



December 11, 1981

RELIGIOUS SERVICE, Friday, December 11, 1981, 8:30 p.m.  
 SHEPARD AND BERNITA KING  
 "NEW CRISIS OF SOVIET JEWS"  
 TORAH SERVICE, Saturday, December 12, 9:15 and 11:15 a.m.

# Beth Am Commentator

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## Calendar For December

Dancer-Cize ..... Mon. Dec. 7, 9 a.m., Room 101  
 BAFTY Dinner Mtg. .... Mon. Dec. 7, 6 p.m., Youth Lounge  
 Adult Education ..... Tue. Dec. 8, 7:30 p.m., Room 101  
 ("Jewish History" - Prof. D. Michelson)  
 P.A.T.I.O. Board Mtg. .... Wed. Dec. 9, 9:30 a.m., Room 101  
 Chanukah Workshop ..... Wed. Dec. 9, 7:30 a.m., Social Hall  
 & Kitchen  
 Dancer-Cize ..... Thurs. Dec. 10, 9 a.m., Room 101  
 Adult Education ..... Thurs. Dec. 10, 7:30 p.m., Social Hall  
 (Israel Dancing - Shira Baumgard)  
 Basic Judaism ..... Fri. Dec. 11, 7:30 p.m., Room 28  
 Religious Service ..... Fri. Dec. 11, 8:30 p.m., Sanctuary  
 Torah Service .. Sat. Dec. 12, 9:15 and 11:15 a.m., Sanctuary  
 Brotherhood Breakfast Sun. Dec. 13, 9:30 a.m., Youth Lounge  
 Cotillion ..... Sun. Dec. 13, 7:15 p.m., Social Hall  
 Temple Board Meeting .... Tue. Dec. 15, 7:30 p.m., Room 101  
 Sisterhood Open Bd. Mtg. Wed. Dec. 16, 9:30 a.m., Room 101  
 Aging Parents ..... Wed. Dec. 16, 8 p.m., Room 28  
 Dancer-Cize ..... Thur. Dec. 17, 9 a.m., Room 101  
 Adult Education ..... Thur. Dec. 17, 7:30 p.m., Social Hall  
 (Israeli Dancing - Shira Baumgard)  
 Basic Judaism ..... Fri. Dec. 18, 7:30 p.m., Room 28  
 CHANUKAH FESTIVAL ..... Fri. Dec. 18, 8:30 p.m., Sanctuary  
 Torah Service ..... Sat. Dec. 19, 11:15 a.m., Sanctuary  
 .....FIRST CHANUKAH CANDLE - SUNDAY, DECEMBER 20.....  
 .....NO SCHOOLS DECEMBER 21-31 - WINTER VACATION.....  
 Basic Judaism Class ..... Fri. Dec. 25, 7:00 p.m., Room 28  
 .....ANNUAL CHANUKAH CANDLELIGHT SERVICE.....  
 FRI. DEC. 25, 8:00 P.M., SANCTUARY  
 .....OFFICE CLOSED FRIDAY, DEC. 25TH - LEGAL HOLIDAY.....  
 Torah Service .. Sat. Dec. 26, 9:15 and 11:15 a.m., Sanctuary  
 Collegian Brunch ..... Sun. Dec. 27, 11 a.m., Youth Lounge  
 "A New Beginning" ..... Sun. Dec. 27, 7 p.m., Social Hall

## Choir Presents Chanukah Festival At Service Friday, December 18th, 8:30 p.m.

The Adult Choir of Temple Beth Am, directed by Selma Baumgard, will present its annual Chanukah Song Festival at the Friday evening service, December 18th, at 8:30 p.m.

As a vehicle for the music, Rabbi Herbert Baumgard has written an original Chanukah narration which tells the story of the first Chanukah. Parts of the decor of the Sanctuary are based on the story of Chanukah, including the Temple's unusual Menorahs and the inscription on the Temple Ark.

Music to be sung includes: "Creation" by Willie Richter. "The Festival Song" (Shir Ha-Chag), arranged by Abraham Binder, "In the Days of the Maccabees," from Judas Maccabeus by Handel; and the traditional folk-songs, "Chanukah Oh Chanukah," "Mi Y'malle" (Who Can Retell?); "Hannerot Hallalu" (These Candles We Kindle). In addition the choir will sing a new Chanukah song, "Light The Legend" by Michael Isaacson. The entire congregation will join in singing the modern song based on the Prophet Isaiah's prophecy of peace, "Lo Yisah Goy" (Nations Will No Longer Fight With Swords).

For this service the choir will appear on the Altar.

## Camp Coleman Scholarships

Temple Beth Am has a limited amount of scholarship money available to help children in financial need attend Camp Coleman. Anyone interested in applying for a scholarship to Camp Coleman should pick up an application from the Religious School Secretary. Applications must be returned to Rabbi Goldstein's office by January 15.

## Summer Program Counselor Interviews

Interviews for experienced Camp Counselors will be held the week of December 21, 1981. If you have had experience in music, drama, arts and crafts, swimming, sports or working with children between the ages of 3 years and 9 years, please call Nancy Weinfeld, after 4 p.m. at 553-4218.

## Announcing The Beth Am MENORAH CONTEST

Open to families  
 (the child must do a significant part of the work)

Prizes awarded in categories:

- A) Kindergarten - 3rd Grade
- B) 4th Grade - 6th Grade
- C) 7th Grade - 10th Grade

(First, Second, and Third prizes in each category)

Decisions based on - Originality, Symbolism, Overall Quality, Neatness, Attractiveness.

Phone - 666-2536 for Information

Deadline - Dec. 19th - 20th

## Annual Collegian Brunch

Good food; informal discussion  
 Sunday, December 27th, 11 a.m.

## Youth Lounge

Meet  
 Your  
 Friends

Reservations  
 Requested  
 667-6667



FROM THE RABBI'S STUDY

## In The Image Of God

(Part I)

*This is an excerpt from the High Holiday sermon by myself. You may obtain the entire sermon by contacting the Rabbi's office.*

The Holocaust would not have been possible, if Europeans had not been taught for a thousand years that everyone is going to Heaven but the Jews, and the modern plight of the Negro people would not be possible, if we had not taught in America for 200 years that the Negro was an inferior species. We Jews have a double stake in proving the authenticity of the Genesis teaching. We must prove its validity because God wants us to demonstrate its truth; and we must prove it is true, because if we don't, Jews, blacks, and other misunderstood peoples will suffer endlessly.

We are living in a community where there is a rising tide against black people, because of the Liberty City riots and because of the increase in robberies and murders in our neighborhoods. We have a tendency, we white people, to say, if some blacks are robbers, all blacks are robbers. We have a tendency, we Anglos, to say, if some Latins are murderers, all Latins are murderers. Rubbish! As Jews, we have been the victim of generalizations for thousands of years. Shall we now partake of that same prejudice? The enemy is inflation and hard times. The real enemy is the vestiges of slavery, unemployment, and lack of training. The real enemy is the drug traffic. Let's fight these things, but let's not fight those created in the image of the Divine. Those who do not believe in the possibility of blacks and Latins to be just as good citizens as Anglos are making an assault on a basic Jewish teaching. They are pulling the rug out from under Judaism. They are saying that our most revolutionary idea is a fraud. I will never accept that conclusion because my stomach still hurts from that son-of-a-gun who punched me in the belly, and I still remember Auschwitz.

Now I know that some of you are saying to yourself, "That Rabbi is very idealistic, but he's not much of a realist. Can't he read the statistics in our community? Robberies and murders are increasing every day." Believe me, I can read the statistics, and I am perfectly capable of being frightened when I hear that a man a mile away from me was shot while trying to get his mail from a mail box. But I also know that it is in times like this that fundamental beliefs are tested, and I would hate to see the members of my congregation giving up a heritage of four thousand years, because they are not experiencing the best of times.

There is a great backlash at work today. Even if we grant that big government has been too much with us, and too many people have been milking the national treasury unnecessarily, the fact remains that the Reagan administration is taking steps that will mitigate against the poor and under-privileged of our nation. If these people suffer more than they are, we can anticipate more robberies and more riots as they get more desperate. Reagan is right when he says that hand-outs are degrading, but I see no countering program where he is giving the under-privileged opportunities for training and employment. When the Cubans first came to this country, our nation wisely expended billions of dollars to help them learn English and to help them learn the techniques of our capitalistic society. We have not done this for the black community. We should treat them also as immigrants who have been denied access not only to the techniques of capitalism but also access to the English language, as the majority of Americans speak it. Let's stop the hand-outs, and let's give the blacks the kind of opportunity they deserve. Let's spend billions to train them in how to use the things that America offers. Either we do this kind of thing, or we become responsible for keeping the black community where it is - in limbo, outside the mainstream of American society.

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## Shepard and Bernita King to Speak On Soviet Jewry at Service, Dec. 11th

Shepard and Bernita King, who have been to the Soviet Union and who have worked on Federation's Committee on Soviet Jewry for many years, will speak from the Beth Am pulpit on Friday, December 11th, at the 8:30 p.m. service.

The Kings will discuss their experience with Jews in the Soviet Union and the current decline in emigration of Jews from that country. What they have to say will be of interest to all concerned about the several million Jews in the Soviet Union.

## Calling All Singles Between 22-33!

On Sunday, December 13, there will be a day of fun at Crandon Park (Pit #1). You can play volleyball, football, frisbee, or maybe just lie on the beach or under a tree. We will provide garnishes and soda/beer, you bring hotdogs and hamburgs for the cook-out. The fun begins at 11:30 a.m. Don't miss this opportunity to meet new and interesting people.

## Dancer-Cize Class Starts New Series Jan. 4th

Shira Baumgard's popular Dancer-Cize class will start a new series on January 4th, and will be held every Monday and Thursday at 9 a.m. in Room 101. The cost will be \$20 for eight weeks, one class per week, and \$35 for eight weeks, twice per week. You may register when you attend the class.

## Confirmation Class Has Retreat

The Confirmation class of 1982 held its first retreat Dec. 4-5. The retreat, lead by Rabbi Goldstein with the help of MANY others was a great success. The students discussed issues of relevance and importance to them. There were also skits, athletic games and lots of singing. Our spring retreat will be March 19-21. Be sure to mark the date on your calendars now!

## Do Your Chanukah Shopping

at

## The Judaica Shop

*Candles, Menorahs, Gelt  
Dolls, Toys, Books*

### B'Nai Mitzvah

Saturday, Dec. 12

9:15 a.m.

Special Service



Andrew, son of  
Mr. and Mrs.  
Frederick Corman



Mrs. Sara Wedner

11:15 a.m.



Jeffrey, son of  
Dr. and Mrs. Ronald Flam



Larry, son of  
Drs. Jay and Marjorie  
Sanders