



TEMPLE EMANU-EL Bulletin

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WORSHIP SERVICES

**Friday evening, February 29
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.

**Saturday morning, March 1
Women's Auxiliary Lounge**

Torah Study—9:15 A.M.

Temple Sanctuary

Service—10:30 A.M.

Torah Portion—*Vayak'heil*

Readings—Exodus 35:1-38:20

I Kings 7:40-50

Sermon: Rabbi David M. Posner

SHABBAT KODESH

Friday, February 29 — 6:30 P.M.

Beth-El Chapel (Fifth Avenue)

TOT SHABBAT

Saturday, March 1 — 10 A.M.

(Note special time, new format!)

One East 65th Street

SHABBAT SHALOM

Friday, March 14 — 6:30 P.M.

One East 65th Street

Read our weekly Torah Commentary
available on the Temple Emanu-El
Web site (www.emanuelnyc.org).
Click "Learning: Adult Education."



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

ANNUAL FOREIGN AFFAIRS BRUNCH:

**Exploring U.S. –
Israeli Relations**

Sunday, March 2 10 A.M.

The Men's Club cordially invites all Temple members to their annual foreign affairs brunch and panel discussion, which features a distinguished array of guests. The panel will consider the benefits and drawbacks of the close diplomatic and security relationships between the U.S. and Israel. Particularly at issue is the question of whether U.S. support of Israel interferes with multinational efforts to achieve a lasting peace in the Middle East. Other factors to be analyzed include cultural, religious and political elements that influence this relationship.



Moderator:

RICHARD R. VALCOURT,
*International Studies Association
and former Men's Club president*

Special Guest Panelists:

BENJAMIN KRASNA,
Deputy Consul General of Israel (NYC)
HOWARD H. LENTER, *Baruch College*
HERBERT I. LONDON, *Hudson Institute*
ROBERT M. SELTZER, *Hunter College*

Cost is \$30 for Men's Club members,
\$40 for all other Temple members and
their guests. Make checks payable to the
Men's Club. (212) 744-1400, ext. 250

B'NEI MITZVAH

The following students of our Religious School will become *b'nei mitzvah* this weekend:

Joshua Benjamin Yablon
and Zachary Sam Yablon,
sons of Karen and Gary Yablon

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:

Gary Yablon and Karen Schlesinger
in honor of Joshua and Zachary Yablon
becoming *b'nei mitzvah*

Rosalind Pretzfelder
in loving memory of George Pretzfelder

Jane G. Rittmaster
in memory of my beloved mother,
Hilda K. Goldstone

TO BE NOTED

The Men's Club Reading Group has rescheduled its February session for **Tuesday, February 26** at **9 A.M.** We will discuss *The Lost: A Search for Six of Six Million* by Daniel Mendelsohn. All Temple members are invited to participate. (212) 744-1400, ext. 250

The Women's Auxiliary Book Club will meet on **Tuesday, March 4** at **12:30 P.M.** Rabbi Ehrlich will lead our discussion of *The World to Come* by Dara Horn. (212) 744-1400, ext. 235

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

SUNDAYS
at SKIRBALL

Seminars are held
from 10 A.M. to 2 P.M.
Coffee and bagels are served.
Enter at One East 65th Street.
To register, call (212) 507-9580
or log on to our Web site at
www.adultjewishlearning.org.
Cost is \$50 per session.

**PURIM: IT'S NOT JUST
FOR KIDS ANYMORE**
Sunday, March 2

Lecturer: Rabbi Jan Uhrbach

Costumes, noisemakers and playful parody: What kind of holy day is that? Is Purim only a children's holiday or something more? In fact, Purim is the last holiday in the liturgical year and, as such, marks the culmination of all our spiritual strivings. Explore the theology and spirituality of laughter through this study of Purim. In a combination of group discussion and *hevruta*-style (paired) facilitated study, discover how Purim is simultaneously the silliest and most seriously adult holiday of the year.



RABBI JAN UHRBACH, of the East 55th Street Conservative Synagogue and the Conservative Synagogue of the Hamptons, is an adjunct lecturer of professional and pastoral skills at the Jewish Theological Seminary Rabbinical School.

SKIRBALL

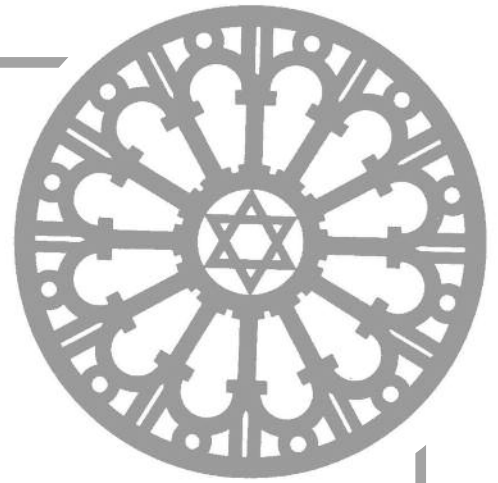


The Skirball Center for Adult Jewish Learning at Temple Emanu-El

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.

VOLUNTEERING AT EMANU-EL



LOOKING FOR A WAY to spend quality time with your family or simply do a good deed for someone else? Following are a few of the upcoming volunteer opportunities sponsored by Temple Emanu-El and open to Temple members. We also encourage you to view other programs listed on the Temple Web site (www.emanuelnyc.org). Click "Community: Volunteer Opportunities."

STITCH'N TIME SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 24 & MARCH 23 11 A.M. TO 2 P.M.

Our volunteers are making blanket squares, baby sweaters and caps to be donated to the Jewish Board of Family and Children's Services and to Beth Israel Hospital. Yarn, needles and patterns will be provided.

Questions? Call the *Tikkun*

Olam voice mail; someone will get back to you. (212) 744-1400, ext. 452



HABITAT FOR HUMANITY SUNDAY, MARCH 2 8 A.M. TO 4 P.M.

Emanu-El's *Tikkun Olam* Committee has teamed up with Habitat for Humanity to provide a great opportunity for Temple members: building homes for low-income families. No experience is necessary. Volunteers must be at least 16 years old. *Tikkun Olam* members will coordinate transport to and from the Atlantic Avenue site in Brooklyn. Interested in volunteering?

Call (212) 744-1400, ext. 452 and leave a message. Space is extremely limited!



PURIM "FOR THE TROOPS"

Temple Emanu-El members are invited to reach out to Jewish troops stationed in Iraq by creating *mishlo-ach manot* — gifts of sweets and fruits that are shared bountifully with others. Participation is easy:

1. Create a small assortment of nonperishable food items, such as individually packaged nuts, dried fruits, hard candies and gum. **ALL ITEMS SHOULD BEAR A KOSHER SYMBOL.**

2. Place items in a small box or plastic bag.



3. Drop your packages at the Temple **NO LATER THAN NOON ON SUNDAY, MARCH 9**, as all packages will be shipped the next day.

Questions? Leave a message on the *Tikkun Olam* voice mail; someone will get back to you. (212) 744-1400, ext. 452

ENGLISH IN ACTION

The Women's Auxiliary is seeking Women's Auxiliary members who are interested in becoming tutors for the Thursday afternoon "English in Action" session, which meets from 1 P.M. to 3 P.M. each week. Prospective volunteers must be interviewed and approved by the English-Speaking Union; participation in ESU training sessions also is required. If you are interested in participating in this program, call (212) 744-1400, ext. 235.

AROUND THE TEMPLE

EDUCATING OUR CHILDREN: Realities, Responsibilities and Challenges

Tuesday, February 26

6 P.M.

The Women's Auxiliary cordially invites all Temple members to a reception and lecture with **Rabbi David Posner**. As opposed to a secular education, religious education is quite literally "words apart" for children and adults alike. Rabbi Posner will focus on differences, discrepancies and challenges that are unique to the pedagogy of the spirit.

This event will be held at the Marvin and Elisabeth Cassell Community House, One East 65th Street. (212) 744-1400, ext. 235

7TH & 8TH GRADE JUNIOR YOUTH GROUP: Carving Up the Ice

Sunday, March 2

12:30 P.M.

Well, it was impossible to get Rangers tickets, but we can still **Carve Up the Ice!** Join us for a high-intensity **ice-sculpting workshop**. After touring the ice-sculpting studio, all participants will carve blocks of ice into mugs — from which we will enjoy cold beverages — and then smash them to bits! Space is limited to the first 10 participants who sign up.

Cost is \$35 per person, which covers transportation, studio fee and lunch; make checks payable to Congregation Emanu-El. Log on to the Temple Web site to download a permission slip. (212) 744-1400, ext. 329

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