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Creating the Museum of the History of Polish Jews: A Work in Progress

Wednesday, May 6 ● 6:30 PM ● Marvin and Elisabeth Cassell Community House (One East 65th Street)

R. BARBARA KIRSHENBLATT-GIMBLETT, head of the international core exhibition planning team for the **Museum of the History of Polish Jews** in Warsaw, will discuss the challenges and methods for creating a narrative for this visionary museum. This is the third and final lecture of the year for our Library-Museum series. Attendance is free and open to the public.

IMPORTANT REMINDERS/UPCOMING EVENTS

Bloomberg Tower:
Tour and Lunch
Tuesday, April 21 and
Thursday, April 23 ● 10:45 AM

Attendees should meet promptly in the courtyard at **One Beacon Court**, between Lexington and Third avenues at 59th Street. **NOTE: Both tours are sold out.** Questions? Contact the Women's Auxiliary. (212) 744-1400, ext. 235

Tikkun Olam: Stitch'n Time Sunday, April 26 ● 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; no prior knitting experience is necessary. People of all ages are invited to attend. Light refreshments will be served. (212) 744-1400, ext. 452

"Let My People Go"
Monday, April 27 ● 6:30 PM
One East 65th Street

Danny Mishkin, our coordinator of youth and young adult learning, will lead parents in discussing issues that arise as teens move through adolescence. (212) 744-1400, ext. 329

Women's Auxiliary:
Book Discussion Group
Tuesday, April 28 ● 12:30 PM
One East 65th Street

Rabbi Howard Goldsmith will lead our discussion of The Year of Living Biblically: One Man's Humble Quest to Follow the Bible as Literally as Possible by A.J. Jacobs. Copies are available at the Temple library and may be borrowed for one week. Feel free to bring your lunch. Coffee and cookies will be served. (212) 744-1400, ext. 235

For information about all Emanu-El events, log on to www.emanuelnyc.org. Click "Calendar."

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.

SERVICE NOTE

On **Friday, April 24**, our evening service will include a special *Yom HaAtzma-ut* (Israel Independence Day) prayer.

WEEKLY *PARASHAH* Saturday, April 25

Torah Portion—
Tazria/M'tzora
Readings—Leviticus 12:115:33; II Kings 4:42-5:19
Sermon: Rabbi Goldsmith

Saturday, May 2

Torah Portion—

Acharei Mot/K'doshim

Readings—Leviticus 19:124:23; Isaiah 66:1-13, 23

Sermon: Rabbi Posner

BROADCAST OF SERVICES

Worship and holiday services can be downloaded from the Emanu-El Web site or listened to through the Emanu-El Audio Player, generally within one hour of the completion of the live service. Click "Worship" → "Broadcast of Services."

ELECTRONIC SUBSCRIPTIONS

Have the latest Temple news, weekly Torah commentary and music program delivered directly to your in-box. Subscribe through the Temple Web site. Click "About Us" → "Publications" → "Electronic Mailing Lists."

If you wish to receive the weekly electronic newsletter instead of the biweekly print edition, then call the Temple Office at (212) 744-1400, ext. 215 to have your name removed from the mailing list. Your efforts to help us "go green" are appreciated!

Magda's Daughter: A Hidden Child Speaks Out

Wednesday, April 22 • 4:30 PM • 10 East 66th Street

HOLOCAUST SURVIVOR Evi Weisz Blaikie of the ADL Hidden Child Foundation will share her life story with Religious School students in Grades 5 through 7; parents also are invited to attend. Born Evelyne Juliette Weisz in 1939 Paris, Blaikie is the daughter of Hungarian immigrant parents. After the Germans overran Paris in 1940, her father—a Communist—went underground and was never seen again. Her mother, Magda, was caught in a raid and sent to a slave labor camp. At 2½ years old, Evi was taken to Hungary to be cared for by her mother's sisters and her grandmother.



Evi Weisz in 1943, Budapest

When the Nazis overran Hungary, Evi then was sent with false identification papers to a farm in Trans-Danubia (part of northwestern Hungary), where she survived under her assumed identity while most of her family did not. (212) 744-1400, ext. 226

New Orleans Dinner & Presentation

Saturday, April 25 • 7 PM • One East 65th Street

TEMPLE MEMBERS are invited to a dinner and special presentation by 14 members of our teen community, who participated in a meaningful, social-action trip to New Orleans—along with Emanu-El staff—this past February and consequently have a wonderful message to teach. In New Orleans they became witnesses to the devastation caused by Hurricane Katrina but also contributed to the rebuilding process by painting people's homes and converting a one-time pharmacy into a community center for youth.

Cost is \$15 per person for reservations made before April 20 and \$20 after. Charges will be billed to your Emanu-El account. After April 20, cancellations cannot be refunded. Non-Temple members may pay upon arrival, but reservations must be made in advance. (212) 744-1400, ext. 329

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, April 25

Marlena Rubenstein, daughter of Jennifer and Joshua Rubenstein and Marta Johnson

Harry Cotton Solovay. son of Susan and Michael Solovay

Saturday, May 2

Jacob Carl Marrus, son of Mr. and Mrs. Michael E. Marrus

Piper Fialkoff, daughter of Mr. Steve Fialkoff and Dr. Marcia S. Grossman

Jack Fletcher Reiss, son of Marjorie Kalinsky–Reiss and Michael Reiss

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

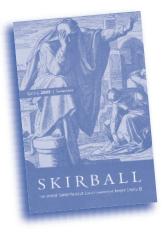
NEW ON THE TEMPLE EMANU-EL WEB SITE...

B'nei mitzvah resources for students and families, including text and recordings of the Hebrew blessings, family prayers and mitzvah opportunities. Click on "Learning" → "Religious School" → "Bar & Bat Mitzvah Program."

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL REGISTRATION

Forms for the 2009-2010 school year will be ready in April. Watch your mail for information packets or call (212) 744-1400, ext. 226.

Skirball Spring Semester



To obtain your course catalog, call (212) 507-9580 or log on to the Temple Web site at www. emanuelnyc.org. Click "Learning" → "Skirball Center."

CLASSES FOR THE SPRING SEMESTER at the Skirball Center for Adult Jewish Learning at Temple Emanu-El begin Monday, April 27. Semester highlights include:

- What Is Your Relationship
 With Israel?, a special program for
 Israel's Independence Day to be held on
 Tuesday, April 28
- Comatose Prophets and the Flight From Self with Judy Klitsner, a senior lecturer at the Pardes Institute of Jewish Studies, where she has taught Bible and biblical exegesis for 18 years (May 11)
- "And I Am a Stranger": Becoming Ruth with renowned Bible interpreter and teacher Avivah Gottlieb Zornberg (May 21)
- Three Weeks of Distress, Three Weeks of Hope: Coping With the Aftermath of Disaster, a three-day course led by Moti Arad (June 22–24)

Temple Emanu-El congregants receive 25 percent off full-semester courses.

English in Action: Volunteers Needed

WOMEN'S
AUXILIARY
members who are
interested in being
trained as tutors
for the **English in Action** program
should contact the
Women's Auxiliary
office immediately.
English in Action
volunteers serve
as tutors for
foreign-born adults
who meet weekly to



practice their English conversation. A training session at the **English Speaking Union**, which oversees this program, is required.

English in Action is a weekly commitment from September to June. Call (212) 744-1400, ext. 235 or send an e-mail to womaux@emanuelnyc.org.

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

For the Sabbath of April 24 and 25

Ellen J. Weiss
In Celebration of Life

James Buttenwieser in loving memory of Helene L. Buttenwieser

For the Sabbath of May 1 and 2

Katherine Kalinsky in honor of her grandson *Jack Reiss* becoming a bar mitzvah

Bonnie, David, Richard, Nancy and Gail Maidman in loving memory of Ada Maidman

MISSION TO ISRAEL (December 23, 2009 through January 3, 2010)

If you're only going to take one trip this year, then make it Emanu-El's Family Mission to Israel. We will explore all that Israel has to offer—stunning scenery, fascinating history and delicious food but also endless possibilities for exploring Jewish identity and connecting with your roots. Returning to lead this tour for a second time are Rabbi Howard Goldsmith and Saul Kaiserman, director of Lifelong Learning. More information is available on the Temple Web site. Click "Learning" → "Youth & Young Adults" -> "Family Trip to Israel."

Bring-a-Friend Days

Sunday, May 3 • 9:30 AM • 10 East 66th Street Monday, May 4 • 4 PM • 10 East 66th Street

NURSERY SCHOOL PARENTS are invited to experience a typical session of Religious School and discover what makes the kindergarten a great place for Jewish families to learn and grow. Gather with your child's friends from Nursery School and witness the liveliness and warmth of our school first hand. (212) 744-1400, ext. 226



A Healthy Meal

Monday, May 4 and 11 ● 6:30 PM ● One East 65th Street

WITH PACKAGED SNACKS and processed foods often more readily available than freshly cooked meals, trying to figure out what is healthy to eat is an increasingly confusing and challenging endeavor. Furthermore, we are more aware than ever that the eating decisions we make not only affect our health but also have environmental and social ramifications.



Director of Lifelong Learning **Saul Kaiserman** takes a look at how timeless wisdom from the Jewish tradition can guide how we feed our families and ourselves and understand the effects of those decisions on the world we inhabit. This class is free and open to Temple members as part of our adult-learning program. (212) 744-1400, ext. 226

Settlement: A Marian Marzynski Film

Monday, May 11 • 6:30 PM • One East 65th Street

TWELVE YEARS AFTER the release of his landmark film SHTETL, Emmy Award-winning director Marian Marzynski, a pioneer of European cinema verité, returns to one of his favorite subjects: the mystery of survival during the Holocaust. SETTLEMENT, the most recent of Marzynski's critically lauded autobiographical films, benefits from the director's highly personal approach to filmmaking.



Co-sponsored by Temple Emanu-El and the American Society for Jewish Heritage in Poland, this screening is free and open to the public. A Q&A with the writer/director will be held at the end of the film. (212) 744-1400, ext. 215

From Holy War to Sacred Peace

emple Emanu-El is pleased to offer three lectures led by our Temple Emanu-El Scholar in Residence, Rabbi Aaron Panken.

Holy War: Challenging Texts From Judaism and Islam Thursday, April 23 ● 6:30 PM **One East 65th Street**

MOST RELIGIOUS TRADITIONS offer a perspective on war that is more varied than we might imagine. While religion certainly calls for peace when possible, there is no doubt that religion also advocates military action at certain moments and in the service of certain goals. During this session, we will explore a series of more challenging texts from two religious traditions. with an eye toward understanding their distinct, yet parallel, approaches to war.

(This lecture is co-sponsored with the Skirball Center for Adult Jewish Learning at Temple Emanu-El.)

The Place of Jerusalem in the **Jewish and Muslim Traditions** Friday, April 24 ● 5:15 PM* Sanctuary (Fifth Ave. at 65th)

JERUSALEM OCCUPIES a special and unique place in both the Jewish and Muslim faiths but for starkly different reasons.

Through text study that explores the history of the perception of the city through the ages, we will explore the ancient and medieval religious precedents that have led to the claims and clashes of the modern Middle East.

*Lecture begins immediately after Friday evening services.

Sacred Peace: Religious Obligations on Peacemaking Sunday, April 26 • 10:30 AM **One East 65th Street**

HOW IS ONE OBLIGATED to go about making peace? From minor interactions with passersby and neighbors, to serious familial obligations, to larger societal issues of war and peace, Judaism presents us with manifold opportunities for the making of peace. In this session, we will explore how the Rabbis of the Talmud suggested that we ought to seek peace in the micro and the macro worlds.

(This program is made possible in part through the Miriam and Henry Goldberg Memorial Lecture Fund.)



Rabbi Aaron Panken serves as vice president for strategic initiatives at Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion. He served as dean and dean of students at the New York campus from 1996 through 2007. He has taught Second Temple and Rabbinic literature since 1995. Rabbi Panken also is involved in a number of leadership roles within the Reform Movement and the greater Jewish world, including the Rabbinical Placement Commission, the advisory board of Reform Judaism magazine, and the international council of the New Israel Fund.

David M. Posner Senior Rabbi

> Amv B. Ehrlich Associate Rabbi

Howard J. Goldsmith

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University of Michigan Men's Glee Club Concert

Thursday, May 7 • 8 pm • Sanctuary (Fifth Avenue at 65th Street)

The 54 voices of the internationally renowned University of Michigan Men's Glee Club will perform a concert of choral pieces spanning from J.S. Bach and Salamone Rossi to Steven Stucky and Elizabeth Alexander. Founded in 1859, the University of Michigan Men's Glee Club is one of the oldest collegiate choruses in the United States and is long acclaimed as one of the finest male choruses in the world. This concert at Temple Emanu-El is part of the club's 150th anniversary celebration, which includes a two-year performance tour across the country. Attendance at Emanu-El is free and open to the public.



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Reminder... Opera Gala 2009

Wednesday, April 22 ● 6 PM Sanctuary (Fifth Avenue at 65th)

Temple members with priority-seating tickets MUST ARRIVE before 5:45 PM.

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