



March 20, 1981

RELIGIOUS SERVICE, Friday, March 20, 1981, 8:30 p.m.

RABBI HERBERT M. BAUMGARD

"HOW CAN WE STRENGTHEN AMERICA?"

TORAH SERVICE, Saturday, March 21, 9:15 a.m. and 11:15 a.m.

# Beth Am Commentator

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## Kaleidoscope Of Jewish Arts



An exciting exhibit entitled, "Kaleidoscope of Jewish Arts," is being planned by the Art Committee, with a preview opening the night of April 2nd. The first organizational meeting was held to determine which artists should be included in this exhibit and to plan for the Art Show. Those in attendance, from left to right in the back row, were Blanche Brass, Helaine Lipinsky, Florence Birchansky, Marilyn Solomon, Gertrude Freeman, Florence Hyman and Patty Simon. Pictured in the front in the usual order are Nancy Greenberg, Barbara Zimmet, Miriam Cohen and Muriel Turoff.

### Wine and Cheese Opening of "Kaleidoscope of Jewish Arts"

The "Kaleidoscope of Jewish Arts" Exhibit will have its Wine and Cheese Opening on Thursday, April 2 at 7:30 P.M. The exhibit will last through Tuesday, April 7. This museum-quality show of Jewish art will provide you with a memorable experience - one you will not want to miss. So be sure to reserve the opening date, April 2.

## Rabbi Morton Hoffman Conducts Purim Service Thursday Night, March 19th, at 7:30 p.m.

Temple Beth Am will usher in the holiday of Purim on Thursday evening, March 19th, at 7:30 p.m., with a special service to be held in the Sanctuary. Rabbi Morton Hoffman will speak. Congregants will read the book of Esther and tell the story of the queen who risked her life to save her people from danger. Groggers (noise-makers) will be supplied to all participants who will be encouraged to "stamp out" Haman, that quintessence of guilt, who tried to exterminate the Jews of Persia long ago.

Purim is a fun time for Jews, and Beth Am will celebrate with a Carnival to be held at the Temple on Sunday, March 22nd, beginning with a Costume Parade and Contest at 11 a.m.

## Register Now For Summer Program

Rates Going Up April 1

## The Committee of 100

### "Committee of 100" Seeks Members

In a special appeal to members the past several weeks, nine NEW FAMILIES have volunteered to join "The Committee of 100" for the fiscal year starting July 1, 1981.

All members of the congregation should thank those families whose names are printed below, since it is only by contributions like this that our budget ends up in balance. There is no limit to the number of families needed for this committee. All are welcome. Can you join?

- Martin and Belle Dornis
- Errol and Cheryl Eisinger
- Lawrence and Susan Freshman
- Richard and Marjorie Katz
- Michael and Judith Matus
- Norton and Gloria Pallot
- Dr. Kenneth and Judith Rosenthal
- Manuel and Elena Smilowitz
- Murray A. Sudakow
- Gilbert and Moree Tendler

# Purim Carnival



Sunday  
March 22  
11 to 3

Beth Am Contemporaries present Musicale Sunday, March 29th, 2 p.m. in the Youth Lounge





## The Problem of World Overpopulation

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I was reading recently that in several decades it will be almost impossible to feed the people in the world because of the tremendous anticipated increase in population. China will have 1.3 BILLION in a few decades. India will have almost a billion. Arabs and South Americans are reproducing at a rapid rate. There can be no question but that the world needs widespread methods of birth control and population control.

In response to these facts, many of our brightest and best college students have decided either not to have children or to limit the number of their children to one or two. If this intention is carried out, we will have a world highly peopled with children from poorly educated homes and underpopulated with children from advantaged homes. The solution to the world population problem unfortunately cannot come from those who already have limited their families to a reasonable number of children. The solution can only come if those who understand the problem are somehow able to influence the masses in countries like China, India, and the nations of South America and the Middle East. In other words, the limitations must obviously come at the bottom of the base and not at the narrow top. To limit overmuch the children of those best educated is to deprive the world of precisely those children that it needs most.

The Jews of America find themselves right in the midst of that small group which includes those best educated, and the Jews of America seem to be that part of the small group which seems most dedicated to helping to limit world population. Typically, Jews are idealistic. As a result of this kind of idealism (amongst other reasons), the Jewish birthrate is declining sharply at a time when the birthrate around the world is inclining sharply. In other words, the decline of the Jewish birthrate is having absolutely no effect on world population! It is not possible for Jews to save the world from overpopulation by going out of business.

It is time for young Jews to understand the peril in which they have placed the Jewish community of America. If it were not for the fact that Jews from all over the world are fleeing to America (things are bad in Argentina, for example), the Jewish population of America would already be in severe decline. The projection is that our population will be halved in several generations. Religious School registrations are declining steeply all around the country (even at Beth Am). We will wake up one day and find that there are no Jewish children, and that means the end of the Jewish saga, certainly in America.

The inability of young Jews to reproduce themselves is a sickness. It is sickness which comes from misdirected education (a little knowledge is a dangerous thing) and from the other major problem of our time, the pursuit of pleasure ("children interfere with our lifestyle"). Fortunately, Orthodox Jews don't seem to suffer from this sickness. They still know how to have children. Maybe the future of American Jewry is with the Orthodox. Maybe their will to survive is stronger than ours.

## "Big Band" Sound Back Again April 4th

Time to mark your calendars for another happy event. The "Big Band" sound of the 40's and 50's will be back again by popular demand, on Saturday, April 4th, in a concert co-sponsored by ourselves and P.A.C.E.

More details to follow!!

## Confirmation Retreat March 20-21

The 10th grade Confirmation Class is busily preparing for the March 20-21 Retreat at Camp Owaissa Bauer. Everyone that took part in the November Retreat found it to be a rewarding and enjoyable experience. Color photos of the class at work and play are in the glass case outside the Temple office. Make sure to see them. If you are part of the 10th grade Confirmation Class and missed out in November — please make certain you join us this time. We know you will be glad you did.

## Passover Workshops—March 25 and April 1

This year for the first time, we shall be providing two Passover Workshops. While the workshops are open to the entire congregation, parents of very small children or young people who are still without children are especially urged to attend.

The first session on March 25th will take place in the Social Hall and the Social Hall Kitchen. While the wives are cooking matzoh balls and other goodies, the husbands will be taught how to make haroset and maror, as well as how to perform the customs of searching for chametz and burning these chametz. Both men and women will also receive a full background on the history of Passover, as well as directions on how to prepare the home and the table for the Seder.

During the second session, on April 1st, there will be a drill in the use of the Haggadah and study of the songs which are sung for Pesach, as well as traditional cooking for the women, and for the men there will be a discussion of supplementary materials for use in making the Seder a creative event.

At the end of each workshop, the participants will partake of refreshments which will be the result of the cooking and the baking sessions which will take place each evening.

Since we will be ordering quantities of ingredients for the cooking sessions, as well as the Haggadot for Passover, please fill in the reservation blank below and return it to Rabbi Hoffman at the Temple Office.

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- We shall be attending both Passover Workshops.
- We shall be attending the first workshop on March 25th only.
- We shall be attending the second workshop on April 1st only.

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_  
(please print)

## "Ideas Through Books" Meeting Notice

- BOOK: "OF BLOOD AND HOPE", by Samuel Pisar
- REVIEWER: DR. HELEN FAGIN, Director of Judaic Studies, University of Miami
- DATES: \*\* PLEASE NOTE CHANGE IN DAYS:\*\*  
Wednesday, March 25th, 8:00 p.m.  
Friday, March 27, 9:30 a.m.
- PLACE: MORNING: Home of Beverly Robbins  
(Friday) 1140 S.W. 72 Avenue  
R.S.V.P. 238-1787, or Gail at Temple
- EVENING: Home of Sheila Golden  
(Wednesday) 9030 S.W. 59 St.  
R.S.V.P. 271-3776, or Gail at Temple

## B'nai Mitzvah

Saturday, March 21

9:15 a.m.



David, son of  
Mr. and Mrs. James Gordon

11:15 a.m.



Gregg Evan, son of  
Dr. and Mrs. Arthur Bassett



Lisa Sherri, daughter of  
Mr. and Mrs. Roy B. Grossman