

February 20, 1981

RELIGIOUS SERVICE, Friday, February 20, 1981, 8:30 p.m.  
THE CONTEMPORARIES  
"LIVING" THE LATER YEARS!  
TORAH SERVICE, Saturday, February 21, 1981, 11:15 a.m.

## Beth Am Commentator

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### Gary Eisenberg To Speak On Wednesday, February 25, 11 A.M.

"Cults—What's Their Attraction To Our Children" is the topic to be discussed at Sisterhood's next Program/Luncheon on Wednesday, February 25 at 11 A.M. in the Social Hall. Gary Eisenberg is the featured speaker.

Gary Eisenberg, renowned both locally and nationally for his expertise on the subject of cults, is an Adolescent Therapist who has done "deprogramming" of young people involved with cults. He will tell us all about cults and the attraction they have to our children. A question period will follow his talk.

Plan now to be there. \$4.00 admission includes both the Program and Deliciously Catered Luncheon. PLEASE R.S.V.P. by calling in your name to Rhoda, 667-6667.

### Young Singles Celebrate Chinese New Year

The Calabash Club will welcome the year of the rooster with a gourmet Chinese dinner on Saturday evening, February 21. Members of the Young Singles Club will meet at the Far East Chinese Restaurant at 2624 Ponce de Leon Boulevard in Coral Gables at 8:30 P.M. Reservations are limited, so call now and reserve space. Call 667-6667 and join us for another great Calabash smash. The cost is only \$7.50 for members and \$9.00 for non-members. GUNG HAY FA CHOY.

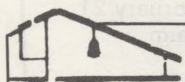
HAPPY NEW YEAR!

### Children's Art Exhibit March 6th!

On Friday evening, March 6th, after the 7:30 PM service, a display of the art work created by our children will be on hand to look at while munching the goodies at the oneg shabbat. The display will consist of many different art forms put together during the year by the children of the Day School as well as the week-end school.

Plan to be there—it will be an eye-opening treat!

### Register Now For Summer Program



#### The Committee of 100

The following family has volunteered to join The Committee of 100 for the current year:

Alan and Jo Ann Lederman

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

Michael Kerry

Lloyd and Marti Zand

### Contemporaries Creative Service February 20

Another first for the Contemporaries of Temple Beth Am! Following their annual shabbat dinner, at 6:00 PM on Friday, Feb. 20th, many members of the group will participate in the service following, at 8:30 PM, which they have written especially for this evening.

The congregation is cordially invited to attend what should be a most uplifting experience.

### "Building Your Child's Self Esteem"

For those of you who missed the first series which began in January, a second series of four discussion-lectures led by Nancy Kirsner, M.Ed., of Miami-Dade Community College will begin on Monday, February 23rd, at 12:15 in the Chapel. For more information on this very popular series, please contact Rabbi Hoffman. A \$5 enrollment check should be made out to Miami-Dade Community College and sent to the Temple Office as soon as possible.

### Havurah Retreat March 7th

Beginning at 12 Noon for early birds, and officially starting at 1 p.m. for those who are involved in Sunday school, the second Inter-Havurah event of the year - namely, a Shabbat Retreat will be held. All Havurah members are urged to enjoy the very special atmosphere which is engendered by Jewish fellowship in a camp setting and to participate in a very rich program of events for fun, for fellowship, and for the sake of learning something new about our Jewish identities. For any further information, please contact Rabbi Hoffman at the Temple Office.

### Book Review at Contemporaries Meeting March 1

At the monthly meeting on Sunday, March 1, The Contemporaries will have the book "A Nervous Splendor," by Frederick Morton, reviewed by Margot Berman, Temple Librarian. Meeting starts at 2 P.M., in the Youth Lounge.

A "first" was shared by many on February 20th, when a special service was presented by the Contemporaries, following their annual shabbat dinner. It was, indeed, a most memorable evening.

### Purim Carnival

Sunday, March 22nd

11:00 AM to 3:00 PM

At The Temple

Rides, Games, Food

Costumes, Marathon

Fun For All





FROM THE RABBI'S STUDY

## EACH HOME A BATTLEFIELD

In a time of quickly changing mores, each home becomes a battlefield. Those who hold to the old standards are placed in combat against those who are attracted to the new mores. We live in such a time. We who yielded respectfully to the standards of our parents are confronted with children encouraged to strike out for a different lifestyle.

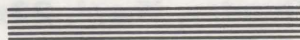
We must try to understand our children. They, like we, are victims of the new zeitgeist (the spirit of the age). How can our daughters not become sexual sirens when this is the ideal held up to them in every T.V. program and ad? How can our sons not become (or try to become) cool cats, when this is the way shown to them wherever they look. How can our children be interested in marriage, when so many of the old rewards of marriage are obtainable otherwise? How can our children be interested in having children, when none of their friends have children and when they themselves are so busy trying to establish themselves in careers? How can a couple get the inspiration to stay married when everyone else is getting a divorce? We have to try to understand those who get caught in the whirlpool. It is exceedingly difficult to remain outside of it.

And so our homes are a battleground. In my view, that is better than if we silently surrender to the new lifestyle. If we continue to fight for the old standards - sexual loyalty, marriage, children, grandchildren, respect for the future, responsibility, commitment - we will at least show our children that THERE IS ANOTHER OPTION. If we continue to live with integrity for those standards, our children will note that THERE IS ANOTHER OPTION. The greater tragedy is when the parents begin to adopt the new lifestyle, for then the children have no option. The swinging parent teaches his children, "This is the way to go, baby." Yes, it could be worse if there weren't at least a battle going on.

We Jews are especially involved in this battle, and our homes are most obviously the battlegrounds. This is true for several reasons. First, Jews have always been the most future oriented community, the most concerned with children and grandchildren, and therefore with marriage and loyalty. Secondly, in America we are for the most part members of the middle class, which means that we are living in the middle of the whirlpool. It is precisely the upward reaching middle class which is most affected by the churning chaos of modern America.

When I encourage Jewish parents to continue to wage the battle for the old values, I am not talking about a resort to violence or to hysteria. In spite of the difficulty of remaining calm when we are confronted with a challenge to all that we hold precious, we must try to understand what is happening to our children. We must continue to love them and to try to help them even when they seem to be turning their back on what we hold dear. *They may be playing what to them seems to be the only game in town.* I have good reason to suspect that many a young lady or man would like to get married to a "good" Jewish boy or girl and to have children, but there are few takers.

Our game plan has to be: 1) Hold fast. Maintain our way of life with integrity. Continue to teach what we think to be best. 2) Continue to hope. We must continue to believe in the possibilities inherent in our children. Many of them do survive the whirlpool. And one of the reasons they do is that you and I continue to be there as the port in the storm, as the light in the darkness.



## REGISTRATION FOR BETH AM DAY SCHOOL

Registration for Day School-Pre-school and Elementary Education Division now open to Members of Temple Beth Am. Registration priority for Members ends March 16. Spaces are very limited and the availability is on a first-come first-serve basis.

## BROTHERHOOD AWARD DINNER

For

### COACH SCHNELLENBERGER AND THE OUTSTANDING FOOTBALL PLAYER OF THE 1980 SEASON

Wednesday, March 4, 1981 . . . . Social Hall . . . . 7:00 P.M.

**BUFFET DINNER - \$4.00 PER PERSON**

Temple Beth Am Brotherhood will present the University of Miami a Permanent Trophy and a replica of the same to the outstanding Football Player of 1980. This will be an annual event. Reservations please - call Rhoda at the Temple office - 667-6667.

## JOAN'S JEMS . . . . . by Joan Schwartzman

Mazel tov to Simeon and Barbara Greenstein who have become parents for the first time. Their son Benjamin was born Dec. 26th..... much mazel to Lenny and Ronni Greenstein who have become grandparents for the first time..... Mazel tov to Kathy and Ron Revitz upon the birth of their second child, a daughter. Rachel Ann came into this world at a whopping 9 lb. 2 oz. Proud grandparents once again are Phil and Muriel Revitz..... Much good news about Jerry, son of Simon and Carol Lipsky. Jerry who is an ensign in the U.S. Navy and a recent graduate of University of Miami was personally appointed by Admiral Rickover to serve as a Nuclear Geophysicist to the United States Nuclear Submarine Program.... Mazel tov to one of our religious school aides, Stephanie Cohen. Stephanie is a Silver Knight nominee in the field of art..... Much good news. Mazel to Daniel and Judy Cowan upon the birth of their first child, a son. Matthew Jason, Matthew weighed a little over six pounds at birth. Proud grandparents are Harold and Shirley Cowan..... Barbara and Tom Powell are so proud of their son, Cadet Elisha Powell, who was awarded the Rusty Akerbloom award by the USAF Academy Club of South Fla. Elisha was named as the outstanding cadet from the S. Fla. region. Other honors include outstanding achievement in both academic and military skills. He is also a member of the Jewish Academy choir which performs all over the U.S. ....

## "Ideas Through Books" Meeting Notice

- BOOK:** "A NERVOUS SPLENDOR," by Frederic Morton. Available in paperback and in the public libraries.
- REVIEWER:** MARGOT BERMAN, Temple Librarian
- DATE:** Thursday, February 26, 9:30 a.m. and 8:00 p.m.
- PLACE:** **Morning:** Home of Kay and Dr. Seymour Leopold 11040 S.W. 73 Court R.S.V.P. 665-4714, or Gail at Temple
- Evening:** Home of Blanch and Dr. Phillip Brass 13600 S.W. 72 Ave. R.S.V.P. 238-6687, or Gail at Temple

B'Nai Mitzvah

Saturday, February 21  
11:15 a.m.



Scott Richard, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Clein



Sherri, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Fried