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WORSHIP SERVICES

**Friday evening, January 18
Temple 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.

**SHABBAT SHIRA (Sabbath of Song)
Saturday morning, January 19
Women's Auxiliary Lounge**

Torah Study—9:15 A.M.

Temple Sanctuary

Service—10:30 A.M.

Torah Portion—*B'shalach*

Readings—Exodus 13:17-17:16

Judges 4:4-5:31

SERMON IN SONG:

“Yearning for Jerusalem”

Led by Cantor Lori Corrsin, with organists Pedro d'Aquino and Scott Warren and the Temple Emanu-El Choir singing from the bimah

TOT SHABBAT

Friday, January 25 — 6:15 P.M.

SHABBAT KODESH

Friday, January 25 — 6:30 P.M.

Sabbath and holiday services are available for downloading from the Temple Web site (www.emanuelnyc.org) generally within one hour of the conclusion of the live service and for up to one week.



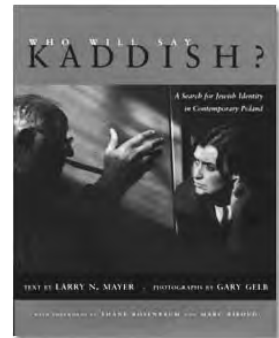
Hearing Loop installed in Temple Sanctuary and Beth-El Chapel; switch aid to T-coil. Headsets or neck loops also available for use.

UPCOMING
EVENTS

WHO WILL SAY KADDISH?

Tuesday, January 22 6 P.M.

Some say there are no Jews left in Poland today. Come meet photo-journalist **Gary Gelb** as he dispels this myth and provides insight into the contemporary Jewish community in Poland. In 1995, Mr. Gelb traveled with a writer to document what was left of Poland's Jewish community. Together they published



Who Will Say Kaddish? A Search for Jewish Identity in Contemporary Poland (Syracuse University Press, 2001).

At this special event sponsored by the Women's Auxiliary, Mr. Gelb comes to Temple Emanu-El where he will narrate a slide show of his images and share stories about the people he met on his journey, including a Jewish priest (who never knew he had been born a Jew) and the first bat mitzvah in Poland. A book signing will follow.

Cost is \$10 for Women's Auxiliary members, \$15 for nonmembers. Light refreshments will be served. Checks, made payable to the Women's Auxiliary, must be received by Thursday, January 17. Questions? Call (212) 744-1400, ext. 235.

PULPIT FLOWERS

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

Mrs. George Lust in loving memory
of *George Lust*

Eileen Milloy in loving memory
of her aunt *Ida Broz*

Rosalind Pretzfelder in loving memory
of her mother, *Tillie Pretzfelder*

TO BE NOTED

YOUNG FRANKENSTEIN

The Men's Club has obtained a limited number of orchestra seats for two performances of the new Mel Brooks musical.

February 23 or March 1 at 8 P.M.
Cost: \$250 per ticket

Tickets are available on a first-come, first-serve basis to Temple members. All sales final. Call (212) 744-1400, ext. 250.

ADULT EDUCATION CLASSES

- **Psalms, Proverbs and Ecclesiastes**
with Saul Kaiserman
Tuesdays, January 15, 22, 29 @ 6:30 P.M.
- **The Life of David**
with Rabbi Amy B. Ehrlich
Wednesdays, January 16, 23, 30 @ 12:30 P.M.

View the Temple Web site for full course information or call (212) 744-1400, ext. 214. Classes are held in the Marvin and Elisabeth Cassell Community House (One East 65th).

MLK SERVICE DAY

Senior Youth Group members will be awarded community service hours for participation in this program honoring the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Call (212) 744-1400, ext. 329.



The following was organized as part of our Emanu-El Reads program, focusing on *The Sabbath by Abraham Joshua Heschel*. For more information, visit the Temple Web site and click "Learning: Adult Education."

ARE JEWS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE WHOLE WORLD?
Wednesday, January 23 6:30 P.M.
Leventritt Room (One East 65th)

Heschel's *The Sabbath* struggles to find a balance between Jewish ritual demands and moral/social responsibility.

Rabbi Neil Gillman will examine the implied tensions in the book and how they inform the contours of Jewish responsibility to the Jewish community on the one hand and to the world on the other.



Lecturer:
Rabbi Neil Gillman

RABBI GILLMAN is the scholar-in-residence at the Skirball Center for Adult Jewish Learning and a professor of Jewish philosophy at the Jewish Theological Seminary. A world-renowned teacher and thinker, Dr. Gillman has written several seminal books on Jewish theology, including *Sacred Fragments: Recovering Theology for the Modern Jew*.

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

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.

SHABBAT SHIRA: SABBATH OF SONG

By Cantor Lori Corrsin

MMUSIC, ESPECIALLY SONG, touches the soul in a way that is difficult to express with words. Leonard Bernstein best described it like this: “Music can name the unnameable and communicate the unknowable.” It is for this reason that we try to communicate with God through song; there is no other way as effective, as the text alone often can feel ineffectual. In fact, our tradition teaches that “One who sings prays twice.” (*Chasidic saying*)

In this coming week we have the wonderful opportunity to pray and celebrate the Sabbath with very special music, for it is in the Torah portion *B’shalach* (Exodus 15:1-18) that we sing *Shirat Hayam*, the *Song of the Sea*. According to the text, the Israelites, led by Moses and then Miriam, break out into song on the shores of the sea. Song is the only way they can express their tremendous joy, relief and awe. In addition, this week’s service will include a Sermon in Song to which I will be accompanied by our organists,

Pedro d’Aquino and Scott Warren, and the Temple Emanu-El Choir on the bimah. The theme for this Sermon in Song is “Yearning for Jerusalem,” which was selected in celebration of the 60th anniversary of the State of Israel. We will feature song settings from Salamone Rossi, Louis Lewandowski, Naomi Shemer and others that celebrate the beauty and glory of Jerusalem. Please join us at 10:30 A.M. in the Fifth Avenue Sanctuary.

(See Cantor Corrsin’s full commentary about *B’shalach* on the Temple Emanu-El Web site: www.emanuelnyc.org.)

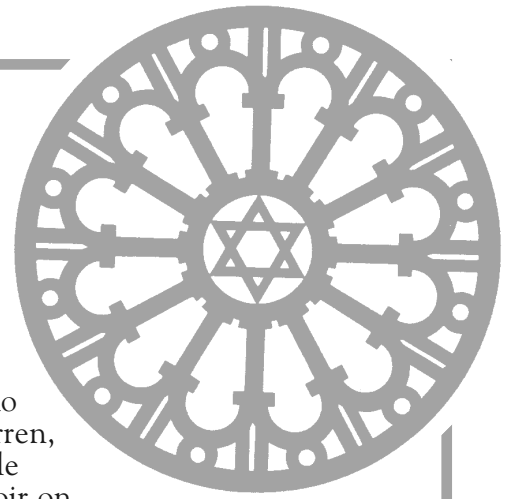
**TEN MEASURES OF BEAUTY
DESCENDED INTO THE WORLD.
NINE WERE TAKEN BY JERUSALEM
AND THE REMAINING ONE BY
THE REST OF THE WORLD.**

— TRACTATE *KIDDUSHIN* 49



Ze'ev Raban:
Jerusalem,
from
*Eretz Israel —
Ten Pictures*,
published by
Bney Bezalel,
1931

Israel Museum
Collection



AROUND THE TEMPLE

DO YOU BELIEVE?

Conversations on God and Religion

Thursday, January 24

7 P.M.

Lowenstein Auditorium (10 East 66th Street)

Architect Daniel Libeskind and authors Jonathan Safran Foer, Mary Gordon and Gay Talese will gather for a discussion of personal belief in faith and God, moderated by cultural critic Antonio Monda. The program, which is co-sponsored with *The Jewish Week*, will be followed by a reception and book signing by Mr. Monda, whose new book *Do You Believe?* was published in November 2007 by Vintage Books. **This event is free and open to the public.**



**Antonio
Monda**



Photos (clockwise from top left): Mary Gordon, Daniel Libeskind, Jonathan Safran Foer, Gay Talese

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