

TEMPLE EMANU-EL Bulletin

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WORSHIP SERVICES

**Friday evening, June 6
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, June 7
Women's Auxiliary Lounge**

Torah Study—9:15 A.M.

Temple Sanctuary

Service—10:30 A.M.

Torah Portion—*Naso*

Readings—Numbers 4:21-7:89

Judges 13:2-25

Sermon: Rabbi Amy B. Ehrlich

**EVE of SHAVUOT
Confirmation Service**

Sunday, June 8 — 6:30 P.M.

Temple Sanctuary

*Our service will be led by the
students in our confirmation class.*

SHAVUOT

Monday, June 9 — 10:30 A.M.

Temple Sanctuary

Readings—Exodus 19:1-20:23;

Numbers 28:26-31

Ezekiel 1:1-28; 3:12

Sermon: Rabbi Howard Goldsmith

Memorial Service

*Please join us after services for a
small reception featuring traditional
dairy treats for Shavuot.*



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

SALUTE TO ISRAEL PARADE

Sunday, June 1
10:30 A.M.



Temple Emanu-El is pleased to be marching with the **Union for Reform Judaism** in the **Salute to Israel Parade**, celebrating Israel's 60th year of independence.

We will meet at Emanu-El's Marvin and Elisabeth Cassell Community House (One East 65th Street) for a pre-parade brunch at 10:30 A.M., which will begin with a light and festive meal and include a brief, inspirational program for all URJ delegates. After brunch, at 11:45 A.M., we will walk to Fifth Avenue and 57th Street, the beginning of the parade route, and march together to 79th Street.

Everyone, regardless of age, is welcome to participate. Bring your friends and family, but please note the following:

- Young children and students, fourth grade and younger, must be accompanied by an adult.
- Fifth – 12th graders may march with their families or as part of Emanu-El's youth groups, under the supervision of our youth director and his staff.

Questions? Call (212) 744-1400, ext. 329.

B'NEI MITZVAH

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

Lili Austin,
daughter of Jody and David Austin

Lauren Tess Feiner,
daughter of Meryl and Robert Feiner

Eric P. Rubenstein,
son of Martine and William Rubenstein

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:

Jerome Tarnoff
in loving memory of his mother,
Anna Tarnoff

Pulpit flowers at worship services for Shavuot are the generous gift of:

Elisabeth Cassell in loving memory of
her brothers and sisters,
Emil, Eugene, Alice, Piri, Magda and Viola

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.

Charles S. Salomon
The Universal Funeral Chapel

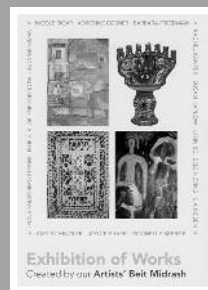
1076 Madison Avenue (212) 753-5300
Our service is available in the Temple, home, or our Chapel.

**STUDY
at SKIRBALL**

For more information about the following programs, call (212) 507-9580 or log on to the Skirball Web site at www.adultjewishlearning.org.

ARTISTS' BEIT MIDRASH

Come see the Artists' Beit Midrash Exhibition of Works, on display at the Marvin and Elisabeth Cassell Community House, One East 65th Street, through June 6, from 3 P.M. to 5 P.M. each day, or by appointment.



A reception celebrating the art and the artists will be held on Monday, June 2 at 6:30 P.M. Artwork from previous years can be viewed on the Skirball Web site.

IYUN CERTIFICATE PROGRAM

6 semesters • 60 weeks • 180 hours

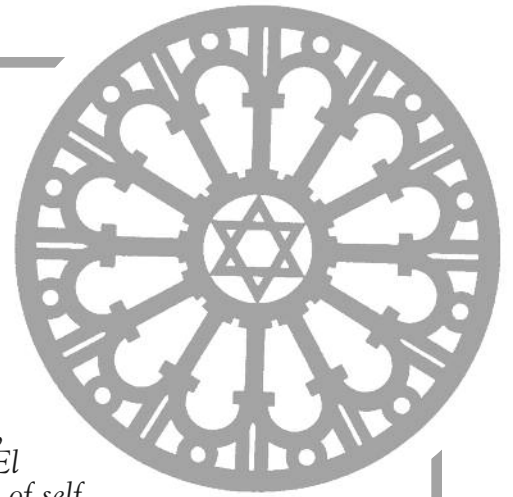
Applications now are available for Iyun, Skirball's three-year certificate program in Jewish studies. Combining the broad questions of a survey course with the skill development necessary for lifelong learning, Iyun offers serious engagement with Judaism's key biblical, rabbinic, medieval and modern Jewish texts. Knowledge of Hebrew is not required. Classes begin Sept. 28, 2008, and meet Wednesdays from 6:30 P.M. to 9:30 P.M.

SKIRBALL



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

CONFIRMATION: A JEWISH JOURNEY THROUGH ADOLESCENCE



TEMPLE EMANU-EL's new High School Confirmation Program was created this year as an opportunity for the congregation's ninth through 12th graders to strengthen their connection to Judaism, the Jewish people, their Religious School classmates and the Emanu-El community, while also building their unique identities and their sense of self. Eleven students participated in the inaugural program and will be confirmed at a special ceremony at our Eve of Shavuot worship service on Sunday, June 8.

The High School Confirmation Program is analogous to Judaism's most sacred journey. It provides students with the tools to compare their journey through adolescence with the Israelites' journey from Egypt to Mount Sinai. The Israelites were slaves in Egypt and, therefore, lacked the tools and the freedom to act of their own accord.

Our tradition identifies the Mount Sinai experience when Moses received the Torah as the moment when the Israelites heard a call of Jewish responsibility. Similarly, our journey ends at the confirmation ceremony, in which the students affirm responsibility for their own Jewish practice and their own joy, as well as for making the world a better place.

It is important to remember that the Israelites were not simply handed the Torah; they came to stand at Mount Sinai after an unparalleled journey. They escaped slavery, witnessed miracles, overcame incredible obstacles and hardships, and passed through uncharted wilderness.

Confirmation students reached this moment by taking a sacred journey of their own. All students participated in eight structured yet informal educational sessions. Each step in their journey towards confirmation combined text study of the Israelites' journey, experiential education that allowed them to feel what it was like to be on the Israelites' journey, personal reflection of the experience, and interactive community- and character-building activities.



CONFIRMATION CLASS 2008 (5768):

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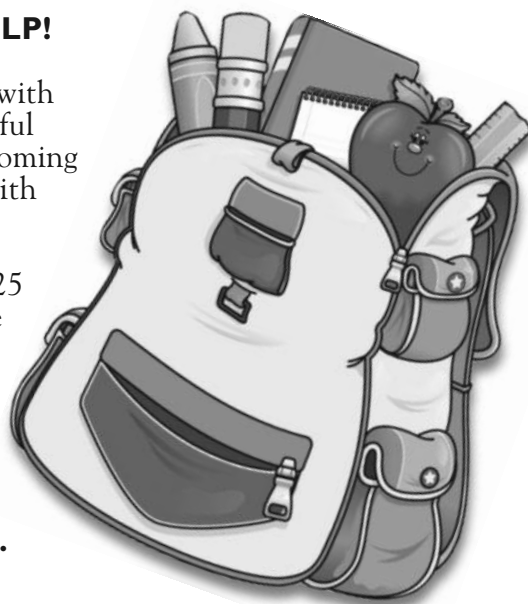
BEYOND THE TEMPLE

PROJECT BACKPACK 2008 NEEDS YOUR HELP!

Once again, the Women's Auxiliary is partnering with Public School 112 in East Harlem for a wonderful mitzvah. Through **Project Backpack**, 100 incoming kindergarten students will be given a backpack filled with various school supplies.

We need your help to continue Project Backpack. A \$25 donation covers the cost of one backpack. Please make your check in the amount of \$25 or more payable to the Women's Auxiliary. Checks should be sent to the Women's Auxiliary, in care of Temple Emanu-El, One East 65th Street, New York, NY 10065.

**Questions? Call (212) 744-1400, ext. 235
or send an e-mail to womaux@emanuelnyc.org.
Your generosity is appreciated greatly.**



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