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RABBI HERBERT M. BAUMGARD

"HOW TO ENJOY LIFE EVEN THOUGH YOU'RE JEWISH"

CONGREGATIONAL TORAH SERVICE, Sat. Oct. 1st, 11:15 a.m.

## Beth Am Commentator

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### Children Asked to Bring Canned Goods For South Florida's Hungry, Sept. 24, 25, 26

A large number of South Floridians, unemployed families, are eating very sparsely these days. Consequently our schools, Religious School and Day School are participating in a Hunger Drive. The food collected on this drive will be distributed by appropriate county authorities to the poor.

The Religious School children are asked to bring two (2) cans per child on September 24, 25 or 26. The Day School children will be asked to bring in their canned goods on September 26. Specific kinds of foods are requested. Lists as dictated by poverty agencies will be sent home with your child.

Later on in the year, we will conduct a drive for poor Jewish families specifically and different kinds of food will be requested (at Passover).

The Day School will send home specific instructions with its children.

### Simchat Torah Processional, Religious School Consecration, Wednesday, Sept. 28th at 7:30 PM

### Processional, Memorial Service and Day School Consecration, Thursday, Sept. 29th at 9:00 AM

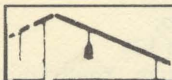
Simchat Torah, that wonderful holiday when we parade around the Sanctuary with the Torah, falls on Wednesday night, Sept. 28th, and continues until sundown on September 29th. Candles are lit in the home at the festive dinner on Wednesday night. The blessings will be found below.

Services will be held at the Temple on Wednesday night at 7:30 p.m. and on Thursday morning at 9:00 a.m. YIZKOR, OR MEMORIAL SERVICES, will be said at the morning service. The Torah Processional will be held at both the evening and the morning services.

On Simchat Torah, the cycle of reading the Torah is completed. To mark this event, two Torahs are read at the service; the "drama" is for the reader to end one Torah and to begin the second without taking a breath. This is done to show that there is never an end to the reading of the Torah. As the Talmud teaches, "Turn it and turn it, for everything is in it." (Traditional Jews observe Simchat Torah one day later.)

Whoever heard of a parade in a Sanctuary? Judaism has one. Come and join in the fun.

### CAMP COLEMAN APPLICATIONS FOR THE SUMMER OF 1984 ARE NOW AVAILABLE IN THE RABBI'S OFFICE



### The Committee of 100

The following new member families have volunteered to join "The Committee of 100" for the new year:

Stuart Gottlieb  
Martin Madorsky

The following members of "The Committee of 100" have rejoined for the new fiscal year:

Alan and Nancy Brooks  
Stanton and Elaine Freedman  
Leonard and Cydell Ivans  
Norman and Barbara Nash  
Charles and Sandra Simon

### Beth Am's Young Family League Presents

### "AT THE HOP"

Meet us in the Gym, October 22 at 8:00 p.m.  
Featuring

Disc. Jockey from Y-100, Continuous Music  
Games • Prizes • Subs • Beer on Tap

\$15.00 Donation per couple payable to Temple Beth Am

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

5950 North Kendall Drive, Miami, FL 33156  
Questions - call Jackie 387-2486 or Marcie 233-5533

### Home Ceremonies for Simchat Torah

When ushering in the holiday during the evening meal, it is customary to recite these blessings.

#### MOTHER KINDLES THE LIGHTS

Bah-ruch- Ah-tah Ah-don-ai El-loh-hay-noo Meh-lech Ha-oh-lahm Asher Ki-di-shah-noo B'mits-voh-tahv v'tsi-vah-nu L'hahd-lik Nare Shel Yom Tov.

(All together): We look upon these candles as the symbol of a courageous past and a glorious future. We understand that our task as Jews is to help bring the light of justice and peace into the world.

#### MOTHER SAYS:

Bah-ruch Ah-tah Ah-don-ai El-loh-ha-noo Meh-lech Ha-oh-lam Sheh-heh-che-yanu V'kee-mah-nu V'hee-gee-yanu La-Z'man Ha-zeh.

Blessed art Thou, O Lord our God, King of the Universe, who has kept us alive, sustained us and brought us to this season.

#### FATHER BLESSES THE WINE

Bah-ruch Ah-tah Ah-donai El-loh-hay-noo Meh-lech Ha-oh-lahm Boh-ray P'ree Hagafen.

Thanks be to you, Oh Lord Our God, King of the Universe, Author of Creation, whose spirit is present in the planted seed which produces these grapes and whose spirit moves mankind to noble deeds.

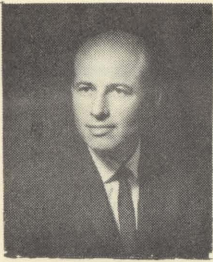
#### ALL BLESS THE BREAD (together)

Bah-ruch Ah-tah Ah-don-ai Eh-loh-hay-noo Mehlech Ha-oh-lahm Ha-moho see Leh-chem Min-Ha-ah-rets.

As we eat this food, may we be strengthened to help others not as fortunate as we are.

(Break a slice of bread and all eat from the same slice.)





FROM THE RABBI'S STUDY

This is part two of the excerpts from Rabbi Baumgard's High Holiday talk on Israel. Full copies of the talk are available from the Rabbi's office.

The problems within Israel today are the kinds of problems most nations have. There are the "haves" and the "have-nots". The "haves" are, for the most part, the early settlers and their descendents, most of whom came from Europe and who have tried to fashion the Israeli government after certain European democracies. The "have-nots" are those who came to modern Israel somewhat later and mostly from Arab countries. Their education has not been up to western standards and their ability to compete in the Israeli schools and professions has not been equal to the ability of more westernized Jews. Begin and his party have managed to convince the "have-nots", mostly Sefardim, that they will best represent their interests. Whether Begin's successors in the Likud Party can maintain this allegiance and be able to rule is not certain.

The curious fact in Israeli politics is that the Labor Party, originally an advocate of idealistic experiments in farms and villages, has been identified as the aristocratic party representing the "haves". Certainly the Labor Party, as the dominant force in Israel for these early decades, is guilty of developing a bureaucracy that is in need of revitalization. The party also suffers from a lack of charismatic leadership. Shimon Peres, its titular leader, is not popular even with the majority of the laborites.

Israel has some extremists, just as America has its extremists. Rabbi Meir Kahane, who was feared in America as the militaristic leader of the Jewish Defense League, has moved to Israel and leads a small group of fanatics there. As America has its John Birch society which would limit the rights of non-Christians and non-white Protestants, so Israel has an extremist religious group which wonders why the Arabs have the audacity to remain in a land obviously divinely ordained for Jews. These extremist groups will have to be closely marshalled and curtailed. They do the reputation of Israel no good and they make for increased hatred between Arabs and Jews. The great bulk of Israelis, however are looking for a peaceful settlement of the Arab-Israeli conflict, and the militants amongst the Israelis have suffered a dilution of their power since the casualties have mounted in Lebanon.

Some American Jews have reacted to the invasion of Lebanon and to their dislike of Begin by reducing their contributions to Israel through the Combined Jewish Appeal. That is like refusing to pay your taxes to America because you don't like the policy of a particular administration. I call this kind of reduced giving a cop-out. My wife and I have not reduced our giving. As critical as I have been of some of Begin's policies and techniques, we, like many others, have increased our giving this past year, and we intend to increase our giving this year. American Jews have to continue their substantial giving to Israel because the Israelis are part of our mishpacha. Any American Jew who is not a fool knows that but for historical accident, many more of us would be Israelis or in Nazi incinerators. After all what country other than Israel would freely accept Jews when we were trying to escape Hitler.

Israel still remains the haven for Jews who even today are under fire in an increasing number of countries around the world. It is still the land of miracles - the place where swamps were drained and the desert made to yield the treasure of fruit and vegetables. It is sad indeed that the Israelis have been forced to become expert at military ventures, but it ought to be clear that this has been their alternative to death in Europe or oppression by the Arabs. There ought to be no doubt in the mind of any American Jew as to his responsibility to help Israel stay afloat, and we ought always to remember that the

(Continued in Column Alongside)

High Holiday Dance Saturday, October 1st Temple Social Hall 8 p.m.

The Annual High Holiday Dance will be held on Saturday, October 1st, in the Social Hall at 8 p.m. There will be sumptuous catered cuisine, live band, and set-ups. The cost will be \$18 per couple for Temple members, \$25 per couple for non-members. Deadline for reservations is Sept. 28th. Reserve by calling Rhoda at 667-6667. A check with reservation will insure a place for you.

Temple Beth Am Concert Series Presents Marvis Martin, Sunday, October 9th at 4 p.m.

The Cultural Arts Committee of Temple Beth Am is proud to announce the first concert of a very exciting 4 concert season on Sunday afternoon October 9th at 4 p.m., in the Sanctuary. Miami soprano, Marvis Martin, who made her Metropolitan Opera debut this spring will appear with Willie Anthony Waters, as accompanist.

We are very fortunate to have Miss Martin with us. As a past member of the Temple Beth Am Choir, we know many of her Beth Am friends will want to attend and welcome her. General admission is \$8.00. Students & Senior Citizens \$4.00

New Mothers' Group Starts Sept. 28th

Are you a new mom, or a mom again, with a baby under eight months? Come to meet new friends, learn to enjoy your baby with less anxiety, and rap about the adjustments of the other members of your family. We hope this will be an ongoing expanding project under Beth Am's "Caring Program."

The group will meet four Wednesdays, in the morning, Sept. 28, Oct. 5, Oct. 12 and Oct. 19, from 10:15-11:30, in the Gym, and it will be led by a professional, Dorothy Rutchik, M.S.W. The fee will be \$20 for the series. Please call Diana Elson at 665-1958 to have your questions answered and to enroll.

8th and 9th Grade Youth Group News

8th Grade Youth Group:

- Sept. 27 - dinner meeting - 5:30 p.m. Room 28
Oct. 2 - mystery bus ride - 12:30 - 4:30
Oct. 14 - service dinner

9th Grade Youth Group:

- Sept. 26 - dinner meeting - 6 p.m. - Room 101
Sept. 30 - pot luck dinner and services, 7 p.m., Youth Lounge
All events subject to change. Call Adrienne at 284-6337 to R.S.V.P.

Community Blood Drive Set for November 6 in Temple Social Hall

Bar Mitzvah

Saturday, October 1

11:15 a.m.



Jonathan, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Colan

total amount raised by the CJA in behalf of Israel each year is less than the income that Saudi Arabia gets for one day's oil production. If our contributions help Israel to hold off its many enemies, those contributions are a small price indeed to pay for Israeli independence and Jewish survival.