

FAMILY WORSHIP SERVICE, Friday, November 1, 1985, 7:30 p.m.

Rabbi James L. Simon

"GETTING READY FOR CHANUKAH"

CONGREGATIONAL TORAH SERVICE

Saturday, November 2nd, 11:15 a.m.

Torah Portion: Vayayrah, Gen. 18:1-22:24

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### Warner-Arky Caring Program Presents

#### "Coping with Cancer" Discussion November 6th

"Coping with Cancer" explores the importance of self-healing meditation, nutrition, effective medical treatment and, of course, prayer. Join us as we share ways to live with cancer. Our panel will consist of a cancer specialist, Dr. Mark Oren; a nutritionist, Ronni Korschun; and a cancer patient, Susan Korschun. No reservations necessary; **November 6th from 7:30 - 9:00 p.m. in Room 101 of the Learning Center.**

#### Get The Spirit! Create A Menorah!

Our annual Chanukah Menorah Contest provides a wonderful opportunity to bring the spirit of Chanukah fun to each family. Use whatever materials you have - soap, wood, metal, fabric, clay, etc. - combine these with creativity, originality and bring the finished product to the Religious School Office by Monday, December 2nd.

All entries will receive a ribbon. Prizes will be awarded in the following categories: Preschool-Kindergarten; 1st-3rd grades; 4th-6th grades; 7th-10th grades. Children must do a significant part of the work. Special consideration will be given to entries created totally by the children. (Don't delay - Enter now).

#### D.A.T.I.O. Book Fair November 7th

Our annual Day School Book Fair will be held in the Youth Lounge on Thursday night, November 7th, from 6:30 - 9:00 p.m. We will also be selling books on Thursday, November 7th from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. "A Likely Story" will be supplying our books. Come do your Chanukah shopping. All members of the Temple are welcome!

#### Camp Coleman Applications Available

Applications for the 1986 season at our Regional Camp are now available in the Rabbis' office. Enrollment reached an all time high in 1985 and applications for next summer are already being received. Camp Coleman will again offer two 4 week sessions and one 8 week session for boys and girls between the ages of 7 - 15 years. In addition to the outstanding Judaic and Recreation offerings, Camp Coleman also has special instruction in Horseback Riding and Computers. Enroll your child early in order that he/she get the session of first choice. Call the Camp office - 592-4792 - if you have specific questions.

#### Young Family League Chanukah Dance, Dec. 7th

Gary and Barbara Cohen, Chair of our Young Family League invite all to a festive Chanukah Dance to be held in our Social Hall on Saturday evening at 7:30 p.m.

Enjoy music, dancing and good eats for only \$15.00 per couple. Reservations please.

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Check for \$ \_\_\_\_\_ enclosed.  
Name \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Please return to Young Family League, Temple Beth Am 5950 North Kendall Drive, Miami, Florida 33156. Att.: The Gary Cohen's.

#### TEMPLE BETH AM SISTERHOOD PRESENTS ART AUCTION & COLLECTORS CORNER

Saturday Evening, November 9th, 1985  
Champagne Preview 8 p.m., Auction 9 p.m.

Admission Free

Your Friends Are Cordially Invited

Refreshments \* Door Prize

In Suchman Hall

#### Birthday Blessings at Family Service November 1st

Parents are urged to call in the names of their children to the Temple office if they celebrate their birthdays during the month of November. Bring your child to the Family Service this Friday night, November 1st, at 7:30 p.m. for their special blessing.

#### Doctor and Rabbi Discuss the Abortion

#### Question at Breakfast Forum on Sunday, Nov. 17th

"WHAT I WOULD TELL THE SUPREME COURT ABOUT ABORTION" will be the topic of discussion at the next Brotherhood Breakfast Forum on Sunday morning, Nov. 17th, at 9:30 a.m. in the Youth Lounge. Participants will be:

Dr. Felix Estrada, nationally known neo-natologist  
Rabbi Mark Kram, Hillel Director at University of Miami  
Evelyn Goodman, Beth Am President, will be the Moderator.

This discussion stems from the rehearing petition filed before the U.S. Supreme Court requesting them to alter their 1964 opinion on abortion which has been the law of the land since then. The present administration, with the assistance of many Conservative groups in the country, desire to deliberalize the Court's abortion ruling as it stands now. The speakers will attempt to thrash out the pros and cons of this complex question with the audience reacting as the justices of the Court. It should be a discussion of great interest and, perhaps, great enlightenment.

Admission to this all-you-can-eat Brotherhood Breakfast Forum will be \$3 for Brotherhood members and \$3.50 for non-members. All are invited.

#### Nov. 24th is Blood Bank Sunday at Beth Am

This is an invitation to join the most prestigious group in the world. You are invited to become a lifesaver - a human being with compassion.

The South Florida Blood Service mobile unit will be at our Youth Lounge on Sunday, Nov. 24th, between 8 a.m. and 2 p.m. Call Sydell Oltchick at 251-3183.

Come have a lovely breakfast served by our Brotherhood and possibly win one of our fabulous door prizes.





## FROM THE RABBI'S STUDY

**"Do You Believe  
In Miracles?"**  
(Part One)

*(The following is an excerpt from the Rosh Hashanah sermon. The entire sermon is available from the Rabbi's Office.)*

Let us talk for a moment about the miracle of birth, human birth. Is it the product of a deviation from the natural order as created by God, or is it the direct result of the process that God has created and which He still feeds with His power? Recently, I saw a movie which describes the en utero process of a child's birth. Through this movie you can follow the development of the child from the moment of the woman's impregnation. First, you see the live semen seeking out the egg to fertilize it. You are witness to the extreme difficulty the semen has in reaching the egg. The chances of the semen reaching the egg are minuscule, so God has provided that there are countless numbers of live sperm, only one of which succeeds in reaching the egg. Then you see the fertilized egg subdivide, and the long and miraculous process of subdivision of cells and development begins. From the one cell many cells are formed, each identical to the other; and yet, somewhere down the line, the identical cells, with the same potential to be anything else, begin to form specific parts of the child's body. Some cells become the arm, some the leg, some the finger nails, some the hair, some the eye, the ear, the tongue, the sexual organs.

How do these cells know which part of the body is assigned to them? How do they know how to convert the specific program or potential which exists within them? Who or what gives the signal for the cells to become active and differentiated? It is a miracle or series of miracles which no one understands as yet, and still it is an orderly process, so orderly that it seldom fails. In time, as we all know, the eye is able to see, the ears are able to hear, the tongue is able to speak, and the mind is able to think. A thousand miracles are contained in one tiny cell at the beginning. Is this not proof enough of a Master-planner! What need have I to believe that God is revealed only in the deviations from nature? It is the **order** of nature which proves God best!

The growth of a child in the mother's womb is a miraculous process of evolution. It would not be more of a miracle if the child were born instantaneously, or if it were made out of a lump of clay. Indeed, as one observes the evolutionary process within the mother's womb, one wonders how it is possible that when there are so many opportunities for things to go wrong, in the overwhelming majority of cases, they go amazingly well. So in the birth of a child, there is not one miracle, but an endless stream of miracles.

The miracle of life, as Judaism presents it, is that God created a process capable of reproducing itself. The Bible tells us that God created seed, "zo-ray-ah zeh-rah" capable of reproducing itself. You and I are able to participate in the miracle of procreation because God, in His infinite wisdom and love, created us with the potential to be fruitful both in ourselves and with the potential to help control the processes of nature.

The most religious moment in my life was when I beheld our first child to whose life I had made the smallest contribution. Beholding that child, I thanked God with every aspect of my being for enabling me to share in the creative process. How much more thrilling must the birthing process be for a woman. She after all is the vessel through which the miraculous growth comes to fruition.



## COME AND ENJOY

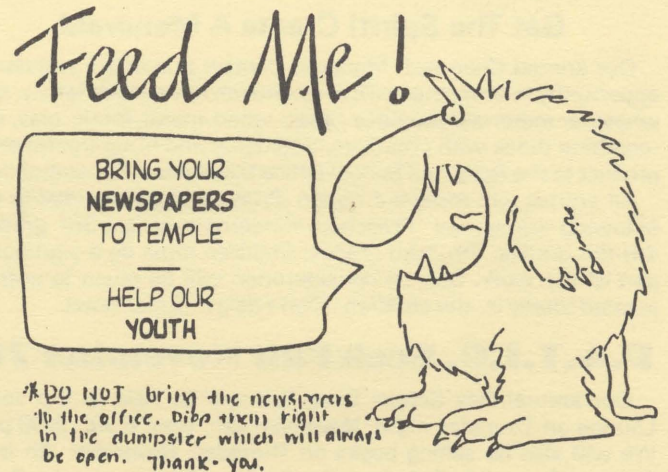
## ISRAELI DANCE

**Beginning November 13,  
Wednesday at 8:00 p.m.  
in the Youth Lounge**

Instructors: Shira Baumgard & Yusi Yanich  
This is a fun time for adults looking for  
a congenial evening with nice people.

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## Give Your Green Stamps To Sisterhood

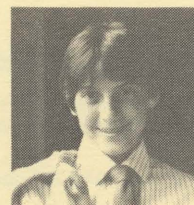
Do your S & H green stamps from Publix seem to multiply? Are they taking over your house? CALL STAMP BUSTERS!

Sisterhood can turn those green stamps into greenbacks and use that money for worthwhile projects such as the Mitzvah Fund (assisting temple families with life cycle celebrations). Bring your stamp books to Rhoda in the temple office.

B'nai Mitzvah

Saturday, November 2

11:15 a.m.



Adam, son of  
Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Levin



Michael, son of  
Dr. and Mrs. Steven Krischer