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Looking For A Great Sleepaway Camp?

Camp Coleman in Northeast Georgia (just south of the North Carolina border) has been an extremely popular camp for Beth Am young people over the years. So many of our young people have gone there that Camp Coleman has sometimes been called "Camp Beth Am".

Rabbi Baumgard has encouraged our young people to go there from the beginning of the camp's history, and those who have gone have had a special kind of experience. The difference between Camp Coleman (the regional UAHC-Reform camp) and other camps is in the motivation of the counsellors. They are carefully picked from a super-abundance of applicants because of their caring nature.

Camp Coleman is located in an idyllic setting and has a large lake. It has everything other camps have plus - plus a special attitude and spirit. Young Rabbis from throughout the region spend tours of duty there during the summer to back-up the social and athletic counsellors. Swimming, hiking, tennis, baseball, basketball, side-trips, all are part of the format along with those extra things that only a Jewish oriented camp can provide.

Call 592-4792 for more information.

Soviet Jewry Rally February 26th at Dade County Courthouse

Members of the Temple are urged to join a rally in behalf of Soviet Jewry on the steps of the Dade County Courthouse (73 West Flagler) on Thursday, February 26th from 12 noon to 2 p.m. If you can't stay the whole time, make an appearance at lunch time.

Similar rallies will be held in major cities around the country at that time.

Special Service to Honor Selma Baumgard Feb. 27th

Mark the date on your calendar and come to a unique service honoring our retiring Rebbitzin, Selma Baumgard on Friday, February 27th, at 8:15 p.m. There will be special music by the Choir under her direction, and a special Oneg Shabbat with refreshments prepared by Temple members.

**Registration Now Open
For Beth Am Pre-School and Day School
2½ Years thru 6th Grade
For fall of 1987
Call School Office: 665-6228**

Adult Ed Courses Continue

Sisterhood Sponsors "The Five Scrolls" Starting February 25th

Temple Beth Am Sisterhood will sponsor a series of Wednesday morning Bible classes taught by Rabbi Schoolman on the theme, "THE FIVE SCROLLS." He will relate the books of Esther, Ruth, Lamentations, Ecclesiastes and Song of Songs to our lives today. These sessions will begin at 10 a.m. on four Wednesdays beginning on February 25th.

Jewish Life Cycle Ceremonies, 4 Weeks Starting March 4th

"Everything You Always Wanted to Know About Jewish Life Cycle Ceremonies," will be team taught by Dorothy Herman, long-time principal of our Religious School, and Rabbi Schoolman. The first session, on March 4, will deal with birth, circumcision, baby naming and other related issues. The second session on March 11 will deal with Bar Mitzvah, Confirmation and the Jewish education of your children. March 18 will be devoted to engagement, marriage and divorce. The final session on March 25 will be concerned with death, burial and mourning customs. Sessions begin at 8:00 p.m.

Temple Beth Am Concert Series

proudly presents

An Afternoon of Music for Children

with

Miami-Dade Community College Jazz Band

"Meet the Instruments of the Jazz Band"

John Georgini, Conductor • Professor Larry Zingale, Narrator

Artists • Audience Reception
Following the Concert

Sunday, March 1, 1987
4:00 - 5:00 p.m.

\$2.50 General Admission

Temple Beth Am Sanctuary

Concert Information: 667-6667 Temple Office • 665-6228 Temple Beth Am School

I will attend Temple Beth Am Children's Concert on March 1, 1987 at 4:00 p.m.

Student's Name _____ Age _____ Phone _____

Address _____ STREET _____ ZIP _____

School _____ Rm.No. _____

No. of Tickets at \$2.50 _____ Amount of Check _____ Date _____

Please make check payable to: Temple Beth Am Children's Concert, 5950 N. Kendall Dr., Miami, FL 33156



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Wanted - Bakers for March 20th

We need you to bake any finger cake or cookies for the Oneg Shabbat on March 20th when we will be honoring Rabbi Baumgard. Please call the Temple Office at 667-6667 and tell us what you will bake.

Attention Travel Agents

Rabbi and Mrs. Schoolman are planning a congregational trip to Israel for March of 1988. The outline for the trip is available from Gail Podell in the main office. We welcome bids from Travel Agents who are interested in handling the trip.

Wedding Congratulaton

Carolyn Levy to Gary Solomon, son of Joe and Marilyn
Patti Scheuer to Marc Silverman
Suzanne Kane, daughter of Arthur and Judith, to Harry Hollub, son of Marvin and Mimi
Sandra Schechter to Roberto Hequin, son of Leon and Regina
Karen Lindau, daughter of Warren and Suzi, to David Goldenberg
Amy Stein, daughter of Marilyn and Stan, to Gerard Ainsztein
Debbie Brockert to Alex Schreer, son of Sidney and Thelma
Karen Lanster, daughter of Sol and Helene, to Robert Zinn
Amy Brenner, daughter of Roscha, to Neal Schaecter
Lisa Graff, daughter of Harry and Ruth, to Brett Koven
Debbie Katz, daughter of Evan and Michelle, to Barry Hunter
Ginney Aibel, daughter of Harold and Ellie, to Steven Simon
Julie Kirshner, daughter of Jeanne and Sy, to Gary Indianer
Jeri Weintraub to Michael Stein son of Lennye Stein
Shelly Guberman, daughter of Rhoda, to Allen Preziosi
Lisa Berman, daughter of Richard and Leta, to Gary Philipson
Lisa Miller to Sandy Altman, son of Donald Altman and Ruth Altman

From the Rabbi's Study



Israel and the Arabs

In recent weeks there have been more and more hostages taken by the various Islamic factions in Lebanon. The snatchings have been aimed primarily at the United States and at Israel. The inference, with respect to Israel, is that if only the Israelis would give the PLO what it wants, there will be peace in the Middle-East.

Is it possible for Israel to give the PLO what it wants? The PLO charter, repeatedly affirmed by Arafat, contends that its object is to push the Israelis into the sea. The more sophisticated representatives of the PLO soften this to mean that they only want Israel to surrender its independence and become part of a larger Arab "democratic" state with an Arab majority. Jews already know what it is to live in an Islamic state as a minority. They have done that for over a thousand years. Many books have been written on the Islamic conviction that only "believers" are entitled to full citizenship and "democracy" for non-believers is the acceptance of a second-rate status which varies with the mood of the particular Arab ruler. Clearly the Israelis cannot give the PLO what it wants.

A very good book on the subject of Arab-Israeli relations was recently published, called "The Siege". It is written by an Irish diplomat who happens to be a distinguished historian. (I think the author's name is Connor Cruse). The book is available at your bookstore. The book gives the full record of Arab-Israeli relations including the good and the bad on both sides. At times you think the author is too hard on the Israelis, but his conclusion is that they have no alternative but to do pretty much what they are doing. In effect, he says that the Arabs have rejected every compromise and that they will never really accept an independent Jewish state.

With what is going on in the Middle-East, in Lebanon and between Iran and Iraq, for example, with the news of cruel Syrian suppression of anti-government groups in Syria, one can only conclude that Israel must stand its ground courageously. Of course, the extreme radicalism of Rabbi Kahane, Geula Cohen and her group only complicate an already difficult situation. Kahane and Cohen only prove that Jews too can be crazy.

I am sure that there are times, as now, when you wish that Israel was not so prominently in the news. At times we American Jews, far from the fighting lines, may think, "Why can't the Israelis give in a little". The sad truth is that giving in will not accomplish the peace the Israelis seek. When Israel ceded the Sinai to Egypt in the search for peace, Israel did what no nation has ever done before, give back territory won in battle in a trade for peace. Looking back on the Sadat offer, we can see that Egypt got the best of that deal and has given very little in return. Such generous grants on the part of Israel are the more difficult to make as the bargaining relates to territory in the Israeli front yard, so to speak. How close can you let someone come to you when he has sworn only to kill you and dispossess you?

Yes, we would like Israel off of the front pages and out of the newscasts, but so long as Israel refuses to surrender to the Arabs, her name will be news. In that sense, we must hope to hear a great deal about her.

Deadline for Camp Scholarship Funds March 3rd

Temple Beth Am is pleased every year to be able to make certain funds available to its members for the purpose of attending an approved UAHC camp.

Scholarships will be given primarily on the basis of financial and social need to benefit the largest number of children. Application forms should be submitted to the Temple Office no later than March 3rd. All information will be treated with the utmost of confidentiality. Applications are available from Cheryl in the Rabbi's office.

To Whom It May Concern: Jan. 28, 1987

I recently read in the Commentator about students of Rabbi Baumgard who were inspired to go into the rabbinate.

I would like to state, with pride, that Rabbi Baumgard had a major role in my entrance into the rabbinate. I was inspired with his intellect and with his commitment to the rabbinate. After many conversations with him, he convinced me to apply to rabbinical school, and I am delighted that he did. Although I was not officially enrolled and educated at Beth Am, I consider myself a student of Rabbi Baumgard, a man whom I greatly respect.

It's not necessary to print this in the Commentator. I just wanted it known what a terrific leader Rabbi Baumgard is to me.

B'Shalom,

*Gregory S. Marx, Rabbi
Temple Beth El, Boca Raton*

YOUNG JEWISH EXECUTIVE (male) needs room for rent. Call Hellene at 667-6667.

B'nai Mitzvah

February 21th

11:15 a.m.



Paul, son of
Mr. and Mrs. Byron Sharp



Larry, son of
Mr. and Mrs. Richard Skor