



TEMPLE EMANU-EL Bulletin

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Wednesday, November 10 3 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.
Annual Blood Drive

A final reminder about our annual drive to support New York Blood Center. Don't miss this chance to save a life. Donors must present photo ID with proof of age (between 17 and 75). Enter at 10 E. 66th Street. Dinner will be served. Call (212) 744-1400, ext. 215.

Saturday, November 13 10:30 a.m.
Worship Service for Families

Join Student Rabbi Howard Goldsmith for a participatory family Shabbat service. Come worship in a relaxed atmosphere with youth-friendly prayers and music. Dress is casual. A light brunch will be served afterwards. This service is appropriate for children in first grade and higher accompanied by their families. Enter through the Cassell Community House lobby, One East 65th Street. RSVP to (212) 744-1400, ext. 501.

Sunday, November 14 5 p.m.
Moshe Halbertal: Idolatry and Mistake

Dr. Moshe Halbertal, world-renowned scholar and thinker, presents the final segment in his three-part lecture series sponsored by the Skirball Center for Adult Jewish Learning at Temple Emanu-El. To register, call (212) 507-9580 or log on to the Skirball Web site at www.adultjewishlearning.org.

Monday, November 15 6:30 p.m.
**Thou Shalt Remember:
Reception With Alvin R. Corwin**

Temple members and their guests are invited to this special evening with Alvin R. Corwin, a former liberation officer in charge of six displaced persons camps in Germany; he continues to work as a Holocaust survivor advocate. Cost is \$20 per person. Call (212) 744-1400, ext. 250 for details.

Weekly Torah Study With Rabbi Philip Hiat

ADULT
EDUCATION

Talmud classes will resume this year with the continuation of the *Tractate Megillah* (Babylonian), sponsored jointly by the Men's Club of Congregation Emanu-El and the Brotherhood of Central Synagogue. Found in the Mishna Section 5 of *Moed*, the tractate deals with holidays, special times and the early structure of the traditional prayer book.



The class is open to all, and new participants are welcome to join. Classes meet Wednesdays from November through June. For details, call (212) 744-1400, ext. 250.

SABBATH SERVICES

Friday evening, November 12
Main Sanctuary

Organ Recital—5 p.m.
Sabbath Eve Service—5:15 p.m.
WQXR Radio (96.3 FM) and Internet
(www.wqxr.com) broadcasts—5:30 p.m.

Saturday morning, November 13
Women's Auxiliary Lounge

Torah Study—9:15 a.m.

Main Sanctuary

Service—10:30 a.m.
Torah Portion—Toledos
Readings—Genesis 25:19-28:9
Malachi 1:1-2:7

Rabbi David M. Posner preaching

EVENTS (CONTINUED)

Tuesday, November 16 8:30 a.m.
Men's Club: Reading Group

We will continue our discussion of *Don Quixote* by Miguel de Cervantes, as translated by Edith Grossman. Call the Men's Club at (212) 744-1400, ext. 250 for more information.

Tuesday, November 16 10:30 a.m.
Coffee With Tamara Kreinin

The Women's Auxiliary invites its members and their guests to a discussion with Tamara Kreinin, co-author of *Girls' Night Out*, a book that addresses the activities and adventures of diverse women's groups from across the country. Ms. Kreinin will sign copies of her book. Refreshments will be served.



RSVP to (212) 744-1400, ext. 235 by Friday, November 12.

PULPIT FLOWERS

Pulpit flowers at Sabbath worship services this weekend are the generous donation of our congregants:

Nancy Schnell, Robert Forman and Rebecca Forman in honor of *Ryan Lee Forman* becoming a Bar Mitzvah

Mary L. Fleur in loving memory of her brother, *Robert Thomas Schwartz*

Judie and Howard Ganek in loving memory of their father, *Reuben Goldstein*

Eve, Jeffrey and Mitchell Haberman in loving memory of *Maurice Haberman*

Richard H. M. and Gail Lowe Maidman in loving memory of *Shirley Cohen*, and in honor of Shirley's great-granddaughter and their granddaughter, *Beatrice Rose*, becoming a Bas Mitzvah

Charles S. Salomon
The Universal Funeral Chapel
1076 Madison Avenue (212) 753-5300
Our service is available in the Temple, home, or our Chapel.

TO BE NOTED

Our Temple and the Union for Reform Judaism

Many of our Temple members will remember the Union of American Hebrew Congregations when it stood at 838 Fifth Avenue, right across the street from Temple Emanu-El. Several years ago, the UAHC moved to 633 Third Avenue and altered its name to the more current phraseology, the "Union for Reform Judaism."

The URJ was established in 1873 by Rabbi Isaac Mayer Wise to serve as the organizational vehicle for all Reform Jewish congregations in America. Today, it is the largest such organization of synagogues, numbering approximately 1,500—of which Temple Emanu-El is one. Throughout the history of the URJ, many distinguished Temple Emanu-El members have served on its board.

Thus, it is with great pride that we note the election of our distinguished member Neil Cooper to the board of the URJ. Neil has been a member of Temple Emanu-El since 1978, when he was an undergraduate at Columbia. He is married to Juliet Simon Cooper, who is passionately active in the Young Families of Emanu-El. They have three daughters—Elizabeth, Alexandra and Anna, all students of our nursery and religious schools. We wish Neil a hearty Mazal Tov.

B'NEI MITZVAH

The following students of our Religious School will become B'nei Mitzvah this weekend:

Molly Kaplan Krueger, daughter of Meg Kaplan and Dr. Richard Krueger

Brett Alexander Savaglio, son of Amy Rosenblum and Ted Savaglio

Ryan Lee Forman, son of Nancy Schnell and Robert Forman

We are grateful for their sponsorship of Friday evening's Oneg Shabbat.

The Cemeteries of Congregation Emanu-El
Salem Fields and Beth-El

A limited number of above-ground crypts are available in our community mausoleum. For information, please call Dr. Mark W. Weisstuch at the Temple Office, (212) 744-1400.

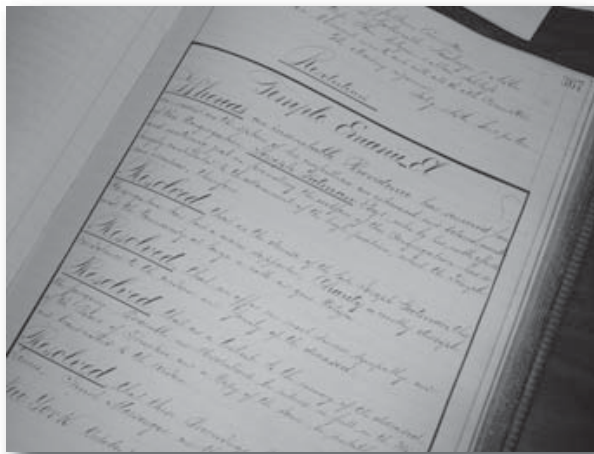
FROM THE ARCHIVES: EARLY DAYS AT EMANU-EL

Among the many wonderful treasures in our Temple archives are the minute books from the earliest days of Emanu-El's origin. In keeping with the Temple's roots, entries from the first years, starting in 1845, were recorded in German. Nearly a decade later, both German and English were used, with a German entry on the left page and a direct English translation on the right. And by 1868, a full transition to English record keeping was completed.

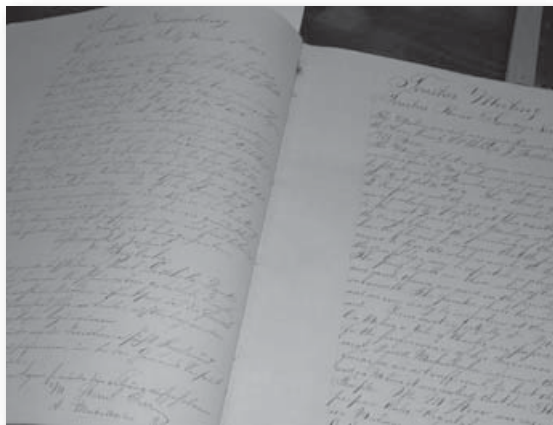
During the early years, regular meetings as well as special meetings were held at board members' homes, with the host's name and the meeting date recorded in the text. Many of today's Temple members can trace their ancestry to the names that appear in these early ledgers. Meeting minutes documented marriages, deaths and the number of burials. They also included an accounting of expenses—such as 13 tons of coal at \$6.50 per ton in 1868, the quarterly salary of

\$1,500 for Rev. Dr. Adler (our second rabbi, who served from 1857–1891), and contents of the Temple charity box summing \$31.40 at the October 8, 1868 meeting.

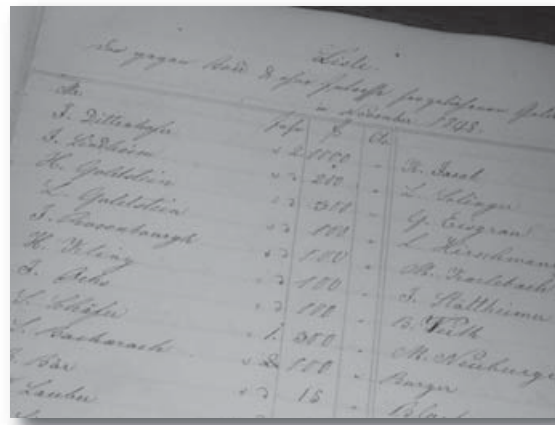
Minute books also documented various resolutions adopted by board members, including a decision to charge nonmembers a fee of \$150 to use the Temple for weddings (members paid only \$10) or the need to wait 48 hours before conducting a funeral to prevent the possibility of burying someone alive. Some decisions would forever alter the course of services at Temple Emanu-El, such as that by members of the Ritual Committee at their December 14, 1868, meeting which states, "On recommendation, it was resolved that we are of the opinion that the time has arrived to have some portion of our public worship in the English language."



More than just a recording of facts, Temple Emanu-El's minute books are a work of art.



German on the left, English on the right



Member donations from November 1848



AROUND THE TEMPLE

Musical Mixer

Members of the choir and music department mingled with members of the Temple Emanu-El Music Committee, rabbinic leaders and administrative staff at a special reception held in the Leventritt Room.



The reception also served as an opportunity to thank three individuals—cantorial soloist Judy Pannill, former assistant organist Scott Warren and choir member Trudy Wallace—for their dedicated service.



We offer our thanks to Mrs. Jeanne S. Theodore, chairwoman of the committee, for hosting the event.



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