



Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)

Sermon in Song: Reclaiming Mendelssohn

**Friday, February 6 • 6 PM (following the Friday evening service)
Temple Sanctuary (Fifth Avenue at 65th Street)**

THIS YEAR'S SERMON IN SONG, to be delivered by **Cantor Lori Corrsin** immediately after the Sabbath evening service, will feature the 19th century German-Jewish music of **Felix Mendelssohn**. The music of some of the composers he influenced—Louis Lewandowski, Salomon Sulzer and Emanuel Kirschner—will be sung at Sabbath services from the bimah by the Temple Emanu-El Choir, accompanied by the glorious sounds of our organ.

IMPORTANT REMINDERS/UPCOMING EVENTS

"Let My People Go"
(Thoughts on
Raising Liberated,
Responsible Teens)
Sunday, January 25
12:30 PM • 10 East 66th

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

Chanting of the Torah
Monday, January 26;
February 2 and 9 • 6:30 PM
One East 65th Street

Cantor Lori Corrsin continues her six-part program organized through our "Mostly Mondays" series of free adult-education courses for Temple members.

A basic reading knowledge of Hebrew is required for this class.

Ronald McDonald House
Thursday, January 29 • 5 PM
405 East 73rd Street

Those interested in volunteering must preregister by contacting the Women's Auxiliary, which will confirm your volunteer date. (Please, no walk-ins!) This project is suitable for adults over 18 only. (212) 744-1400, ext. 235 or womaux@emanuelnyc.org

Stitch'n Time
Sunday, February 1
11 AM • One East 65th Street

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.

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)
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.



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

WEEKLY PARASHAH

Saturday, January 31

Torah Portion—*Bo*

Readings—Exodus 10:1-13:16; Jeremiah 46:13-28

Sermon: Rabbi Posner

Saturday, February 7

SHABBAT SHIRA

Torah Portion—*B’shalach*

Readings—Exodus 13:17-17:16; Judges 4:4-5:31

Guest Sermon:

Cantor Frederick Herman

Fred Herman received his ordination as a cantor in 1972 from Hebrew Union College’s School of Sacred Music in New York. Like many singers, he began his musical training a bit later in life than is common for instrumentalists, but his love of music began in his childhood, under the inspiration of his two musically gifted parents. To them, Fred also owes his religious upbringing, which brought him both to Tremont Temple in the Bronx and to Temple Emanu-El. Fred first attended services in our synagogue in 1963, while yet a teenager. Between the two venues, the beauty of the liturgies, the sophistication of the music and the dignity of the worship, there were enough forces motivating him toward a life as a Jewish professional.

Fred has served as assistant to Cantor Erwin Hirsch at Congregation Habonim in New York and then as cantor at the Hebrew Tabernacle Congregation in Washington Heights.



Young artists concert

Sunday, January 25 • 3 PM • One East 65th Street

BORN IN RALEIGH, N.C., in 1990, **Vivian Cheng** has been praised by critics as an “artist with artistic sensibilities far beyond her years.” She began her piano studies at age 5 and gave her solo debut recital at age 10. In June 2008, Cheng became the Second Prize winner of the New York Piano Competition, a biennial event presented by The Stecher & Horowitz Foundation.



PROGRAM

- **Beethoven Sonata, Op. 101 in A Major**
- **Bach English Suite, No. 2 in A Minor (BWV 807)**
- **Brahms Sonata, No. 2 in F Sharp Minor**



EMANU-EL READS OPENING LECTURE

Warsaw: Capital of Yiddish culture

Monday, January 26 • 6:30 PM • One East 65th Street



UNTIL WORLD WAR II, Warsaw was the center of a vibrant, rich Yiddish secular and religious cultural world. At our Emanu-El Reads opening lecture, **Dr. Samuel D. Kassow** will describe the world that gave rise to many great authors and thinkers—one of the settings for our Emanu-El Reads novel, *The History of Love* by Nicole Krauss. Born in 1946 in Stuttgart, Germany, Kassow is the Charles Northam Professor at Trinity College.

THE HISTORY OF LOVE DISCUSSION DATES

- **Wednesday, February 4 — 6:30 PM**
- **Tuesday, February 10 — 10:30 AM**

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.

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1076 Madison Avenue
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Our service is available in the
 Temple, home or our Chapel.

ADDITIONAL WORSHIP

Tot Shabbat

Friday, January 23

6:15 PM • 10 East 66th

Join us in preparation for Tu BiSh'vat (the New Year for Trees).

Shabbat Shalom

Friday, January 30

6:30 PM • One East 65th

This month's service will honor the Men's Club (rescheduled because of snow).

TORAH COMMENTARY

View our weekly Torah commentary on the Emanu-El Web site: www.emanuelnyc.org. Follow the link from the Home Page.

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

Saturday, January 31

Brian Stuart Melniker, son of Eileen and Lawrence Melniker

Eric M. Geller, son of Richard E. Geller and Jacqueline Scalisi

Saturday, February 7

Amy Beth and Zoe Anastasia Katsamak, daughters of Judith Kurzweil and Basil Katsamak

We are grateful for their sponsorship of each week's Friday evening *Oneg Shabbat*.



Sundays at Skirball...

SUNDAY SEMINARS sponsored by the Skirball Center for Adult Jewish Learning at Temple Emanu-El are open to the public. Sessions are held in the Marvin and Elisabeth Cassell Community House (One East 65th Street) from 10 AM to 2 PM. Cost is \$60 per person. Coffee and bagels are served. For more information, call Skirball at (212) 507-9580.

Judaism and the Pleasure Principle
Sunday, February 1
Lecturer: William Kolbrener

Freud saw religion—especially his own Judaism—as an obsessional delusion and the belief in God and Law as the neurotic avoidance of authentic pleasures. Was Freud right? Is there a role for the pleasures of authenticity and creativity in Judaism? Explore sources from the psychological, theological and philosophical traditions of the West, as well as from classical Judaism. Does adapting a Jewish point of view mean abandoning the authenticity and creativity of the individual? Or, is there a possibility of integrating the pursuit of pleasure in the framework of a Jewish way of life? A famous anthropologist enjoins, "Follow your bliss." As Jews, can we follow this advice?

Israel's Political Divide: A Talmudic Perspective on Competing Religious Ideologies
Sunday, February 8
Lecturer: Moti Arad

The political divide in Israel is a cause for concern and debate for Jews the world over. But in truth, Jewish society in Talmudic times was just as divided on fundamental national issues as it is today. Explore major contemporary issues in the classical sources including exclusive and inclusive ideologies regarding the status of non-Jews in a Jewish state, Muslim presence on the Temple Mount as recorded in late Midrashim, medieval halachah and modern Jewish thought, and the power struggles between religious leaders and politicians in the Talmud. Find out who has, and who should have, the "final word."

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Origins and development of the prayer book

Sunday, February 1 • 11 AM • 10 East 66th Street

THE PRAYER BOOK was not handed to Moses on Mount Sinai. So, from where did it come? **Rabbi Howard Goldsmith** will help us start to answer this important historical question in a one-hour, whirlwind tour of our people's liturgy. The focus will be on the prayer book structure and its early development in the Land of Israel, Babylonia and Europe.

While geared for Religious School parents, this class is open to all Temple members. Questions? Call the Religious School Office at (212) 744-1400, ext. 226.



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

For the Sabbath of January 30 and 31

Margot and Harry Melniker in honor of our grandson *Brian* becoming a bar mitzvah

Eileen Milloy in loving memory of *Ida Broz*

Barry, Patricia and Elizabeth Berkule in loving memory of *Lloyd I. Berkule*

Elisabeth Cassell in loving memory of her cherished husband, *Marvin Cassell*

For the Sabbath of February 6 and 7

Mrs. B. E. Brandes in loving memory of *Bernard E. Brandes*

Mr. Sanford P. Brass in loving memory of his mother, *Rose D. Brass*

Mr. and Mrs. Elliot Brownstein in loving memory of *Sol Brownstein* and *Benjamin Silverman*

Edward Fleur in loving memory of his sister, *Joette Stephanie Fleur*

Mrs. A. Coleman Poll in loving memory of her brother, *Jacques G. Coleman Jr.*

To sponsor pulpit flowers or an *Oneg Shabbat*, call Sherry Nehmer at (212) 744-1400, ext. 312.



Intelligence gathering and electronic surveillance since 9/11

(OR, IS THE GOVERNMENT REALLY LISTENING TO YOUR PHONE CALLS AND READING ALL YOUR E-MAIL?)

Sunday, February 8 • 10 AM • One East 65th Street

THE FEBRUARY **Men's Club** event will feature a discussion led by **Stephen J. Schulhofer**, the Robert B. McKay Professor of Law at New York University School of Law. Professor Schulhofer has been a member of the faculty of the University of Chicago Law School and the University of Pennsylvania Law School. His publications include, "At War With Liberty: Post 9/11 Due Process and Security Have Taken a Beating" in *The American Prospect* (2003); *The War on Our Freedoms: Civil Liberties in an Age of Terrorism*, Public Affairs Press (2003); and *The Enemy Within: Intelligence Gathering, Law Enforcement and Civil Liberties in the Wake of September 11*, Century Foundation Press (2002).



This event is open to Temple members and their guests; cost (which includes breakfast) is \$30 for Men's Club members, \$40 for all others. RSVP by February 2. Make checks payable to the Men's Club. (212) 744-1400, ext. 250

NOTE: The next meeting of the Men's Club Book Group will be Tuesday, February 10 at 9 AM. We will discuss *The Man in the White Sharkskin Suit* by Lucette Lagnado. All Temple members are invited to participate.

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Jews and shoes

Sunday, February 8 • 10:30 AM • One East 65th Street



FROM MOSES' REFUSAL to wear shoes to Ernst Lubitsch's evocation of WWI Berlin's Jewish world of shoe selling, **Edna Nahshon** uses a wild mix of cultural history, anthropology and literary study to take a fresh look at the makings and meanings of shoes, cobblers and barefootedness in the Jewish experience. Ms. Nahshon is an associate professor of Hebrew at The Jewish Theological Seminary.

Sponsored by the Harry G. Friedman Society of Judaica Collectors and the Herbert and Eileen Bernard Museum of Judaica, this event is free and open to Temple members and guests. (212) 744-1400, ext. 259

Past Perfect: The Jewish experience in early 20th century postcards

On view at the Bernard Museum through February 25...
Museum Hours: Sunday through Thursday, 10 AM to 4:30 PM
Enter at One East 65th Street. Admission is free.

THE EARLIEST and largest numbers of Jewish picture postcards were created for Rosh Hashanah greetings. The Jewish custom of sending written messages of good wishes on the eve of the New Year developed in medieval Germany when Rabbi Jacob of Moellin, known as the Maharil (circa 1360–1427), recommended that during the Hebrew month of Elul one should include wishes for a good year in all written correspondence. This custom spread widely throughout the Ashkenazic world.

DON'T FORGET...
The deadline for Temple Emanu-El's first-ever High Holiday e-Card Contest is February 27. Call the Religious School office for details, or log on to the Temple Web site. Click "Learning" → "Religious School."

The real breakthrough came in the 19th century with mass-produced Rosh Hashanah postcards. It is clear that the beginning of Jewish New Year's postcards in Germany and later in other European countries was connected to the widespread use of Christian New Year's cards. In fact, some of the Jewish cards issued in Germany were printed as general cards with Jewish blessings superimposed. Naturally, these illustrations were not of a religious nature but rather featured smiling children or bouquets of flowers. For cards designed specifically for the Jewish New Year, publishers portrayed the ceremonies and customs of the High Holidays.



Image courtesy of The Library of The Jewish Theological Seminary

NEW YEAR'S GREETING
Central Publishing Co., Warsaw
Printed in Germany, ca. 1915

Besides depicting religious life, the New Year's cards dealt with a variety of other topics, including modes for the delivery of the greetings, romance, angels and children. These images often were accompanied by lighthearted Yiddish poems. There were also scenes of crucial events in the lives of contemporary Jews, particularly emigration to the United States or Palestine.

These colorful postcards afford a nostalgic view into a bygone world. Although many were staged in studios, often featuring models who made multiple appearances in different settings and garb, they faithfully represented realistic elements of Jewish daily life, both religious and secular, in the period preceding the devastation of European Jewry.



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Jews of Cuba: Past, present and future?

Tuesday, January 27 • 5:45 PM • Marvin and Elisabeth Cassell Community House (One East 65th)

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. (212) 744-1400, ext. 235



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