

Temple Emanu-El Bulletin



IMPORTANT REMINDER: PASSOVER AT EMANU-EL

Passover services will be held Monday, March 29 at 5:30 PM and Tuesday, March 30 at 10:30 AM. Services may be heard live through the Temple Web site or downloaded at a later time.

Temple members are encouraged to participate in our special programs for Passover (highlighted in this Bulletin). All are invited to make use of resources on our Web site. Click "Worship" → "Holy Days & Festivals" → "Passover."

WORSHIP SERVICES

SUNDAY — THURSDAY

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

FRIDAY EVENING

Sanctuary (Fifth Ave. at 65th)

Organ Recital—5 PM
Service Begins—5:15 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 may be heard
through the Temple Web site
at www.emanuelnyc.org.

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



FAITH & FORM

By Mark Heutlinger, Temple Administrator

SINCE ITS FOUNDING IN 1845, Congregation Emanu-El has moved five times. Its first home was on the second floor of a private dwelling located at the corner of Grand and Clinton Streets on the Lower East Side. Later, it occupied in succession two churches that were rededicated as temples. The fourth move was to Fifth Avenue and 43rd Street.



In September 1868, three years after the conclusion of the Civil War and only 23 years following the initial organizing meeting of the congregation, the 43rd Street Sanctuary was built by and for Emanu-El's members—a first. The day following the new Temple's dedication, *The New York Daily Tribune* reported, "This is beyond doubt the most elegant Jewish house of worship in America and is among the largest religious edifices in the city." The Temple was built in the then very popular Moorish Revivalist style.

In just a little more than 50 years, the congregation once again decided to move, not only to expand its seating capacity from 1,600 to 2,500 but, more important, to escape the tu-

mult of Fifth Avenue and 43rd Street, which had become part of an increasingly commercial district. In the mid 1920s, under the leadership of the congregation's president, Louis Marshall, the decision was made to move northward and to intentionally remain on Fifth Avenue. Temple Emanu-El ultimately acquired the land that had been the site of the John Jacob Astor mansion. Construction at 65th Street and Fifth Avenue began in 1927 and was completed by the autumn of 1929.

At the same time, Emanu-El consolidated with Temple Beth-El, located at Fifth Avenue and 76th Street.

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WEEKLY TORAH PORTION

Parashat Ki Tisa

(Exodus 30:11-34:35)

Read Saturday, March 6

Synopsis: Tabernacle tax, washing and anointing oil; Bezalel and Oholiab named chief Tabernacle builders; admonition to keep the Sabbath; God gives Moses tablets with commandments; the Golden Calf; command to leave Sinai and promise of safe passage; Moses sees God pass before him; Moses carves new tablets, renews the covenant and his face shines.

Sermon: Rabbi Posner

Parashat

Vayak'heil-P'kudei

(Exodus 35:1-40:38)

Read Saturday, March 13

Synopsis: Sabbath regulations; preparing to build the Tabernacle; personal contributions to building project; Bezalel and Oholiab build Tabernacle and all sacrificial equipment; Tabernacle erected and equipment installed; God's presence descended on Tabernacle.

Sermon: Rabbi Ehrlich

Parashat Vayikra

(Leviticus 1:1-5:26)

Read Saturday, March 20

Synopsis: Specific instructions for a variety of sacrificial offerings.

Sermon: Rabbi Goldsmith

Parashat Tzav

(Leviticus 6:1-8:36)

Read Saturday, March 27

Synopsis: Instructions for various offerings; instructions for ordination of the priests including bathing, dress, anointing and sacrifice.

Sermon: Rabbi Posner

Worship & Spirituality



Affiliation and Commitment: Then and Now

Friday, March 5 • 6 PM • One East 65th Street

ALL TEMPLE MEMBERS are invited to join the **Women's Auxiliary** for a very special Sabbath dinner and discussion with **Senior Rabbi and Mrs. David M. Posner**, following the Friday evening worship service. The cost is \$30 for Women's Auxiliary members; \$35 for all other Temple members and their guests.

RSVP by Tuesday, March 2 by sending in your reservation along with your check to: Women's Auxiliary, One East 65th Street, NY, NY 10065. Questions? Call (212) 744-1400, ext. 235, or send an e-mail to womaux@emanuelnyc.org.

Shabbat Kodesh Service & Dinner

Friday, March 12 • 6:30 PM • Beth-El Chapel

JOIN THE CLERGY of Temple Emanu-El, along with Lifelong Learning Director Saul Kaiserman and members of our Religious School faculty for an inspirational and uplifting prayer service. At Shabbat Kodesh, Hebrew prayers are sung with lively melodies, and the weekly Torah reading is made meaningful through creative storytelling. This month's service includes a performance by our Junior Choir.

After the service, we will host a dinner for Religious School families.

The cost for dinner is:

- \$35 per family (including two adults) for reservations made by Monday, March 8.
- \$50 per family after March 8.
- \$10 for each additional adult.

Charges will be billed to your Emanu-El account. Fees will appear on your next Emanu-El statement. After March 8, cancellations cannot be refunded.

Reservations for dinner are required. RSVP to the Religious School: (212) 744-1400, ext. 226 or school@emanuelnyc.org.



SHABBAT KODESH ON THE WEB:

Learn and practice songs and prayers.

Click "Learning" → "Religious School" → "Shabbat Kodesh."

HOMEBOUND DELIVERY/SECOND SEDER

FOR MANY YEARS Congregation Emanu-El has provided what have become cherished community services: delivery of Passover meals to homebound seniors and our Second Seder for the Elderly. Many of you have given generously of your time and hard work, for which we are most grateful. We welcome new volunteers (Temple members only) and ask past volunteers to offer their enthusiastic efforts for another successful event.

Important dates to note:

- Packing and delivery of meals for homebound seniors will be held on **Sunday, March 21 at 9 AM**. Volunteers should enter at One East 65th Street and report to the fourth floor. Breakfast will be served.
- Second Seder will be held on **Tuesday, March 30**. Volunteers must arrive at 10 East 66th Street or at their assigned senior center at the appropriate time, based on their assigned duties.

Please complete and return the Volunteer Registration Form below no later than **Friday, March 5**. Fax to **(212) 570-0826** or mail to **Temple Emanu-El, One East 65th Street, New York, NY 10065, Attn: Second Seder**. Direct your questions to **(212) 744-1400, ext. 215**.

VOLUNTEER REGISTRATION FORM

- Yes, I (we) will be available to **pack homebound bags** on Sunday, March 21, beginning at 9 AM.
- I (we) have a car and will be available for **homebound deliveries** on Sunday, March 21, beginning at 9 AM.
- Yes, I (we) will volunteer on Tuesday, March 30 for **Second Seder**.
- Number of volunteers _____

My Job Preference:

- Setting Tables
- Kitchen Staff for Preparation of Meals
- Bus Escort

Report Time to 10 East 66th Street:

- 1 PM (All ages welcome)
- 1:30 PM (Adults only during cooking)
- 3:30 PM (Adults only)*

*Report to assigned senior center location

- Table Service 4 PM (All ages welcome)
- Elevator Service 4:30 PM (Ages 14 and older)
- Prep of Bus Bags 6 PM (All ages welcome)

- I am enclosing a contribution to help defray program costs.

Name (Please Print)

Evening Telephone

Mailing Address

E-mail Address

WEEKLY TORAH STUDY

Our Sabbath morning Torah study explores the weekly *parashah* through thoughtful conversation and lively debate. Rabbinic student **Ariana Silverman** will lead our discussions on **Saturday, March 6** and **Saturday, March 27**. Sessions meet from 9:15 AM to 10:15 AM at the Marvin and Elisabeth Cassell Community House, One East 65th Street. No previous knowledge is required. Come regularly, or drop in when you can. Coffee and bagels are served; you contribute your questions and ideas. Questions? Call (212) 744-1400, ext. 453, or send an e-mail to torahstudy@emanuelnyc.org.

PASSOVER SERVICES

The **Eve of Passover** service will be held **Monday, March 29 at 5:30 PM** in the **Beth-El Chapel**.

The **Passover morning** service will be held **Tuesday, March 30 at 10:30 AM** in the **Sanctuary** (Fifth Avenue at 65th Street).

Conclusion of Passover services are **Sunday, April 4** and **Monday, April 5**, which includes a *Yizkor* service.

BROADCAST OF SERVICES

Worship services can be heard live on Fridays at 5:15 PM (EST) and Saturdays at 10:30 AM through **Live365 Internet Radio**. Services also can be downloaded from the Emanu-El Web site or listened to through the Emanu-El Audio Player. Click "Worship" → "Broadcast of Services."

**BOOK
DISCUSSION
GROUPS**



MEN'S CLUB

Wednesday, March 10 • 9 AM

Selection:

A Woman in Jerusalem
by A.B. Yehoshua

Wednesday, April 14 • 9 AM

Selection:

Why Are Jews Liberals?
by Norman Podhoretz

WOMEN'S AUXILIARY

Wednesday, March 10 • 1 PM

Selection: *The Book Thief*

by Markus Zusak
(Rabbi Amy Ehrlich will lead our discussion. Feel free to bring your lunch; coffee and cookies will be served.)

Tuesday, April 20 • 12:30 PM

Selection:

*A Seat at the Table:
A Novel of Forbidden Choices*
by Joshua Halberstam
(Rabbi Howard Goldsmith will lead our discussion.)

**STETTENHEIM
LITERARY CIRCLE**

Wednesday, March 24 •
6:30 PM

Selection:

Atmospheric Disturbances
by Rivka Galchen

Wednesday, April 21 •
6:30 PM

Selection:

Olive Kitteridge: Fiction
by Elizabeth Strout

**Read summaries,
reviews and
excerpts through
the Temple Web site.**



**Click "Calendar" →
"Choose Category: Book."**

Lectures • Classes • Tours



Where There Is a Will... The Jewish Way

Tuesday, March 2, 9, 16, 23 • 12:30 PM • One East 65th Street

FOR MORE THAN 3,000 years Jews have written ethical wills, documents that convey the nonmaterial to the next generation. Join **Rabbi Howard Goldsmith** as we learn about this fascinating literary genre and work to create our own ethical wills. There may be no greater gift you can give to your children than your written legacy of values, hopes and dreams.

The cost for this program is \$5 (for workbook). Please register in advance; call (212) 744-1400, ext. 215.

SUNDAYS AT SKIRBALL

Skirball Sunday Seminars are open to the public. Sessions are pay-as-you-go (\$60 each); register by calling the Skirball Center at (212) 507-9580.

Songs We Much Sing and Little Understand

Sunday, March 7 • 10 AM to 2 PM • One East 65th Street

WHETHER YOU KNOW IT OR NOT, you've been singing *piyutim* (liturgical poems from the Middle Ages) since you were a kid. But do you have any idea what they're about? Compare *Adon Olam* and *Alenu*—two contrasted notions on "Who's your buddy?"; study *Maoz Tzur*—a Chanukah song for adults only; and delve into the High Holidays' *Unetaneh Tokef* ("Who will live; who will die")—who really decides? Join us for some amazing texts and maybe hum a tune or two, as well.

A Truly Different Night: Preparing for the Passover Seder

Sunday, March 14 • 10 AM to 2 PM • One East 65th Street

JOIN BESTSELLING HAGGADAH WRITER **Mishael Zion**, author of *A Night to Remember: The Haggadah of Contemporary Voices*, in an exploration on how to invigorate your Passover seder. Gain new insight into the creation of the seder by the Rabbis of the Talmud. Take a journey into the depth of the Haggadah, using traditional and modern insights, as well as art and texts by contemporary Israeli and American authors, artists and poets. Your coming Passover will truly be a "different night!"

Through the Ides of Mark: Architecture and History of Temple Emanu-El

Monday, March 15 • 12:30 PM and 6:30 PM • One East 65th

EXPERIENCE A TOUR and discussion of the salient features of our Sanctuary and Beth-El Chapel led by **Temple Administrator Mark Heutlinger**. This special program (with a repeat performance at 6:30 PM) offers a unique opportunity to understand the architectural symbolism, aesthetic beauty and historical context of our Fifth Avenue landmark. (For more on the subject, read Mark's article starting on page 1.)

This event is free and open to the public.

What's Cookin'?

Tuesday, March 16 • 12 PM • One East 65th Street

HOLIDAY CELEBRATIONS ALWAYS have been focused around the table. Food nourishes, comforts and inspires. Think of Grandma's kugel or Aunt Sara's matzah ball soup, and you'll agree that food creates memories that transcend time.

Because every dish is a reflection of culture, join **Rabbi Amy Ehrlich** and **Assistant Director of Lifelong Learning Rachel Brumberg** as we prepare for Passover with sweet recipes from Jewish communities worldwide. In addition to making and tasting, we'll explore how these foods have become part of the holiday tradition.

Class size is limited because of the participatory nature of these sessions. Register by calling (212) 744-1400, ext. 303. NOTE: This is our final class.

Making the Omer Count

Monday, March 22 • 12 PM • One East 65th Street

WE COUNT THE seven weeks between Passover and Shavuot (when we received the Torah at Sinai) day by day. These 49 days mirror the movement from the slavery of Egypt and the enslavement of the soul to Sinai, which is the ultimate in spiritual liberation.

Rabbi Amy Ehrlich will lead us on a journey of introspection and spiritual growth based upon the seven qualities whose refinement would elevate our spirits and prepare us for receiving the Torah. Through discussion, exercises and personal journals, each attribute will be examined individually and in "overlapping" combinations to encourage introspection and spiritual growth.



FILM
SCREENING

PROJECTING
FREEDOM:
A CINEMATIC
INTERPRETATION OF
THE HAGGADAH

Monday March 22 • 6:30 PM
One East 65th Street

For almost 1,000 years, the Passover Haggadah has been reproduced in countless illustrated editions, bringing the story and ritual of the seder to life and ensuring its central place in Jewish life.

Yet, for all of the varied approaches to this text, a cinematic approach to the Haggadah never has been made—until now!

Join the Skirball Center as it sponsors 14 short films inspired by the Haggadah, created by a group of filmmakers and video artists working at the cutting edge of their art form to interpret and give new meanings to an ancient text.

Meet the creators; learn about their year-long study of the Haggadah and how it has affected their art and their lives.

Admission is free. For details about the evening, including the names of participating artists, visit www.projectingfreedom.org.

Projecting Freedom reflects Skirball's emphasis on artistic expression in Jewish life and education. The project was made possible by funds granted by The Covenant Foundation.

HAITI RELIEF

In response to the devastating earthquake in Haiti, Temple Emanu-El's Religious School *tzedakah* collection on Wednesday, January 13, was donated to the American Jewish World Service (AJWS) Disaster Relief Fund. That afternoon, our fifth, sixth and seventh grade students raised \$284.87, six times more than we had collected on any one day of school in the past. In addition, three children of one Religious School family (who wish to be anonymous) made a donation through the school of \$300.

On January 20, our Wednesday students insisted that our *tzedakah* collection again be donated to AJWS, and we raised an additional \$165.88. The total contribution to relief efforts through our *tzedakah* collection was \$750.75. This is in addition to the \$10,000 donated by our congregation's Philanthropic Committee to Catholic Relief Services.

Students in Monica Agor's sixth grade class wrote the following letter to accompany our donation:

Dear AJWS,

The students of the Temple Emanu-El Religious School of New York City would like to donate our tzedakah money to help you in your effort to help the Haitians. We believe that we should do this because when we are hurt we want support; you are that support.

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Religious School



The following text is excerpted from an article by Julie Wiener appearing in *The Jewish Week*. Read the full article on the Temple Emanu-El Web site. Click "Learning" → "Religious School."



Many people argue that Hebrew school students, like these reading from the Torah at Temple Emanu-El, are better prepared than privately tutored students to become active participants in religious life.

Tutoring Trend Tests Jewish Values

Privatized learning seen as threat to communalism

WHILE ONE-ON-ONE TUTORING, by definition, cannot expose students to Jewish diversity, even small groups of kids learning together with a private tutor—such as the model Rabbi Reuben Modek offers in his Rockland-based Hebrew Learning Circles program—tend to “end up with very homogenous groupings,” notes Saul Kaiserman, director of Lifelong Learning at the Temple Emanu-El.

“When synagogues are doing their best work, you have public and private school kids from all over the city that are having to deal with their different backgrounds and different levels of observance,” he says.

Where private tutoring wins hands-down, however, is convenience. With a teacher who comes to your home at a mutually convenient time, there is no commuting, no need to carve out one, two or even three afternoons a week—and for busy families struggling to balance an array of competing demands and activities, this is no small thing.

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Nonetheless, argues Kaiserman, convenience isn't everything.

"I suspect those parents wouldn't have their kids study karate or ballet in their living room but somehow manage to get them to class because they want a quality program and value it."

Hebrew schools, he says, need to offer high quality—to compete not only with tutors but with "the marketplace of after-school activities."

"We're down the street from the [Metropolitan Museum of Art], so we have to offer something as good as an art class at the Met," he adds.

And while "we try to make it not impossible or unbearable," Kaiserman says, "I don't think inconvenience is necessarily a negative. Jewish values, yeah, they're inconvenient. That's the whole point. If they weren't, we wouldn't need to be learning about them."

All-Access Pass: Sanctuary Tour

Friday, March 5 • 4:30 PM • Enter at One East 65th Street

FAMILIES OF ALL Religious School students in grades 4 through 8 are invited to join us for a "backstage" tour of the Sanctuary that will include the bimah, clergy's robing room and choir loft. Learn how our magnificent Sanctuary gloriously communicates our history and how the architecture and design add meaning to our worship. There is no better way to familiarize your family with our Sanctuary and our distinctive mode of worship than by attending this very special event. After the tour, we will join the congregation for Friday evening worship services and the communal *Oneg Shabbat*.



Reservations are required for this event. RSVP to the Religious School: (212) 744-1400, ext. 226 or school@emanu-nyc.org.

**Shabbat Kodesh
Worship Service & Dinner
Friday, March 12 • 6:30 PM
Beth-El Chapel (Fifth Avenue
at 65th Street)**

This month's service will be followed by a dinner for Religious School families. Reservations are required. See full details on page 2.

**Mitzvah Corps: Guarding
the Earth/Ecology**

Unit 6 learning sessions will be held on **Wednesday, March 3** and **Sunday, March 7** during Religious School hours. Our action session will be held on **Monday, March 15**. We will be working with the Million Trees campaign.

HAITI RELIEF
(continued)

We hope that you will be able to bring relief to the Haitian people and rebuild Haiti better than before.

Sincerely,

*Students of
Temple Emanu-El*

Our thoughts and prayers continue to be with the people of Haiti in the wake of this overwhelming disaster.



Learn more about Religious School tzedakah efforts on the Emanu-El Web site. Click "Learning" → "Religious School" → "Tzedakah."

**ENCYCLOPAEDIA
JUDAICA ONLINE**

As a benefit of Temple membership, Religious School students have free online access to all 22 volumes of the *Encyclopaedia Judaica* through the Temple Web site. Take advantage of this great resource by clicking "Learning" → "Religious School" → "Encyclopaedia Judaica."

You must have a Web ID/ user name and password to access this feature. If you don't have them, call (212) 744-1400, ext. 318.

NOTE: The Religious School will be closed for Spring Break and Passover from Sunday, March 21 through Monday, April 5.



MIDNIGHT RUN CLOTHING DRIVE

Temple members are encouraged to donate the following items:

- **Warm coats.** Large and extra large sizes, as even small men and women like to layer; dark colors are preferred.
 - **Durable pants.** Again, large sizes are preferred, as are blue jeans over khakis.
 - **Socks.** Tube socks, rolled in pairs; white or dark.
 - **Underpants.** Jockey style, sizes 32 through 42. Women's briefs also needed.
- New items only!**
- **Sweaters, sweatshirts and long-sleeve shirts.** Large and extra large; dark colors preferred. Hooded sweatshirts are especially useful.
 - **T-shirts.** Medium through extra large; any color.
 - **Hats.** Knit and warm for winter; baseball caps for summer.
 - **Gloves.** Ski gloves clipped in pairs or knit gloves rolled together; dark colors.
 - **Shoes.** Sizes 9 through 12 and above; lightly worn sneakers or athletic shoes (no spikes), soft-soled shoes and work boots are preferred.
 - **Long underwear.** Large sizes, any color.
 - **Belts.** Any kind.
 - **Backpacks.** Not essential items but coveted by folks on the street.

Items should be dropped off in the lobby of One East 65th Street by Friday, March 5. Please deliver items in a bag or box marked "Midnight Run/Senior Youth Group." Thank you for your support!

Midnight Run

Saturday, March 6 • 6 PM to 1:30 AM • One East 65th Street

TEMPLE EMANU-EL STUDENTS in grades 9 through 12 are invited to help the homeless. **Midnight Run** is a volunteer organization dedicated to finding common ground between the housed and the homeless. We will be assembling 100 lunch bags, making soup and coffee, sorting clothes from our clothing drive (**see donation list at left**) and packing toiletry kits. Then we'll get on a bus, go to designated delivery spots, deliver the items and spend time speaking with the homeless people who participate in this program.

Students should meet at the Marvin and Elisabeth Cassell Community House (One East 65th Street) at 6 PM. We will board the bus at 10 PM and return to the Community House at 1:30 AM.

Midnight Run is completely safe and accredited. Teens from schools, youth groups, churches and synagogues perform this activity every weekend. Register to participate by calling (212) 744-1400, ext. 329 or sending an e-mail to senioryouthgroup@emanuelnyc.org.

TIKKUN OLAM

Matzah and Macaroons

IN PARTNERSHIP WITH DOROT, the Tikkun Olam Committee will be collecting donations of "Kosher for Passover" matzah and macaroons for distribution to New York City senior citizens. Donations may be dropped off at the 65th Street lobby from **Monday, March 1** through noon on **Sunday, March 14**.

The following projects require preregistration with the Tikkun Olam Committee at tikkunolam@emanuelnyc.org or (212) 744-1400, ext. 452. Participation is limited to Temple members and their families. Community-service certificates may be obtained by calling Rabbi Ehrlich's study at (212) 744-1400, ext. 206.

**Helping Feed the Hungry
Sunday, March 7 • 12 PM
10 East 66th Street**

Volunteers are needed to make sandwiches, bake cookies and assemble 300 meal bags for DOROT's homelessness prevention program, Yorkville Common Pantry and the Jewish Board of Family and Children's Services.

**Stitch'n Time: Emanu-El's
Knitting Program
Sunday, March 28
11 AM to 2 PM
One East 65th Street**

Yarn, patterns and refreshments are provided. Please bring your own needles (#8). Come when you can; stay as long as you like.

Musical Programs



Young Artists Concert

Sunday, March 21 • 3 PM • One East 65th Street

OUR FINAL PERFORMER of the year will be **Charlie Albright**, 20, the first winner in the history of the New York Piano Competition to receive two first prizes: one in the solo category and the other in the one-piano, four hands ensemble.

A native of Centralia, Wash., Charlie began playing the piano at age 3½ and started taking lessons shortly thereafter. He studied with Nancy Adsit of Olympia, Wash., until entering Harvard in 2007.

In 2005 Charlie was the First Place Winner of the International Piano Competition in Lawrence, Kan. In 2006, he was the Second Place Winner of the first Schimmel Senior International Piano Competition in Tempe, Ariz., and the First Prize Winner in the Eastman Young Artist's International Piano Competition. In 2007, he received Third Prize in the Hilton Head International Piano Competition. Charlie also received prizes at the 2008 Sydney International Piano Competition of Australia, including "Best Performance of a Liszt Study in Stage 1."

In December 2008 at Harvard University, Charlie performed works by Morricone and Gershwin with cellist Yo-Yo Ma during a ceremony at which Senator Ted Kennedy received an honorary degree.

Presently, Charlie studies in a joint program between the New England Conservatory of Music and Harvard College, the first pianist to participate in this collaboration.

Sponsored with the Stecher & Horowitz Foundation, this annual concert series presents the prize winners of the biennial New York Piano Competition. Admission is free and open to the public. Enter through the Marvin and Elisabeth Cassell Community House.



WEEKLY MUSIC

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

MUSICAL PRAISE

The following note of praise was received by a listener to our services...

If you go on iTunes, you will find the podcast of the Temple Emanu-El Shabbat services. You can download (free) the January 30 service, where at the 1:28 mark you will find one of the most beautiful performances of a choral arrangement that I have ever heard: Charles Osborne's arrangement of Psalm 122 (*Samacht B'Omrin Li Beit Adonai Naylcha*).

Powerful.

When I hear this work, it reinforces my strong belief that Reform Judaism has something really important to contribute to our faith. What a beautiful prelude to worship on the Sabbath. Kudos to Cantor Lori Corrsin and the Temple Emanu-El Choir. —*M. Neuman*

(Editor's Note: Services on iTunes and our RSS feed are replaced automatically each week. However, persons interested in listening to this performance may do so through the Temple Web site. Click "Worship" → "Music at Emanu-El" → "Musical Praise.")



**THROUGH
THE IDES OF MARK:
ARCHITECTURE AND
HISTORY OF EMANU-EL**

Led by Mark Heutlinger
Monday, March 15 •
12:30 PM and 6:30 PM
One East 65th Street

Experience a tour and discussion of the salient features of our Sanctuary and Beth-El Chapel with someone who knows the building inside and out. For those who want to learn more about our historic and architecturally magnificent Temple Emanu-El, this one-session program (with a repeat performance) offers a unique opportunity to understand the architectural symbolism, aesthetic beauty and historical context of our Fifth Avenue landmark.

**This event is free and
open to the public.**

Temple Emanu-El,
43rd Street and Fifth
Avenue (1868)



Faith & Form (continued)

Both congregations had distinguished histories and leadership, and both required additional seating capacity. The question was, what should the *new* Emanu-El look like?

It was felt that Jewish architects would have the most sensitivity to the needs of a temple and therefore be best suited to design the Sanctuary. The architectural firm headed by Robert D. Kohn, Charles Butler and Clarence Stein won the commission.

Do you remember an exhibition mounted by Elka Deitsch, curator of the Herbert & Eileen Bernard Museum, that depicted drawings of what Emanu-El could have looked like?

Among the proposals were original drawings appearing in *The Architectural Forum's* February 1930 issue. These most closely resemble Temple Emanu-El today. The drawings were captioned "Three perspective studies for the new Temple in a free, bold and Modern Romanesque manner." Modern Romanesque? I had heard of the Modern and Romanesque but not the two styles joined as one.

Temple Emanu-El does indeed have aspects of the Romanesque. Note our lancet windows on the north and south sides of the Sanctuary, for example, or the great arches echoed within and without the structure. Have you ever noticed the bronze plaque affixed to the Temple at the northeast corner of 65th and Fifth, just below and to the left of the bulletin board? It was placed there by the New York Community Trust in 1966 under the heading "Landmarks of New York." The text mentions that the architecture of the Temple was "an adaptation of Moorish Romanesque styles, symbolic of the Eastern and Western cultures." And that indeed is also true. Moorish influences are everywhere. Just notice the bimah's brilliant mosaics by Hildreth Meière, best known in New York City for the roundels that adorn Radio City Music Hall. Or the eight-pointed star that decorates the Cassell Community House from the ceilings to the floors— This same Moorish design also is found within Meière's mosaics.

So now we have Moorish and Romanesque. What about the Byzantine style? Isn't the double-domed ceiling of the Beth-El Chapel a prime example of this architectural form? Furthermore, the tendril-like pulpit carvings in the Sanctuary are predominantly Art Nouveau, and,

if you look carefully at the hand-painted ceiling, you will find Egyptian and Aztec motifs as well.

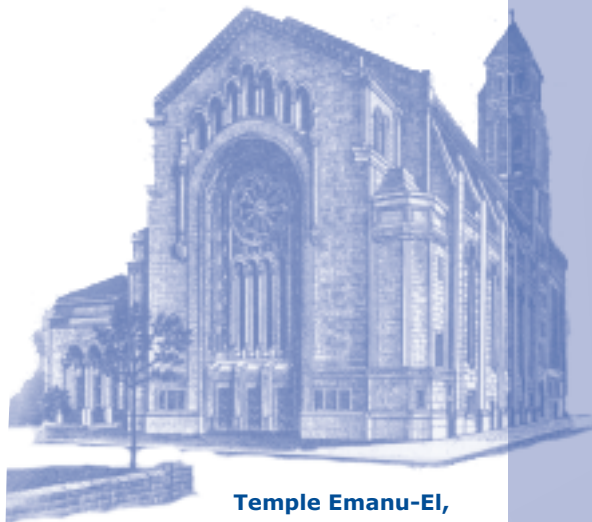
The point is that Emanu-El is a blending of styles, an eclectic mixture of shapes and patterns that are held together in the vastness of this sacred space and filtered through the late 1920s contemporary Style Moderne, which came to be known as Art Deco.

When I return to the caption of the drawings by Kohn, Butler and Stein, I find that the word “modern” resonates and suggests a broader interpretation of the congregation itself. I suggest that we as Jews do not have an architectural style that is inherent in our synagogues. We tend to

Our Temple was built in a manner that was indicative of the progressive mode of our faith.

adopt the styles of the time and place in which we live. A prime example of this is the synagogue in Córdoba. You might think you were in a mosque judging by the intricate carvings on the Sanctuary walls.

It is important to remember that our Temple was built in the years between the two world wars. Style Moderne, in which artistic patterns and themes of the past were “modernized,” was the predominant mode not only in architecture but the fine and applied arts as well. As such, it



**Temple Emanu-El,
Fifth Avenue and 65th Street
(1929)**

makes sense that the architectural plans for Emanu-El would incorporate this style.

What is striking to me is that the modernism of this time was related directly to the modernism of American Reform Jewry. Our Temple was built in a manner that was indicative of the progressive mode of our faith. Reform was, at its founding, a reflection of the modern world. Reason, science and enlightenment constituted the foundation of the Reform Movement, taking hold first in what would become Germany and becoming firmly rooted in America with Emanu-El at its core.

The building of our 65th Street Temple thus enabled the congregation to celebrate the modernity of Reform Judaism while paying homage to our ancient past. In so doing, the Emanu-El Sanctuary brought faith and form into harmony.

What do you think?
Share your thoughts on our blog. Click “About Us” → “Publications.”



TOUR EMANU-EL

The following items... and more...can be found on the Temple Web site. Click “About Us” → “Tour Emanu-El.”

VIRTUAL TOUR

Temple Emanu-El’s virtual tour takes the viewer on a detailed exploration of our Fifth Avenue Sanctuary and Beth-El Chapel, offering magnificent photography and detailed information about the Temple, its history and its construction.

HILDRETH MEIÈRE & THE MOSAICS OF EMANU-EL

Learn more about this Art Deco muralist, mosaicist, and decorative artist, who ranks among the very small number of women whose achievements gained recognition from the established art world during the first half of the 20th century.

SELF-GUIDE BROCHURE

Planning a visit to Emanu-El in person? Then be sure to download and print our self-guide brochure.

HERBERT & EILEEN BERNARD MUSEUM OF JUDAICA

Hours of Operation:
Sunday through Thursday,
10 AM TO 4:30 PM
Admission is free.

BAR/BAT MITZVAH PREPARATION

Children must be enrolled in Religious School in order to become a bar or bat mitzvah at Emanu-El. A date can be scheduled when a child is in fourth grade or is 10 years old. To register your child for Religious School, call (212) 744-1400, ext. 226. To schedule a date, call Sherry Nehmer at (212) 744-1400, ext. 312.

Families are encouraged to make use of bar/bat mitzvah resources available on the Temple Web site. Click "Learning" → "Religious School" → "Bar & Bat Mitzvah Program."

A REMINDER ABOUT SPONSORSHIPS

Because the 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.

WOMEN'S AUXILIARY TRIBUTE FUND

Commemorate significant life-cycle events in a meaningful way and support the activities of the Women's Auxiliary at the same time. All contributions are listed in *Window on Emanu-El*, the quarterly publication prepared by Temple Emanu-El's Department of Development. Contact the Women's Auxiliary at (212) 744-1400, ext. 235 or womaux@emanuelnyc.org.

Life-Cycle Events



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

Saturday, March 6

Grayson Alexandra Brower, daughter of David and Cathy Brower
Griffin and Gage Spolansky, sons of Steven and Jodi Spolansky

Saturday, March 13

Leah Brody Janover, daughter of Sarah and Thomas Janover

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 March 5 and 6

Marjorie R. and Lawrence Bukzin
in loving memory of *Pauline* and *Harry Millman*

Carol L. Klapper in loving memory of her mother, *Frances Klapper*

Jane G. Rittmaster in memory of my beloved mother, *Hilda K. Goldstone*

Additional **ONEG SHABBAT** sponsorship on March 5:

Susan, Michael and Andrew Todres
in honor of *Stephen Todres' 18th birthday*

For the Sabbath of March 12 and 13

Sarah and Thomas Janover in honor of their daughter *Leah* becoming a bat mitzvah and in loving memory of Leah's great-grandparents, *Florence* and *William A. Troy*

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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 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.

For the Sabbath of March 12 and 13 (*continued*)

Dr. Sandra Gluck in loving memory of her mother, *Harriet Prusock*

Jane Zorek in loving memory of my parents,
Helen Krass Popper and *Edward Popper*,
and my husband, *Warren Zorek*

For the Sabbath of March 19 and 20

The Harteveltdt Family in loving memory of *Lucile S. Harteveltdt*

Lee and Roger L. Strong and Family
in loving memory of his father, *Leon W. Strong*

Mr. Alan Stuart in loving memory of
Elizabeth L. and Milton M. Stuart and *James M. Stuart*

PULPIT FLOWERS at Passover services (March 29 and 30) have been donated by:

James Buttenwieser in loving memory of *Helene L. Buttenwieser*



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Visitors Guestbook



The following message was received from visitors to our Web site.

Dear All,

THANK YOU so much for providing all of us with the opportunity to view your photos and to learn about your extraordinary experiences during your **Family Mission to Israel**.

The journal was so well done that my husband and I feel as if we have walked the path along with you! The photographs were superb; so many drew gasps from us, but the one most precious is the photo of all in front of the Wall.

Thank you, again, for sharing your adventure with us!

Warmest regards,
Jan and Richard Schwartz



The Family Mission to Israel Online Journal can be seen on the Temple Web site. Click "Learning" → "Youth & Young Adults" → "Family Mission to Israel."

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Kathryn M. Roberts,
Bulletin Editor/Webmaster

At a Glance: March 2010

-  **March 2**
Tuesday, 12:30 PM
*Where There Is a Will...
The Jewish Way*
One East 65th Street
-  **March 3**
Wednesday, 4 PM
 *Mitzvah Corps: Unit 6
Learning Session*
10 East 66th Street
-  **March 3**
Wednesday, 6:30 PM
 *It's Not Just Kid Stuff:
Jews and the
Graphic Novel*
 One East 65th Street
-  **March 5**
Friday, 4:30 PM
 *All-Access Pass:
Sanctuary Tour*
 One East 65th Street
-  **March 5**
Friday, 6 PM
 *Affiliation and
Commitment:
Then and Now*
 One East 65th Street
-  **March 6**
Saturday, 6 PM
 *Midnight Run*
One East 65th Street
-  **March 7**
Sunday, 9:30 AM
 *Mitzvah Corps: Unit 6
Learning Session*
10 East 66th Street
-  **March 7**
Sunday, 10 AM
*Songs We Much Sing
and Little Understand*
One East 65th Street
-  **March 7**
Sunday, 12 PM
 *Helping Feed the Hungry*
10 East 66th Street
-  **March 9**
Tuesday, 12:30 PM
*Where There Is a Will...
The Jewish Way*
One East 65th Street
-  **March 10**
Wednesday, 9 AM
Men's Club Book Group
One East 65th Street
-  **March 10**
Wednesday, 1 PM
*Women's Auxiliary
Book Group*
One East 65th Street
-  **March 12**
Friday, 6:30 PM
 *Shabbat Kodesh
Service & Dinner*
Beth-El Chapel
-  **March 14**
Sunday, 10 AM
*A Truly Different Night:
Preparing for the
Passover Seder*
One East 65th Street
-  **March 15**
**Monday, 12:30 PM
and 6:30 PM**
*The Ides of Mark:
Architecture and History
of Emanu-El*
One East 65th Street
-  **March 15**
Monday, Time TBD
 *Mitzvah Corps: Unit 6
Action Session*
Location to Be Determined
-  **March 16**
Tuesday, 12 PM
What's Cookin'?
One East 65th Street
-  **March 16**
Tuesday, 12:30 PM
*Where There Is a Will...
The Jewish Way*
One East 65th Street
-  **March 18**
Thursday, 5 PM
Ronald McDonald House
405 East 73rd Street
-  **March 21**
Sunday, 9 AM
*Passover
Homebound Delivery*
One East 65th Street
-  **March 21**
Sunday, 3 PM
Young Artists Concert
One East 65th Street
-  **March 22**
Monday, 12 PM
*Making the Omer Count:
A Spiritual Journey*
One East 65th Street
-  **March 22**
Monday, 6:30 PM
 *Projecting Freedom*
One East 65th Street
-  **March 23**
Tuesday, 12:30 PM
*Where There Is a Will...
The Jewish Way*
One East 65th Street



March 24
Wednesday, 6:30 PM
Stettenheim
Literary Circle
 One East 65th Street



March 28
Sunday, 11 AM
Stitch'n Time
 One East 65th Street



March 29
Monday, 5:30 PM
Eve of Passover Service
 Beth-El Chapel



March 30
Tuesday, 10:30 AM
Passover Service
 Sanctuary (Fifth Avenue at
 65th Street)



March 30
Tuesday, 1 PM to 7 PM
Second Seder for
the Elderly
 10 East 66th Street



REMINDER:
 Donations of matzah
 and macaroons may be
 dropped off at the
 65th Street lobby from
Monday, March 1
 through noon on
Sunday, March 14.



Book Discussion



Community • Volunteering



Film Screening



Lecture • Class • Tour



Meeting



Museum



Musical Program



Nursery School Event



Panel Discussion



Religious School Event



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Artist's self-portrait

It's Not Just Kid Stuff: Jews and the Graphic Novel

Wednesday, March 3 • 6:30 PM • One East 65th Street

MARK SIEGEL, the brilliant author, editor and illustrator, will discuss the influence of Jews in the development of this important and developing literary genre. Mr. Siegel was born in Ann Arbor, Mich., and grew up in France. He is known both as a book illustrator and as the editorial director of First Second Books, which publishes graphic novels for all ages.

This event is sponsored jointly by the Ivan M. Stettenheim Library and the Herbert & Eileen Bernard Museum of Judaica. Admission is free and open to the public.