



## Who funds terrorism and how to stop it

**Sunday, January 11 • 10 AM • Marvin & Elisabeth Cassell  
Community House (One East 65th Street)**

**T**HE JANUARY **Men's Club** event features **Rachel Ehrenfeld**, director of the **American Center for Democracy**. Ehrenfeld is a noted author and lecturer about terrorism and corruption-related topics. This event is open to Temple members and their guests; the cost (which includes breakfast) is \$30 for Men's Club members, \$40 for all others. RSVP by January 7. Make checks payable to the Men's Club. (212) 744-1400, ext. 250

## IMPORTANT REMINDERS/UPCOMING EVENTS

### **Second Annual 56ers Shul-in!** **Friday, January 9 • 7:30 PM** **One East 65th Street**

Members of our Junior Youth Group 56ers are invited to spend the night with classmates inside our beautiful synagogue, exploring its secrets and mysteries during an evening filled with food, fun and surprises. Feel free to join us early for Shabbat Kodesh at 6:30 PM, or just show up for the beginning of the Shul-in at 7:30 PM. Cost is \$20 per student; permission slips are required. (212) 744-1400, ext. 334

### **Pantry Sort** **Saturday, January 10** **9:30 AM – 1:30 PM** **Yorkville Common Pantry** **(8 E. 109th St., off Fifth Ave.)**

Volunteers are needed to sort and package groceries to help feed more than 300 New York City families. This project is suitable for

adults, high school students and "twens" with an adult partner. Preregistration with our **Tikkun Olam Committee** is required. (212) 744-1400, ext. 452

### **Stitch'n Time** **Sunday, January 11** **11 AM – 2 PM • One East 65th**

Participants must bring their own needles (#8). Yarn and patterns will be provided. We also have a professional knitting instructor to assist us. Light refreshments are served. People of all ages may attend. (212) 744-1400, ext. 452

### **Young Artists Concert** **Sunday, January 25 • 3 PM** **Greenwald Hall (One E. 65th)**

**Vivian Cheng**, 18, is the second of three pianists participating in this year's Young Artists Concert Series, co-sponsored by The Stecher & Horowitz Foundation.

### **DAILY SUNSET SERVICE** **SUNDAY – THURSDAY** **5:30 PM • One E. 65th St.**

### **SABBATH WORSHIP** **FRIDAY EVENING** **Sanctuary (Fifth Avenue** **at 65th Street)**

Organ Recital—5 PM  
Service Begins—5:15 PM  
WQXR Radio (96.3 FM) and  
Internet ([www.wqxr.com](http://www.wqxr.com))  
broadcasts—5:30 PM

### **SATURDAY MORNING** **Sixth Floor Lounge** **Torah Study—9:15 AM** **Sanctuary (Fifth at 65th)**

Organ Recital—10:15 AM  
Service Begins—10:30 AM

**Services also may be heard**  
**at [www.emanuelnyc.org](http://www.emanuelnyc.org).**



Hearing loop in Sanctuary and Beth-El Chapel; switch aid to T-coil. Headsets or neck loops also available.

## WEEKLY PARASHAH

### Saturday, January 3

Torah Portion—*Vayigash*  
Readings—Genesis 44:18-47:27; Ezekiel 37:15-28  
**Sermon: Rabbi Goldsmith**

### Saturday, January 10

Torah Portion—*Va-y'chi*  
Readings—Genesis 47:28-50:26; I Kings 2:1-12  
**Sermon: Rabbinic Intern Ariana Silverman**

## TORAH COMMENTARY

View our weekly Torah commentary on the Emanu-El Web site: [www.emanuelnyc.org](http://www.emanuelnyc.org). Follow the link from the Home Page. Previous commentaries can be viewed through the archive.

## WEEKLY MUSIC

Music programs for Sabbath and holiday services, complete with song titles and composer names, are posted on the Emanu-El Web site. Click "Worship" → "Music at Emanu-El."

## BROADCAST OF SERVICES

Worship services can be downloaded from the Emanu-El Web site or listened to through the Emanu-El Audio Player. Click "Worship" → "Broadcast of Services."

## ADDITIONAL WORSHIP

### Shabbat Kodesh

#### Friday, January 9

**6:30 PM • Beth-El Chapel (Fifth Avenue at 65th)**

This month's service will be followed by a dinner and sleepover for our Junior Youth Group 56ers.



# Chanting of the Torah

**Monday, January 12, 26; February 2, 9, 23; March 2  
6:30 PM – 7:30 PM • One East 65th Street**

**C**ANTOR LORI CORRSIN leads this six-part class organized through our "Mostly Mondays" series of free adult-education courses for Temple members. Trop, cantillation and *Ta'amei mikrah* all are different names for the same thing: symbols in the Torah text that tell us how to sing and accent the words and punctuate the sentence.

We primarily will study the Ten Commandments. Willingness for home study is essential. The text and an audio recording will be provided.

**Prerequisite: A basic reading knowledge of Hebrew.**

Questions? Call the Temple Office at (212) 744-1400.



# "Let my people go"

**Sunday, January 25 • 12:30 PM – 1:30 PM • 10 East 66th Street**



**T**HESE WORDS SIGNIFY the epic battle between Moses and Pharaoh as they argue about whether the Israelites should be free persons or slaves. A close reading of this epic battle, in the context of our Exodus narrative, can help facilitate the discussion that goes off in our head whenever a teen asks for more freedom, new privileges or permission to try a new experience.

**Danny Mishkin**, our coordinator of youth and young adult learning, will lead **Religious School parents** in a discussion of issues that arise as teens move through adolescence.

**Note: This session will be repeated in the spring for the general Temple population as part of our Adult Education Program.**

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.

The following students of our Religious School will become **B'NEI MITZVAH**:

**Saturday, January 10**

*William Steven Hascoe and Douglas Matthew Hascoe, sons of Julie Bisnoff Hascoe and Andrew Hascoe*

We are grateful for their sponsorship of the Friday evening *Oneg Shabbat*.

**PULPIT FLOWERS at Sabbath services have been donated generously by our congregants:**

**For the Sabbath of January 2 and 3**

Karel, Frank, Alix and Danielle Greenberg in honor of *Edwin L. Bass* celebrating his 90th birthday

In commemoration of *Vivian Schulte's* birthday

Marne Obernauer Jr. and Matthew and Michael Obernauer in loving memory of *Marion Gislason Obernauer*

**For the Sabbath of January 9 and 10**

Frances A. Hess in loving memory of her husband, *Robert L. Hess*

Susan and David Rahm in loving memory of Susan's father, *Allen H. Berkman*

Robin, Andrea and Michael Sluchan in loving memory of *Seymour Sluchan*

**WINTER SEMESTER CLASSES at the Skirball Center begin January 26, 2009.**

**C**COURSE GUIDES have been sent in the mail. Register online at [www.adultjewishlearning.org](http://www.adultjewishlearning.org) or by calling (212) 507-9580. **The early registration deadline is January 5, 2009.** (Discounted fees apply.) Emanu-El congregants receive 25 percent off full semester courses.

**COURSE HIGHLIGHTS:**

**Jewish University in a Day**  
**Sunday, January 11**  
**10:30 AM – 4:30 PM**

Get in the spirit of learning with this pre-semester course featuring lectures by five renowned teachers. Cost is \$75 if you preregister (includes lunch) and \$100 at the door (lunch not included). Afterwards, there will be a book event to celebrate the publishing of *Doing Jewish Theology: God, Torah and Israel in Modern Judaism*, written by **Dr. Neil Gillman**. For more information about the book event or to obtain tickets, call Joan Brown at (212) 507-9583.

**Theater and Jewish Text Workshop**  
**Tuesdays, January 27 –**  
**March 24 • 6 PM – 7:30 PM**

Theater has a unique set of tools for understanding and experiencing situations, conflicts, ideas and scenes. What happens when we combine these tools with Jewish text learning? In this hands-on workshop, we will use voice and movement in a variety of theater exercises to experience a fusion of acting and Jewish text. Study—both as a group and as individuals—how to bring new perspectives to the experience of classing Jewish texts. There will be a presentation of our work at the end of the course. Comfortable clothing required!



**The Prophets & Writings**  
**Wednesdays, January 28 –**  
**April 1 • 6:30 PM – 9:30 PM**

Have you ever felt like you had a pretty good grasp on the first five books of the Torah but were not quite sure about the rest of it? If so, then joining an intensive 10-week course dedicated to the less-familiar portions of the Bible—the Prophets and Writings—is just the thing for you.

**Hollywood and the Holocaust**  
**Wednesdays, January 28 –**  
**March 18 • 7 PM – 9:30 PM**

Is it possible to imagine the unimaginable on screen? To find out, take a fascinating journey through the evolution of Holocaust portrayal in film. Examine some of the most powerful films made in the last 60 years on the topic. Students may register for the entire series in advance or pay \$15 at the door on a week-by-week basis.

*This course is made possible in part by a generous contribution from the Schwarzhaupt-Levite Video Fund of Congregation Emanu-El of the City of New York.*

**AND...Don't forget our Sunday Seminars! Seven sessions from February 1 through March 22, open to the public, \$60 per lecture.**



## TEMPLE EMANU-EL ON THE WEB

The following was posted on IWORSHIP, an electronic mailing list hosted by *Shamash: The Jewish Network*, a service of Hebrew College:

"Regarding worship on Saturday morning in NYC, I would heartily endorse attending Temple Emanu-El. My wife and I were privileged to have attended a Saturday morning service at Emanu-El just a few weeks ago. Even with a wonderful bat mitzvah who read Torah and haftarah, the overwhelming feeling is that you were at a magnificent, dignified, artistic worship service. Hearing an eloquent rabbi, with a prepared and brilliant sermon, great music sung artistically and dramatically, was an incredibly welcome gift. We could not have been more inspired."

— Rabbi Jon and  
Jean Haddon

## WHAT PEOPLE ARE SAYING ABOUT THE EMANU-EL WEB SITE...

"I am writing to you from Duncombe, Iowa. Very interesting Web site that you have about Congregation Emanu-El. I have been by it when I visited New York in the past. I am also enjoying listening to your service on the Internet. My compliments to you for this site and a chance to hear the worship service. Thanks again!"

— P. Powers

## Jews of Cuba: Past, present and future?

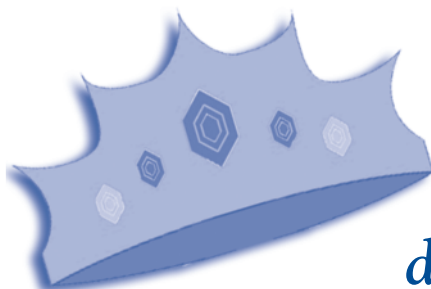
**Tuesday, January 27 • 5:45 PM (Prompt!) • One East 65th Street**

JUDAISM IN CUBA, like other religions there, was restricted severely for almost three decades. Now it is being rebuilt by the 10 percent of the Jewish population that remained after the "revolution." As individual congregations struggle for survival with only a remnant of their former population, new strains are put upon them as some families leave for Israel. Can Judaism in Cuba survive?

The **Women's Auxiliary** cordially invites Temple members to this fascinating lecture by **Batia B. Plotch**, who organizes and leads synagogue groups on trips to Cuba, independently and through the American Jewish Congress. A reception will follow. The cost for this event is \$15 for Women's Auxiliary members, \$20 for nonmembers. Make checks payable to the Women's Auxiliary. RSVP by January 22. Questions? (212) 744-1400, ext. 235



Photo by Dr. Tatiana Santos Méndez  
[www.jewishcuba.org](http://www.jewishcuba.org)



"It happened in the  
days of Ahasuerus..."

READING THE *M'gillat Esther* in December? Thinking about Purim when Chanukah is hardly over? Absolutely!

Mark your calendars and save the date: **Monday, March 9**. Temple Emanu-El once again will host an unforgettable *m'gillah* reading featuring the redoubtable, undoubtable "Emanu-El Players," under the direction of **Dr. Mark Weisstuch**. Readers are needed for all parts; participation is open to Temple members.

**Rehearsal dates: Monday, February 23; Wednesday, February 25; Monday, March 2; Tuesday, March 3; Thursday, March 5 (all evenings); Saturday afternoon, March 7; and most of the day Sunday, March 8.**

**One performance only: Eve of Purim (Monday, March 9).**

If you're interested in being a "Player," then contact Mark Weisstuch immediately: (212) 744-1400 or [mweisstuch@emanuelnyc.org](mailto:mweisstuch@emanuelnyc.org).

# Emanu-El Reads... The History of Love



**E**MANU-EL READS... is a community learning experience through which members of the congregation read and discuss one book, studying its meaning and significance. As part of our exploration of the book's themes, a series of lectures, activities and study sessions are organized to broaden our understanding and bring the book's ideas into sharper focus.

This year's Emanu-El Reads program will be devoted to exploring a contemporary novel over the course of one month. We will be reading ***The History of Love*** by **Nicole Krauss**, who has been called one of the "wunderkind" generation of Jewish authors.

Krauss' novel incorporates and intertwines the stories of young lovers, married love, old friends separated by war, and parents and children. The settings range from pre-war Poland to Manhattan, Brooklyn to South America.

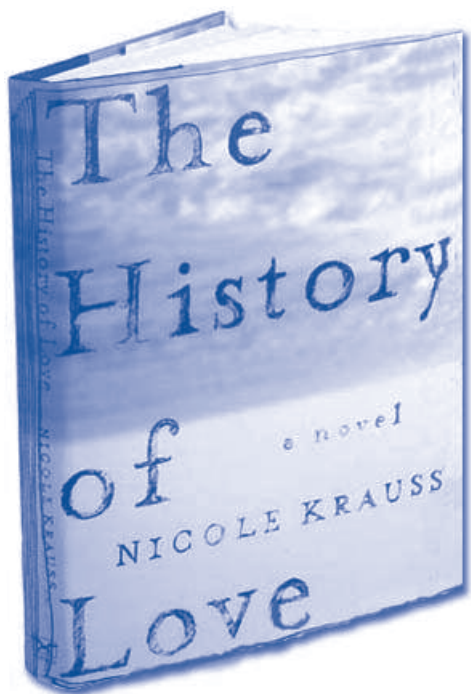
*The History of Love* is a pleasure to read. Critic Janet Maslin noted in her April 25, 2005, review, "Ms. Krauss' work is illuminated by the warmth and delicacy of her prose." Deftly treating themes of survival, loss, passionate loves of many kinds and creativity, Krauss leaves the reader with much to think about and to discuss.

During the month of our community reading of the novel, we will offer an opening lecture at **6:30 PM** on **Monday, January 26, 2009**, featuring **Dr. Samuel D. Kassow** discussing "**Warsaw: The Capital of Yiddish Culture.**" There also will be four opportunities (facilitated by Temple Librarian Elizabeth Stabler) at which you can meet with your fellow congregants to share your thoughts about the novel's themes:

- **Wednesday, February 4**  
**6:30 PM**
- **Tuesday, February 10**  
**10:30 AM (co-sponsored by the Women's Auxiliary)**
- **Thursday, February 19**  
**6:30 PM**
- **Sunday, February 22**  
**10 AM (co-sponsored by the Religious School)**

We hope, too, that readers of the novel will share their impressions and continue the dialogue in a special blog that will be created on the Temple's Web site.

A limited number of copies of *The History of Love* will be available in the Temple library. For more information, including an excerpt of the book, visit the Temple Web site. Click "Learning" → "Adult Education" → "Emanu-El Reads."



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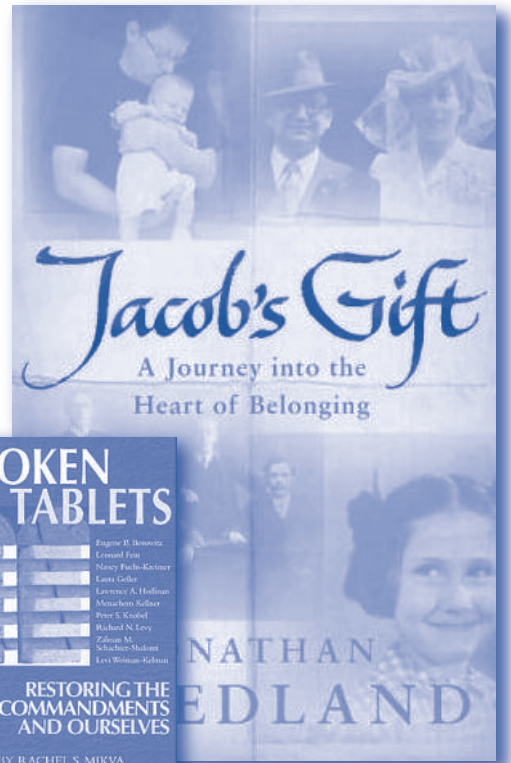
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## Temple Emanu-El book groups

Organized by the Women's Auxiliary and Men's Club, book discussion groups are open to all Temple members. Book synopses and other resources, including links to reviews and author Q&As, are available on the Emanu-El Web site: [www.emanuelnyc.org](http://www.emanuelnyc.org). Click "Community" → "Men's Club" or "Women's Auxiliary." Enter at the Marvin and Elisabeth Cassell Community House, One East 65th.

**Men's Club: *Jacob's Gift* by Jonathan Freedland**  
**Tuesday, January 13 • 9 AM**

**Women's Auxiliary: *Broken Tablets***  
***Restoring the Ten Commandments and Ourselves***  
**edited by Rachel S. Mikva**  
**Tuesday, January 13 • 12:30 PM**  
**Discussion led by Rabbinic Intern Ariana Silverman.**  
**Feel free to bring your lunch!**



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about how you can  
participate...***

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