

Temple Emanu-El Bulletin



IMPORTANT REMINDER: SEATING FOR THE HIGH HOLY DAYS

Special notices about reserving seats for the High Holy Days were enclosed with 2010-2011 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 Friday, September 3.

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

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.



A Request From Our Clergy

Dear Family of Temple Emanu-El:

ALL OF US who have the privilege of serving this unique and historic synagogue—Temple President Marcia Waxman and the board of trustees, our clergy team, our administrative staff, our Department of Lifelong Learning and the Skirball Center—join together in wishing you a New Year of good health, joy and fulfillment, as well as in praying for peace for our world and security for all God's children.



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

There is an old Chanukah song that begins with the words, "Who can retell the things that befell us...who can count them?" Dearest friends, who can count the number of things that are befalling so many of us...our country...western civilization...the Jewish people. And when it comes to the Jewish people, we seem to be getting more than our share. That, too, is, sadly, an old refrain.

Speaking of old refrains, many of us who recall experiences and incarnations of synagogues past might remember beloved and saintly rabbis who brought to our attention during this season the issues of attendance and participation. We all know that at Emanu-El this is a topic of which you are spared. We spare you, and we clergy spare ourselves.

But it would not be inappropriate to tell you as the sacred time approaches that your clergy delights in being with you on Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur—because we miss you and we love you. And there's nothing wrong with that.

There is an old phrase in Yiddish—*Hock a Chainik*. (Literally translated: "knock a tea kettle.") It is a metaphor for being a "nudge." (In Yiddish, a *nudnik*.) We at the Temple try never to "hock you a chainik." Instead, our hope is that you will "hock" **us** a little more—make us teach you more, make us serve you more, and make us draw you into the heritage and tradition, the scholarship and the feeling of Judaism and the Jewish people.

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WEEKLY TORAH PORTION

Parashat Nitzavim-Vayeilech

(Deuteronomy 29:9-31:30)

Read Saturday, September 4

Synopsis: Fundamental principles of Jewish faith—unity of Israel, future redemption, practicality of Torah, freedom of choice—are outlined; Moses finishes writing the Torah in a scroll to be kept safe in the Ark of the Covenant; mitzvah of *Hak'hel* (Gathering) is given, requiring the people of Israel to gather every seven years, during the festival of Sukkot, at the Holy Temple in Jerusalem for the king to read from the Torah; prediction that the people of Israel will break their covenant with God, causing God to hide His face from them.

Sermon: Rabbi Posner

Parashat Haazinu

(Deuteronomy 32:1-52)

Read Saturday, September 11

Synopsis: Moses' last day on Earth; Moses delivers to the people of Israel a 70-line "song" about remembering the past; God tells Moses to climb Mount Nebo so that he can see the Promised Land before dying.

Sermon: Rabbi Zeidman

Chol HaMo-eid Sukkot

(Deuteronomy 16:13-17)

Saturday, September 25

Synopsis: Laws of Sukkot, including keeping the feast of tabernacles for seven days after the harvest and the commandment to appear before the Lord on Passover, Shavuot and Sukkot.

Sermon: Rabbi Ehrlich

Worship & Spirituality



Selichot Service

Saturday, September 4 • 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 Friday, September 3, should call (212) 744-1400, ext. 210.

Eve of Rosh Hashanah:

Wednesday, September 8 • 5:30 PM

Sanctuary: Rabbi Posner, Cantor Corrsin

Lowenstein: Rabbi Ehrlich, Rabbi Zeidman

New this year... The High Holy Day Choirs will begin our Rosh Hashanah evening services singing on the bimah, with a text from Psalm 118: "This is the day the Lord has Made." Don't miss this exciting glimpse of our amazing singers!

Day of Rosh Hashanah:

Thursday, September 9 • 10 AM

Sanctuary: Rabbi Ehrlich, Rabbi Zeidman

Lowenstein: Rabbi Posner, Cantor Corrsin

Rosh Hashanah Family Worship:

Thursday, September 9 • 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.

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.



Send a High Holiday e-card to your friends and family!

Artwork was created by our Emanu-El students.

See the e-cards and the original 20th century postcards that inspired them on our website.

Click "Worship" →

"Holy Days & Festivals" →

"Rosh Hashanah."

HIGH HOLY DAYS (continued)

Eve of Yom Kippur (*Kol Nidrei*):

Friday, September 17 • 8 PM

Sanctuary: Rabbi Posner, Cantor Corrsin
Lowenstein: Rabbi Ehrlich, Rabbi Zeidman

Day of Yom Kippur:

Saturday, September 18 • 9:45 AM

Sanctuary: Rabbi Ehrlich, Rabbi Zeidman
Lowenstein: Rabbi Posner, Cantor Corrsin

Yom Kippur Study Sessions:

Saturday, September 18

12:15 PM to 1:15 PM

Yom Kippur Family Worship:

Saturday, September 18 • 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:

Saturday, September 18 • 2:15 PM

Lowenstein Sanctuary

Yom Kippur Afternoon/Memorial/Concluding Service:

Saturday, September 18 • 3:15 PM

Sanctuary: Rabbi Posner, Rabbi Zeidman, Cantor Corrsin
Lowenstein: Rabbi Ehrlich



**Read full descriptions of the
Yom Kippur Study Sessions
on pages 4 and 5.**

Eve of Sukkot and Day of Sukkot:

Wednesday, September 22 • 5:30 PM

Thursday, September 23 • 10:30 AM

Sukkot services are held in the Sanctuary (Fifth Avenue at 65th Street). All are welcome to attend; no tickets are required.

Sukkot Family Worship, followed by Religious School Dinner:

Friday, September 24 • 6:30 PM

Sanctuary (Fifth Avenue at 65th Street)
Admission to the Family Service is by ticket; only one needed per family. (Details for the Religious School Dinner are on page 6.)

Eve of Sh'mini Atzeret and Day of Sh'mini Atzeret/Simchat Torah:

Wednesday, September 29 • 5:30 PM

Thursday, September 30 • 10:30 AM

Sanctuary (Fifth Avenue at 65th Street)
All are welcome to attend; no tickets are required.
Thursday's service will include a memorial.



**Many thanks to the
Women's Auxiliary for
the gift of our
beautiful sukkah.**

BROADCAST OF SERVICES

Sabbath and holiday worship services may be heard live through the Temple website, as well as downloaded and used with a personal audio player.

Click "Listen to the Broadcast of Services" from the website Home Page.



Services may be heard through the Live365 Radio audio player starting at 5 PM on Fridays, 10:15 AM on Saturdays and just prior to the start of holiday services. At any other time, launch the Emanu-El audio player, or download the MP3 files. (Right click the links and save the files to your computer.) MP3 files and podcasts are available shortly after the completion of the live service and for one week afterwards.

SEATING RECIPROCITY

Temple Emanu-El members in good standing who will be out of town during the High Holy Days may obtain a **Courtesy Seating Form** to present for admission to another Union for Reform Judaism member temple. Similarly, Emanu-El will provide complimentary tickets for out-of-town visitors who arrange for courtesy seating.

WEEKLY TORAH STUDY

Our Torah study group will resume on **Saturday, October 2**, from 9:15 AM to 10:15 AM. Enter at the Marvin and Elisabeth Cassell Community House, One East 65th Street. Sessions will be led by Rabbi Yael Shmilovitz.

**NEW CLASSES AT
THE SKIRBALL CENTER**



Fall semester courses will begin on **Wednesday, October 13**. Join the Emanu-El and Skirball communities for a wide variety of exciting courses with such master teachers as Dr. Neil Gillman, Dr. Regina Stein, Dr. David Posner, Dr. Mark Weisstuch and Wendy Amsellem.

Courses this semester include, "Great Debates in Jewish History," "The Meaning of the Dead Sea Scrolls for Judaism and Christianity," "Jewish Eating and Identity Through the Ages" and "The Bible as Literature—A Sampling."

The Skirball Center for Adult Jewish Learning at Temple Emanu-El was launched in 2001 to provide a new kind of learning experience for Jewish adults in the New York City area. Skirball offers opportunities for in-depth study of the great Jewish texts and ideas in a warm and open environment. For more information, call (212) 507-9580.

Lectures • Classes • Tours



Yom Kippur Study Sessions

Saturday, September 18 • 12:15 PM to 1:15 PM
Marvin and Elisabeth Cassell Community House,
One East 65th Street (unless noted otherwise)

AFTER THE YOM KIPPUR morning service, learn, study and reflect in one of the multiple sessions led by scholars of the Temple. Participation is open to all congregants and their guests. Choose from...

Our Great Hero Moses and His Sins of Necessity!
Rabbi Bruce Cole • Room 602

On Yom Kippur we are instructed to examine our behavior and seek atonement for the sins we have committed over the past year. This is all well and good, but how do we define sin? With this in mind, we will examine the actions and behavior of our greatest biblical hero, Moses. We shall look at Moses' relationship with the Israelites and with God, and we shall try to assess this very complex relationship. We shall discuss the courage of Moses and raise the question, "Does God need Moses more than Moses needs God?" Are the "sins" Moses commits "sins of necessity," and is God's punishment appropriate or just plain petty?

The Curious Case of the *Eglah Arufah*:
How Our Ancestors Dealt With an Unsolved Homicide
Rabbi Bruce Block
Room 628, Goldsmith Religious School Building

The Book of Deuteronomy describes a ritual to be performed when a body is found that appears to be a victim of homicide and the crime remains unsolved. Why does the Torah prescribe this curious ritual? How did the Talmudic Sages understand the conditions under which the law of the *Eglah Arufah* was to be applied? We will look to the Torah, the Talmud and Maimonides' *Guide of the Perplexed* for answers.

Temple Emanu-El: Jewish Ideas in the Making
Rabbi Richard A. Davis, D.D. • The Leventritt Room (402)

We will take a brief look at and discuss the written and practical theology of several rabbis of our Temple—from Kaufmann Kohler (Beth-El), Judah Leon Magnes and Hyman G. Enelow to the rabbis and teachers of our own time. Short readings will stimulate our search for Emanu-El's role in the development of historic Jewish thought.

Why Atone?
Rabbi Benjamin J. Zeidman and Dr. Mark W. Weisstuch
Room 633, Goldsmith Religious School Building

Have you ever wondered about the point of Yom Kippur in our lives? What does the act of atoning mean for us, and what does it mean for God?

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YOM KIPPUR SESSIONS (continued)

We will engage in hands-on Jewish study by looking at various Rabbinic and contemporary texts on Yom Kippur and atonement. Participants will have the opportunity to learn with one another as they investigate various views and opinions on the personal and theological ramifications of atonement, as well as what atonement means to them as individuals. Take advantage of this traditional method of Jewish learning—studying with one another—to explore the central theme of the day’s reflections.

Jonah and Job: A Miracle Fish or a Miracle Human? **Rabbi Philip Hiat • Room 405**

Jonah and Job—two biblical personalities, each bearing tales of reward, punishment, justice; each a symbol of atonement and forgiveness—a Yom Kippur complement. So why do we read the Book of Jonah on Yom Kippur? At first blush, the subject and themes of the Book of Job might seem a more fitting source of contemplation on this day of reflection and introspection. How does the figure of Jonah inform the profound themes of this day?

The High Holy Days: Rated PG-13 **Gene L. Blumenthal Hall (Enter through 10 East 66th Street)**

Rabbi Amy B. Ehrlich, Director of Lifelong Learning Saul Kaiserman and youth educators Danny Mishkin and David Wolkin will guide an age-appropriate program that connects teens and their parents to the spirit of the High Holy Day season. This is a special time of year for Jews to reflect both backward and forward. We look back on the year that was, and we look forward to a better year to come. Participants will engage in a thoughtful activity that helps them reflect upon the times when we missed the mark in the past while looking forward to a more meaningful, joyous and productive year to come.

Request From Our Clergy (continued)

There is a grand illusion in the world of American Jewry that the members of Emanu-El are a very demanding group. Dearest friends, not so! If anything, you are hardly demanding at all! Long experience has proven our membership to be kind and gracious—in the words of the Torah, “long-suffering, abundant in goodness and ever true.”

So, please, this year, hock us a little more of a chainik. Prompt us to lead you in prayer; urge us to teach you

more about our Jewish heritage; press us to find meaningful ways to deepen your Judaism. I promise you, we won’t mind.

We’re all here because we love Judaism, the Jewish people and you. Sweet New Year wishes from us all.



Dr. David M. Posner, Senior Rabbi



MUSIC FOR THE HIGH HOLY DAYS

Become familiar with the music performed at Temple Emanu-El during the High Holy Days. Our website features Cantor Lori Corrsin and the Temple Emanu-El Choir performing a selection of pieces, accompanied by Pedro d’Aquino and Scott Warren on the organ. **Click “Worship” → “Music at Emanu-El” → “Music for the High Holy Days.”** MP3 files may be uploaded to your personal audio device, or you can launch the Emanu-El audio player.

WEEKLY MUSIC

Music programs for Sabbath and holiday services are posted on the Temple Emanu-El website. **Click “Worship” → “Music at Emanu-El.”**

You also can have the music program delivered to your inbox each week by subscribing to our electronic newsletter. **Click “About Us” → “Publications” → “Electronic Mailing Lists.”**

COMPOSERS

Learn more about the men and women who have brought us such beautiful works. **Click “Worship” → “Music at Emanu-El” → “Composers.”**



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



NURSERY SCHOOL APPLICATIONS

Applications for the **2011-2012 school year** will be available for request from **Tuesday, September 7 through Friday, October 1.**

Parents should call the Nursery School Office at (212) 744-1400, ext. 230 during this period only.

YOUNG FAMILIES PLANNING MEETING

Our first planning session of the program year will be held on **Wednesday, September 15** at 9:30 AM.

Parents of preschool children are welcome to join us. Enter at One East 65th Street. Please call (212) 744-1400, ext. 206 if you have questions.

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL REGISTRATION

Parents are reminded to return their children's registration forms to the Religious School office. Forms may be downloaded from the Temple website, if you have yet to submit an application.

Click "Learning" → "Religious School."



Note: Children must be enrolled in the Religious School in order to become a bar or bat mitzvah at Temple Emanu-El.

Classes for the 2010-2011 school year begin Sunday, Monday and Wednesday, September 19, 20 and 22. For more information, call (212) 744-1400, ext. 226.

Religious School



Sukkot Family Worship Service & Religious School Dinner

**Friday, September 24 • 6:30 PM
Sanctuary (Fifth Avenue at 65th Street)**

CELEBRATE SUKKOT with joyous worship that is appropriate for all ages! Children will be blessed under our magnificent sukkah, and singing will be led by our Junior Choir. Family worship tickets are required for attendance; only one ticket is needed per family.

Worship will be followed by dinner, Israeli dancing, and the shaking and blessing of the *lulav* and *etrog*.



The cost for dinner is:

- \$35 per family (including two adults) for reservations made by Monday, September 20.
- \$50 per family after September 20.
- \$10 for each additional adult.

Charges will be billed to your Emanu-El account. Fees will appear on your next Emanu-El statement. After September 20, cancellations cannot be refunded.

Reservations for dinner are required. Call (212) 744-1400, ext. 226.

Young People's Programs



**Young Families:
Rooftop Party
Sunday, September 12
10 AM • 10 East 66th Street**

Preschoolers and parents—Come 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.

**Young Families:
Sukkot Celebration
Sunday, September 26
10 AM • One East 65th Street**

Celebrate Sukkot with activities geared specifically for our youngest Temple members (preschoolers) and their families. We will create decorations for the outdoor sukkah, as well as have snacks, sing and tell stories in the sukkah.

RSVP for both of these events to (212) 744-1400, ext. 242.

Sukkot Sleepover

Friday, September 24 • 6:30 PM • Sanctuary (Fifth at 65th St.)

SEVENTH AND EIGHTH GRADE students are invited to gather in celebration of the harvest festival of Sukkot with an overnight slumber party that includes bonding with classmates, gaining a deeper understanding of the holiday, and staying up late with snacks and movies. This event follows the Religious School Family Worship Service for Sukkot and dinner, which all families are encouraged to attend. Students may attend the service and dinner on their own. Cost is \$50 per family (for two adults and children, and sleepover expenses) and \$25 per child alone (covers dinner and sleepover expenses). Pick up is at 9 AM the next morning at One East 65th Street.

RSVP to (212) 744-1400, ext. 226 or school@emanuelnyc.org.

NOTE: There is a general principle that one should rejoice in the sukkah, not suffer in it. If the weather is unpleasant, we will sleep indoors.

TEEN PROGRAMS

The following programs for students in grades 7 through 12 are overseen by Danny Mishkin, our coordinator of youth and young adult learning. Contact Danny at (212) 744-1400, ext. 329 or youthgroups@emanuelnyc.org.

Lirdof Tzedek: Leaders in Effecting Change

NEW AT EMANU-EL THIS FALL, *Lirdof Tzedek* is a program for eighth grade students that will train them to be effective leaders. In addition to providing a more regular and deeper volunteer experience, *Lirdof Tzedek* will teach students about different methods of working towards social justice, including fundraising, advocacy and community organizing. The program includes Sunday seminars and weekday volunteer sessions, each meeting roughly once a month.

In their inaugural year, *Lirdof Tzedek* students will put their new skills into action on behalf of the **Association to Benefit Children**.

Our first session will be held on Sunday, October 3; parents must attend.

Mitzvah Corps

FOR STUDENTS IN grades 7 and 8, Mitzvah Corps 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.

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OFFICE HOURS

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

- Sunday, 8:30 AM – 12:30 PM
- Monday, 9:30 AM – 6:30 PM
- Tuesday, 9:30 AM – 5:30 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.

FAMILY HANDBOOK

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

Click "Learning" → "Religious School."



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 2010-2011, you must have participated in at least one of the following activities during the last year:

- Confirmation Program
- MLK Volunteer Stay-Cation
- A-TEEM
- Senior Youth Group

Updates about high school programs are sent only by e-mail. Students should complete the registration form.

Click "Learning" → "Religious School" → "Teen Programs."



Young People's Programs



SHABBAT KODESH PRAYERS & BLESSINGS

The Shabbat Kodesh service is similar to the worship conducted in our Religious School and enables our students to build a prayer community with their families and other Emanu-El members. Prayers and blessings have been posted to the Temple Web site as a resource for preparing for the service.



(Click "Learning" → "Religious School" → "Shabbat Kodesh" → "Prayers & Blessings.")

Audio recordings are MP3 files; PDFs feature Hebrew text, transliteration and English translation.

Following are our Shabbat Kodesh dates for 2010-2011:

- Friday, October 22
- Friday, November 12
- Friday, January 21
- Friday, February 11
 - Friday, April 8
 - Friday, May 20

A-TEEM: RELIGIOUS SCHOOL INTERNSHIP

The *Assistant Temple Emanu-El Madrichim* (A-TEEM) program provides an opportunity for leadership and involvement in all administrative and academic components of the Religious School. Students will work in the Religious School office, partner with experienced faculty to develop classroom lessons and engage in study. A-TEEM members earn a stipend for their participation; community-service credits may be earned in lieu of the stipend, if approved by the student's school.

TEEN PROGRAMS (continued)

High School Confirmation

THROUGH OUR CONFIRMATION PROGRAM, students and their classmates come together for a year of experiential learning led by our clergy and Lifelong Learning staff. Monthly sessions include challenging intellectual exercises, engaging social activities, a wilderness hike, high-level study and self-reflection. The year culminates with a student-led ceremony on the **Eve of Shavuot (June 7, 2011)** for the entire congregation, a rite of passage to be remembered always.

Students who participate in this program:

- Learn to live by Jewish values
- Begin to fulfill the demands of social responsibility
- Seek ways to actively shape the future of the Jewish people
- Become leaders in Emanu-El's high school activities

Teen Volunteer Weekend

THIS YEAR'S VOLUNTEER WEEKEND is organized around a trip to the **Religious Action Center** in Washington, DC. Our teens will join hundreds of other Reform Jewish teens from around the country to turn their Jewish values into political reality. The Religious Action Center's *LTaken* Social Justice Seminar teaches youth about the Reform Jewish perspective on important issues, such as abortion rights, education policy and Israel advocacy. At the end of the program, students will make a presentation to their local government officials in the Capitol building.

Program dates: Friday, February 25, 2011, through Monday, February 28. It's worth missing one day of school!

Teen Benefit Committee

WANT AN IN to the biggest party of the year? Then be a part of one of Emanu-El's newest projects that's making a difference across the globe! Created by two Emanu-El teens, the Teen Benefit is completely planned, produced and attended by teens. **Last year's event raised more than \$13,000 for the Haiti relief efforts of American Jewish World Service.** All high school students are eligible to become part of the planning committee. Committee members are required to attend all meetings, work on their designated responsibilities, present ideas to the committee, sell tickets and contribute enthusiastically at all times.

The Teen Benefit Committee works hard throughout the year, but monthly group dinners and a successful spring event make it all worthwhile. Meetings begin this fall. Community-service hours may be available.

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Senior Youth Group

PARTICIPATING IN SOME or all of **Temple Emanu-El's Senior Temple Youth Group (TESTY)** activities is a great way to make friends, experience one's Jewish cultural identity and live Jewish values. TESTY offers a wide variety of events ranging from a dinner at Sammy's Roumanian Restaurant to a "Midnight Run" around New York City, tending to the homeless. Students will find a direct correlation between their level of participation and feeling connected with friends and the larger community.

Book Discussion



Men's Club Book Group

Wednesday, September 15 • 9 AM • One East 65th Street



OUR FIRST SELECTION of the program year is ***The Italians and the Holocaust*** by Susan Zuccotti. An estimated 85 percent of Jewish Italians survived the Holocaust; 6,000-plus perished. Zuccotti relates hundreds of stories showing the resourcefulness of the Jews, the bravery of those who helped them, and the inhumanity and indifference of others.

All Temple members are invited to participate in the discussion.

Stettenheim Literary Circle

Wednesday, September 15 • 6:30 PM • One East 65th Street

THE STETTENHEIM LITERARY CIRCLE kicks off its program year with ***Wolf Hall*** by Hilary Mantel, winner of the Booker Prize and National Book Critics Circle Award. Set in the 1520s, *Wolf Hall* tells the story of Thomas Cromwell's rise to prominence in the Tudor court. Hilary Mantel has been praised by critics for writing "a rich, absorbingly readable historical novel; she has made a significant shift in the way any of her readers interested in English history will henceforward think about Thomas Cromwell."



Participation in the Stettenheim Literary Circle is limited, so please be prepared to commit to all of the program dates. A full listing can be found on the Temple website. Click "Learning" → "Stettenheim Library" → "Stettenheim Literary Circle."



ROSH HASHANAH RESOURCES IN OUR LIBRARY

Even higher!
A Rosh Hashanah Story by I.L. Peretz; adapted by Eric A. Kimmel; illustrated by Jill Weber

Every year, just before Rosh Hashanah, the rabbi of Nemirov disappears. The villagers are certain their rabbi flies up to heaven to speak with God. Where else would such a great and holy man go?

New Year at the Pier:
A Rosh Hashanah Story by April Halprin Wayland; illustrated by Stéphane Jorisch

Izzy's family prepares for the Rosh Hashanah custom of *Tashlich* during which people throw crumbs into the water to show that they are repenting for the past year's bad deeds. Izzy is not so sure about this.

Today Is the Birthday of the World by Linda Heller; illustrated by Alison Jay

As the animals of the world gather to celebrate the birthday of the world, God asks them if they have been the best that they can be during the past year.

Repentance: The Meaning & Practice of Teshuvah by Louis E. Newman; foreword by Harold M. Schulweis; preface by Karyn D. Kedar

Newman examines both the practical and philosophical dimensions of *teshuvah*, Judaism's core religious-moral teaching on repentance, and its value for us.

SAVE THESE DATES!

OPENING MEETING AND BRUNCH Sunday, October 3

All Temple members are invited to this annual event co-sponsored by the Women's Auxiliary, Men's Club and Department of Lifelong Learning.

Shlomi Kofman, the newly appointed deputy consul general of Israel in New York, will discuss "The Challenges Facing Israel Today." 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.

MITZVAH DAY 2010 Sunday, November 14

Mitzvah Day is a way to increase awareness and create a greater sense of community among Temple members while helping others.

THANKSGIVING DINNER Wednesday, November 24

Volunteers are needed to serve dinner to seniors, veterans, and women and children from domestic violence shelters.

TEEN VOLUNTEER WEEKEND IN WASHINGTON, DC Friday, February 25, 2011, through Monday, February 28

See description on page 8.

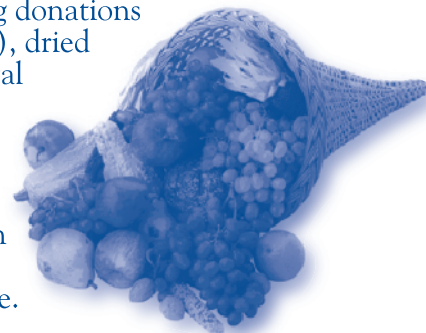
Community • Volunteering



Sukkot Harvest Fruit Drive

Friday, September 24 through noon on Sunday, September 26

TEMPLE EMANU-EL WILL be collecting donations of fresh apples, oranges (no pears, please), dried fruits and nuts to celebrate the harvest festival and help alleviate hunger in New York City. Collection baskets will be located in the Temple entrances at One East 65th Street and 10 East 66th Street, as well as in the lobby of the Sanctuary (Fifth Avenue at 65th Street) for both the Friday Sabbath service at 5:15 PM and the 10:30 AM Saturday service.



Questions? Contact the Tikkun Olam Committee at (212) 744-1400, ext. 452 or tikkunolam@emanuelnyc.org.

Ronald McDonald House Dinners

ONCE A MONTH, under the sponsorship of the **Women's Auxiliary**, Emanu-El congregants serve dinner and organize art projects for the families residing at New York City's **Ronald McDonald House. Our next dinner will be held Thursday, September 23.** Temple members who are interested in participating must contact the Women's Auxiliary: womaux@emanuelnyc.org or (212) 744-1400, ext. 235. Volunteers must be at least 18 years old and in good health. No walk-ins!

Following are our other volunteer dates for 2010-2011:

October 28 • November 18 • December 30 • January 27 • February 24
• March 24 • April 26 • May 26 • June 23 • August 18

Saviv: Exploration, Expression, Community

ARE YOU A Temple Emanu-El member in your 20s or 30s? Do you know non-members who are in their 20s and 30s? Let us know if you are interested in meaningful, innovative and fun programming with Saviv, "a Jewish community for people in their 20s and 30s who seek to explore authentic, progressive Jewish tradition and practice in an open, inviting atmosphere."



Send an e-mail to asstrabbi@emanuelnyc.org with your name and e-mail address so that we can notify you about upcoming gatherings.

Young Families Planning Meeting

Wednesday, September 15 • 9:30 AM • One East 65th Street

LED BY RABBI AMY EHRLICH, **Young Families** sponsors a variety of activities throughout the year for families with children who are of preschool age through early elementary school age. Parents are needed to help serve on the planning committee. Get involved, bring your thinking caps! Don't have time to serve on the planning committee? Then consider being a designated photographer at one of our events.

Questions? Contact Young Families at (212) 744-1400, ext. 206.

New Parenting Group

NEW THIS FALL at Temple Emanu-El...a parent-child group for families with young children (18 to 36 months old). Join us **with your child** for a series of weekly guided discussions led by child psychologist **Dr. Juliet Cooper** and **Rabbi Amy Ehrlich**. Sessions are intended to help parents gain insight into their parenting choices, foster independence and healthy separation, promote understanding of their child's unique temperament and explore Jewish identity...to name a few. Your child will play in a classroom setting with teachers, which will enable you to learn from real-life, unfolding situations. In addition, this may be a chance to create a lasting circle of friends.

Emanu-El's parent-child group will begin the week of October 11 and meet through mid-December. Because space is limited, preregistration is required. For more information about day, time and fees, please call Rabbi Ehrlich at (212) 744-1400, ext 206.

College Connection

TEMPLE EMANU-EL WANTS to reach out to our college students, and to do so we have created **College Connection**—a loose network of college students who grew up at Emanu-El. We want to make sure that college students feel like a part of their Emanu-El community and that they maintain their Jewish heritage. Through, College Connection we're planning on keeping in touch with information about Jewish opportunities all over the country, what's happening at the Temple, Israel information and resources, and perhaps some low-key events in New York held during breaks from school.

Students interested in being a part of College Connection must complete our online registration form. Click "Community" → "College Connection" from the Tempe website. Even if you've registered with us before, we ask that you resubmit the form on a yearly basis so that we're sure to have your most recent college address. Sign up for "College Connection Congregation Emanu-El" on Facebook, too!



EMANU-EL EATS!

Food always has been an important part of Jewish life, nourishing the soul as well as the body. In recognition of the diversity that is the Emanu-El community today, work has begun on a cookbook that pays tribute to the comforting foods of the past and the excitement of modern Jewish cooking. We hope as many of you as possible will share recipes for this project.

To give you a taste of the possibilities, here is a Rosh Hashanah recipe from Temple member Nancy Gold:

Neil's Honeyed Sweet Potato-Apple Puree

Serves 8

- 6 sweet potatoes, baked, then peeled
- 24-ounce jar unsweetened applesauce
- Penzey's Apple Pie Spice or ground cinnamon, to taste
- Honey, to taste

In a food processor, puree potatoes, applesauce and pie spice or cinnamon. Place mixture in a greased, ovenproof casserole and bake in a 350 degree F oven until hot, about 30 minutes. Drizzle with honey and serve.

Note: Canned or poached pears may be substituted for applesauce.

Find more recipes on the Temple website. Click "Community" → "Emanu-El Eats."



Life-Cycle Events



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, including text and recordings of the Hebrew blessings, as well as family prayers and mitzvah opportunities.



Click "Learning" → "Religious School" → "Bar & Bat Mitzvah Program."

OF BLESSED MEMORY

At the time of death, as well as during a period of illness, family members need the comfort, support and caring of a community. Temple Emanu-El's clergy and staff always are available to help soothe these difficult hours. Because there are many ways to honor a loved one, the rabbis and cantor can provide guidance that is suited to your family's personal philosophy. Call (212) 744-1400.

REMEMBERING LOVED ONES

Have the name of a loved one mentioned during our Sunset Service, when the *Kaddish* is recited. Service is open to the public.

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

Saturday, September 11

Joshua Chadick, son of Geraldine and David Chadick

Saturday, September 25

Stefano Jacobson, son of Laoura and Barry Jacobson

Flora Sahlman, daughter of Elizabeth and Peter Sahlman

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 16 and 17

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

For the Sabbath of July 23 and 24

In loving remembrance of
the wedding of Vivian and Arthur Schulte

For the Sabbath of August 6 and 7

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

For the Sabbath of August 13 and 14

In loving memory of *Hattie and John Greenburgh*

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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 August 20 and 21

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

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 3 and 4

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

For ROSH HASHANAH

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 Weiskopf and Esther Altman Weiskopf,
and my beloved grandmother, Augusta Altman

In loving memory of *Frances and Ralph DeJur*
and Sandra DeJur Berkley, from the family

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*

Sunny Schneiderman in loving memory of *Seymour Schneiderman*

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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**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.

BECOME A READER!

Share in the uplifting experience of leading our Sunset Service, held Sunday through Thursday at 5:30 PM for more than 65 years. During the *Aseret Y'mei T'shuvah*, the Ten Days of Repentance between Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur, Rabbi Posner will offer a Hebrew refresher course for congregants who wish to become members of our Readers Panel. Sessions will meet on five evenings **(Sunday, September 12 through Thursday, September 16)** from 6 PM to 7 PM. Call (212) 744-1400, ext. 202 to sign up.

**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. Call Sherry Nehmer at (212) 744-1400, ext. 312.



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PULPIT FLOWERS (continued)

For YOM KIPPUR

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

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

Rhoda Weiskopf Cohen in loving
memory of my dearest lifelong friend, *Joan Korwin*

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

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in loving memory of Gail's mother, *Jeanette Marmott Lowe*

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

Eileen Milloy in loving memory of *Ida Broz*

In loving memory of *Carol and Carl H. Pforzheimer Jr.*, from their family

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*

Nancy B. Rubinger in loving memory
of *Jessie C. Brilliant and Susan Ellen Rubinger*

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

Almighty God, we thank Thee for the gift of memory which unites generation to generation. This season of memorial bids us be mindful of the supreme hour which will call us to the realm of eternal rest and gather us to our fathers, to all the unnumbered generations that have gone before us. We remember all our beloved who have already reached the goal whither we are tending. We think of the days when they were with us and we rejoiced in the blessing of their companionship and affection. They are near us, even now.

— From the Memorial Service, Union Prayer Book, Vol. II

At a Glance: September 2010



September 4
Saturday, 8 PM
Selichot Service
 Beth-El Chapel



September 8
Wednesday, 5:30 PM
Eve of Rosh Hashanah
 Sanctuary/Lowenstein



September 9
Thursday, 10 AM
Day of Rosh Hashanah
 Sanctuary/Lowenstein



September 9
Thursday, 2:30 PM
Rosh Hashanah
Family Worship
 Sanctuary



September 12
Saturday, 10 AM
Young Families:
Rooftop Party
 10 East 66th Street



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



September 15
Wednesday, 9:30 AM
Young Families
Planning Meeting
 One East 65th Street



September 15
Wednesday, 6:30 PM
Stettenheim
Literary Circle
 One East 65th Street



September 17
Friday, 8 PM
Eve of Yom Kippur
 Sanctuary/Lowenstein



September 18
Saturday, 9:45 AM
Day of Yom Kippur
 Sanctuary/Lowenstein



September 18
Saturday, 12:15 PM
Yom Kippur Study
 One East 65th/10 East 66th



September 18
Saturday, 1:30 PM
Yom Kippur
Family Worship
 Sanctuary



September 18
Saturday, 3:15 PM
Yom Kippur Memorial/
Concluding Services
 Sanctuary/Lowenstein



September 19
Sunday, 9:30 AM
First Day, Religious School



September 20
Monday, 4 PM
First Day, Religious School



September 22
Wednesday, 4 PM
First Day, Religious School



September 22
Wednesday, 5:15 PM
Eve of Sukkot
 Sanctuary



September 23
Thursday, 10:30 AM
Day of Sukkot
 Sanctuary



September 23
Thursday, 5:30 PM
Ronald McDonald House
 405 East 73rd Street



September 24 —
September 26
Sukkot Harvest Fruit Drive
 One East 65th/10 East 66th



September 24
Friday, 6:30 PM
Sukkot Family Worship &
Religious School Dinner
 Sanctuary



September 24
Friday, 6:30 PM
Sukkot Sleepover
 Sanctuary



September 26
Sunday, 10 AM
Young Families:
Sukkot Celebration
 One East 65th Street



September 29
Wednesday, 5:15 PM
Eve of Sh'mini Atzeret
 Sanctuary



September 30
Thursday, 10:30 AM
Sh'mini Atzeret
(Memorial Service)/
Simchat Torah
 Sanctuary



Book Discussion



Community • Volunteering



Lecture • Class • Tour



Meeting



Religious School Event



Worship & Spirituality



Young People's Program

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Object of the Month

*Pop-up Rosh Hashanah card • Germany?, ca. 1900
Color lithography on embossed card, tissue paper*

THE CUSTOM OF SENDING cards and postcards for Rosh Hashanah became highly popular, particularly in Germany and Poland and in New York, in the late 19th and early 20th centuries. This charming card depicts a woman surrounded by wreaths of flowers, lighting candles before a table set for the holiday meal above the words *L'Shana Tova/ Happy New Year*. When the bottom tab is pulled forward the card transforms into a three-dimensional tableau.

GIFT OF REVA GODLOVE KIRSCHBERG
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Learn more on the Temple website about the custom of sending good wishes for the Jewish New Year, and view a video of the card in motion. Click "Museum" → "Collection Highlights."

