



RELIGIOUS SERVICE, Friday, February 15, 1980, 8:30 p.m.  
RABBI ERWIN HERMAN  
"THE BOAT PEOPLE"

TORAH SERVICE, Saturday, February 16, 1980, 11:15 p.m.

## Beth Am Commentator

February 15, 1980

Miami, Florida

### CHILDREN OF DIVORCE

#### A FOUR WEEK WORKSHOP FOR PARENTS

How do children at various ages respond to the divorce process? How do they adjust? What problems develop, and how can both parents work to overcome these problems and provide a loving environment in which the children can grow?

A four week workshop for parents involved in this process will be conducted at Beth Am on four Thursday evenings beginning February 21 in Room 26 at 8:00 p.m.

Lee Strassman, an instructor at Miami-Dade Community College and an experienced psychiatric social worker will conduct the workshop. A \$5 registration fee will be collected at the door. Call the Temple office to reserve a place.

### CULTS AND MISSIONARY MOVEMENTS

#### A FOUR WEEK COURSE BEGINNING MARCH 4

The Unification Church, the Zion Coptics, Hare Krishna ... these are some of the movements which attract a significant number of Jewish youth. Why?

Gary Eisenberg has spent much of his time the last few years studying these various groups, infiltrating some, counseling young people who have been involved with them. Mr. Eisenberg is the college coordinator of the Southeast Region of the U.A.H.C. He offers a course on Cults and Missionary Movements to our Confirmation class and now will offer a course for adults on four Tuesday evenings, beginning March 4, 8:00 p.m. in Room 26. Call the Temple office to reserve a place.

### Rabbi Herman Speaks on "Boat People" Friday, February 15th at Service

It is a privilege to announce that distinguished Rabbi Erwin Herman, longtime Regional Director of the Pacific Southwest Council/UAHC, and leading American Reform Rabbi, will occupy our pulpit to commemorate the beginning of the Vietnamese "Boat People" re-settlement program in the Greater Miami area. Rabbi Herman has served the UAHC and the Social Action Commission for 22 years and created the Regional Office in the Los Angeles area. Together with Rabbi Steven Jacobs of Temple Judea/Los Angeles, Rabbi Herman has developed a step-by-step program of "Boat People" re-settlement for temples and synagogues all over the United States. He and Rabbi Jacobs represented the Jewish people, the UAHC, and the United States at the Conference on Refugees sponsored by the United Nations in Geneva, Switzerland this past November. Rabbi Herman will address the issues and outline a program of participation for the Greater Miami temples.

### RELIGIOUS SCHOOL CALENDAR CHANGE

There will be school on the 16th and 17th of February. There will be no school on February 23rd and 24th.

### Congregational Breakfast, February 17th Discusses "Iran, Oil and Israel"

Not far from Israel is Iran. Not far from Israel, Iran is now the tinder box, ready to erupt, all because of the oil in the ground. Our next Brotherhood Breakfast Forum will address itself to the world's most troublesome spot and its relationship with Israel. "IRAN, OIL AND ISRAEL" will be the topic of discussion on Sunday morning, February 17, at 9:30 a.m., in the Youth Lounge. Speaker will be Mr. Itzhak Aloni of Tel Aviv, Israel. Mr. Aloni is the Jewish Agency representative in charge of the Israel Programs Office in Florida. He served in the Six Day War and the Yom Kippur War. At present he is also a member of the Israeli Military Reserves attached to the Engineering Corps. He has also been an advisor to the Israeli cabinet on drug-abuse in the Israeli ARMY. The press in the United States has written very little if anything about the implications of Israel and its relationship to the Iranian situation. If you want to focus in on that problem come to this Brotherhood breakfast and bring your own questions along.

Admission to this Brotherhood Breakfast Forum is \$1.50 for Brotherhood members and \$2.00 for non-members. Your friends and neighbors are also invited. All Brotherhood breakfast discussions are open to the ladies.

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### Body Health Course To Be Taught Four Tuesdays Beginning Feb. 19 - 8 To 9:30 P.M.

The adult Education Institute announces UNDERSTANDING YOURSELF THROUGH YOUR BODY, a four week course beginning Tuesday, February 19th, designed to help you use your body as a tool for self-awareness, stress reduction, and personal growth. The course description reads:

"As a participant, you will gain an introductory understanding of the body as a vehicle for communication.

"You will learn some of the techniques which will enable you to use your body to ease psychological and physical stress. Through the use of movement, you will learn to integrate the connection between the body and the mind."

Our instructor is Shira Baumgard, who has her Masters in Social Work, and is a dance/movement therapist who has taught this course throughout the city and gives workshops on the subject as well. She works as a dance movement therapist in several mental health facilities.

The course will continue on Tuesday evenings for 1½ hours each night for four weeks. There is a fee of \$20. Registration is limited to 20 people. (Wear anything comfortable for movement).

Make your check payable to "Temple Beth Am, Adult Education."



FROM THE RABBI'S STUDY

**Our Silver Anniversary**  
(Final column - part three)

Last week we talked about some of the aspects of the Temple program. A Temple does not live by buildings alone. On the contrary, Beth Am has succeeded in constructing so many buildings only because of the special soul of this congregation. We have tried to meet the needs of our members. Last week we spoke about our Religious School, our Day School, our Adult Ed program, our Hospital Visitation Corps and our Counselling program.

No less significant are our programs for Youth, Singles, Senior Citizens, Sisterhood and Brotherhood. And don't let's forget our Library and our Religious Services. How many congregations of which you know have a basketball league with a hundred youngsters participating regularly? How many have a dance program for seventh graders (our Cotillion) that is over-subscribed and has to run in two units? How many congregations have separate youth groups for eighth graders, ninth graders, and older high school children (our BAFTY)? How many congregations have a separate Family Service once a month and a separate Singles Service monthly? How many sponsor a Young Singles group and a group for mature Contemporaries?

No program of ours has been more successful than the extra-curricular singing group for young people directed by Harriet Potlock. Harriet has taken her youngsters to other congregations around the country and to Disney World. They have performed on T.V. and with the Florida Philharmonic.

Beth Am would never have been so successful without its wonderful Sisterhood. Selma Rappaport, its current president, is symbolic of its activities. She is omnipresent. At the recent international convention of our Reform congregations in Toronto, our Sisterhood received special awards for its contributions to the Reform Kibbutz in Israel and to the YES fund (the national Youth and Education fund of Sisterhood). The Judaic Shop and the Oneg Shabbats are just a few of the visible symbols of our Sisterhood.

Abe Eisenman is the reigning president of our Brotherhood which sponsors the Temple's monthly breakfast featuring discussions of local and national current events. The Brotherhood sponsors the Jewish Chataqua Society which makes it possible for hundreds of Rabbis to give courses on college campuses. The Brotherhood initiated and ran for many years our highly successful Blood Bank which makes it possible for your loved ones to get blood when they need it.

The Temple Library, dedicated in honor of Daniel and Fannie Serott, is the core of many activities. It has about 7,000 volumes with a high reading turnover. Margot Berman has been our chief librarian for many years and Rose Sobol is her capable assistant. Both young people and adults avail themselves of this beautiful and richly stacked facility. (Come in and browse around!).

We have left the Religious Services for last, because this aspect of Temple life is so obvious. Not many members of our Temple know that we average a thousand worshippers each week at our Friday and Saturday morning services. Over 125 B'nai Mitzvot (bar and bat mitzvah children) participate in our Shabbat services each year. The music at these services has been outstanding. Our Choir, conducted by Selma Baumgard, is exciting, and our soloist Joe Rubin and our organist Jim Bennet have added to the professional dimensions of our musical program.

It helps to have a good professional staff. Integrity has, I think, been the hallmark of those who have been with this Temple for many years, among them Selma Baumgard, Choir Director, Harriet Potlock, Director of Religious School music, David Stuart, as Administrator, Joan Schwartzman, as Assistant Administrator, Sima Lesser as Day School Director, Margot Berman and Rose Sobol in the Library, Rose Ashbes as Camp

**Nursery/Kindergarten/Day School  
Registration Open for Members**

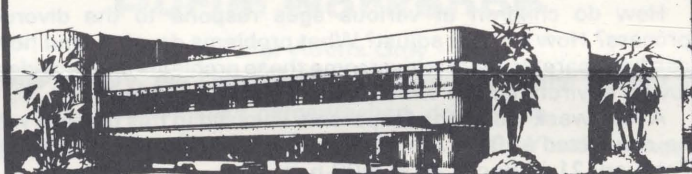
Registration in our Nursery/Kindergarten/Day School will be open for members from February 19 through March 17. We have several members already on a waiting list who will have priority for registration. If you are not on our waiting list and contemplate enrolling your child in our school for the next school year which starts in August of 1980, please call the school office, 665-6228 to obtain information. Space in the school is quite limited. Register early.

After March 17, registration will be open to the general public.

**Dedication of Learning Center**

Friday, February 22, 8:30 P.M.

Watch the Commentator for details



**ATTEND PURIM CARNIVAL,  
SUNDAY, MARCH 2**

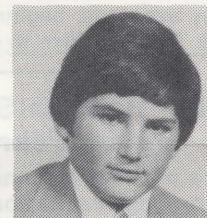
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Call Kathy (233-6436) for more information  
or to volunteer .. join the Hamentashen Bake  
Contest and the fun-run in advance!!**

*B'nai  
Mitzvah*

Saturday, February 16  
11:15 a.m.



Fred, son of  
Mr. and Mrs. Steve Karlinsky



Larry, son of  
Mr. and Mrs. Martin Shane

Director, and Dorothy Herman as Assistant to the Educator. Secretaries are sometimes the real reason a boss does so well. Jean Gillis has been Religious School Secretary for almost 15 years and Gloria Reynaud has handled Yahrzeit notices and mailed out your "Commentator" for as many years, along with other duties. Other more recent staff acquisitions are equally devoted and capable.

We have been fortunate to have an excellent Rabbinical staff over the years (Rabbis Chefitz, Weinblatt, Altman, Steinberg, Cook, and Davidow), but we have to be grateful also for an unusual succession of Presidents and lay officers. It has been said, "There is no greatness without audacity." If Beth Am is one of America's great congregations, it is because it has had laymen of vision who have responded courageously to every challenge and to every opportunity. We have much to be thankful for as we enter our 25th year.

## Learning Center Cash Drive

We would like to thank the congregants listed below who have participated in the cash drive for the Learning Center. This is in addition to those listed in previous weeks. The gifts are truly helpful and greatly appreciated.

Dr. Barry and Madeline Brand     Dr. Edward and Arlene Feller

## We Give Thanks...

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Sheila, Susan & David Seligman in memory of Harry Sokoloff  
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Mr. & Mrs. Bernard Skoke in memory of Liz Cole wife of Mr. Al Cole  
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### NURSERY/DAY SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Mr. & Mrs. R. Pearl in honor of Mrs. Ronit Chen  
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The Dr. E. Wasserman family in honor of Mrs. Barbara Bulbin for the Hebrew program on Jan. 11, 1980

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Mrs. Morris Basch in memory of Isidore Schlesinger  
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Steven & Susan Herman in memory of Jerry Steiner husband of Ruth Steiner  
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## RABBI CHEFITZ TEACHES "OFF THE WALL"

FOUR WEDNESDAYS BEGINNING MARCH 5

What do you do with a stray idea? Make a note? Put it on tape? Rabbi Chefitz sticks it on the wall. "Off the Wall" is the title of his latest and last course to be offered at Beth Am. Everything comes off the wall - all the mysterious gleanings that never quite developed into full courses. Bits and pieces of theology and texts, mystical notions and magical potions.

Four Wednesday evenings, beginning March 5, 8:00-10:00 p.m. in Room 26. Call the Temple office to reserve a place.

## Our 25th Purim Carnival To Have It All!

Sunday, March 2 - 11:00 A.M.

THE PURIM PARADE will take place in the Sanctuary, so come dressed up like your favorite Purim Story Character. Prizes will be given for the best judged costumes.

FABULOUS FOOD will be served by Brotherhood. There will be ROARING RIDES! Ponies, Crazy Cars, The Swing Ride, The Moon Walk, etc. will all be there for you!

RELAY RACES and that 8 A.M. PURIM RUN will be fun.

GAMES GALORE, in and out of booths, will keep you on the go. RABBIS BAUMGARD and CHEFITZ will be in the DUNKING BOOTH!! They'll be waiting for you!

RONALD THE CLOWN will be there selling 25th Anniversary colored balloons. You can get yourself painted up like a clown too...by a special clown-painter.

ADVANCE TICKET SALES are available through the Religious and Day Schools.

Ask your teacher about the POSTER CONTEST.

Call Kathy if you can donate a cake for the BAKE SALE or if you want space to sell your art or craft. (233-6436).

FORTUNE TELLING will be very popular. That booth will be run by the Contemporaries.

Remember, everyone will have a chance to win that lovable giant stuffed animal.

## Hamentash Bake Contest at Oneg, Fri., Feb. 29

On your way to the Sabbath Service on Friday, Feb. 29, drop off your home baked HAMENTASHEN at a special HAMENTASHEN TABLE in the Social Hall. Make sure your entry has your name on it. During the Oneg Shabbat, members of the Contemporaries, experienced taste-testers, will be the judges and determine who baked the winning recipe. The winner's recipe will then be printed in the *Commentator*. Call Kathy Revitz now and let her know you are entering the HAMENTASHEN BAKE CONTEST. Her number is 233-6436. NOTE: This contest is open to all ages, males and females.

## THANK YOU... THANK YOU... THANK YOU...

To all those people who helped in the preparation of our special Friday night service and Oneg Shabbat on February 1st. That Friday featured Rabbi Alexander Schindler, President of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations as our guest speaker. What a wonderful way to usher in our 25th Anniversary. Many thanks to all!

Rose Hirsch in memory of Sol Hirsch  
Lawrence & Florence Hyman in memory of Arthur Hyman  
Leo Levitt in memory of Evelyn Levitt  
William Palastrant in memory of Benjamin Palastrant  
The Office Staff in memory of Gloria Reynaud's mother  
Harold Rosenzweig in memory of Isidore Rosenzweig  
Dr. & Mrs. M. William Ross in memory of Harry Ross  
Ellie Ziegler in memory of beloved brother Wilber Bailis

### GENERAL FUND

Frances & Sidney Levine congratulations to Mr. & Mrs. Jack Groh on your anniversary

### TEENAGE BUILDING FUND

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**Purim Carnival "Haman Race" March 2**  
**Attention All Runners**  
 The Annual Purim Carnival is just around the corner—Sunday, March 2nd - mark your calendar now!  
 A new feature of our carnival will be the three mile catch "Haman Race." Prizes galore for the winners. Race will begin at 8:00 a.m. on Sunday morning in designated areas. Anyone can sign up by filling out the coupon below. Mail or bring your coupon in to the Temple office.

Attention: Dr. Stuart Leeds, Beth Am Purim Carnival "Haman Race"  
 I wish to participate in the "Haman Race" on Sunday, March 2nd, 1980.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Male  Female  Age \_\_\_\_\_

**Purim Workshop**

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