

# Temple Emanu-El Bulletin



## IMPORTANT REMINDERS

### Seating for the High Holy Days

Special notices about reserving seats for the High Holy Days were enclosed with 2009-2010 membership dues statements. Renewal of seating is not automatic. Questions should be directed to the Temple Office at (212) 744-1400. Call if you have not received your tickets by Monday, September 14.

## WORSHIP SERVICES

### SUNDAY — THURSDAY

5:30 PM • Marvin & Elisabeth Cassell Community House (One East 65th Street)

### 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 (One East 65th Street)

Torah Study—9:15 AM  
Sanctuary (Fifth Ave. 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.



## A Day of Memory

Dear Emanu-El Family:

ON BEHALF OF OUR Temple President Marcia Waxman, our board of trustees and all the members of our clergy and administration, I wish to you and to your families a New Year of good health, much joy and peace for our world.



**Rabbi David M. Posner**

In the *Kiddush* recited on Rosh Hashanah, the Holy Day is referred to as Yom HaZikaron: The Day of Memory. Indeed, memory is one of the great themes of our New Year. The Shofar Service for Rosh Hashanah is divided into three distinct sections: *Malchuyot*—passages referring to God's kingship; *Zichronot*—verses referring to God's providential memory; and *Shofarot*—passages relating to the meaning of the shofar.

*Zichronot*—memories. Who can doubt that human memory takes many forms? Some of our experiences we remember vividly. Of others, we have no recollection at all. There are the times when we block out the unpleasant events, and there are the things that we wish we only could forget. Often our lifelong perception of a person is colored by the memory of a particularly exceptional experience. We also go through life with memories of “the old days”—our old neighborhoods, our schools, our young loves. And it is no idle fig-

ure of speech when people say that their memory is playing tricks on them. It does—more than we are capable of knowing and more than we want to admit.

But on Rosh Hashanah, we focus on not our memories but on those of the Holy One. Jewish doctrine maintains that God's memory is of another kind entirely. It is perfect in terms of accuracy, and it is not limited by time. For God, the past, present and future are not clearly delineated. Rather, we are seen in God's eyes as the totality of everything we ever have done—our potentials, our drives, our ambitions and our values.

It is as though the total person is shaped not by a succession of isolated experiences but by the sum of all experiences. We might liken this to an accountant's reckoning of a client's net worth. The many trans-

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## TORAH COMMENTARY

Get more out of the Torah! Read our weekly Torah commentary, written by our clergy and Temple staff, 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.

### **Saturday, September 5**

Torah Portion—*Ki Tavo* (Deuteronomy 26:1-29:8)  
Part of Moses' farewell: when to settle the Land; tithing; prayer recounting Exodus; ceremony for entering the Land; blessings and curses from following or spurning God's laws.

**Sermon: Rabbi Posner**

### **Saturday, September 12**

Torah Portion—*Nitzavim-Veyeilech* (Deuteronomy 29:9-31:30)

Moses' speech continues: covenant for all generations; covenant depends on Torah observance; repentance; Moses announces retirement; appoints Joshua as successor; assures success in conquest of the Land; commands Torah study.

**Sermon: Rabbi Goldsmith**

### **Saturday, September 26**

Torah Portion—*Haazinu* (Deuteronomy 32:1-32:52)

Moses' final prayer/poem: describes God's attributes; admonishes to remember history and obey God; Torah's importance; Moses told to climb Mount Nebo, where he will see the Promised Land and die.

**Sermon: Rabbi Goldsmith**

## Worship & Spirituality



## Selichot Service

**Saturday, September 12 • 8 PM • Beth-El Chapel**

COMING FROM the Hebrew word for “forgiveness,” Selichot involves the recitation of penitential prayers that are the work of medieval liturgical poets. The liturgy and music of the service are intended to instill a mood of solemnity that serves as a prelude to the sacred themes of the High Holy Days. A reception will follow.

## High Holy Days at Emanu-El

WORSHIP SERVICES for the High Holy Days are conducted simultaneously in the Sanctuary (Fifth Avenue at 65th Street) and Lowenstein Sanctuary (10 East 66th Street). Admission is by assigned ticket only. Congregants needing a seat assignment should contact the Temple office immediately, if they have not done so already. Congregants who do not receive their tickets by Monday, September 14, should call (212) 744-1400, ext. 210.

### **Eve of Rosh Hashanah:**

**Friday, September 18 • 5:30 PM**

Sanctuary: Rabbi Posner, Cantor Lori Corrsin  
Lowenstein: Rabbi Ehrlich, Rabbi Goldsmith

### **Day of Rosh Hashanah:**

**Saturday, September 19 • 10 AM**

Sanctuary: Rabbi Ehrlich, Rabbi Goldsmith  
Lowenstein: Rabbi Posner, Cantor Lori Corrsin

### **Rosh Hashanah Family Service:**

**Saturday, September 19 • 2:30 PM**

Sanctuary (Fifth Avenue at 65th Street)  
Admission to the Family Service is by ticket.  
Only one ticket is needed per family. A reception will follow.

**WQXR Radio (96.3 FM)** will air a previously taped recording of Rosh Hashanah Eve services on **Friday, September 18 at 5:30 PM**. Actual services from the Sanctuary (Rosh Hashanah Eve and Day) will be available for listening on the **Emanu-El Web site ([www.emanuelnyc.org](http://www.emanuelnyc.org))** within one hour of the end of the live service.

### **Hear the Shofar Sounded**

Unable to attend the Rosh Hashanah morning service? Rabbi Posner is happy to pay a home visit on Rosh Hashanah afternoon to any of our Temple members, shofar in hand. Call Rabbi Posner's study at (212) 744-1400.



*Members of our 2008-2009 Adult B'nei Mitzvah class learn how to blow the shofar during a special session about celebrating the holidays.*

**Eve of Yom Kippur (Kol Nidrei):**

**Sunday, September 27 • 8 PM**

Sanctuary: Rabbi Posner, Cantor Lori Corrsin  
Lowenstein: Rabbi Ehrlich, Rabbi Goldsmith

**Day of Yom Kippur:**

**Monday, September 28 • 9:45 AM**

Sanctuary: Rabbi Ehrlich, Rabbi Goldsmith  
Lowenstein: Rabbi Posner, Cantor Lori Corrsin

**Yom Kippur Study Sessions**

**Monday, September 28 • 12:15 PM to 1:15 PM**

**Yom Kippur Family Service:**

**Monday, September 28 • 1:30 PM**

Sanctuary (Fifth Avenue at 65th Street)  
Admission to the Family Service is by ticket.  
Only one ticket is needed per family.

**Yom Kippur Avodah Service**

**Monday, September 28 • 2:15 PM • Lowenstein Sanctuary**

**Yom Kippur Afternoon/Memorial/Concluding Service**

**Monday, September 28 • 3:15 PM**

Sanctuary: Rabbi Posner, Cantor Lori Corrsin  
Lowenstein: Rabbi Ehrlich, Rabbi Goldsmith

**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."

**WEEKLY MUSIC**

Music programs for Sabbath and holiday services are posted on the Emanu-El Web site. Click "Worship" → "Music at Emanu-El."

**HIGH HOLIDAY E-CARDS**

In early 2009, Temple Emanu-El's Religious School partnered with the Herbert & Eileen Bernard Museum for their first-ever High Holy Days e-Card Contest.

Students studied images from the museum's special exhibit *Past Perfect: The Jewish Experience in Early 20th Century Postcards* and were given the opportunity to design their own New Year's cards. Students' contest entries were meant to be modern updates of postcards from the exhibition. The selected winners now have had their cards turned into e-cards that can be sent by e-mail to reflect the way in which we often send holiday greetings in today's world. Send an e-card by logging on to "Worship" → "Holy Days & Festivals" → "Rosh Hashanah."



*E-Card designed by Sarah Harte Taylor*

## NURSERY SCHOOL APPLICATIONS

Applications for the **2010-2011 school year** will be available for request from **Tuesday, September 8 through Friday, September 25**. Parents should call the Nursery School Office at (212) 744-1400, ext. 230 during this period only. Although it is our policy to give priority to members of the congregation and siblings, acceptance is not automatic.

## RELIGIOUS SCHOOL FAMILY HANDBOOK

Learn Religious School essentials by downloading our **A to Z Guide** from the Temple Web site. Click "Learning" → "Religious School."

## B'NEI MITZVAH PREPARATION

Resources for students and families, including text and recordings of the Hebrew blessings, as well as family prayers and mitzvah opportunities, are available on the Temple Web site. Click "Learning" → "Religious School" → "Bar & Bat Mitzvah Program."

## OFFICE HOURS

During the school year, office hours for the Department of Lifelong Learning are as follows:

- Sunday, 8:30 AM – 1 PM
- Monday, 9:30 AM – 6:30 PM
- Tuesday, 9:30 AM – 5 PM
- Wednesday, 9:30 AM – 6:30 PM
- Thursday, 9:30 AM – 5 PM

We are closed on Fridays and Saturdays as well as legal and Jewish holidays.

## Young People's Programs



### Young Families:

#### Rooftop Party Sunday, September 13

**10 AM • 10 East 66th Street**

Enjoy the last days of summer at our annual September rooftop party! If the weather is nice, we'll play in the pools—so bring sunscreen, bathing suits, towels, hats and a change of clothes.

If it rains, we'll play inside. RSVP to (212) 744-1400, ext. 242.

#### Bar/Bat Mitzvah Mini-Retreat Sunday, September 13 • 2 PM One East 65th Street

The Seventh Grade Mini-Retreat is an integral part of the collaboration between clergy, families and staff to make the bar or bat mitzvah experience a meaningful and empowering one. The program includes personalized

study of your child's Torah portion and is appropriate for all families of seventh graders, whether you attended the sixth grade mini-retreat in January 2009. All are encouraged strongly to attend. Reservations are required by Tuesday, September 8. Call (212) 744-1400, ext. 226.

#### The High Holy Days: Rated PG-13

#### Monday, September 28 12:15 PM • 10 East 66th St.

This Yom Kippur activity is intended to connect teens and their parents (parents optional!) to the spirit of the High Holy Days. Our learning session will be held after the Yom Kippur morning service and right before the family service. Questions? Call (212) 744-1400, ext. 329.

## Religious School



### First Days of School

**P**ARENTS ARE REMINDED to please return their children's Religious School registration forms to the Religious School office. Those interested in signing up their children for the first time may download forms from the Temple Web site.



Click "Learning" → "Religious School."

Forms are available in Word and PDF format.

NOTE: Children must be enrolled in the Religious School in order to become a bar or bat mitzvah at Temple Emanu-El. A ceremony date can be scheduled when a child is in fourth grade or is 10 years old.

**Classes for the 2009-2010 school year begin Sunday, Monday and Wednesday, September 13, 14 and 16.** For more information, call the Religious School office at (212) 744-1400, ext. 226.



## Family Mission to Israel

FROM DECEMBER 23, 2009, to JANUARY 3, 2010, Temple Emanu-El will explore all that Israel has to offer: not only stunning scenery, fascinating history and delicious food but endless possibilities for exploring Jewish identity and connecting with our roots. No other vacation will offer your family the same opportunity to connect with each other as well as to connect with what's really important.



There are many ways to visit Israel, but traveling as a family with Congregation Emanu-El is an incomparable opportunity to deepen a child's connection to Reform Jewish values and community. Our tour mixes visits to archaeological and historical sites with time to play and relax. We volunteer and celebrate Shabbat together with Israeli Reform Jewish families. With special pre- and post-trip events exclusively for trip participants, this is an experience that will last longer than the 12 days abroad. After this trip, every experience you have at Emanu-El will bring you back to your time as a family in Israel.

For more information, contact Rabbi Howard Goldsmith. He also can refer you to participants from the last trip who can tell you what it's like traveling to Israel with Emanu-El. If you're going to take just one trip this year...join us in Israel!



Learn more on the Temple Web site. Click "Learning" → "Youth & Young Adults" → "Family Mission to Israel."  
Or, call (212) 744-1400, ext. 304.

## Programs for Teens

**M**ITZVAH CORPS, for students in grades 7 and 8, combines classroom study and hands-on volunteer opportunities. Each month, students engage in a learning session in which they study social issues through a Jewish lens. Then students volunteer together in an on-site action session with praiseworthy organizations in the New York area.

**The Unit 1 learning component meets Sunday, September 20 and Wednesday, September 23.**

Learn more on the Temple Web site. Click "Learning" → "Religious School" → "Teen Programs."  
Or, call (212) 744-1400, ext. 329.



### ATTENTION: EMANU-EL COLLEGE STUDENTS

Would you like to receive birthday and holiday care packages while you are away at school? Learn about educational programs organized over school breaks? Attend social events with other college students when in New York City? Then sign up to be part of the University Club of Temple Emanu-El. Send your name, college or university name, mailing address, e-mail address, year at school, birthday and cell phone number to [universityclub@emanuclnyc.org](mailto:universityclub@emanuclnyc.org). Even if you signed up last year, please send your information again, as school addresses change regularly.

### SENIOR YOUTH GROUP BOARD

Temple Emanu-El's Senior Temple Youth (TESTY) board is the heart of our Grade 9 through 12 community. Members meet regularly to organize and run activities for fellow high schoolers. In order to serve on the TESTY board in 2009-2010, you must have demonstrated a prior commitment to the

Emanu-El high school program by having:

- Been confirmed
- Participated in the Emanu-El trip to New Orleans
- Participated in A-TEEM
- Attended Youth Group events regularly

Updates about high school programs are sent only by e-mail. Students should complete the registration form. Click "Learning" → "Religious School" → "Teen Programs."



## MITZVAH DAY 2009

Mitzvah Day was started in 2005 as a way to increase awareness and create a greater sense of community among Temple members while helping others.

Because of its overwhelming success, Mitzvah Day has become one of our most popular activities—drawing hundreds of volunteers of all ages. Please mark your calendars for **Sunday, November 8**. Volunteer materials will be sent in the mail to all Temple members.

NOTE: Additional volunteer opportunities will be scheduled monthly throughout the year. We welcome your participation. Questions? (212) 744-1400, ext. 452

## MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. VOLUNTEER WEEKEND

Our annual weekend volunteer program for high school students provides an extended, intense and meaningful experience that builds strong friendships and shared values like no other program can.

In 2009, we traveled to New Orleans to help rebuild a great American city. In 2010, we are volunteering right here in New York City.

**Program Dates:  
January 15, 2010 —  
January 18, 2010**

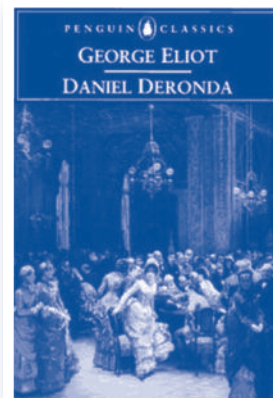
Community-service credit will be awarded.

Interested? Ready to sign up? Still have questions? (212) 744-1400, ext. 329

## Men's Club Book Group

**Tuesday, September 15 • 9 AM • One East 65th Street**

**A**LL TEMPLE MEMBERS are invited to join in this monthly discussion organized by the Men's Club of Congregation Emanu-El. Sessions meet at the Marvin and Elisabeth Cassell Community House. Our first selection of the year will be George Eliot's *Daniel Deronda*, the last novel completed by the author and the only one set in the contemporary Victorian society of Eliot's day. Its mixture of social satire and moral searching, along with a sympathetic rendering of Jewish proto-Zionist and kabbalistic ideas, has made it a controversial final statement of one of the greatest Victorian novelists. Questions? (212) 744-1400, ext. 250



Read a selection from the book, view a trailer from a 2002 television production and read a review on the Emanu-El Web site. Click "Community" → "Men's Club" → "Book Group."

## Opening Meeting & Brunch

**Sunday, October 4 • 10 AM • One East 65th Street**

**T**HE WOMEN'S AUXILIARY, MEN'S CLUB and DEPARTMENT OF LIFELONG LEARNING cordially invite all Temple members to their opening meeting and brunch, featuring **New York State Senator Liz Krueger**.



First elected in a February 2002 special election, Sen. Krueger has dedicated her career to issues relating to poverty, and she is a nationally recognized expert on the problems of hunger, homelessness, and the lack of affordable housing, health care and job training. In her first term, Sen. Krueger was a leader in the successful fight to pass the Women's Health and Wellness Act.

Other initiatives include legislation to support recycling and expand the bottle bill; legislation

that would expand access to the Senior Citizen's Rent Increase Exemption; legislation establishing a breastfeeding bill of rights; and legislation expanding access to food stamps and safety-net assistance for needy families and individuals.

The cost for this event is \$30 for Women's Auxiliary and Men's Club members, as well as Religious School parents; \$40 for all others. Questions? (212) 744-1400, ext. 235



## Skirball Fall Semester

THE SKIRBALL CENTER FOR ADULT JEWISH LEARNING AT TEMPLE EMANU-EL links liberal Jews to Jewish study that is relevant and meaningful. At Skirball, Jewish study is infused with excitement and depth, complexity and diversity. Skirball enhances the search for what it means to be a human being and a Jew. Fall semester courses begin **Monday, October 19**. Choose from Sunday Seminars, four-week classes, eight-week classes (including a guest lecture by Elie Wiesel), daytime classes, Jewish University in a Day and a two-part movie series sponsored with the Jewish Community Center in Manhattan. Course guides will be sent in the mail; registration can be completed by calling (212) 507-9580 or online through the Skirball Web site ([www.adultjewishlearning.org](http://www.adultjewishlearning.org)). Emanu-El congregants receive a 15 percent discount off the cost of full-semester courses.



## Self-Guide Brochure

WHICH STAINED-GLASS WINDOW in the Sanctuary was donated by Florette Guggenheim, widow of Benjamin Guggenheim (who died aboard the Titanic)? How tall is the mosaic arch designed by Hildreth Meière? How many pipes comprise Emanu-El's organ? Find the answers to these questions and more in Temple Emanu-El's new self-guide brochure, which is now available for downloading and printing from the Temple Web site. Whether you're visiting for the first time or are a long-term member, this guide can be a valuable resource. **Click "About Us" → "Tour Emanu-El."**



### THE HERBERT & EILEEN BERNARD MUSEUM OF JUDAICA



#### OBJECT OF THE MONTH: TORAH SHIELD

*Maker: Hahn  
Nuremberg, After 1717  
Bequest of Judge Irving  
Lehman, 1945*

This exquisite silver gilt Torah shield depicts the festivals and holidays of Rosh Hashanah, Sukkot, Passover and Shavuot. Below the panel with the inscription of the relevant holiday (pictured here is an image of two Levites performing the rite of hand washing with a laver and pitcher.

Learn more on the Temple Web site. Click "Museum" → "Collection Highlights." Or, visit the museum Sunday through Thursday, 10 AM to 4:30 PM.

#### STETTENHEIM LIBRARY

Regular operating hours resume **Tuesday, September 8:**  
9:30 AM to 4 PM (Sunday)  
and 10 AM to 6 PM (Monday through Thursday).  
(212) 744-1400, ext. 360

# Life-Cycle Events



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

## Saturday, September 12

*Isabella Brafman*, daughter of Lester and Inge Caroline Brafman

*Robin Saidenberg*, daughter of Marc and Patty T. Saidenberg

*R. MacGregor Wiener*, son of Heather Hering Wiener and the late Ronald C. Wiener

## Saturday, September 26

*Andrew Fischer*, son of Howard and Susanne Fischer

**NOTE:** Because the *Temple Emanu-El Bulletin* is now a monthly publication, please be advised that we need one month's notice for Pulpit Flower dedications and *Oneg Shabbat* sponsorships. For more information, call Sherry Nehmer at (212) 744-1400, ext. 312.

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

**PULPIT FLOWERS** at worship services have been donated by the following congregants:

## For the Sabbath of July 17 and 18

In loving remembrance of the wedding of *Vivian and Arthur Schulte*

## For the Sabbath of July 24 and 25

Mrs. Sandy Pessin in loving memory of her father, *Leon L. Ploss*

## For the Sabbath of July 31 and August 1

Allen Berkley and Jacqueline DeJur Feinberg in loving memory of *Sandra DeJur Berkley and Frances and Ralph DeJur*

Glenna and Ira in loving memory of husband and father, *Arnold K. Brody*

## For the Sabbath of August 7 and 8

Susan and David Rahm in loving memory of Susan's mother, *Selma Wiener Berkman*

## For the Sabbath of August 14 and 15

In loving memory of *Hattie and John Greenburgh*

## For the Sabbath of August 21 and 22

Michael and Lida Exstein in loving memory of *Lorraine Greenberg, Blanche Exstein, Yetta Greenberg and Miriam Kobacker*

The Robert and Richard Menschel families in loving memory of *Bettie W. Goldsmith and Benjamin and Helen G. Menschel*

Mr. Donald Schapiro in loving memory of *Sarah S. and Louis A. Goldman, Lydia C. and John M. Schapiro*

## For the Sabbath of September 4 and 5

Patricia, Barry and Elizabeth Berkule in loving memory of *Jack Berkule and Lee Berkule*

## For the Sabbath of September 11 and 12

Deborah and Alexandra in loving memory of *Robert W. Bloch and Madeline and Maurice Bloch*

Mrs. Arthur Schulte in loving memory of *Arthur Schulte's birthday*

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**PULPIT FLOWERS for ROSH HASHANAH have been donated by the following congregants:**

Rabbi and Mrs. Ronald B. Sobel  
in loving memory of  
*Ethel B. and Peter P. Sobel*

Mrs. Constance A. Austin  
in loving memory of  
*Anita K. Agate*

Rhoda Weiskopf Cohen  
in loving memory of my dearest  
parents, *Dr. Samuel and Esther  
Altman Weiskopf*, and my beloved  
grandmother, *Gussie W. Altman*

Georgia K. Horner  
in loving memory of  
*Norma K. and Jerome Friedman*

In memory of  
*Lawrence Lachman*  
from his loving family

Jeanine P. Plottel and  
Roland Plottel in loving memory  
of *Lea and Maurice Parisier* and  
*Frances and Charles Plottel*

Edith R. and Edwin C. Scheurer  
in loving memory of their parents,  
*Norma and Lewis Raabin*  
and *Harry Scheurer*

Mr. and Mrs. Seymour  
Schneiderman in loving  
memory of *Shelly Taylor*

**PULPIT FLOWERS for YOM KIPPUR have been donated by the following congregants:**

Herbert C. Bernard in loving  
memory of *Eileen Bernard*

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

Lillian and Robert Fabrikant  
in memory of  
their loving parents,  
*Claire and Max L. Kamiel*

Beth and Dale G. Frost  
in loving memory of  
*Bernard Schoengold* and  
*Anne and Irvin Frost*

Carol, Ellie and Laura  
Grossman in loving memory  
of *Charles Grossman*

David, Brian and Kenneth  
Halberg in loving memory of  
their grandmother, *Estelle Kessler*

Mr. Bruce Holman  
in loving memory of  
*Mildred and Morris Holman*

Rosalind Jacobs  
in loving memory of  
her husband, *Melvin Jacobs*

Edythe Kurtzberg  
in loving memory of her  
husband, *Lawrence Kurtzberg*

Mrs. Leonard Landis  
in loving memory of her  
husband, *Leonard Landis*

Mrs. Harold C. Mayer Jr.  
in loving memory of her mother,  
*Margaret M. Arnstein*

Eileen Milloy in loving  
memory of *Ida Broz*

Mrs. Carl H. Pforzheimer Jr.  
in loving memory of  
*Carl H. Pforzheimer Jr.*

Jane and Arthur Rosenbloom  
in loving memory of  
our daughter,  
*Jordana Ivy Rosenbloom*,  
Arthur's parents,  
*Flo and Sol Rosenbloom*,  
and Jane's father,  
*Mortimer S. Edelstein*

Dr. Robert and Anne Ross  
in loving memory of  
*Nathalie Nemeth*

Patricia and Howard Weiss  
in loving memory of our parents,  
*Betty and Louis Menken* and  
*Cecelia and Samuel Weiss*

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

# At a Glance: September 2009



**September 12**  
**Saturday, 8 PM**  
*Selichot Service*  
Beth-El Chapel



**September 13**  
**Sunday, 9:30 AM**  
*First Sunday of Religious School*  
10 East 66th Street



**September 13**  
**Sunday, 10 AM**  
*Young Families: Rooftop Party*  
10 East 66th Street



**September 13**  
**Sunday, 2 PM**  
*Bar/Bat Mitzvah*



*Seventh Grade Mini-Retreat*



One East 65th Street



**September 14**  
**Monday, 4 PM**  
*First Monday of Religious School*  
10 East 66th Street



**September 15**  
**Tuesday, 9 AM**  
*Men's Club Book Group*  
One East 65th Street



**September 16**  
**Wednesday, 4 PM**  
*First Wednesday of Religious School*  
10 East 66th Street



**September 18**  
**Friday, 5:30 PM**  
*Eve of Rosh Hashanah Service*  
Sanctuary (Fifth at 65th)  
Lowenstein (10 East 66th)



**September 19**  
**Saturday, 10 AM**  
*Rosh Hashanah Service*  
Sanctuary (Fifth at 65th)  
Lowenstein (10 East 66th)



**September 19**  
**Saturday, 2:30 PM**  
*Rosh Hashanah Family Service*



Sanctuary (Fifth at 65th)



**September 27**  
**Sunday, 8 PM**  
*Eve of Yom Kippur Service (Kol Nidrei)*  
Sanctuary (Fifth at 65th)  
Lowenstein (10 East 66th)



**September 28**  
**Monday, 9:45 AM & 3:15 PM**  
*Yom Kippur Services*  
Sanctuary (Fifth at 65th)  
Lowenstein (10 East 66th)



**September 28**  
**Monday, 1:30 PM**  
*Yom Kippur Family Service*  
Sanctuary (Fifth at 65th)



**September 28**  
**Monday, 12:15 PM**  
*The High Holy Days: Rated PG-13*  
Lowenstein (10 East 66th)



**Book Discussion**



**Film Screening**



**Lecture • Class • Tour**



**Meeting**



**Musical Program**



**Nursery School Event**



**Panel Discussion**



**Religious School Event**



**Community • Volunteering**



**Worship & Spirituality**



**Young People's Program**

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## A Day of Memory (continued)

actions contributing to the aggregate may have been of several varieties and may have occurred over a period of time. But this is not as important as the ultimate and bottom line.

*Although we may forget, the Master of the Universe remembers—remembers all events as though they were all simultaneous and eternal.*

This is how the Holy One sees us on the Day of Remembrance. The quantity and quality of our deeds, our ethics, our morality, our intentions, our sincerity—for all this, we ultimately are accountable. And although we may forget, the Master of the Universe remembers—remembers all events as though they

were all simultaneous and eternal. For this reason, God not only judges our total lives. He judges the entire world in its totality.

This concept of the totality of God's remembrance—of what was, of what could have been and of what ought to be—explains the frequent references made by the ancient Sages to the “ashes of Isaac,” the very Isaac about whom we read on Rosh Hashanah, who was placed on the altar by his father, Abraham. Of course, we know that there were no ashes because Isaac was not actually slaughtered and burned as an offering. But, in the larger understanding of God's memory, the ancient Sages understood: Isaac was willing—even anxious—to become an offering, if such was God's will. His devotion was so total that in spiritual terms, he was considered an actual offering.

In God's eyes, as much was accomplished by Isaac's desire as if he had been reduced to ashes. God knows the intent. He knows the heart. Even for this we can be given credit. And because of this, we can be forgiven.



**Dr. David M. Posner,**  
*Senior Rabbi*

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