

# TEMPLE EMANU-EL Bulletin

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

**An Evening About Chocolate**  
Monday, December 11 6 p.m.

The Men's Club is sponsoring a special evening featuring Rabbi Posner, with a historical perspective about Chanukah, and Martine Leventer, owner and creator of Martine's Chocolates, who will lead a gourmet tasting of fine chocolates. All are encouraged to join us for this tasty pre-Chanukah treat. Cost is \$25 for Men's Club members paying in advance, \$30 for all paying at the door (members and nonmembers). Make checks payable to the Men's Club. Families are welcome!  
(212) 744-1400, ext. 250



## SABBATH SERVICES

**Friday evening, December 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, December 9**  
**Women's Auxiliary Lounge**

Torah Study—9:15 a.m.  
**Main Sanctuary**  
Service—10:30 a.m.  
Torah Portion—Vayishlach  
Readings—Genesis 32:4-36:43  
Obadiah 1:1-21  
**Sermon: Rabbi Nadia E. Gold**

MUSEUM  
OPENING



Photo by Brian Rose

*Beth-El Chapel as viewed  
from the Beth-El choir loft*

### **SANCTUARY REVEALED: Restoration of An Architectural Icon**

In conjunction with the rededication of our sanctuaries on Friday, December 15, the Herbert & Eileen Bernard Museum of Judaica will launch a new exhibition chronicling the 1927 Temple construction and recent restoration of the Main Sanctuary and Beth-El Chapel. Featured in the exhibit is a collection of striking photographs commissioned by the architects upon completion of the structure in 1929 and rediscovered during the Temple restoration.

Congregants may attend an exclusive preview after the Rededication Service on December 15. The exhibit opens to the public on December 17 and runs through April 16, 2007. Museum hours are Sunday through Thursday, 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. (212) 744-1400, ext. 259

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Chanukah Shabbat Dinner & LEGO® Building Blocks Workshop

Friday, December 8 6 p.m.

Religious School families—If you have not yet registered for this event, please do so immediately. Families are encouraged to join us first for Sabbath services at 5:15 p.m. (212) 744-1400, ext. 226

### Young Families: Storytime in the Library

Sunday, December 10 9:15 a.m.  
Wednesday, December 13 9:30 a.m.

Temple librarian Elizabeth Stabler will read about Chanukah. Storytime is for children from 2½ years old. (212) 744-1400, ext. 362

## BAR MITZVAH

The following student of  
our Religious School will become  
a Bar Mitzvah this weekend:

Marc W. Heinrich,  
son of  
Dr. and Mrs. George F. Heinrich

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

## PULPIT FLOWERS

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

Bonnie, David, Richard, Nancy  
and Gail Maidman in loving memory of  
William Maidman and Lea Maidman

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

SUNDAY  
SEMINARS

All seminars are held  
from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.  
Coffee and bagels are served.  
Enter at One East 65<sup>th</sup> Street.  
To register, call (212) 507-9580  
or log on to our Web site at  
[www.adultjewishlearning.org](http://www.adultjewishlearning.org).  
Cost is \$50 per session.

### DECEMBER 10 Jewish Ethics and the Sermon on the Mount



Marcie Lenk

Attendees will participate in a close reading of Jesus' Sermon on the Mount within the context of first-century Judaism. Discuss how these New Testament ethics compare to other contemporary Jewish writings. What did the later rabbis have to say about these issues?

MARCIE LENK is the Berman Fellow at Harvard University and a doctoral candidate in Early Christianity and Rabbinic Judaism. She has taught at Hebrew College's Me'ah program, the Drisha Institute, the Pardes Institute, Midreshet Lindenbaum and several Christian seminaries in Jerusalem. Marcie earned her bachelor's and master's degrees from Yeshiva University and a master's in theological studies from Harvard Divinity School.

SKIRBALL

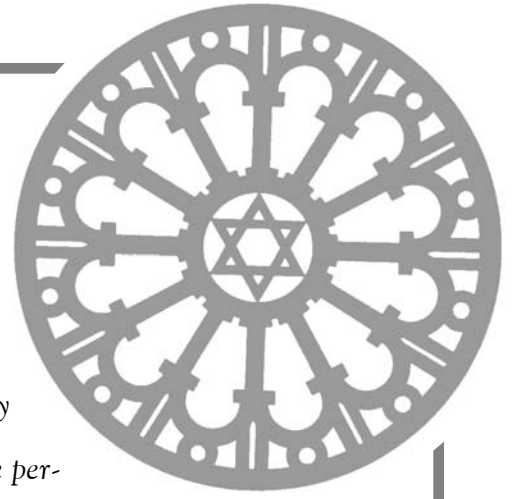


The Skirball Center for Adult Jewish Learning at Temple Emanu-El

### 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.

# STORIES FROM THE RESTORATION



**T**EMPLE EMANU-EL's restoration could not have been completed without the dedication and generosity of many of our congregants. Next in our series is the perspective of Charles Grossman, chairman of our Sanctuary Restoration Committee.

*Over the course of the project, what did you learn about Temple Emanu-El that you did not know before?*

**CHARLES GROSSMAN:**

Unlike a lot of buildings from the 1920s and '30s—which had renovations in the '50s—we had what was built originally. We could do a restoration that was very faithful to the original structure, rather than dealing with a building that had undergone major modifications. We also were able to modernize lighting and install air conditioning without detracting from what was there. That was very satisfying.

One thing I hadn't realized was how much "glitter" there is in the facility, within the mosaics and from the gold work. Because of the grime, I didn't realize how detailed some of that was. The space really comes alive now. It's more resplendent.

*What was the most interesting aspect of the restoration, in your view?*

**CG:** It was an interesting, fulfilling and educational experience from a lot of different levels. For example, we put together a large team of subcontractors—people



Photo by Frank Moscati

**CHARLES GROSSMAN,  
TEMPLE VICE PRESIDENT  
AND CHAIRMAN OF THE  
SANCTUARY RESTORATION  
COMMITTEE, PICTURED  
WITH HIS WIFE, CAROL,  
WHO SERVED AS CHAIR-  
MAN FOR MAJOR GIFTS**

experienced in areas from air conditioning to stained glass. It was fascinating to see how people who have this high level of skill actually work and complete their tasks. It was interesting to see how they go about handling a project of this scope.

We also had wonderful support from the congregation—certainly financially but also in terms of people who lent their professional expertise in helping to get the project planned and completed. It's really a wonderful example of what can be accomplished when the congregation comes together.

*As chairman of the Sanctuary Restoration Committee, what did this project mean to you personally?*

**CG:** You have to recognize as you go around the country that a lot of people know this building. It was meaningful to work on a project that has such significance. It was good to have a chance to restore something like this. It's been 75 years since Temple Emanu-El was built—and I imagine that congregations of the future can anticipate doing this again in another 75 years—but it's meaningful to have accomplished this now, in our lifetime.

## AROUND THE TEMPLE

**T**EMPLE EMANU-EL is proud to provide an induction loop system in the Main Sanctuary and Beth-El Chapel to assist those members of our congregation and visitors who may be hard of hearing. Hearing-aid wearers with a "T" (telecoil) setting now can hear services, concerts or other programs broadcast directly through their hearing aids. Others desiring hearing assistance may check out a portable receiver and headset or neck loop.

Unlike other assistive listening systems that require a headset, a loop system is inconspicuous. The loop system makes use of a special amplifier that transmits a magnetic signal through a wire installed in our sanctuaries. The sound is then customized by one's own hearing aid, which essentially serves as an in-the-ear loudspeaker.

Most behind-the-ear hearing aids available today routinely come with telecoil sen-

sors, as do many in-the-ear hearing aids. Persons wishing to make use of the loop system must switch their telecoil-equipped hearing aid from the microphone (M) mode to the telecoil (T) mode. Some hearing aids offer a setting for simultaneous microphone and telecoil (M/T) inputs. In some cases, it is possible to add a T-coil to a hearing aid, generally depending on the aid's age, size and design.

At present, Temple Emanu-El will continue to offer infrared assistance listening devices (headsets or neck loops available from a lobby attendant or usher) for use in Greenwald Hall and the Leon Lowenstein Auditorium. Picture ID is required.



*Look for this symbol where an induction loop has been installed.*

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