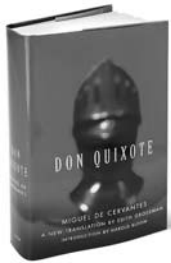


# TEMPLE EMANU-EL Bulletin

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## UPCOMING EVENTS



Tuesday, October 12 8:30 a.m.  
**Men's Club Reading Group**  
Our first discussion of the new season will be about *Don Quixote* by Miguel de Cervantes, as translated by Edith Grossman. Please confirm your attendance by calling (212) 744-1400, ext. 362.

## END OF SUCCOS

**SHEMINI ATZERES-SIMCHAS TORAH**  
Wednesday evening, October 6  
Main Sanctuary—5:30 p.m.

Thursday morning, October 7  
Main Sanctuary—10:30 p.m.  
Rabbi Amy B. Ehrlich preaching  
Memorial Service

## SABBATH SERVICES

Friday evening, October 8  
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 9  
Women's Auxiliary Lounge  
Torah Study—9:15 a.m.  
Main Sanctuary  
Service—10:30 a.m.  
Torah Portion—Bereshis  
Readings—Genesis 1:1-6:8  
Isaiah 42:5-43:11  
Rabbi David M. Posner preaching

## FALL SEMESTER OPENING

The Skirball Center for Adult Jewish Learning at Temple Emanu-El announces its expanded, fourth Fall Semester, beginning October 12 and running through mid-December. Forty distinct courses will be offered, each meeting once per week for eight consecutive weeks.

One special "first" this year is the launching of a three-year *Iyun*

certificate program, which offers serious students the chance to join a "community of learning." Students pursue intensive Jewish studies through intellectual and experiential learning, completing 12 eight-week courses over six semesters to qualify for the certificate.



The Skirball Center's programs are open to the entire community and is a distinct source of pride for members of Temple Emanu-El. **To register for fall classes, log on to [www.adultjewishlearning.org](http://www.adultjewishlearning.org) or call (212) 507-9580.**

SKIRBALL  
CORNER

## PULPIT FLOWERS

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

Lauren, Mark, Julie,  
Ari and Reid Bloom in honor of  
*Taylor Bloom* becoming a Bas Mitzvah

Richard H.M. and Gail Lowe Maidman  
in loving memory of Gail's mother,  
*Jeanette Marmott Lowe*

Virginia and Benjamin Sadock  
in loving memory of  
*Fred Alcott*

## EVENTS (CONTINUED)

Sunday, October 10 5:30 p.m.

### **Youth Group Kick-off Dinner**

Students in grades five and six are invited to meet at Tony's Di Napoli, 1606 Second Avenue (between 83<sup>rd</sup> and 84<sup>th</sup> streets).

The event is free. RSVP to Arin Frome at (917) 886-2722 or [fromearin@hotmail.com](mailto:fromearin@hotmail.com)

NEW  
DATE

Wednesday, October 20 9:30 a.m.

Sunday, October 24 9:15 a.m.

### **Young Families: Storytime**

Temple Librarian Elizabeth Stabler will read about "Kindness to Animals" from our wonderful collection of children's books.

Storytime is for preschoolers (from age 2½) with a parent. All attendees must preregister by calling (212) 744-1400, ext. 362.

Tuesday, October 26 10:30 a.m.

### **Museum of Jewish Heritage**

Women's Auxiliary members 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" at the Museum of Jewish Heritage. The cost is \$45, which includes lunch. Checks must be delivered to the Women's Auxiliary office by Monday, October 11.

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

## B'NEI MITZVAH

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

*James Morris Rucinski*, son of  
Nancy Brenner and James Rucinski

*Becca Stone*, daughter of  
Thatcher A. Stone and Andrea C. Stone

*Taylor Leigh Bloom*, daughter of  
Lauren and Mark Bloom

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

## TO BE NOTED

### **Deadline: Youth Group Retreat**

Senior Youth Group members who want to participate in the fall *Kallah* sponsored by the North American Federation of Temple Youth—New York Area Region (NFTY-NAR) should contact Rabbi Nadia Gold **IMMEDIATELY**. This program will be held Friday, October 8 through Monday, October 11 in Warwick, N.Y. Call (212) 744-1400, ext. 204 or e-mail [nadiagold@emanuelnyc.org](mailto:nadiagold@emanuelnyc.org).

### **Free Yizkor Prayer Books for Visually Impaired**

JBI International, established in 1931 as the Jewish Braille Institute, offers free, large-print *Yizkor* prayer books, as well as other liturgical materials in Braille or large print, for those who are unable to read standard print. Call (800) 999-6476 for more information.

### **Holiday Closings**

In observance of Shemini Atzeres, Religious School classes will not be held Wednesday, October 6. The Bernard Museum and Stettenheim Library also will be closed on this day, as well as Sunday, October 10 and Monday, October 11 for the Columbus Day holiday. Religious School classes over the Columbus Day holiday also have been canceled.

### **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.

## THE HOME FRONT: FROM THE ARCHIVES OF TEMPLE EMANU-EL

Following is an article written by Reva G. Kirschberg, of blessed memory, that appeared in the May 1995 issue of Avenue magazine.

**F**or these women, sewing kit bags “for the boys” was just a matter of changing gears. Back then, people were used to making things at home, and since its founding in 1921, the Women’s Auxiliary had had a sewing room where members made clothing for day nurseries and other charities. The bags, also called “ditty bags,” were usually made from twill, decorated with a bit of chintz or other remnants, and closed at the top with a drawstring. The women filled them with toothpaste, razors, combs, and as in this picture, Pall Mall and Old Gold cigarettes. Tessie Herman, mother of former CBS newscaster George Herman, was in charge of the kit-making operation.

At the beginning of the war, the bags were distributed to the British merchant

marine, and after the United States got involved, the bags went to the Red Cross, which gave them to hospitalized American servicemen.

This “kit room” was the office of Emanu-El’s president and was one of many rooms in the community house turned over to the war effort. The women used several rooms for rolling bandages—up to 75,000 every month—and others for making clothing. Isaac Mayer Wise Hall, in the basement, was a USO canteen, open 24 hours a day, seven days a week, with the ladies serving homemade cakes and cookies on Tuesdays and Fridays. More than 1,350,000 military men and women passed through the canteen between 1942 and 1945. Although the

congregations of Emanu-El and Beth-El had merged in 1927, the Beth-El building on Fifth Avenue at 76<sup>th</sup> Street had not been sold by World War II, so the auxiliary made use of it as well. Helen Schulkind, wearing the white hat in this photograph, was president of the auxiliary during the war and for many years after.

Today, the president’s office is used by one of our rabbis. The bookcases still line the walls, and another lovely feature of the room, not seen here, is a marble fireplace, one of three taken from the Astor mansion, which stood on this site before the Temple was built in 1930.

*Ladies at their Singers on the eighth floor of Temple Emanu-El’s community house in 1943, now Rabbi Ehrlich’s study.*



# VOLUNTEERS WANTED



## THE SUNDAY LUNCH PROGRAM NEEDS YOU!

For more than 20 years, Congregation Emanu-El has been preparing meals for the needy.

The time commitment is minimal—just two hours from 10 a.m. to noon on Sundays in the I.M. Wise kitchen.

Sign up every week or as it fits your schedule.

All volunteers are truly appreciated, but we're limited to Temple members only.

*For more information on how to participate, please call the Temple office at (212) 744-1400, ext. 210.*



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