

FAMILY WORSHIP SERVICE Friday, December 5, 1986, 7:30 p.m.

Rabbi Leonard A. Schoolman

"BROTHERS"

CONGREGATIONAL TORAH SERVICE

Saturday, December 6th, 9:15 & 11:15 a.m.

# Beth Am Commentator

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## Calendar for December, 1986

BAFTY meeting ..... Mon. Dec. 1, 6 p.m., Youth Lounge  
 "International Terrorism" ..... Tue. Dec. 2, 7:30 p.m., Youth Lounge  
 Holiday Workshop ..... Tue. Dec. 2, 7:30 p.m., Social Hall  
 "Basic Judaism" ..... Wed. Dec. 3, 7:30 p.m., Room 28  
 and 2 weeks thereafter  
 Chanukah Workshop ..... Wed. Dec. 3, 9 a.m., Social Hall  
 "Continuing Hebrew" ..... Wed. Dec. 3, 7:30 p.m., Room 24  
 Family Worship Service ..... Fri. Dec. 5, 7:30 p.m.  
 Confirmation Retreat ..... Fri. Dec. 5, Camp Owaissa Bauer  
 Congregational Torah Svce. .... Sat. Dec. 6, 9:15 & 11:15 a.m.  
 Long Time Members Reunion ..... Sat. Dec. 6, 7:30 p.m., Social Hall  
 Contemporaries Meeting ..... Sun. Dec. 7, 2 p.m., Social Hall  
 Children's Concert ..... Sun. Dec. 7, 4 p.m., Sanctuary  
 Troubadours singing ..... Sun. Dec. 7, Sunrise Club  
 Kindergarten Parents Coffee ..... Tue. Dec. 9, 9:15 a.m., Rm. 101  
 "Ideas Thru Books" ..... Wed. Dec. 10, away  
 Youth Group Creative Svce. .... Fri. Dec. 12, 8:15 p.m.  
 Congregational Torah Svce. .... Sat. Dec. 13, 11:15 a.m.  
 Concert, Steinhardt ..... Sun. Dec. 14, 7:30 p.m.  
 P.A.T.I.O. Brunch ..... Sun. Dec. 14, Signature Gardens  
 Beth Americans singing ..... Mon. Dec. 15, Burdines  
 Temple Board meeting ..... Tue. Dec. 16, 7:30 p.m., Rm. 101  
 Sisterhood Chanukah meeting ..... Wed. Dec. 17, 10 a.m., Social Hall  
 Religious Service ..... Fri. Dec. 19, 8:15 p.m.  
 Congregational Torah Svce. .... Sat. Dec. 20, 9:15 & 11:15 a.m.  
 Brotherhood Breakfast Forum ..... Sun. Dec. 21, 9:30 a.m., Youth Lge.  
 WINTER BREAK - DEC. 20 THROUGH JAN. 4TH - NO SCHOOLS  
 --- LEGAL HOLIDAY THURSDAY DEC. 25 --- OFFICE CLOSED  
 Candlelight Service and ..... Fri. Dec. 26, **8:00 p.m. (Note Time)**  
 Chanukah Festival  
 Congregational Torah Svce. .... Sat. Dec. 27, 9:15 & 11:15 a.m.  
 First Day of Chanukah ..... Saturday, December 27th

## Singing Groups News

The Beth Americans will be performing at Family Services on Friday, December 5th at 7:30 p.m. The group will also be singing at the Dadeland Burdines on December 15th at 7 o'clock.

The New Generation group will be performing at Federation Towers on Miami Beach on December 14th and The Troubadours will be singing at the Sunrise Club on December 14th. **All three of these wonderful groups will be performing at our Chanukah Festival on December 26, 1986.** Don't miss this chance to see these talented young people perform.

### Chanukah Menorah Contest Deadline Dec. 15th

The Annual Family Chanukah Menorah Contest is one of Temple Beth Am's most unique traditions. Each year families create daring and delightful entries. Entries will be judged by experts on the basis of originality, appearance, beauty, and creativity. Prizes will be offered in four categories: Pre-School through Kindergarten, 1st-3rd, 4th-6th, and 7th-10th. All entries will receive a prize.

Deadline is Monday, December 15th. Menorahs will be on display at Friday Shabbat services December 19th. **Contest open to all Temple members.**

**Dec. 15th Deadline For Your Ad  
 For The Commemorative Journal**



## "An Evening of Music"

with

**Arnold Steinhardt, violin and viola**

**Victor Steinhardt, piano**

**Sunday, December 14th, at 7:30 p.m.**

A founding member of the world famous Guarneri String Quartet, Mr. Steinhardt is making a rare violin/viola recital at Beth Am. Don't miss this unique opportunity!

General Admission: \$10

Students & Seniors: \$5

## Birthday Blessings at Family Services Dec. 5th

Parents are urged to call in the names of their children to the Temple office if they celebrate their birthdays during the month of December. Bring your children to the Family Service this Friday night, December 5th, at 7:30 p.m. for their special blessing.

## LAST CALL!!

**Old Friends - Good Food -  
 Great Music - Memories**

**DEC. 6TH LONG TIME MEMBERS REUNION**

If you joined the Temple between 1955 and 1966, you are cordially invited to join in the festivities on Dec. 6th.

We'll be remembering the good old days with some of the old skits (with the original cast members) which are sure to evoke wonderful memories. There will be delicious food from Senter & Chess Caterers, an open bar and we'll dance to the music of the New World Band.

There's no time to waste, so send in your check now for \$75 per couple. Please mark "Reunion" on your check. Call Selma at 284-9981 or Syd at 251-3183 to reserve.



## The Committee of 100

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

Michael and Valerie Katz

The following member families have volunteered to rejoin the "Committee of 100" for the current year:

Steven and Linda Brown

Elliot Dinnerstein

Sylvia Pawliger



*Jewish Ideas*

**FROM THE RABBI'S STUDY**

**YOUTH GROUP NEWS**



**Basic Jewish Ideas**

While Judaism is the evolving and changing religious expression of the Jewish people, Jews have always believed a basic core in all ages. Certainly, the core of our belief as understood by Reform Judaism is as follows:

1. GOD IS ONE — that is, there is one plan and purpose for the universe; there are no conflicting wills; no good god competing with a devil; nor are there greater and lesser gods or divine beings.

2. THE NATURE OF THIS GOD IS TO BE UNDERSTOOD IN TERMS OF CREATION, LAW, JUSTICE, MERCY, FORGIVENESS, LOVE — that is, He is not blind force, acting on sudden whim, nor is He angry and punitive (this understanding of the nature of God evolved over thousands of years and is open to new insights). God is not to be understood in terms of human powers or definitions and is beyond man's full comprehension.

3. THERE IS A TORAH, A MORAL LAW, UNDERGIRDING THE UNIVERSE, AND MAN'S HAPPINESS AND THE STABILITY OF SOCIETY DEPEND ON THE LEARNING AND OBSERVANCE OF THE LAW.

4. A MAN'S RELIGIOSITY IS TO BE DEDUCED FROM HIS ACTIONS, NOT FROM HIS STATED BELIEFS. (CONDUCT, NOT PROFESSED FAITH, IS THE CRITICAL MATTER).

5. MAN IS BORN WITH THE POTENTIAL TO BE GOOD OR EVIL DEPENDING UPON HIS OWN CHOICE TO FOLLOW THE MORAL LAW. He is not born in "original sin," nor need he be mystically or miraculously "saved" from this "sin." Hence, the notion of the growth and improvement in the character of man by creating the good society becomes possible.

6. THE WORLD IS THE CENTER OF MAN'S EXISTENCE. Whatever the "world to come" may be, man must correct the evil in this world. "It is not incumbent upon him to finish the task, but neither is he free to neglect it."

7. MEN MUST STRIVE TOWARDS A MESSIANIC DAY, WHEN ALL MEN SHALL LIVE IN PEACE AND HARMONY. There is a meaningful future ahead which men must strive to achieve with God's help. There is a part of the Messiah in all of us, and we must bring the pieces together to create "God's Kingdom."

8. MAN IS A CO-PARTNER WITH GOD IN THE CREATION THAT KNOWS NO END. God frequently relies on man to serve as His agent, and man must understand his responsibility. "Where there are no men . . . be thou the man."

9. JEWS ARE BOUND TO GOD IN A SPECIAL COVENANT OR AGREEMENT. Since they were the first to proclaim the idea of one God and one mankind, since they were the first to proclaim the moral law, they have a special responsibility to be exemplary in character and to teach these ideas, by example, to the world.

**BAFTY Creative Service** - On December 12, BAFTY will present a service on Soviet Jewry at 8:15 p.m. Anyone interested in participating please call Ilene at 667-6667 or 279-2819.

We will also hold a general dinner meeting on the 15th, be attending a GMFTY dance in Hollywood on the 20th and SEFTY Winter Regional in Atlanta the 24th - 28th. Any and all 9-12 graders are invited to join us for fun and travel. For more info please call Ilene at the numbers above or Julie at 387-0860.

**7th/8th Grade Youth Group** - Anyone interested in attending a Hanukkah Dance at Temple Solel in Hollywood on December 13, please contact Ilene at 667-6667 or 279-2819.

**5th/6th Grade Youth Group** - We hope that everyone got a nice taste of Winter during our "Celebrate Winter" ice-skating event. All 46 who went had a good time.

Our next event will be a Hanukkah party on December 14 at the Temple. We will be in the Youth Lounge from 12:00 -3:00 and encourage everyone to come and join us for Hanukkah fun. RSVP to Ilene at 667-6667 or 279-2819.

**December Youth Group Calendar**

- 12 Soviet Jewry Service by BAFTY 8:15 p.m.
- 13 7/8 Grade Hanukkah Dance in Hollywood at Temple Solel
- 14 5/6 Grade Hanukkah Party, 12:00 - 3:00 p.m. in the Youth Lounge
- 15 BAFTY General Meeting, 6:00 p.m. Youth Lounge
- 20 GMFTY Hanukkah Dance at Temple Solel in Hollywood
- 24-28 SEFTY Winter Regional Convention in Atlanta.

For information on any of the above please call Ilene at 667-6667 (Temple) or 279-2819 (home).

**Sisterhood's "Ideas Thru Books" Meeting Notice**

**BOOK:** "THE KORAN" - the bible of Islam. Come and learn; you may be surprised.



**DATE:** WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 10, 1986  
9:30 a.m. for coffee and  
7:30 p.m. for dessert

**REVIEWER:** PROF. HELEN FAGIN will lead the discussion

**PLACE:** MORNING:  
Home of Kay and Dr. Seymour Leopold  
11040 SW 73 Court  
R.S.V.P.: 665-4174, or Gail at 667-6667

EVENING:  
Home of Heather and Dr. Max Millard  
6630 SW 71 Lane  
R.S.V.P.: 661-9815, or Gail at Temple.

Remember, we have changed our meeting days to Wednesdays.

B'Nai Mitzvah		Saturday, December 6	
		9:15 a.m.	
		Amy Perl, daughter of Mrs. Ilene Auerbach and Mr. William Perl	
		11:15 a.m.	
			
James, son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard A. Blom		Aimee Reingold, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Mark Lotterman	

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