



TEMPLE EMANU-EL Bulletin

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**MEN'S
CLUB**

Sunday, October 23
10 a.m.
**Breakfast With
Author Dan Burstein**

Mr. Burstein is editor of the non-fiction bestseller *Secrets of the Code: The Unauthorized Guide to the Mysteries Behind the Dan Vinci Code* and co-editor of *Secrets of Angels & Demons*, another resource for helping readers think through the mysteries and history involved with these two popular novels. Cost is \$20 per person, which includes a hot buffet breakfast. **All Temple members are invited to attend.** RSVP to the Men's Club at (212) 744-1400, ext. 250 by Monday, October 17.



**WOMEN'S
AUXILIARY**

Thursday, October 27
11 a.m.
**Brunch With Carolyn Kunin:
Critical Issues Facing
Reform Jewish Women**

Dr. Kunin, director of the department of programming and advocacy at Women of Reform Judaism, will discuss **vital** issues to be voted on at WRJ's 45th biennial meeting in Houston. **This program is open only to Women's Auxiliary members and WRJ members living in the New York metro area.**



Cost is \$25 per person. Checks made payable to Women's Auxiliary of Temple Emanu-El must be received by Thursday, October 20.

SABBATH SERVICES

**Friday evening, October 7
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 8
Women's Auxiliary Lounge**
Torah Study—9:15 a.m.
Main Sanctuary
Service—10:30 a.m.
Torah Portion—Vayelech
Readings—Deuteronomy 31:1-30
Hosea 14:2-10; Micah 7:18-20; Joel 2:15-27
Sermon: Rabbinic Intern David Young

HOLY DAY SERVICES

EVE OF YOM KIPPUR (KOL NIDRE)
Wednesday, October 12 8 p.m.

YOM KIPPUR
Thursday, October 13 9:45 a.m.
Family Worship Service 1:30 p.m.
Afternoon Service 2:20 p.m.
Memorial/Conclusion 3:45 p.m.

YOM KIPPUR BROADCASTS
WQXR Radio (96.3 FM)
Wednesday, October 12 7 p.m.
Thursday, October 13 4:05 p.m.
Internet (www.emanuelnyc.org)
Abbreviated services are repeated hourly on our Web site from noon October 12 through noon October 13.

PULPIT FLOWERS

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

Diane and David Koplik in loving memory of
Kenneth E. Koplik

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

YOUTH GROUPS

Saturday, October 15 11 a.m.

Members of Club 56 (for fifth and sixth graders) are invited to an afternoon of fun and games at New York's ESPN Zone.

Sunday, October 16 Time TBD

Club 78 (for seventh and eighth graders) will host a "Limo Scavenger Hunt."

*For details regarding both of these events,
e-mail Youth Group Advisor Lori Jacobson
at templeclub5678@yahoo.com
or call (516) 965-4736.*

Sunday, October 30 11:30 a.m.

Senior Youth Group members are invited to participate in their first-ever Bowl-a-Thon, through which they will raise money to aid the victims of Hurricane Katrina. Buses to Chelsea Piers will depart from the Marvin and Elisabeth Cassell Community House, One E. 65th Street, at 11:30 a.m. and return at 3 p.m. Participants are encouraged to bring money for food.

*RSVP to (212) 744-1400, ext. 244 or
e-mail Rabbinic Intern David Young at
ravpapa@hotmail.com.*

Monday, October 31 6:30 p.m.

Our 10th-12th Grade High School Academy meets this evening. Dinner will be served.

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

YOUNG FAMILIES

Sunday, October 16 11 a.m.

Sunday, October 23 11 a.m.

First, join Shira as she teaches us songs for the upcoming Succos holiday. The following week, we'll have a special Succos celebration—including pumpkin painting and making decorations for our succah—geared just for our youngest Temple members!

Young Families is for children who are of preschool age through early elementary school age and their parents. Attendees must preregister by calling (212) 744-1400, ext. 242.

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

Friday, October 21 5:15 p.m.

Religious School students and their families are invited to join us for Sabbath services in the Main Sanctuary, where we also will celebrate the Consecration of new students under the succah. A traditional Sabbath dinner will follow.

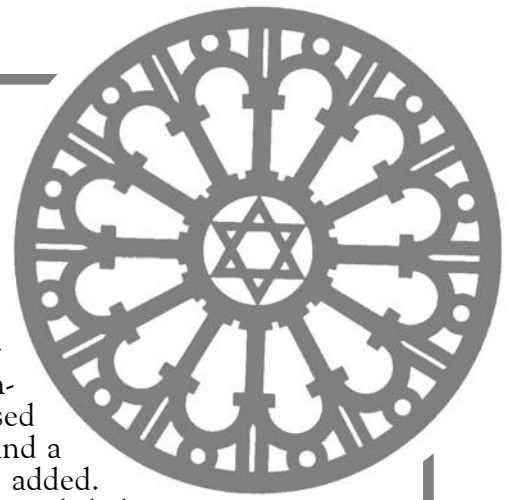
*RSVP to the Religious School at (212) 744-1400,
ext. 226 by Monday, October 17.*

Note: The Religious School will be closed October 9-10 for Columbus Day, October 12 for Yom Kippur, October 17-19 for Succos, and October 24-26 for Shemini Atzeres and Simchas Torah.

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: TEMPLE EMANU-EL'S NURSERY SCHOOL



When looking through the Temple Archives, the first reference to a “Temple Emanu-El Nursery School” appears in the Trustees Meeting Minutes of June 6, 1950. Based on the results of a Temple survey, eight families expressed interest in having a nursery school for children aged 4 and 5. In May 1951, interest was growing among parents with children aged 3 and 4. And, by June 2, 1951, a full-scale organization of a school was begun.

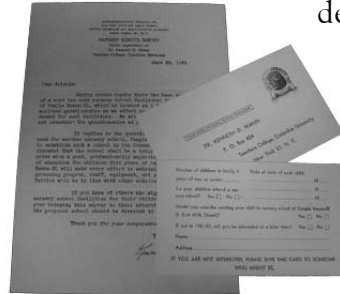
Members of the Columbia University Teachers College were engaged to conduct a formal survey to ensure demand and need. According to the introductory letter sent with the survey, the nursery school was intended to be “a truly neighborhood enterprise with a good, professionally supervised, general program of education for children five years of age or younger.” (The rate paid to the Teachers College for conducting the survey and compiling results was \$100 per day for 11 days.) Significant interest was verified, and on Sept. 6, 1951, the Temple board “unanimously voted to ratify the actions of the Religious School Committee in establishing the Temple Emanu-El Nursery School.”

The Nursery School opened officially on November 6, 1951, with 15 children (five from three member families, 10 from eight nonmember families) and a staff of teachers from Columbia. The budget for the 1951-1952 school year was \$9,200 in expenses and \$4,000 in tuition income.

By September 1952, however, enrollment increased to 35 students, and a third class was added. Tuition also increased slightly—from \$275 for member families to \$300 (plus \$10 for expenses) and \$325 for nonmembers to \$350 plus \$15 for expenses. Records show that within a few months, enrollment increased again to 42 students, including four students on scholarship.

Also during that second year, a change in operation was issued to release the “directress” from teaching duties and to authorize the hiring of additional teachers. And, a decision was made to increase tuition to a \$400 flat fee for all families, regardless of Temple membership.

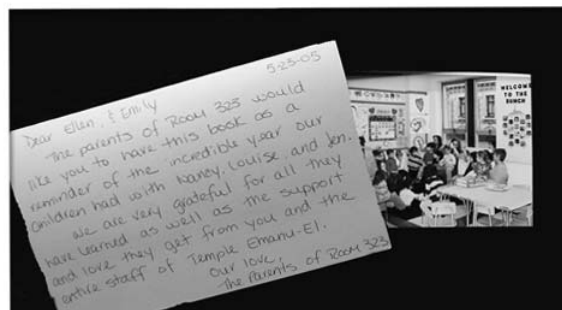
More than 50 years later, Temple Emanu-El’s Nursery School still thrives—and has no deficit (*unlike its first year!*). Current enrollment has reached 130 students from 120 families. In addition to participating in the regular academic year, families also may enroll in the Nursery School Summer Camp.



Nursery School survey from June 1951 and introductory letter



A classroom photo from the 1970s... including former teacher, now director Ellen Davis (back row, right)



A photo album highlighting students’ classroom activities and thank-you letter from present-day Nursery School parents

AROUND THE TEMPLE

Following are several activities—old and new—in which Temple members can get involved:

MITZVAH DAY

Congregation Emanu-El is gearing up for its first-ever Mitzvah Day at which adults and children can participate in their choice of dozens of activities to benefit the greater New York community. Mitzvah Day will be held **Sunday, November 13.**



WEEKLY TORAH STUDY

Rabbi Philip Hiat's weekly *Talmud* class begins again on **October 5.** Meeting for an hour on Wednesdays at 6 p.m., this class is co-sponsored by the Men's Club of Congregation Emanu-El and the Brotherhood of Central Synagogue. Open to members of both congregations, the class and study materials are free. Come when you can!

ADULT B'NEI MITZVAH

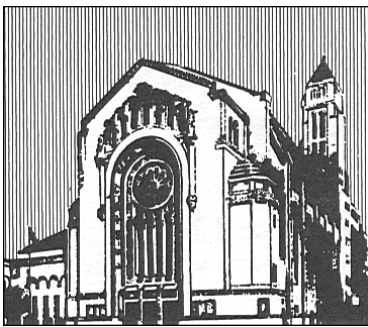
Did you miss the opportunity to become a Bar or Bas Mitzvah? Would you like to reaffirm your Bar or Bas Mitzvah long since passed? Our rabbis and cantor lead this year-long study program—meeting Wednesdays at 7 p.m., starting **November 2.** For more information, call (212) 744-1400.



DOTING DADS

Young Families of Emanu-El is seeking to form a group of fathers who would like to plan after-dinner children's activities at our Tot Shabbats, as well as to coordinate other events for dads and kids. Interested members should call Richard Plehn at (212) 716-3802.

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