

February 19, 1982

RELIGIOUS SERVICE, Friday, February 19, 1982, 8:15 p.m.

CONTEMPORARIES CREATIVE SERVICE

"GENERATION TO GENERATION"

TORAH SERVICE, Saturday, February 20th, 11:15 p.m.

# Beth Am Commentator

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## Adult Education Begins Second Session of Winter Term February 22

Beginning on Monday evening February 22 Prof. Robert Sandler of the English Department of the University of Miami will start his second course in Adult Education on "Critical Issues in Jewish Life Today".

Departing from the straight lecture approach, Dr. Sandler will involve his students in a discussion of such topics as Jewish Education, Jewish Family Life, Intermarriage, the Synagogue, and Israel.

The course will meet for five successive Monday evenings, skipping only Monday evening, March 8, which is the eve of Purim and on which there will be a Magillah reading service in the sanctuary. The course thus runs from February 22 through March 29 with the exception of March 8.

### Jewish History

Continuing on Tuesday evenings will be Prof. Donald Michelson of Miami Dade Community College in his extremely successful and popular series on Jewish History.

The period of the Kings and the Prophets will be the main focus of Prof. Michelson's second winter session which will meet for five Tuesdays, from February 23 to March 23.

On five Wednesdays beginning February 24, there will be "More Hebrew, Continued" presented by Mrs. Lenore Kipper for those students who took "Hebrew From Scratch" and then followed up with the second Hebrew course during the first session of the winter term.

### Family Education

A new feature of our Adult Education Program will be a series of four Wednesday meetings on the subject of "Surviving Divorce" led by a panel of four outstanding psychiatrists, Dr. Howard Golden, Dr. Harry Graff, Dr. Elaine Needell, and Dr. Morton Notarius. This series which will be led by the entire panel of all four psychiatrists each of the four Wednesdays from February 24 to March 24, skipping March 17, will deal with topics such as those factors which lead to divorce, the experience of divorce itself, and the reintegration which needs to take place after divorce.

Continuing every Thursday will be Shira Baumgard's "Israeli Dance for Everyone".

All of the above mentioned courses begin at 7:30 p.m. Professors Sandler and Michelson will meet their courses in the Youth Lounge, Mrs. Kipper will meet her group in Room 24 of the Teenage Building, the panel of psychiatrists will meet their courses in the Youth Lounge and Shira Baumgard meets her dance group in the Social Hall.

## Temple Beth Am Brotherhood Meeting Wed., Feb. 17, 1982, 8 p.m., in Youth Lounge

Agenda includes plans for Football Awards Dinner, selection of a nominating committee, plans for Purim Carnival, Committee reports and progress of Awards Dinner. Refreshments will be served.

## Contemporaries Service Friday February 19

On Friday evening, February 19 at 8:15 p.m. a group of approximately fifteen members of our temple's senior citizens organization known as the "Contemporaries" will conduct the Sabbath service.

Utilizing materials culled from other Jewish inspirational sources as well as materials originally created for this service, the Contemporaries will focus on the theme "Generation to Generation". It is the purpose of this Friday evening's service to stress the importance of the linkage between the generations which must be strengthened if Judaism is to survive.

Dr. Samuel Goldstein who has written his own sermon will be the preacher for the evening and the other members of the group, carefully guided by Rabbi Hoffman, Evelyn Goodman and Selma Rappaport will serve as readers for the evening.

All members of the congregation are invited to attend the worship service and participate in the Oneg Shabbat in the Social Hall immediately following.

Check Your Camp Brochure

Register Early For Summer Camp

Sunday  
March 7th

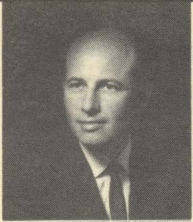
PURIM CARNIVAL

11 am to 4 pm

Costume Contest, Games,  
Rides, Prizes, Food







## FROM THE RABBI'S STUDY

### THE "JEWS FOR JESUS" ARE COMING

I have received word from a Christian friend that his church is being asked to provide lodging and hospitality for a group of "Jews for Jesus" invading Miami from San Francisco. In other words, your children may expect a sharp increase in contact with propagators of the Jews for Jesus viewpoint in the near future.

The techniques of this group are similar to the approaches of other missionary groups. Indeed, in spite of denials to the contrary, we have learned that the "Jews for Jesus" groups are well financed by certain Christian missionary groups. The workers for Jews for Jesus will approach your child in a most friendly fashion and start talking about the PRIDE of being Jewish. The worker will then try to find out what your child is unhappy about. He/she will then zero in on your child's weakness and say that he/she has the solution for that unhappiness. There will then be a reference to one or two sentences in our Bible, that, according to their interpretation, offers the solution to your child's problem. The susceptibility of a Jewish child to this kind of approach depends basically on his/her sense of personal worth. The less secure child can be easily led by those who seem to have some special information, especially if the missionary says he is going to make your child a better (i.e. "fulfilled") Jew.

After arousing the interest of your child, the Jews for Jesus worker will then invite your child to a meeting. When the child goes to the meeting, everyone turns to him and greets him/her as if the child were a long lost friend. Phone calls follow and progressively the child is involved in a group relationship. What usually captivates the susceptible child is the chance to be involved in a group, the feeling of being wanted. What the child does not know is that he/she is "wanted" as a collector's item.

#### What Can You Do?

How can a parent help the child to feel good enough about his/her Jewishness and personal worth that the child can resist this kind of missionary activity? First of all, the parent has to establish a warm and meaningful family relationship. Where the child feels wanted in his/her family, where the child feels loved, where there is friendly give and take in discussion, where there is time spent together, the child tends to feel secure. When the child does Jewish things with his/her parents, like attending Synagogue with some frequency, sharing Shabbat meals and rituals, sharing fun-filled Passover Seders and Chanukah parties, the child is not likely to feel the need to turn to other rituals and celebrations.

It is important for the child to have some information about Judaism. We recommend that you ask my office for the mimeographed material, "Know How To Answer", parts I and II, and for the recent Rabbi's Column, "Why Can't Jews Accept Jesus?" (Commentator, January 15). This material should be *discussed* between parents and children (after the parents have read it and mastered it.). Information is important, but information alone is not the answer. Even more important is that the child feel that he/she is a loved member of a JEWISH home.

#### Be A Total Woman!

Why be known as someone's "Better-Half", when you can Be A Total Woman!

Come to Sisterhood's Workshop on the 4th Wednesday of March and April and hear our stimulating speakers discuss the ROLE of the WOMAN in today's society.

Our May 19th session will be 'capped' by a Mother-Daughter Luncheon.

Watch future bulletins for these announcements - and please plan to attend.!

## News from BAFTY

This is certainly a busy season for BAFTY! On February 20 (Saturday) we are having a skating party. Check with Hope Tieman (665-9162) for more details. ALSO an important correction, the February 27th dance is not at Beth Am, but in Tampa. A group from BAFTY will be going up, check with Rabbi Goldstein for more information.

### News From the Ninth Grade Youth Group

Last Friday evening the NNGYG had a great Shabbat Dinner and Mixer. Everyone who came had a wonderful time and is looking forward to our next one. Our next event will be the Purim Carnival, March 7. Watch the Commentator for details. Also, don't forget to save March 20th. The Ninth Grade Youth Group is planning an all day outing at Camp Owaissa Bauer.

### Eighth Grade Youth Group to have Maccabian Games

On Sunday, February 21st at 1:00 p.m. the EGYG will be having an exciting full day of athletics (all kinds of events). At 4:00 p.m. this group will begin the evening program, which will consist of dinner, awarding of prizes and a movie. THIS FRIDAY EVENING the EGYG will be helping serve at the CONTEMPORARIES Shabbat dinner. This is an important EGYG event, and is a true example of the CONTEMPORARIES' theme for the evening "From Generation to Generation." Don't miss out on any of the EGYG's important activities.

### Social Action Forum, Wed., Feb. 24th at Temple Israel

Al Vorspan, Vice President of the U.A.H.C. and Director of the National Commission of Social Action, will preside over a Social Action Forum in South Florida.

Wednesday, February 24, 1982 - Temple Israel of Greater Miami, 137 N.E. 19 St., 573-5900 - 12:00 - 2:00 P.M. Lunch will be served at a cost of \$2.50 per person. Please R.S.V.P. to the Regional Office at 540-4553.

Mr. Vorspan will speak on national concerns and the U.A.H.C.'s position on many issues. He will also direct his remarks to our local South Florida problems.

### TRADITION

A traditional Shabbot Dinner is being offered by the Contemporaries of Temple Beth Am on Friday, February 19th, at 6 P.M. in the Social Hall, for the nominal cost of \$7.00 for members - \$8.00 for others. Reservations are taken on a first come basis! Call Ann Berent 667-9449 or Sara Wedner 595-5054. Dinner will be followed by an original service created by the Contemporaries under the chairmanship of Dr. Sam Goldstein. It's going to be an evening worthy of your presence. (Even Tevya would approve . . .) TRADITION.

B'NOT B'NOT MITZVAH Saturday, February 20



Jennifer, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Eugene Cuba

11:15 a.m.



Marlo, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Bernard Harrison