

TEMPLE EMANU-EL Bulletin

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Friday, November 11 6:15 p.m.
Young Families: Family Shabbat

In what is to be a “Young Families Reunion,” all families who have participated in this amazing program over the last 13 years are invited to our first Tot Shabbat of the New Year. Younger children (through early elementary school age) will celebrate Shabbat with **Young Families**. Children who can read (through B’nei Mitzvah age) will celebrate with our **Junior Congregation**—led by Rabbinic Intern David Young—which provides a unique, hands-on approach to the Shabbat service. After services, families will gather for dinner, an art project, catching up and renewing old friendships!

RSVP to (212) 744-1400, ext. 242 for *Young Families*, ext. 501 for *Junior Congregation*.

SABBATH SERVICES

**Friday evening, November 11
Main 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, November 12
Women’s Auxiliary Lounge**

Torah Study—9:15 a.m.
Main Sanctuary
Service—10:30 a.m.
Torah Portion—Lech Lecha
Readings—Genesis 12:1-17:27
Isaiah 40:27-41:16
Sermon: Rabbi Nadia E. Gold

MEET
THE AUTHOR

Wednesday,
November 16 6:30 p.m.
**An Evening of
Contemporary
Israeli Literature
With Savyon Liebrecht**

Through the assistance of the Consul-General of Israel, author Savyon Liebrecht will be the first speaker participating in Temple Emanu-El’s annual “Meet the Author” series, sponsored jointly by the Ivan M. Stettenheim Library and the Herbert & Eileen Bernard Museum of Judaica.



Born to Polish Holocaust survivors who immigrated to Israel a year after her birth, Ms. Liebrecht does not possess memories of the European genocide. Her parents’ painful experiences, however, greatly influenced her choice of career and subject

matter—making Ms. Liebrecht one of the few Israeli women novelists writing on this topic.

In 1987, Ms. Liebrecht received the Alterman Award for her first short-story collection, *Apples From the Desert*. She has twice received the Prime Minister’s Prize for Literature and in 2004 was named Israeli Playwright of the Year. This fall she is on a U.S. tour promoting the English translation of her new book, *A Good Place for the Night*.

Attendance at all “Meet the Author” lectures is free and open to the public. Enter through the Marvin and Elisabeth Cassell Community House, One East 65th Street.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, November 13 10 a.m.
Genesis: Families in Conflict

Rabbi Peretz Rodman uses stories of the founding families of the Book of Genesis, with their swirling conflicts and raging passions, to examine how resolutions are achieved. This is the second of three Sunday seminars sponsored by the Skirball Center for Adult Jewish Learning at Temple Emanu-El. Cost is \$50. Coffee and bagels will be served. Participants must enter at One East 65th Street. To register, call (212) 507-9580.



Tuesday, November 15 9:30 a.m.
Sunday, November 20 9:15 a.m.
Young Families: Storytime

Temple librarian Elizabeth Stabler will read about Thanksgiving from our wonderful collection of children's books. Storytime is for preschoolers from age 2½ years. Attendees must preregister by calling (212) 744-1400, ext. 362.

PULPIT FLOWERS

Pulpit flowers at Sabbath services this weekend are the generous donation of our congregants:

Kate Ballen and Jim Rosenthal in honor of *Olivia Rosenthal* becoming a Bas Mitzvah

Mary L. Fleur in loving memory of her brother, *Robert Thomas Schwartz*

Judie and Howard Ganek in loving memory of their father, *Reuben Goldstein*

Eve, Jeffrey and Mitchell Haberman in loving memory of *Maurice Haberman*

Richard H. M. and Gail Lowe Maidman in loving memory of *Shirley Cohen*

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

Tuesday, November 15 12:30 p.m.
Women's Auxiliary: Book Group

Rabbi Amy Ehrlich will lead discussion about the *New York Times* bestseller and notable book of the year *Revenge: A Story of Hope* by Laura Blumenfeld. In 1986, a Palestinian terrorist shot and wounded Blumenfeld's father. More than a decade later, Blumenfeld, a reporter for *The Washington Post*, undergoes a journey to find the would-be assassin and in the process learns about vengeance. *Feel free to bring your own lunch; coffee and dessert will be provided.* RSVP to (212) 744-1400, ext. 235.

Sunday, November 20 10 a.m.
Anti-Semitism: Its Root Causes



Dr. Judson R. Shaver, president and professor of religious studies at Marymount Manhattan College, will provide a scholarly analysis of anti-Semitism, who started it and why it has continued to permeate throughout our lifetime. The cost for this event is \$20 per person, which includes a hot breakfast. Enter at One East 65th Street. RSVP to the Men's Club at (212) 744-1400, ext. 250 by Wednesday, November 16.

B'NEI MITZVAH

The following students of our Religious School will become B'nei Mitzvah this weekend:

Lee McCollester Ditkoff, son of Andi Emerson and Robert Ditkoff

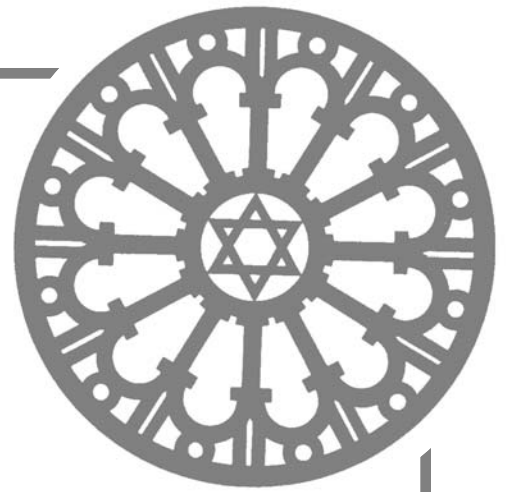
Olivia Clair Rosenthal, daughter of Kate Ballen and James Rosenthal

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

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.

SCATTERED AMONG THE NATIONS: PHOTOGRAPHS AND STORIES OF THE WORLD'S MOST ISOLATED JEWISH COMMUNITIES

A new exhibit at the Herbert & Eileen Bernard Museum of Judaica, *Scattered Among the Nations* runs from November 21, 2005, through March 16, 2006. A special lecture with photographer Bryan Schwartz will be held Sunday, December 11 at 2 p.m. Call (212) 744-1400, ext. 259 for more information.



Ghana—Kwame washing hands

India—
The Benei
Menashe
community



Zimbabwe—
The Shona
Jewish
community



Photos
courtesy
of Bryan
Schwartz

FOR THOUSANDS of years, Jews have carried their religion with them wherever they have gone. Living in the Diaspora for millennia, Jews have maintained their way of life and gathered in communities to share ancient traditions. At times, others have been touched by the faith and traditions of the Jews scattered among them—or by the words of the Torah—and bound their own lives to this enduring heritage.

Scarcely more than 13 million Jews live in the world today—most of them in established Jewish centers like Israel and in large cities of North America and Western Europe. What many do not know is that there are communities in Africa, Asia and Latin America whose populations share the outward appearance and lifestyles of the people who surround them, with one major difference: They are practicing Jews. Some of these communities exist in places so geographically and culturally distant from other Jews that members of the communities must work daily to maintain the religion of their ancestors.

The photographs from this exhibit capture populations that remain on the geographic and cultural fringes of the modern Jewish Diaspora. From the Benei Menashe tribes in the hills of northeastern India, to a farming village in Ghana, West Africa... from crowded corners of Bombay, to peaceful Andean villages of Peru...each of these Jewish communities challenges stereotypes, preserving Jewish practice apart from the mainstream Jewish community.

The Talmud says, "Hearing is not like seeing." With this teaching in mind, *Scattered Among the Nations* showcases the faces and places that comprise a dynamic component of today's multicultural Jewish world.

— Elka Deitsch, Senior Curator

AROUND THE TEMPLE

MITZVAH DAY — DONATION DROP OFF

From now through Sunday, November 13, we will be collecting donations for six projects. Donations may be brought daily to the lobby of the Marvin and Elisabeth Cassell Community House, One East 65th Street, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. Religious School and Nursery School families may drop off their donations in the lobby of 10 East 66th Street. All clothing should be cleaned prior to donation. Questions? Call the Mitzvah Day hotline at (212) 744-1400, ext. 452.

Toiletries for the Homeless — Travel/trial-sized soap, shampoo, toothpaste, toothbrushes

Winter Clothing Drive — Coats, jackets, scarves, hats and gloves (adult and child sizes)

Toy Drive — New, unwrapped toys (games, puzzles, dolls, stuffed animals)

Dress for Success — Women's clothing no more than 3 years old
(skirt suits, pant suits, blazers, blouses)

Thanksgiving Care Packages — Nonperishable food items
(canned fruits and vegetables, cranberry sauce, stuffing mix, cake mix)

Books for NYC Public Schools — New or gently used children's books



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