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Monday, October 23
6:30 p.m.
**Medieval Jewish
Philosophy:
A World No More**

**INAUGURAL
EVENT!**

Rabbi David Posner delivers the opening lecture for our new congregationwide “book read” featuring the text *Maimonides* by Dr. Sherwin B. Nuland. (For a full description of the program, read the article on page 3.) A limited number of books are available for purchase through the Temple office at \$12 each—a 40 percent discount off the retail price. Attendees should enter at One East 65th Street. (212) 744-1400



SABBATH SERVICES

**Friday evening, October 20
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 21
Women's Auxiliary Lounge**

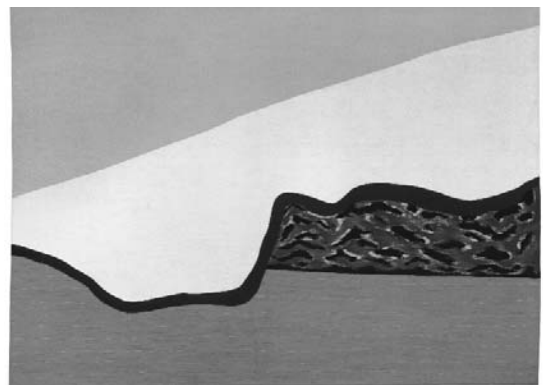
Torah Study—9:15 a.m.
Main Sanctuary
Service—10:30 a.m.
Torah Portion—Bereshit
Readings—Genesis 1:1-6:8
I Samuel 20:18-42
Sermon: Rabbi Amy B. Ehrlich

**EXHIBIT
EXTENDED**

**WOVEN
ABSTRACTIONS**
(On display through
November 14)

Arare grouping of three master tapestries by Gloria F. Ross—renowned tapestry producer and long-time member of Congregation Emanu-El—is now on view at the Bernard Museum of Judaica. Ms. Ross worked with dozens of America's top artists during her 20th century career in essence to “translate paint into wool.” By applying the Renaissance tradition of tapestry making to high-modernist paintings, she provided bold, convincing translations and also posited a revised model for a centuries-old mode of artistic collaboration. In addition, Ms. Ross' efforts helped spark renewed interest in tapestry as an art form in the United States and abroad.

The Bernard Museum of Judaica is open Sunday through Thursday from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Enter at the Marvin and Elisabeth Cassell Community House, One East 65th Street. (212) 744-1400, ext. 259.



after *Dunes and Sea II* (Milton Avery) A Gloria F. Ross Tapestry after a 1960 painting by Milton Avery (Produced in 1981) © The Estate of Gloria F. Ross
Photograph by Malcolm Varon

B'NEI MITZVAH

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

Danielle Winick, daughter of
Lizzete and Jeff Winick

Marjorie H. Levinson,
daughter of Ms. Hope Friend
and Mr. Bruce Levinson

Charlotte Gabrielle Pomp,
daughter of Bryna and Martin Pomp

Rikki Taylor Wolff, daughter of
Wendy and Robert Wolff

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

PULPIT FLOWERS

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

Mr. Sanford P. Brass
in loving memory of his father,
Arthur J. Brass, and his brother, *David Brass*

Charles Freeman
in loving memory of his parents,
Abraham and Pearl Freeman

UPCOMING EVENTS

THREE GREAT PROGRAMS, ONE GREAT DAY...SUNDAY, OCTOBER 22

**10 a.m. – 12 p.m. Clyde Haberman:
Scanning NYC's Vital Signs**

NYC columnist for
The New York Times,
Mr. Haberman is this year's
guest speaker for the joint
opening brunch sponsored by
the Women's Auxiliary,
Men's Club and Religious
School Parents Organization.
(212) 744-1400, ext. 235



Fred R. Conrad/The New York Times

**Attendees to all of these events
should enter through the Marvin and
Elisabeth Cassell Community House,
One East 65th Street.**

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 Seminar 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.
With Dr. Yair Lorberbaum**

The Skirball Center for Adult Jewish Learning
kicks off its semester of Sunday Seminars with
a text study and discussion of "Created in the
Image of God: Biblical Accounts of Genesis."
Coffee and bagels will be served. Cost is \$50
per session. (212) 507-9580

**Tikkun Olam: 11 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.
STITCH'N TIME**

This ongoing knitting project benefits the
Blanket Program of the Jewish Board of Family
and Children's Services and the Maternal Child
Health Division of Beth Israel Hospital.
(212) 744-1400, ext. 452

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.

Emanu-El Reads!



SAGE AND REVOLUTIONARY: THE WRITINGS OF MAIMONIDES

IN THEIR OPEN LETTER to the congregation for the New Year, our clergy discussed several new initiatives intended to enrich the Jewish life of Temple Emanu-El. Included among these was mention of a congregationwide “book read.” Consequently, we are proud to introduce “EMANU-EL READS....”

“EMANU-EL READS...” is a community learning experience. The entire congregation spends the better part of a year reading one book, studying its meaning and significance. As part of our exploration of the themes of the book, we have organized a series of lectures, activities and study sessions that broaden our understanding of the book and bring its ideas into sharper focus. The journey concludes with a communitywide book discussion session, where each of us will have an opportunity to dialogue with fellow congregants about our impressions of the book and its meaning.

The book selected for this year’s congregational read is *MAIMONIDES*, a succinct, literary biography written by Sherwin B. Nuland that is part of the Jewish Encounters project.* Dr. Nuland chronicles the life and works of the great medieval Jewish philosopher who shaped Jewish thought in his time and whose influence endures.

A prolific Torah scholar and a dedicated physician who served a sultan, Maimonides sought to harmonize rational, scientific knowledge with the demands of faith. His prodigious, wide-ranging writings dealt with medicine, ethics, God, faith, evil, the afterlife, the Messiah and the striving for intellectual perfec-

tion. What he had to say often sparked controversy and vigorous disagreement.

By choosing this subject matter, we hope to open the door for serious discussion. And, in selecting this book, we hope to engage as many of our congregants as possible. One of the benefits of Dr. Nuland’s book is its accessibility. As he writes in the *Prologue*, “It is not a book for scholars. Its aims...are clarity and conciseness....No previous knowledge of Moses ben Maimon or of his era is required, nor of philosophy, medicine, Judaica or academic methods.”

With this in mind, many thanks go out to congregant Maxwell Moss and to the Men’s Club Reading Group for their inspiration regarding this choice of book and in the creation of this program. Additional thanks are offered to Temple librarian Elizabeth Stabler for organizing and coordinating this series, with the aid of Elka Deitsch, senior curator of the Bernard Museum of Judaica.

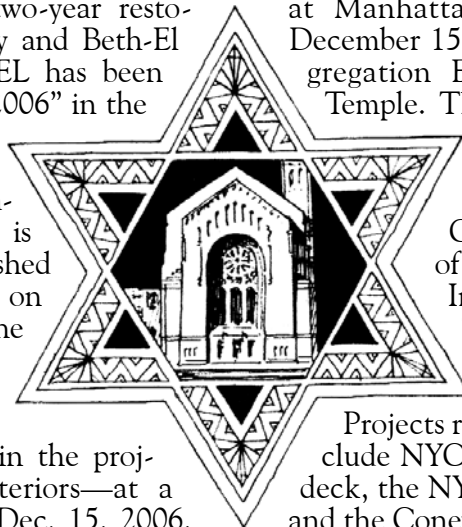
So don’t be left out...buy the book... read it...and join your friends and fellow congregants in a stimulating and multifaceted exploration of the fascinating world of Maimonides.

* *Jewish Encounters*—a collaboration between Schocken and Nextbook—is a project devoted to the promotion of Jewish literature, culture and ideas.

EMANU-EL RESTORATION EARNS TOP HONOR

AFTER COMPLETING a two-year restoration of the Main Sanctuary and Beth-El Chapel, TEMPLE EMANU-EL has been awarded the title of "Best of 2006" in the field of rehabilitation, renovation and restoration by *New York Construction* magazine. *New York Construction* is a monthly trade journal, published by McGraw Hill, that focuses on the Real Estate industry in the tristate area.

An award will be presented to Temple Emanu-El and those who participated in the project—especially Tishman Interiors—at a special breakfast to be held Dec. 15, 2006,



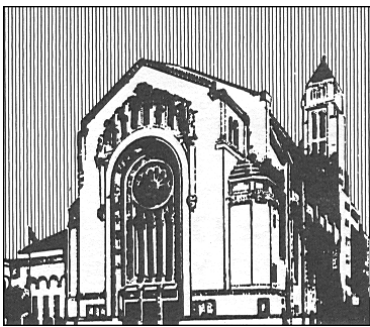
at Manhattan's Marriott Marquis hotel. December 15 also is the day on which Congregation Emanu-El will rededicate its Temple. The rededication ceremony will

occur during that evening's Sabbath service, which corresponds to the first night of Chanukah and marks the start of the season of rededication.

In being named "Best of 2006," Temple Emanu-El was selected by a jury of architects, contractors, engineers and developers.

Projects receiving honorable mention include NYC's Top of the Rock observation deck, the NY Public Library's Map Division and the Coney Island Parachute Jump Tower.

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