



# TEMPLE EMANU-EL Bulletin

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## WORSHIP SERVICES

### Friday evening, March 7 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 8 Women's Auxiliary Lounge

Torah Study—9:15 A.M.

Temple Sanctuary

Service—10:30 A.M.

Torah Portion—*P'kudei*

Readings—Exodus 38:21-40:38

Numbers 28:9-15; Exodus 30:11-16

II Kings 12:1-17

Sermon: Rabbi Amy B. Ehrlich

### SHABBAT SHALOM

Friday, March 14 — 6:30 P.M.  
One East 65th Street

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

And...Read our weekly Torah Commentary available online. Click "Learning: Adult Education." Rabbi Leon Morris discusses the half-shekel flat tax Moses is commanded to collect from the Israelites.



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

### OPENING THE DOOR TO THE DEEP: Creating a Women's Torah Commentary

Thursday, March 6 6 P.M.

Congregation Emanu-El is pleased to host Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion's 2008 Dr. Fritz Bamberger Memorial Lecture. Our special guests include **Dr. Andrea L. Weiss**, co-editor of the Women of Reform Judaism's *The Torah: A Women's Commentary*, the groundbreaking volume that incorporates new critical approaches, feminism, innovative research, and the insights of several hundred female scholars, clergy, poets and writers.

Dr. Weiss will be joined by several contributors to the work, who together will discuss its meaning and significance from the perspectives of Bible scholarship, intellectual history, literature and rabbinic interpretation:

**Dr. Carole B. Balin,**

*Professor of Jewish History, HUC-JIR*

**Dr. Alyssa Gray,**

*Associate Professor of Codes and Responsa Literature, HUC-JIR*

**Dr. Wendy Zierler,**

*Associate Professor of Modern Jewish Literature and Feminist Studies, HUC-JIR*

**Rabbi Jacqueline Koch Ellenson,**

*Executive Director of the Women's Rabbinic Network (Moderator)*

Enter at 10 East 66th Street. Admission is free, but photo ID is required for entrance. RSVP to (212) 824-2293.

## B'NEI MITZVAH

The following student of our Religious School will become a bar mitzvah this weekend:

*Cole Austin Kringstein, son of Christina and Barry Kringstein*

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:

Marjorie R. and Lawrence Bukzin  
in loving memory of  
*Pauline and Harry Millman*

Carol L. Klapper in loving memory  
of her mother, *Frances Klapper*

## TO BE NOTED

The Women's Auxiliary Book Group will meet on **Tuesday, March 4 at 12:30 P.M.** Rabbi Amy Ehrlich will lead our discussion of *The World to Come* by Dara Horn. Open to members of the Women's Auxiliary, our discussion will be held in the sixth-floor lounge of the Marvin and Elisabeth Cassell Community House (One East 65th Street). Feel free to bring your lunch. Coffee and cookies will be served. (212) 744-1400, ext. 235.

The next session of the Men's Club Book Group currently is scheduled for **Tuesday, March 11 at 9 A.M.** We will discuss *The Nine: Inside the Secret World of the Supreme Court* by Jeffrey Toobin. (212) 744-1400, ext. 250

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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](http://www.adultjewishlearning.org).  
Cost is \$50 per session.

SUNDAY, MARCH 9

THEOLOGICAL SUNDAYS:  
THE AFTERLIFE

Dr. Neil Gillman continues with the last of four sessions about the central issues in Jewish theology, which were begun in the fall semester.



Lecturer:  
Rabbi Neil  
Gillman

The first half of each class comprises an overview by Rabbi Gillman. The second half offers an opportunity to craft a personal statement of theological belief and share it with fellow students. All will be required to participate in the writing half of the workshop, so come prepared to learn, think, create and share!

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.

SKIRBALL



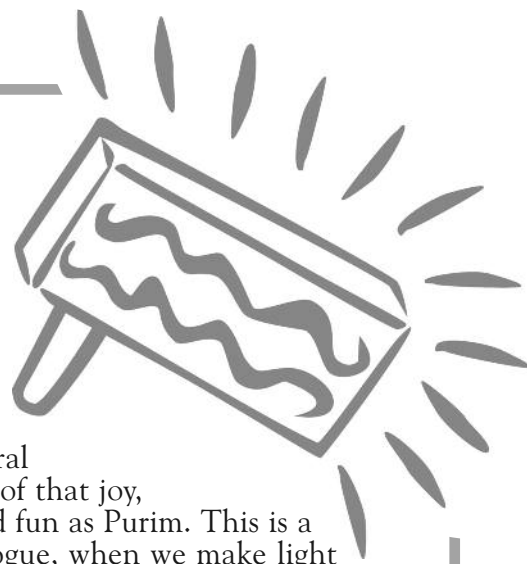
The Skirball Center for Adult Jewish Learning at Temple Emanu-El

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.

# CELEBRATE PURIM!

**J**UDAISM IS A RELIGION FILLED WITH JOY. We read in the daily liturgy about the joy with which our ancestors praised God. The Psalmist says, "Happy are those who dwell in God's house." On Shabbat morning we read *Yism'chu*, a prayer extolling the joy of Shabbat. We actually are commanded to celebrate with bride and groom; joy is an integral part of the religious element of a Jewish wedding. Yet, with all of that joy, no holiday...no ceremony...no ritual brings us as much joy and fun as Purim. This is a holiday when men dress like women, when we laugh in synagogue, when we make light of the Bible, when we send gifts to friends and family, when we do whatever is necessary to ensure a good time. We hope that Temple Emanu-El can help you and your family make the most of this most joyous of Jewish holidays. (For more about Purim — including suggested reading, recipes and family activities — log on to the Emanu-El Web site [[www.emanuelnyc.org](http://www.emanuelnyc.org)]. Click "Worship: Holy Days & Festivals.")



**RELIGIOUS SCHOOL  
FAMILY WORSHIP SERVICES**  
**SUNDAY, MARCH 9 10:45 A.M.\***  
**MONDAY, MARCH 10 5 P.M.**  
**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 12 5 P.M.**

**G**rab your grager and get ready to cheer for Queen Esther and boo the wicked Haman! Parents and other adult members of our congregation are invited to join with our students in the Lowenstein Sanctuary (10 East 66th Street) for family holiday worship services, followed by an interactive telling of the Purim story by our clergy and teachers in a production of "Mr. Hamantaschen's Purim-spiel." There will be plenty of hamantaschen for everyone after each performance at dismissal, which will be at the usual time each day.

*\*Includes a performance by the Junior Choir.*

**YOUNG FAMILIES  
PURIM PARTY**  
**SUNDAY, MARCH 9 10:30 A.M.**

**D**on't miss the fun of our annual Purim celebration! First we'll meet for holiday foods, stories and an art project. (Enter at 10 East 66th Street.) Then we'll join other Temple families for a costume parade at 11:50 A.M., starting at Lowenstein Sanctuary. Older children are invited to attend the Purim Carnival at noon in I.M. Wise Hall (One East 65th Street).

Costumes aren't required but definitely are encouraged! RSVP to Young Families by calling (212) 744-1400, ext. 242.

**PURIM CARNIVAL 5768**  
**SUNDAY, MARCH 9 12 P.M.**

**C**ome in costume because the action kicks off at 11:50 A.M. with a parade from Lowenstein Sanctuary to I.M. Wise Hall. As always, there will be games, prizes, carnival booths and plenty of food on which to nosh. This year, we'll also have various stations (including an opportunity to make *mishloach manot* for our troops in Iraq) run by our Senior Youth Group, confirmation class, Religious School staff and *Tikkun Olam* committee.

**PURIM FOR THE TROOPS**  
**I**MPORTANT REMINDER: *Mishloach manot* prepared at home must be delivered to the Temple by noon on **SUNDAY, MARCH 9**. Log on to the Emanu-El Web site for details ([www.emanuelnyc.org](http://www.emanuelnyc.org)).

**CONGREGATIONAL  
M'GILLAH READING**  
**THURSDAY, MARCH 20 5:30 P.M.**

**J**oin us in Greenwald Hall (One E. 65th Street), where the reading will be held as part of our Sunset Worship Service. Gragers and hamantaschen to be provided!

## AROUND THE TEMPLE

### WHAT THE SABBATH MEANS TO ME

#### A Panel Discussion

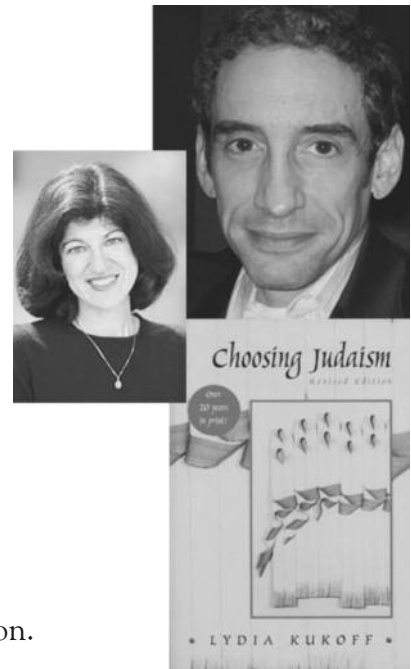
Wednesday, March 12

6:30 P.M.

Join us for a thoughtful, personal conversation about how people incorporate (or not, as the case may be) elements of the Sabbath, its meaning, spirit or observance into their lives. The panel includes Lydia Kukoff, author of *Choosing Judaism*; Douglas Rushkoff, author of *Nothing Scared: The Truth About Judaism*; and Julie Salamon, author of *Rambam's Ladder: A Meditation on Generosity*.

This event is part of our Emanu-El Reads program, focusing on *The Sabbath* by Abraham Joshua Heschel. Attendees should enter at the Marvin and Elisabeth Cassell Community House, One East 65th Street.

Questions? Call (212) 744-1400, ext. 214. Or, log on to the Emanu-El Web site ([www.emanuelnyc.org](http://www.emanuelnyc.org)) for more information. Click "Learning: Adult Education: Emanu-El Reads."



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