



# Beth Am Commentator

April 1, 1977

Miami, Florida

Rabbi Baumgard

"A LESSON IN MAGIC"

Friday, April 1, 7:30 p.m., FAMILY SERVICE

Saturday, April 2, 11:15 a.m., TORAH SERVICE

## Israeli Art Exhibition At Temple Friday, Apr. 8, Through Tuesday, Apr. 12

An art exhibition featuring the original works of some 60 Israeli artists will be on display in the Social Hall at the Temple, starting Friday, April 8, through Tuesday, April 12. The schedule of viewing hours is listed below. Almost 200 pieces of art, including paintings in oils, acrylics, and water colors, lithographs, and sculptures, will be featured. The show is being brought to South Florida through the cooperation of the Israeli Artist Organization and the Ministry of Israel Commerce Office.

### ALL WORKS FOR SALE

All the works on exhibition will be for sale at prices ranging from \$25 to \$300. The Israeli representative, who will be in attendance during the exhibition, is Baruh Kutany who can offer advice and information about all the artists and their work. The exhibition will be open as follows:

Friday, April 8 (before and after services) from 6:00 p.m. to 10:30 p.m.

Saturday, April 9 (before and after services) from 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Sunday, April 10 from 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Monday, April 11--Exhibit closed.

Tuesday, April 12 from 11:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.

## Passover Begins Saturday Eve, April 2 Main Services Sunday Morning, April 3

Passover begins on Saturday evening, April 2, at sundown. There will be a brief Minyan service at the Temple at 6 p.m. Home Seders are held on this evening. No Jew should be absent from a Seder on this night. If you don't know how to conduct a Seder, we have typed instructions. Passover Haggadahs, as interpreted by Rabbi Herbert Baumgard, are available at the Temple office to help you in the conduct of the Seder.

Beth Am will observe the holiday with a primary service on Sunday morning, April 3, at 10:00 a.m., in the Sanctuary. Parents and children should attend this service together. Rabbi Baumgard urges all members to observe the first day of Passover (Sunday, April 3) as the major festival that it is. He anticipates that all members of Beth Am will eat matzah to the exclusion of bread for the full holiday (see the Rabbi's column). The holiday concludes after the seventh day, Saturday, April 9, at sundown. A concluding Passover Yiskor Service will be held on April 9 at 11:15 a.m., in the Sanctuary.

## Last Call For Temple Seder Sunday, April 3



### HAMETZ HAPPENING!

**CLEAN YOUR HOUSE OF HAMETZ (non-Passover foods)  
PRACTICE TZEDEKAH (charity) AT THE SAME TIME**

Your "Hametz" will be given to the needy Miami Beach elderly AFTER Passover. Since Passover is the celebration of liberation from Egyptian bondage and the festival of spring, the food will be offered in thanksgiving for the spring harvest.

Items suggested are soups, heat'n'eat foods, tuna, instant coffee, and tea. Collection time is Friday night services, April 1, and March 26 to April 1 in the Religious School office.

### Special Rates For Children Under 5

The Temple's annual Seder will be held on the second Seder night, Sunday evening, April 3, at 6:00 p.m., in the Social Hall. The Rabbis will lead the narration of the Haggadah.

In an effort to increase attendance at our Seder for parents with very young children, we are pleased to announce that the price for a complete Passover dinner for children under five years of age will be \$4.00 per child for members and \$5.00 per child for non-members. Children five through 12 are \$7.50 each for members and \$9.00 each for non-members.

### SEDER RESERVATION FORM

Mail or bring to the Temple together with your check.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

#### MEMBERS OF THE CONGREGATION

Adults, \$10.00; Children 5-12, \$7.50; Children 4 years and under, \$4.00.

#### NON-MEMBERS OF THE CONGREGATION

Adults, \$13.50; Children 5-12, \$9.00; Children 4 years and under, \$5.00.

Check enclosed for \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Adults \_\_\_\_\_

Children 5 to 12 \_\_\_\_\_ Children 4 and younger \_\_\_\_\_.

## First Seder Saturday, April 2

### MINYAN SERVICE

Saturday, April 2, 6:00 p.m., in the Sanctuary  
This is the first night of Passover at which time you should conduct your home seder

### PASSOVER SERVICE

Sunday morning, April 3, 10:00 a.m., in the Sanctuary

### TEMPLE SEDER

Sunday evening, April 3, 6:00 p.m., Social Hall

### YISKOR SERVICE

Saturday morning, April 9, 11:15 a.m., in the Sanctuary





FROM THE RABBI'S STUDY

**Pesach**  
**A Most Important Holiday**

In spite of the importance western Jewry gives to the High Holy Days of Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur, Pesach is the most important Jewish holiday down through history.

Pesach is the Jewish spring festival. It begins on the eve of the 14th day of the month of Nisan. Originally, it was a seven day festival and is so observed today in Israel. In Israel and among Reform Jews, the first and seventh days are days of rest. European Jewry and Orthodox Jewry observe the two days at the beginning and the end of the holiday as days of rest because it was difficult to determine when the holiday started and ended.

Pesach originally marked the beginning of the major grain harvest. It is one of the four major harvest holidays. To it, however, has been added a historical significance which makes it supreme among Jewish holidays. Spring is the time of redemption. It is the time when the earth stirs from its winter slumbers, arises from its frozen death, and evidences fertility and life. The pagan peoples interpreted the cycle of agriculture in terms of a god who died in the winter and arose (was redeemed) in the spring. The Christians associated spring with the resurrection of Jesus. The Jews alone give the advent of spring an association with an historic event involving not only God, but an entire people. The "resurrection" is the emergence of a people from bondage; the rebirth is the dedication of a people to the moral code of life.

**EXODUS IS BACKGROUND**

The Exodus from Egypt is the historic background of Pesach which emphasizes the courage of the Jewish people. The Exodus is the great symbol of man down through the ages whereby he gains courage to revolt against tyranny. The early Americans called George III their Pharaoh and used the biblical story as their authority to revolt.

The Seder ("order" of the meal) is a classic example of progressive education. Food, drink, song, questions and answers are all woven together into a vivid sense-thought experience for the entire family. It is a home holiday, not only a Synagogue holiday. The symbols of the meal include: Matzot, unleavened bread baked by the Hebrews on the run from Egypt; Charoset, mixed fruit salad, symbol of the mortar mixed for bricks by the Jews; Chomets, regular food not to be eaten on Pesach; Afikomen, matzah saved until the end of the meal, usually "stolen" by the youngest child; Haggadah, the story of the Pesach in book form used at the Seder; Elijah's Cup--the prophet Elijah is a sort of patron for children. His coming in legendary sources supposedly would indicate the coming of the Messianic day of peace and good will. Consequently, we pour a glass of wine for Elijah on Pesach and invite him to participate. Green herbs (moror) is the symbol of suffering of people at this time; Parsley is the symbol of spring harvest; Egg is used as a substitute for sacrifice of lamb at this time; Shankbone is the remainder of paschal lamb. Wine is the symbol of the goodness of life, a reminder of God's creative powers, a symbol of hope for all the oppressed.

**PEDIATRICIAN WANTED FOR CAMP COLEMAN**

Camp Coleman, our Reform Jewish camp in the mountains of north Georgia, needs a pediatrician to serve as camp doctor for the week of July 3 to 10. For information, call Allan Solomon at 379-4553.

**YOUTH LINE . . . YOUTH LINE . . . YOUTH LINE**

**MYSTERY BUS RIDE**

The eighth grade youth group will have a mystery bus ride Saturday, March 26. Members will meet at the Temple at 12:30 p.m. and will be back around 6:00. Please wear bathing suits under your clothes and bring a towel.

**BOWLING FOR DOLLARS**

On April 23, the eighth grade youth group will sponsor, as a service project, bowling for dollars. Money raised will be given to the Mount Scopus Hospital in Israel. Eighth grade students will be asking for donor pledges on the pins they bowl. Everyone should be supportive of members when they ask for donor pledges.

The actual bowling event will take place at the Bowl-o-Mat at 2:00 on April 23. For those who need rides, meet at the Temple at 1:30. Ya'all come.

**BETH AMERICAN/M'SHORIM AND TROUBADOUR HAVDALAH SERVICE A FIRST**

On March 19, the three groups came together for the first time and presented an evening of entertainment for their parents and relatives. The picture of the Beth Americans was taken in preparation for this first. The program began with a lovely Havdalah Service, followed by the Beth Americans and M'Shorims. The Troubadours ended the evening with their presentation after dinner. The Troubadours are in practice now for their third consecutive year singing at Disney World over Memorial Day weekend.

**JOAN'S GEMS**

By JOAN SCHWARTZMAN

Mazel tov to Natalie and John Breslin upon the birth of their son, Jason, who weighed in at 7 lbs. 14 ounces. . . . Congratulations to Mickey and Milton Green upon the forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Ellen, to Dr. Neal Slatkin. . . . More good news. Sam and Shirley Steen announce the engagement of their daughter, Laurel, to David R. David. The young couple plan a Temple wedding. . . . Minnie Berkowitz celebrated a gala 85th birthday recently. Daughters Janice Stuart and Doris Hoffman and granddaughter Fran Martinelli threw the soiree for the fantastic Minnie. Our congregation joins in wishing her a very happy birthday and continued good health throughout the coming years.

Hear tell the Association for Breast Cancer Detection Earlier is having open house on Sunday, April 17, from three to five. For more information, call Ruth Leshaw, 681-0148. . . . Kudos to Craig, son of Blair and Barbara Zimmert, who has been chosen for early admission at Tulane University. . . . We are delighted to announce the engagement of Lauren, daughter of Bill and Irene Baros, to Bruce Barr. The young couple plan a summer wedding.

*Bnai*  
*Mitzvah*



Saturday  
April 2  
11:15 a.m.

Robert, son of  
Mrs. Francine Lazar  
Michael, son of  
Mr. and Mrs. Howard Horowitz  
(No photo available)