drift away from their group or deliberately seek to sever their relationship with the Jewish community.

The story also tells us that while those with evil intentions (like Haman) may seem to triumph over short periods of time, in the long run, it is the good (Mordecai) who triumph.

THE BOOK OF ESTHER

The "Book of Esther" is really a novel in the grand sense. It is great literature. Its characters are expertly formed, and its story simply and beautifully told.

In the synagogue, when the story of Esther is read, it is permitted to "beat down Haman" with groggers and stamping when his name is mentioned. Haman stands today as the symbol of all those who have sought to destroy the Jews, but in vain. Mordecai stands as the symbol of all those who have remained loyal to the Jewish people in spite of the dangers.

Purim is a gay holiday. It is a time for farce and merry-making. Israel parties are staged which are called "ad-lo-ya-da," which means "until one does not know." (The Rabbis had written that on Purim one should make merry until he is unable to distinguish between "Blessed be Mordecai" and "Cursed be Haman").

SHALACH MONOS: Purim is the original Hebrew holiday for the exchanging of gifts. Shalach means sending; Monos means portions or gift.

HAMANTASCHEN: Haman's hats are the food par excellence for Purim. This consists of a three-cornered cake which includes poppy seeds (mun) or plums. Kreplach are also featured. Children are encouraged to draw pictures of the fabulous queen, of Mordecai on his flashy, white steed, of Haman on the gallows, of the great banquet scene where Haman is exposed.

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RECIPES FOR PURIM

HAMAN SALAD: One-half peach (hollow side down) for head, shredded coconut for hair, raisins for eyes, cherry for nose and mouth. One-half pear (hollow side down) for neck and body, with green colored cherries for buttons, orange sticks or carrots for arms, and pieces of banana for legs. Place on a lettuce background.

HAMANTASCHEN: Take Chala Dough (see Settlement Cook Book), roll out ¼ inch thick, cut into 4 inch rounds, brush with oil, spread poppy seed filling, or jelly, or prune filling on top of each round. Fold over edge to form a three-cornered cake. Brush top with warm honey, let rise, and bake in a moderate oven, 350 degrees F., until golden brown.

POPPY SEED FILLING:

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| 1 cup poppy seed        | 1 egg       |
| 1 cup hot water         | 1 cup milk  |
| Sugar and salt to taste | Lemon juice |
| Chopped nuts            |             |

Soak poppy seeds in hot water over night. Then add milk, sugar and salt, cook until thick. Cool, add egg, beaten. If too thin, put back on fire and cook until thick. Add chopped nuts and lemon juice.

Joan's Gems

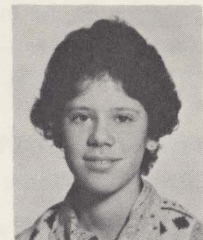
By JOAN SCHWARTZMAN

Mazel tov to Jerald and Vivian Rosen upon the engagement of their daughter, Jane, to Gary Grandon. . . Congratulations to Diana and Norman Elson upon the birth of their first grandchild, a boy, Adam. Proud parents are Ilisa (daughter) and son-in-law, Michael Stern. . . Silver Knight nominee in the field of speech (debate), third place in the State of Florida for Elks Youth Leadership, and voted most likely to succeed at Coral Park Senior High. All these honors belong to Jim, the son of Iris and Irving Epstein. Congratulations to a fine young man.

New officers of the Jewish War Veterans South Dade Post No. 778 include Beth Amites as follows: Commander, Abe Eisenman, Sr. Vice Commander, Al Rose, 2nd Vice Commander, Charles Simon, and three year trustee, Ben Clein. The ladies auxiliary includes President Leah Eisenman, Senior Vice President Evelyn Clein, Junior Vice President Sylvia Dubbin, and Recording Secretary Sandi Simon. . . Get well wishes to Lee Silverberg, Ruth and Steven Shere, Cal Rosenbaum, Monica Rawicz, Ann Ginsburg, Marvin Satarsky, Judith Liebling, Carol Hankin, and Max Kulvin who have been hospitalized recently.

*Bnai*

*Mitzvah*



Saturday  
March 2  
11:15 a.m.

Andrea, daughter of  
Mr. and Mrs. Fred Rawicz  
Lawrence, son of  
Mr. and Mrs. Sydney Frazier  
(No photo available)