



# Beth Am commentator

February 25, 1977

Miami, Florida



## GIVE BLOOD NOW

**Sunday, February 27**

**9:30 A.M. To**

**12:30 P.M.**

**Youth Lounge**

What can be said of the value of a Blood Bank that is not already known to you? Our Temple has one, administered by Brotherhood. Everyone in good health (ladies as well as men) is eligible to give blood. The "no-nos" are those who take medication of any type, who have been ill recently, who have had an infectious disease or an operation in the last six months, who have had malaria, and have allergies or diabetes. With our healthy Temple, we should have a large turn out.

Should you find yourself unable to give blood, we urge a donation to the American Red Mogen David who will use your money to buy surgical equipment and medicines for the State of Israel.

Remember, when you participate, Brotherhood will be happy to serve you a hearty breakfast to speed you on your way.

## Would You Like To Teach School? Special Courses Offered In April

Beginning in April, a special introductory course in Judaism for the Religious School Teacher will be offered by the Rabbis on successive Wednesday evenings. The course will be essential for prospective teachers and highly valuable for current teachers. We are seeking to develop highly skilled personnel particularly for the upper grades. Further instruction will be given in educational methodology in the Religious School. For more information, contact Rabbi Cook.

## Summer Program Starts June 20

Indoor and Outdoor Sports  
Music and Folk Dancing  
Red Cross Swimming  
Movies and Bowling  
Tennis and Archery  
Magic Instruction  
Golf and Guitar  
Baton Twirling  
Special Events  
Field Trips  
Cookouts



CALL RHODA BERNHEIMER, 667-5587, IN THE  
TEMPLE OFFICE FOR MORE DETAILS

Rabbi Baumgard

## THE JEWISH CONTRIBUTION TO THE BROADWAY STAGE

Friday, February 25, 8:30 p.m., Religious Service

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 11:15 a.m., TORAH SERVICE

## Jewish Contribution To Broadway

**Friday Night, February 25, 8:30 P.M.**

The Broadway show which has played at Beth Am for several years has been called back by popular demand and will be shown "live" following religious services on Friday, February 25. The show is built around an original narration by Rabbi Baumgard which traces the Jewish contribution to the United States. The musical message is spelled out in songs written by Rodgers and Hammerstein, Irving Berlin, Harold Arlen, Bert Bachrach, and other great Jewish writers. They will be sung by individual members of our choir, most of whom are well known professional singers in the area. Tunes will be sung from such shows as "Fiddler on the Roof," "The Sound of Music," "A Chorus Line," "My Fair Lady," "West Side Story," etc.

## THE BETH AM CHOIR



## PURIM AUCTION SATURDAY, MARCH 5

Join Weaver the Weatherman for lots of fun and action at Sisterhood's Purim Auction in the Social Hall at 8:00 p.m. on Saturday evening, March 5. Lots of items of interest to all will be auctioned.

## Purim Carnival For Kids And Adults March 6

Games, hamentaschen, popcorn, cotton candy, ponies, plant and cake sale, and much more.

SUNDAY, MARCH 6, FROM 11:30 to 3:30





FROM THE RABBI'S STUDY

Attacking The Weak

It is a common practice of a meat-eating animal in the wild to stalk a herd and attack the straggler. The straggler is usually an animal too young or too old or too sick to keep up with the rest of the herd. Recent information about the missionary groups now very active in America indicates that their practice is very much the same. They attack the Jew (or Christian) who is a straggler, the person, young or old, who is in the midst of a personal crisis and looking for a friend, or the person who is so ignorant about his own faith that he is easily overwhelmed by someone who speaks with conviction.

Some of the groups specializing in conversion (the Moonies and fundamentalist Christian groups) actually have printed instructions for their people who try to convert Jews. I have seen this material. It reads like this: "Tell the Jew that you don't really want to convert him to your religion. Tell him you want to help him become a 'fulfilled Jew.' Help him understand that his Bible talks about the Messiah and that Jesus was that Messiah. He doesn't have to accept the fact that Jesus is God." Later on, the instruction reads, "After he accepts Jesus as the Messiah, you can bring him closer to our faith."

There is a large, well-financed army after you and your children to lead them away from the faith of their ancestors.

The Old Testament, our Bible, does not teach of the coming of Messiah hundreds of years after the prophets speak. The prophets are concerned about a messiah (little "m"), that is to say "an annointed one," that is a coronated king, who will be flesh and blood (not a Son of God), who will reign over the kingdom of Israel or Judea, overthrow the foreign power, and usher in a kingdom of justice and peace. The prophets looked for the imminent coming of such a king. Ideas about a spiritualized Messiah who was the "Son of man" or God comes from the Persian doctrine and belongs to a much later era than the prophets. It is a game to read such a doctrine back into the teaching of the earlier prophets, but it is not scholarly or factual. It is a simple matter for a person who knows the Hebrew Bible to refute every suggestion made that Jesus is prophesied in our Bible. Of course, a person who can't read the Hebrew can be fooled a hundred times.

This is not to say that the Christians are ipso facto wrong in their religious belief. Jesus may be their Messiah, indeed. They have every right to believe in him as such. The point is he is not the messiah spoken about in our Bible because he did not fulfil any of the aspects necessary to his being the messiah. 1) He was never king over Judea (the Romans made sure of this by crucifying him and mocking him in this regard). 2) He did not overthrow the foreign power (the Romans; they conquered him instead). 3) He did not usher in an independent Jewish state. 4) He did not usher in an era of political and economic justice and peace. In other words, none of the aspects of the messiah, as outlined by the earlier Hebrew prophets were fulfilled by Jesus.

Why do I go into this now? There is a new "Temple" on Sunset Drive (1375) in the Gables which has as its purpose the conversion of Jews to Christianity. Their game plan is to say "Believe that Jesus is the Messiah. That's all we want you to do." Their plan is to pose as friends of Israel, to use Hebrew songs, and prayers. They are not a synagogue. Noone I know knows where their "Rabbi" was ordained (degrees like Rabbi and Minister and Reverend can be obtained in many places, but few of them are bona fide institutions). Don't be trapped.

If you have further questions on this score, write me. I'll try to answer.

YOUTH LINE . . . YOUTH LINE . . .  
BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

In the Junior League championship game, the Maroon team, coached by Mike Katz, beat the Light Blue team, coached by Ken Ratzen. The Maroon team consisted of Barry Hochberg, Jeff Hochberg, Rusty Brown, Jeff Skoke, Howard Baker, Philip Gassman, and Alan Segal. The second place Light Blue team consisted of Robert Lazar, Jeff Lazar, Geff Mann, Stuart Ratzen, Garry Lowenthal, Steven Cooper, Charles Rosen, and Stuart Sheldon. The outstanding player of the Junior League was Alan Segal of the Maroon team.

In the Senior League championship game, the Yellow team, coached by Saul Cohen, beat the Orange team, coached by Randy Rieger. The Yellow team consisted of Bill Pearson, Charles Pearson, Eric Sobol, Keith Sharkey, Jeff Young, Richard Ceasar, Brian Lifsec, and Mike Cook. The outstanding player for the Senior League was Bill Pearson of the Yellow team.

VOLLEYBALL

If you are interested in playing on a volleyball team this season and have not already signed up, please see Rhoda in the office. All boys and girls that have signed up will be contacted very soon.

Registration For  
Nursery-Kindergarden and Day School

Now Open For Temple Members

Enrollment in our schools is limited and is  
on a first come, first served basis

Call the School Office, 665-6228  
for registration forms and information

PRIORITY REGISTRATION FOR MEMBERS  
ENDS ON MARCH 15, 1977

SISTERHOOD CALENDAR, MARCH, 1977

- March 2 . . . . . Board and Committee Meeting  
9:30 a.m., Room 28
- March 5 . . . . . Purim Auction, 8 p.m., Social Hall
- March 6 . . . . . Purim Carnival, 11:30 a.m., Temple Grounds
- March 16 . . . . . General Meeting, 9:30 a.m.  
Temple Social Hall  
Harvey Steiman, Miami Herald Food Editor  
will speak to Sisterhood

*Bnai Mitzvah*

Saturday, February 26



Eric Feinstein  
son of Mrs.  
Phyllis Feinstein Klotz  
and the late Mr.  
Richard Feinstein  
and Dr. Norton Klotz



Gary and Jeff  
sons of  
Mr. and Mrs.  
Harold Kluger



Craig, son of  
Mr. and Mrs.  
Phil Perry