



# Beth Am Commentator

November 26, 1976

Miami, Florida

## RELIGIOUS SERVICE

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 26, 8:30 p.m., RABBI CHEFITZ

BAFTY Service

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 27, 9:15, 11:15 a.m., TORAH SERVICE

### Parent-Child Dinner Wed., Nov. 24

Once again, your Brotherhood invites the entire congregation to attend the annual parent-child dinner, to be held in our Social Hall on November 24, 1976, at 6:30 p.m.

Initiated originally to take the family out of the home to permit mom to prepare Thanksgiving dinner in peace and quiet, it has been extended so that either parent may escort their family to participate in the eating of good food, in the enjoyment of good entertainment, and the good fellowship that comes with meeting other congregants.

The costs are nominal--\$2.00 for adults and \$1.25 for children. Because of the huge crowds which attended last year, reservations are a must and only 325 will be accepted. So get your calls into the Temple quickly.

See you all at the Social Hall on November 24 at 6:30 p.m.

### A Word About Finances

All congregants with outstanding balances have recently received a statement of their account. The last column to the right is headed "Balance." This is the amount you owe the Temple at this time and this "Balance" is due before the end of the calendar year.

Since some of our members apparently do not understand the basic fiscal policy of the Temple, the following information is presented. Please study it closely.

1. The fiscal year of the Temple begins July 1 and ends June 30.
2. "Fair Share Dues" for the year are due on July 1. Those electing to pay one half of the dues on July 1 should pay the balance by December 31.
3. Capital Fund pledges are due on July 1 of the year for which you are registering.
4. Registration fees for Religious and Hebrew Schools were due at the time of registration. They must be paid before any payment may be applied to dues and are not considered part of dues.
5. Fees for Nursery-Kindergarten or Primary School will not be accepted unless Temple account is current.

### Last Call To Confirm Mitzvah Dates

This is our last call to all parents of Bar/Bat Mitzvah youngsters who have received a re-confirmation form. These forms are due no later than November 30. If we don't receive your written re-confirmation form by that date, we are assuming that you no longer wish to reserve a date and will release it to another family.

### BAFTY Service, Friday, November 26

BAFTY, the senior Temple youth group, will present to the congregation a creative service on the topic of prayer on November 26, at 8:30 p.m., in the Sanctuary.

This is the first service that BAFTY will present to the Temple congregation and should prove to be a unique and stimulating religious experience.

### Kings Bay Scene Of Welcome Home Party For Rabbi And Selma Baumgard

Welcome Back, Baumgards is the theme of this year's State of Israel Bond affair. The dinner at King's Bay is a gift from the Israeli Bond Committee for those who have purchased bonds and those who plan to purchase a bond this year. Al Leibert, general chairman, announced that noted entertainer and humorist, Joey Russell, is slated to perform at the Baumgard's return party.

### New Members Hayride November 27

All new members are invited to a hay ride at the Silver Palm Ranch in Homestead. We will have games, clowns, hayrides, and a chicken dinner. The entire family is invited for a fun-filled afternoon at the ranch. We will end the day with a short Havdalah Service.

The cost is nominal (fees cover everything): \$2.50 for each adult and \$1.50 per child under 12. The date is Saturday, November 27. Busses will leave the Temple parking lot at 12:30 p.m., and return at about 6:00 p.m. R.S.V.P. to the Temple office, 667-5587, by Wednesday, November 24.

### Chanukah Menorah Contest Starting Every Family Asked To Enter

A tradition at Beth Am is being expanded and improved this year. Each Temple family is encouraged to create their own menorah for the holiday of Chanukah. What better way for the whole family to get involved in the fun and excitement! This will truly be a family enterprise.

Use your imagination, build your magnum opus, let your artistic genius show through, be daring and delicious. Entries will be judged by experts on the basis of originality, symbolism, and beauty. Fantastic prizes will be offered for winning families in several categories. Every family that enters will receive an award of appreciation.

All entries must be presented to the Temple no later than noon on December 15. They will be on display for family services that evening.



FROM THE RABBI'S STUDY

### Reflections On Jerusalem (Continued)

Friday, March 22, 1974

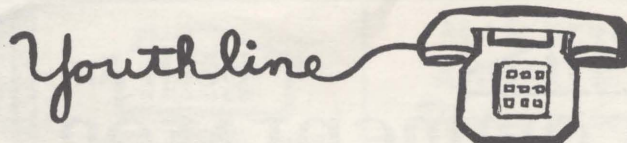
Selma and I left the area. Dr. Rizika had left us when we went to visit the Dome of the Rock. Now, we met, quite accidentally again, a fellow visitor at our hotel, Rabbi Herbert Tarr, author of several popular books published in America. He went with us on our visit to the Jewish quarter of the Old City.

This section, (the Jewish quarter of the Old City), had been destroyed along with its synagogues (which date back to the 16th century) by the Jordanians when they captured this area in their attack on the partitioned Jewish State in 1948. Now it was being rebuilt and, since most Jewish workmen were still on the active Syrian front, we noticed that most of the workmen being paid to rebuild the Jewish quarter were Arabs. Young Arab boys raced their donkeys throughout the extensive construction area. The donkeys carried dirt and rubble from the building area to a dumping ground. The boys were rough with the donkeys, it seemed to us, unnecessarily so. We were seeking the rebuilt "Four Synagogues" used by the Sephardim who were here before the 1948 war. We found them finally, and they were a delight. An attempt has been made to reconstruct them as they were. One is in Turkish style and has a new Turkish Ark. The largest, the Yochanan ben Zakkai Synagogue (from which all four get their name), seems almost modern (Jerusalem modern) in construction.

After our visit to the Synagogues, we had lunch in a small restaurant, run by the Yeshiva newly built there. The buildings of the Yeshiva are beautiful, and its students have an elegant dormitory. What does one eat in this restaurant? There were meat sandwiches, but we settled for an egg (hard boiled) sandwich (with pickle yet).

We left author Herbert Tarr at this point and returned to the Arabic bazaar. Selma made the mistake of admiring an Arabic dress and the Arab owner of the small shop involved us in a sales pitch. Because we were "friends," he would give us the dress for 165 pounds (about \$40). He showed us other dresses. One looked especially suitable for our daughter. We said the price was too high. He urged us to counterbid. We weren't good at this, and we didn't want to play the game. We were uncomfortable in it. He insisted that we make an offer. I suggested that the dress looked like it was worth \$15. He looked angrily at me and said "You make joke, no?" At this point, we were ready to leave. We didn't need an argument. Our movements to go merely agitated the vendor all the more. "Friend," he said, almost desperately, "stay!" Clearly, for him, the game was just beginning. Not for us. We didn't appreciate the whole thing. As we started to move away in earnest, thinking the whole matter was behind us, he put the dress in a bag and said "Here, \$15." When we continued on our way, he uttered some kind of angry words. We were utterly perplexed. Why could someone ask \$40 for a dress he would be happy to sell for \$15? Later on, we learned that a friend had bought a similar dress in the bazaar for even less.

We left the Old City for our hotel. That night, we ate at the "Sea Dolphin" just outside the Old City in the Arab section. I had the trout with sliced apples, mushrooms, and nuts. It was delicious. Selma's sole with cheese was not quite as good. The small restaurant was excellent, but it was a cold night, and every time the door opened, all inside were victimized by a cold wind. The entry "lobby" of the "Sea Dolphin" was the eating room itself, and late-comers simply stood alongside your table and waited for you to be through. Fortunately, the service was prompt. After the meal, we walked for ten minutes through the Arab section before we took a cab to the hotel. I must admit that I did not share Selma's sense of security. I had seen an Arab boy throw a rock at an Israeli soldier in mid-day, and I knew the feelings that lay smoldering in at least some Arab hearts.



### THRILLS, EXCITEMENT, AND CHEERING

The sounds of hollering, hurrying, and haggling have been filling the gym during our basketball league games. Everyone seems to be enjoying the fun. We hope that, while the excitement is shared by all, everyone will please remember, if you become upset with a referee's impartial call, that they are only human and are trying to do their best.

At the end of the first week, the Marron and Orange teams are leading the Midget Division with two victories each. The Junior Division is being led by the Maroon and Dark Blue teams also each having won two of their hard-fought contests.

The fathers who serve as coaches and those who volunteer as referees contribute greatly to the success of the league.

### BAFTY GOES ICE SKATING

BAFTY had a super ice skating party on Sunday, November 14. The frigid group was led by Dave Lesser, Robbie Kessler, and Karen Lanster. Aside from a few bruises, the group had a great time.

### NINTH GRADE GROUP GOES TO ZOO

On Sunday, November 21, the ninth grade youth group, led by Bruce Moyer, spent the day at the Crandon Park Zoo, picnicing and communing with the animals. Busses were provided by Stan Mintz and all had a munching good time.

### JOAN'S GEMS

By JOAN SCHWARTZMAN

Congratulations to Dave and Janice Stuart upon the recent marriage of their daughter, Fran, to Dan Martinelli which took place in our lovely chapel. Janice and Dave have really been busy sending their son and daughter-in-law, Scott and Lolly Stuart, off to Caracas, Venezuela, where the young couple will be setting up house keeping and teaching in a local school. . . . Chanukah is just around the corner. Be sure and buy your gifts from the Judaica Shop while the stock is plentiful.

A little bird told me that congratulations are in order for Audrey Roth who has earned her Ph. D. in English. Audrey is a long time member of Beth Am and a former Sunday School teacher. . . . Ross, son of Evelyn and Bern Goodman, is serving as youth advisor at Vassar Temple at Vassar University, and son, Daniel, is teaching two philosophy classes in local high schools while finishing up his senior year at Brandeis.

### *B'nai Mitzvah*

Saturday, November 27

9:15 a.m.

11:15 a.m.



Michael, son of  
Dr. and Mrs.  
Samuel Shapiro



Charles, son of  
Mr. and Mrs. David Berg



Eric, son of  
Mr. and Mrs. Frank Drucker

# Contributions . . .

## RABBI'S FUND

Billie Diamond, in memory of her loving husband, Jack, and mother, Viola F. Greenberg.

Norman and Diana Elson, in memory of Milton Russinof.

Bella Liebhaber, in memory of William Liebhaber.

Rhoda and David Welt, in memory of Morris Welt.

## ARNELLE SOLOMON CAMP COLEMAN FUND

The Bernard Goodman family, in memory of William Liebhaber.

## GENERAL FUND

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Parker, in memory of Susan Jacobs.

Dennis and Sandra Ross, in honor of their marriage.

Janice and David Stuart, in honor of Rabbi Chefitz for his performance of the wedding of their daughter, Fran, to Dan Martinelli.

## LIBRARY FUND

Rita and Sy Robbins, in memory of father, Charles Speisman.

## TEENAGE BUILDING FUND

Sydell and Dave Berman, for the speedy recovery of David Adelson.

Judy Schorr, in memory of her father, Charles Kramer.

Frances and Sam Zolotin, in honor of the naming of their granddaughter, Renee Kim Moilanen.

## YAHREZIT FUND

George and Eva Aibel, in memory of Minnie, mother of Sy Robbins.

Sydell and Dave Berman, in honor of the naming of the grandchildren of Herschel and Rosita Levy.

Albert Krieger, in memory of Lui Krieger.

Lawrence Seidler, in memory of his mother, Pearl Seidler.

## TIME TO TEAR UP THE CREDIT CARDS

Mobil has gone all out in a national full page ad campaign to defeat the anti-boycott bills in an outrageous outpouring of lies, distortions and crass appeals for Arab business over national morality. They claim that the pending legislation would categorically prohibit American companies from trading with the Arabs, would do major damage to trade opportunities, would prevent importation of all Arab oil, would damage American banking institutions, all of which is nonsense and Mobil knows it, as do the Arabs who need our trade, skill and banks enough to back down when their bluff is called, as they have many times. Mobil's agenda is obvious--for favors, they are playing the mouthpiece for the Arabs. We have a right, as well as an obligation, to express our disgust by urging all with whom we are in contact to join us in tearing up our Mobil credit cards and sending them to Mobil at 150 East 42 Street, New York, N.Y. 10017.



## Snow Festival Update



The ski trip to the Aspen-Snowmass area is filling up fast as the winter season comes closer! Sisterhood and Brotherhood remind you to share in this exciting experience and ask your friends to join in too. For children, winter is truly a wonderland, so try to bring them along. The accommodations are first class. You'll fly all the way, and still pay the lowest price of any comparable ski trip from Miami. Plush fireplace rooms are available in addition to regular lovely double rooms. Dining in the hotel and all of Aspen is excellent and reasonably priced. Skiing at this famous resort will be fantastic for beginners and experts alike, and there's even lots to do for non-skiers. Remember, the trip dates are February 26 to March 5, 1977. So, don't wait, make your reservations now! Call Bob or Joan Loewenthal at 271-1233.

# Taxes And Charitable Donations

By SYLVIA PORTER of the Miami Herald

Millions of you will make your major contributions to charity in the approaching weeks of the year. Millions of you also will overlook easy ways in which you could get maximum tax breaks from your contributions--either because you haven't been alerted to the proper tax strategy moves or because you don't think about what you should do until tax-paying time next spring, and by then it's far too late.

(1) The first basic rule is to act now to make your 1976 contributions cost you as little as possible after taxes.

(2) The second basic rule is to live with the understanding that only part of any charitable contribution you make comes out of your own pocket. The federal government, in effect, shares the cost of every contribution. Even at the \$10,000 income level, a \$100 contribution costs only \$78 to the married person. At the \$50,000 level, a \$100 contribution costs the married person \$50.

Make sure your contribution for 1976 is actually made in '76 and is not just a pledge--for a pledge without payment itself will not be deductible. Contributions are deductible only if actually paid during the taxable year.

## Summer Archaeological Expedition To Israel

Would you like to spend most or part of the summer at an archaeological dig in Israel? The Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion in Jerusalem is excavating at Tel Dan, and there will be openings this summer for volunteers who would like to work at the dig.

Minimum age for volunteers is 18. An academic course, seminars and field trips will be included as part of the program. The seven week season begins June 18 and is divided into two sessions. Volunteers may enroll for both or either one of the sessions. If you would like more information, speak with Rabbi Chefitz.

## Troubadours Entertain At Fountainbleau

On November 20, the Troubadours performed for the special Israeli Bond Dinner given in honor of Ms. Universe, Miss Israel. The Troubadours, under the direction of Ms. Potlock, are Jani Kline, Amy Litt, Amy Katz, Leslie Kraft, Karen Lanster, Marlene Steinberg, Lynne Levine, Eddie Levine, Cindy Leidner, Robbie Kessler, Brad Katz, Michael Hellinger, Larry Schwarz, Jeff Schwartz, Lori Rosen, Diana Rose, Jan Darlow, Steve Silverstein, Lori Albert, David and Patty Segal, Lisa Hellinger, and Adam Herman.

## M'SHORIMS TO BEGIN PRACTICES

To be eligible, you must have been a member of the Beth Americans for one year. Grades seven, eight, and nine are acceptable by voice audition by Ms. Potlock. Meetings will be either on Tuesdays from 7:30 to 8 p.m. or Thursdays from 6:30 to 7 p.m.

If interested in this training group for future Troubadours, please write, do not call, Ms. Potlock, 10435 S.W. 96th Street, Miami, Florida 33176. This is the only group that serves as a training ground for the entertaining Troubadours. You cannot enter Troubadours until ninth grade.

Review eligibility for Troubadours: one year a Beth American, one year a M'Shorim, and ninth grade before acceptance into Troubadour when a vacancy arises.

## In Memoriam

Michael Pintzow  
Father of Dr. William Pintzow

Milton Russinof  
Husband of Bess Russinof

Nathan Silverman  
Father of Beverly Weksler

"May their memory  
be for a blessing."

## Yahrzeit

NOVEMBER 26, 1976

Jack Berns, Anna Blitz, David Bloom-  
enfeld, Robert S. Dingfelder, Benjamin  
Donolow, Louis Epstein, Harry Fow,  
S.E. Gould, Viola F. Greenberg, Louis  
Greene, Samuel Herman, Nathan Hoch-  
man, Beckie Kantrowitz, Florence Kar-  
linsky, Louis Kruglick, Carol Leon, Sam-  
uel Lipman, Eva Moses, Louis Mullman,  
Henry Rabin, Eva Reubel, Fay Richman,  
Bernard Rubenstein, Frank Schweitzer,  
Abraham Siegel, Sam Wisotsky, Max  
Wolofsky.

### FRIENDS UNLIMITED

Friday, November 26  
Youth Lounge, 9:30 p.m.  
Juke Box Jamboree  
Refreshments, Dancing  
and Backgammon  
(Bring your board)

### Yahrzeit Plaques

A Yahrzeit Plaque--a permanent mem-  
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