



# TEMPLE EMANUEL Bulletin

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

**YOUNG FAMILIES: Laughing Pizza**  
Sunday, February 11 2 p.m.

Our Doting Dads committee has organized an outing to The Jewish Museum, where we can enjoy a performance by **Laughing Pizza**—a one-of-a-kind family band featuring the infectious pop of Billy Schlosser, Lisa Michaelis (husband and wife) and their daughter, Emily. We will meet at The Jewish Museum (Fifth Avenue at 92<sup>nd</sup> Street). Cost is \$15 for adults, \$10 for children. Purchase tickets at the museum box office; call (212) 423-3337; or order online at [www.thejewishmuseum.org](http://www.thejewishmuseum.org). There is a \$1 charge per ticket for Web and phone orders. Call Young Families, and let us know you're coming so that we may continue the fun after the concert! (212) 744-1400, ext. 242



**YOUNG ARTISTS CONCERT**  
Sunday, February 11 3 p.m.

Charlie Albright, 18, is the featured pianist at a recital organized by the Stecher and Horowitz Foundation, sponsors of the New York Piano Competition. Admission is free and open to the public. Enter at One East 65<sup>th</sup> Street. Call (212) 581-8380 for more information about this program.



**MEN'S CLUB: Book Discussion Group**  
Tuesday, February 13 8:30 a.m.

We will discuss *Not Me* by Michael Lavigne. The selection for our March 6 meeting is *Fima* by Amos Oz. Enter at One East 65<sup>th</sup> Street. (212) 744-1400, ext. 250

WOMEN'S  
AUXILIARY

**THE SEX ETHIC  
of JUDAISM**  
Tuesday, February 27  
6 p.m.

The Women's Auxiliary cordially invites all congregants to a special lecture with Rabbi David M. Posner. Through a reading of several texts from the classical Rabbinic period, Rabbi Posner will discuss how Judaism makes an intriguing transition from mere biology to sublime spirituality. Light refreshments will be served. Enter at the Marvin and Elisabeth Cassell Community House, One East 65<sup>th</sup> Street. RSVP by Thursday, February 22. (212) 744-1400, ext. 235 [womaux@emanuelnyc.org](mailto:womaux@emanuelnyc.org)

## SABBATH SERVICES

**Friday evening, February 16**  
**Main Sanctuary**

Organ Recital—5 p.m.  
Sabbath Eve Service—5:15 p.m.  
WQXR Radio (96.3 FM) and Internet  
([www.wqxr.com](http://www.wqxr.com)) broadcasts—5:30 p.m.

**Saturday morning, February 17**  
**Women's Auxiliary Lounge**

Torah Study—9:15 a.m.

**Main Sanctuary**

Service—10:30 a.m.

Torah Portion—Mishpatim

Readings—Exodus 21:1-24:18; 30:11-16  
II Kings 12:1-17

**Sermon: Rabbi David M. Posner**

## PULPIT FLOWERS

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

Mary K. & Rabbi Howard I. Bogot  
in loving memory of  
*Maxine Livingston Elbaum*

Rhoda Weiskopf Cohen  
in loving memory of her parents,  
*Dr. Samuel and Esther Altman Weiskopf*

Richard H. M. and Gail Lowe Maidman  
in loving memory of Gail's father,  
*Edwin S. Lowe*

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### TIKKUN OLAM:

**Stitch'n Time**  
Sunday, March 4  
11 a.m.

**D**on't miss the next lively and productive session of our **Stitch'n Time** knitting program.

Expert knitting instructor Claire Brenner will be on site to work with us. If you can't attend the session, work from home—We'll gladly send you materials. Stitch'n Time participants knit for babies born at Beth Israel Hospital and for the Sanctuary Blanket Project of the Jewish Board of Family and Children's Services (JBFCS). Since October 2006, we have sent many beautiful baby sweaters, caps and blankets to Beth Israel and more than 60 blanket squares to JBFCS. Beginners and "pros" of all ages are welcome. We provide yarn, needles, patterns, refreshments and a wonderful opportunity to make new friends.

(212) 744-1400, ext. 452



Charles S. Salomon  
**The Universal Funeral Chapel**

1076 Madison Avenue (212) 753-5300  
Our service is available in the Temple, home, or our Chapel.

**SUNDAY SEMINARS**

All seminars are held from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.  
Coffee and bagels are served.  
Enter at One East 65<sup>th</sup> Street.  
To register, call (212) 507-9580  
or log on to our Web site at  
[www.adultjewishlearning.org](http://www.adultjewishlearning.org).  
Cost is \$50 per session.

**JOURNEYS Through MIDRASH, BIBLICAL TEXTS and STORYTELLING**  
Sunday, February 11



**F**our themes are inherent in all journeys: leaving a place, wandering, arriving and harvesting (the next generation). Peninnah Schram Join renowned storyteller Peninnah Schram in interweaving these four themes into your personal, family and community lives. Drawing from text, traditions and memories, weave a tapestry of tales that enhances the connections between you, your family and our collective Jewish journeys.

*Peninnah Schram is an associate professor of speech and drama at Stern College of Yeshiva University. She has written nine books of Jewish folktales, including Jewish Stories One Generation Tells Another and Stories Within Stories: From the Jewish Oral Tradition. In 1995 she received a Covenant Award for Outstanding Jewish Educator.*

SKIRBALL

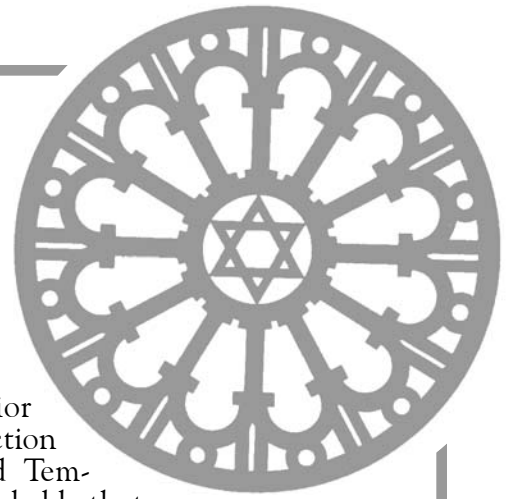


The Skirball Center for Adult Jewish Learning at Temple Emanu-El

**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.

# BUILDING A STRONGER JEWISH COMMUNITY THROUGH PRAYER



**J**udaism is remarkable in many ways. Not only did Judaism reveal to the world the theological concept of ethical monotheism, but it also established the basic ritual mode by which God is to be worshiped. This is the form of prayer.

A primary feature of Jewish prayer ever since its genesis has been its place within the context of a community—that is, *t'fillah b'tzibbur*. The Rabbinic Sages believed that God is more disposed to the prayers of a congregation than to those of an individual worshiper. The Talmud (Berachot 8a) focuses on the verse from Psalm 69:12—“Let my prayer be upon Thee, O Lord, in an acceptable time.” The Rabbis then raise the question, “When is an acceptable time?” The answer given, “When the community is praying.”

The primacy of communal worship, in contradistinction to private devotion, was one of the major factors that contributed to the cohesiveness of the Jewish community. When announcing the New Moon on the Shabbos before Rosh Chodesh, the traditional liturgy includes the words *Chaverim Kol Yisroel* (“All Jews are comrades”). It is little wonder that our prayers generally are phrased in the plural, rather than in the singular.

Given the fact that synagogue worship has its origins in late antiquity—several

centuries prior to the destruction of the Second Temple—it is remarkable that the worship therein conducted was most egalitarian in structure. Unlike the Jerusalem Temple, the synagogue was not the residence of a priestly hierarchy that could claim hereditary dynastic authority and ecclesiastical privilege. In the synagogue,

anyone could perform the function of *sh'liach tzibbur*—being the emissary of the congregation—and, thus, conduct the prayer ritual.

The Talmud (Ta'anith 16a) is explicit on the qualifications of the *sh'liach tzibbur*:

*Our Rabbis have taught: When they stand up to pray, although there may be present an elder and a scholar, they place before the Ark as a reader only a man conversant with the prayers. Who is conversant with the prayers? Rabbi Judah says: One having a large family and has no means of support (he is desperately fervent in his devotions), who draws his subsistence from the produce of the field (a person who knows when to pray for rain), whose youth was unblemished, who is meek and is acceptable to the people, who is skilled in chanting, who*

*has a pleasant voice, and possesses a thorough knowledge of the Torah, the Prophets and the Writings, of the Midrash, the Halachos and Aggados, and of all the benedictions.*

## READERS NEEDED FOR DAILY SUNSET SERVICE

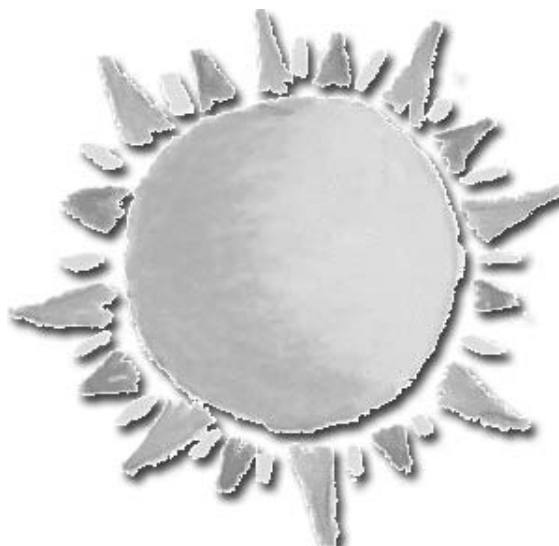
**THE EMANU-EL RABBINATE ALWAYS HAS BEEN ENTHUSIASTIC ABOUT THE DAILY EVENING SERVICE—NOT ONLY FOR ALL THE OBVIOUS REASONS BUT ALSO FOR THE MOTIVATION THAT IT GIVES MEMBERS OF THE TEMPLE TO PARTICIPATE IN ADULT EDUCATION PROGRAMS, WHICH ARE REQUIRED IN ORDER TO QUALIFY AS READERS. WORKING IN CLOSE HARMONY WITH CARL BORNSTEIN, WHO IS THE CHAIRMAN OF THE READERS PANEL, THE RABBIS ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO AUGMENTING THE APPROXIMATELY 30 VOLUNTEERS WITH SEVERAL NEW PARTICIPANTS. IF INTERESTED, PLEASE DO NOT HESITATE TO CALL RABBI POSNER'S STUDY AT (212) 744-1400, EXT. 202.**

## AROUND THE TEMPLE

### NURSERY SCHOOL SUMMER PROGRAM

**T**he Temple Emanu-El Nursery School is now enrolling children for its Summer Camp program. Children must be a minimum of 2 years and 11 months by June 1, 2007. The camp runs from June 11 through July 26, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Monday through Thursday. Our Nursery School staff, as well as our music and nature teachers, are on hand to work with the children. Enrollment is on a first-come basis.

*Call the Nursery School at  
(212) 744-1400, ext. 230 if you are  
interested in having your child join us.*



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