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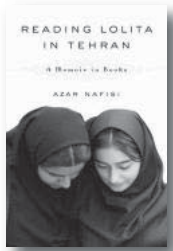
October 22, 2004

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Friday, November 5 6:15 p.m.  
**Young Families:  
Intergenerational Tot Shabbat**

Preschoolers and their families are invited to join us for a special Sabbath service in Greenwald Hall geared toward our youngest members, followed by a traditional Sabbath dinner, and arts and crafts. Please enter through the Marvin and Elisabeth Cassell Community House lobby, One East 65<sup>th</sup> Street. RSVP by Thursday, November 4 to (212) 744-1400, ext. 242.

Tuesday, November 9 12:30 p.m.  
**Women's Auxiliary: Book Group**



Rabbi Amy Ehrlich will lead our discussion of *Reading Lolita in Tehran*, written by Azar Nafisi and published in paperback by Random House. Feel free to bring your lunch; coffee and cookies will be available. RSVP by Tuesday, November 2 to (212) 744-1400, ext. 235.

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

Don't miss this chance to save a life—one pint of blood can help up to five people. In order to qualify for donation, volunteers must:

- Be between the ages of 17 and 75
- Weigh at least 110 pounds
- Be in good health
- Not be a donor within the last 56 days



In addition, you must present photo identification with proof of age. Donors should enter at 10 East 66<sup>th</sup> Street. Dinner will be served. Questions? Call (212) 744-1400, ext. 215.

Tuesday, October 26  
10:30 a.m.  
**Museum of Jewish Heritage**

WOMEN'S  
AUXILIARY

Women's Auxiliary members and their guests are invited to a docent-led tour of the exhibitions "New York: City of Refuge" and "Ours to Fight For: American Jews in the Second World War." The cost is \$45, which includes lunch in the new Morgenthau Wing Dining Room. Call the Women's Auxiliary at (212) 744-1400, ext. 235 for directions to the museum or to arrange car service (at an additional fee).



## SABBATH SERVICES

**Friday evening, October 29  
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, October 30  
Women's Auxiliary Lounge**

Torah Study—9:15 a.m.

**Main Sanctuary**

Service—10:30 a.m.  
Torah Portion—Vayera  
Readings—Genesis 18:1-22:24  
II Kings 4:1-37

**Rabbi David M. Posner preaching**

## PULPIT FLOWERS

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

In loving memory of  
*Saul Bernstein*

Ann and Robert Freedman  
in loving memory of *Hilda Fertig*

Eleanor Ressler in memory of  
her beloved husband, *Dr. Charles Ressler*

## B'NEI MITZVAH

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

*Maxwell Alexander Frank*, son of  
Alma and Dr. David Frank

*Zachary Evan Libes*, son of  
Deborah and Dr. Richard Libes

*Frederick George Adler*, son of  
Catherine and Fred Adler

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

*For more information about sponsoring Pulpit Flowers or an Oneg Shabbat, contact Sherry Nehmer at [snehmer@emanuelnyc.org](mailto:snehmer@emanuelnyc.org) or (212) 744-1440, ext. 312.*

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.

Charles S. Salomon

The Universal Funeral Chapel

1076 Madison Avenue (212) 753-5300

Our service is available in the Temple, home, or our Chapel.

## WORKING TOGETHER: EMANU-EL VOLUNTEERS PLAY IMPORTANT

Visiting artists' studios, commissioning contemporary Jewish ceremonial art, studying Jewish art and history with leading experts, educating adult and school groups, organizing exhibitions, planning special events—These are all activities that have engaged a dedicated cadre of Temple Emanu-El volunteers to serve as Museum Advisory Committee members, docents and curatorial assistants at the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion (HUC-JIR) Museum in New York.

Founded by Reva Godlove Kirschberg, of blessed memory, the HUC-JIR Museum thrives under the committed leadership of Frances A. Hess, Susan Malloy, Jocelyn Chait, Phyllis Cohen, Suzette Acar and Barbara Deane, who serve on the Museum Advisory Committee. Frances Hess, Tamie Laurance Goldstine, Cecelia Hauptman and Jocelyn Chait also are dedicated docents, welcoming groups and visitors from



*Frances Hess*

*Julie Spodek on site at the HUC-JIR Museum*



# ROLE AT HUC-JIR MUSEUM



**Text and photos courtesy of  
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Hebrew Union College-  
Jewish Institute of Religion**



**Cecelia Hauptman in the HUC-JIR Museum  
alongside a painting from the current exhibit  
Archie Rand: The 19 Diaspora Paintings**

around the world, including an annual visit by the Women's Auxiliary of Temple Emanu-El. Julie Spodek and Judy Becker are devoted curatorial assistants, who coordinate review of artists' works and proposals, maintenance of the Museum's collections, installation of exhibitions and research.

**R**ecognized as the premier venue in New York for the presentation of contemporary art exploring Jewish identity and themes, the HUC-JIR Museum has mounted seminal shows for emerging artists; landmark exhibitions establishing new directions for contemporary Jewish ceremonial art; group shows reflecting new interpretations of Biblical text; cutting-edge exhibitions illuminating the Holocaust and Jewish history; career surveys of celebrated artists; and exhibitions of significant



**Tamie  
Laurance  
Goldstine**

private collections reflecting Jewish consciousness. As a university art museum seeking to build interfaith and multi-ethnic understanding, the HUC-JIR Museum serves as a vital resource for the training of students preparing for careers of Jewish communal leadership



**Jocelyn Chait**



**Judy Becker**

and invites the public to explore Jewish values, history, culture and contemporary creativity. The Museum's Living in the Moment Gallery offers, for sale, unique and limited edition works of contemporary Jewish ceremonial art by internationally recognized artists.

**Temple Emanu-El's volunteers invite you to visit the HUC-JIR Museum, located at One West Fourth Street, between Broadway and Mercer Street. To arrange for a tour or for information about volunteer opportunities, please call (212) 824-2205.**

**Susan Malloy (left) with HUC-JIR Museum  
Curator Laura Kruger**



## UPCOMING EVENTS (CONTINUED)

**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 after the service. This service is appropriate for children in first grade and higher accompanied by their families. Enter through the Cassell Community House lobby, One East 65<sup>th</sup> Street. *RSVP to (212) 744-1400, ext. 501.*

**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, who will speak on the topic *Thou Shalt Remember*.

As a captain in the U.S. Army, Mr. Corwin served as a liberation officer in charge of six displaced persons camps in Germany; he continues to work as a Holocaust survivor advocate. Coinciding with the commemoration of Kristallnacht, this is a timely program in the fight against anti-Semitism. *Call the Men's Club at (212) 744-1400, ext. 250 for details.*



**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, president and CEO of the Sexuality Information and Education Council of the United States. Ms. Kreinin also is co-author of *Girls' Night Out*, a book that addresses the activities and adventures of diverse women's groups from across America. Coffee and refreshments will be served. *RSVP to (212) 744-1400, ext. 235 by Friday, November 12.*

**Wednesday, November 17** **9:30 a.m.**

**Sunday, November 21** **9:15 a.m.**

**Young Families: Storytime in the Library**

Temple Librarian Elizabeth Stabler will read stories about Thanksgiving from our wonderful collection of children's books. Storytime is for preschoolers (from age 2½) accompanied by a parent or guardian. *All attendees must preregister by calling (212) 744-1400, ext. 362.*

**Friday, November 19** **5:15 p.m.**

**Religious School: Sabbath Service and Dinner**

Join us for Sabbath services in the Main Sanctuary, followed by dinner at 6 p.m. All Religious School students and their families—as well as extended family and friends—are invited to attend. Students in grades three and four are invited to participate in the Shabbat dinner blessings. The cost is \$25 per person. *Call (212) 744-1440, ext. 226 for more information.*

**EXHIBIT  
EXTENDED**

### **Roman Vishniac: Remember the Days of Old**

As a result of overwhelming interest, the exhibition of photos by Roman Vishniac currently on display at the Herbert and Eileen Bernard Museum of Judaica has been extended through the end of the year. Museum hours are Sunday through Thursday from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Admission is free.

**Call ext. 259 for more information.**

**YOUTH  
GROUPS**

### **Mark these upcoming dates on your calendars:**

- Sunday, November 7  
Senior Youth Group meeting
- Sunday, November 14  
TeensGiving (grades seven through 12)
- Saturday, November 20  
Chanukah party (grades five and six)

**Call Rabbi Gold at ext. 204 for details.**

## REFLECTIONS ON THE HIGH HOLY DAYS

### Population Statistics

Since Rosh Hashonah, many members of the Temple have called Rabbi Posner both at his study and at home to review the population statistics mentioned in his sermon on that day.

For everyone's convenience, it is with pleasure that we reprint them:

There are 13.6 million Jews in a world today of 6.4 billion people. This means that one-fifth of 1 percent of the world's population is Jewish. Thirty-three percent of the world's population is comprised of Christians of all denominations; 19.6 percent is Muslim; 13.4 percent is Hindu; 5.9 percent is Buddhist; and an estimated 2.5 percent is atheist.

According to the Roman census taken in the year 48 C.E., during the reign of Emperor Claudius, there were 80 million inhabitants of the Roman empire—or what was the known civilized world. A full 10 percent was Jewish—8 million people.

But, by the 10<sup>th</sup> century, and with a larger world's population, there were no more than 1.5 million Jews. By the middle of the 19<sup>th</sup> century, only 4.75 million Jews were alive in the world.

Of that number, 72 percent lived in Eastern Europe, 14 percent in Western Europe and 1.5 percent in America.

Such have been the numerical vicissitudes of Jewish life.

### Internet Greetings From Web Listeners

Happy holidays from New Orleans!

Our services were cancelled due to the hurricane threat. I began searching the Internet this morning for services and found you.

I am very grateful for your broadcast.

— *Dr. Michael Wilensky*

Thank you so much for your Internet Kol Nidre service, which I listened to from my tiny farming village in the south of France.

— *Richard Z. Chesnoff*

I found myself alone tonight until I found your [Web] site. I greatly appreciate your broadcast of the Yom Kippur service.

— *Fred Orkin*

### PRESENTING

## Moshe Halbertal

Idoltry and  
Representation

Sunday, Oct. 24 5 PM

Idoltry and Politics

Sunday, Nov. 7 5 PM

Idoltry and Mistake

Sunday, Nov. 14 5 PM



**Dr. Moshe Halbertal is a world-renowned scholar and thinker. He is a professor of Jewish thought and philosophy at the Hebrew University and a fellow at the Shalom Hartman Institute.**

This program was made possible by a generous grant from the Schwarz Family Foundation/ Jeffrey and Wendy Schwarz.

For more information or to register, call (212) 507-9580 or log on to our Web site at [www.adultjewishlearning.org](http://www.adultjewishlearning.org).

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## NEW AT THE BERNARD MUSEUM

In Iraqi and Indian communities and among some Sephardim, the Torah scroll is housed within a case called a *tik*. Scholars generally have dated this custom to 10<sup>th</sup> century Iraq. The Torah is read directly from the *tik*, which is placed upright on the reader's desk.

This Torah case was commissioned for a Baghdadi congregation in Calcutta, India.

A Hebrew inscription notes the date of dedication as 20 Nissan 5651 (April 28, 1891).

It was made in a workshop in China as part of the late 19<sup>th</sup> century Chinese export silver

**This *tik* was given to Herbert C. Bernard in honor of his 90<sup>th</sup> birthday, April 28, 2002, by his children, Lewis W. Bernard and Migs Woodside. It is on view in the museum.**

### **TORAH CASE (*TIK*) with finials (*Rimmonim*), pointer (*Yad*) and scroll**

**China, 1891  
Silver, copper, gilt**

trade. The form is typical of the Baghdadi Jewish community. The brownish leather Sefer Torah inside is also a typical Iraqi convention. The combination of aspects—Indian usage, Chinese origin, Iraqi forms—make this an exquisite example of the cultural confluence of the 19<sup>th</sup> century Jewish world.



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