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Temple Emanu-El Bulletin





WORSHIP SERVICES SUNDAY — THURSDAY 5:30 PM • Marvin & Elisabeth Cassell Community House (One East 65th Street)

FRIDAY EVENING
Main Sanctuary
(Fifth Avenue at 65th Street)
Organ Recital—5:45 PM

Organ Recital—5:45 Pl Service Begins—6 PM

SATURDAY MORNING
Sixth Floor Lounge
(One East 65th Street)
Torah Study—9:15 AM
Main Sanctuary
(Fifth Avenue at 65th Street)
Organ Recital—10:15 AM
Service Begins—10:30 AM

K. Scott Warren,
Organist/Choir Director
Andrew Henderson,
Associate Organist
Daniel Beckwith,
Assistant Organist

Services may be heard live or by podcast through the Temple website at www.emanuelnyc.org. Follow the "Listen to the Broadcast of Services" link from the Home Page.

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



The Music of Emanu-El: Sacred and Transcendent

By Cantor Lori A. Corrsin

USIC AND PRAYER are bound inextricably. At Temple Emanu-El, the choir, cantor and organ always have been integral parts of our music, helping to create our beautifully meaningful and expressive worship service.

In 1845, when Emanu-El was founded, one of the congregation's first innovations was the regular use of a male choir. When Emanu-El moved to its Chrystie Street location in 1847, an organ was purchased for use at services. By 1849, there were women singing in the choir! These musical reforms were a strong



statement of Emanu-El's intent to move far away from the traditional Judaism practiced by all neighboring New York synagogues.

As the years progressed and Emanu-El's location changed several more times, the Emanu-El Choir gained prominence as one of the best, most respected choirs in New York. Happily supported by the Temple's board of trustees, they sang at the 1939 New York World's Fair, with the New York Philharmonic, and at the American Music Festival. They recorded for Decca records. The choir was one of Emanu-El's most visible, successful representatives to the world.

Today, Temple Emanu-El is one of the premier Classical Reform synagogues in the world. Our prayer book and our liturgical choral art music offer opportunities for both quiet meditation and uplifting, spiritual heights. We are blessed to experience both the transcendence as well as the intimacy of beautifully crafted words and great music in our worship.

The continuum of Jewish art music extends back, in a nearly unbroken chain, more than 400 years. Emanu-El's music draws from this Jewish musical heritage in every service—unique in today's world. At Emanu-El, we sing music of European composers ranging from Salamone Rossi in 17th century Italy to Franz Schubert and Felix Mendelssohn in 19th century Germany; American immigrant composers such as Kurt Weill and Mario Castelnuovo-Tedesco; and American and Israeli 20th and



TOL'DOT

(Genesis 25:19-28:9)
Read Saturday, November 2
SYNOPSIS: Birth of Esau
and Jacob; Esau sells Jacob
his birthright; Jacob steals
Esau's blessing; Jacob flees
to escape Esau's anger.

FRIDAY D'VAR TORAH: Rabbi Ehrlich SATURDAY SERMON: Rabbinic Intern Alexis Pinsky

VAYEITZEI

(Genesis 28:10-32:3)
Read Saturday, November 9
SYNOPSIS: Jacob dreams
about the ladder stretched
between heaven and earth;
Jacob meets Rachel; Jacob
works for Laben for 14
years, marrying daughters
Leah and then Rachel; after
much strife, Jacob makes
peace with Laben.

FRIDAY D'VAR TORAH: Rabbi Zeidman SATURDAY SERMON: Rabbi Davidson

VAYISHLACH

(Genesis 32:4-36:43)
Read Saturday, November 16
SYNOPSIS: Jacob sends
gifts to Esau; Jacob wrestles
at Peniel and receives a new
name, Israel; Jacob and
Esau reconcile; rape of
Dina; brothers retaliate;
birth of Benjamin; death of
Rachel and Isaac.

FRIDAY D'VAR TORAH: Cantor Corrsin SATURDAY SERMON: Rabbinic Intern Alexis Pinsky

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Worship & Spirituality



Family Dinner & Shabbat Kodesh

Friday, November 1 ● 6 PM (Dinner) ● One East 65th Street/7 PM (Service) ● Beth-El Chapel (Fifth Avenue at 65th Street)

REMINDER... This month's Shabbat Kodesh service will be preceded by a dinner for all Temple families and their guests at 6 PM. A delicious dessert *oneg* will **follow** our service.

The charge for dinner is:

- \$35 per family (up to two adults) for reservations made by October 28.
- \$50 per family after October 28.
- \$10 for each additional adult.

Reservations for dinner are required. After October 28, cancellations cannot be refunded. Payments must be received **BEFORE** the event.



Register online with your credit card: www.emanuelnyc.org/familydinner

QUESTIONS? Contact the Religious School at (212) 744-1400, ext. 226.

CHORAL D'VAR TORAH

From Whence We Came

Friday, November 15 • 6 PM • Main Sanctuary

AT THE FIRST of four *Choral Divrei Torah* scheduled for this year, **Cantor Lori Corrsin** will offer commentary and the **Temple Emanu-El Choir** will sing from the *bimah* works of European composers of the 17th through 19th centuries, including Salamone Rossi, Louis Lewandowski, Emanuel Kirschner, Salomon Sulzer, Franz Schubert, Felix Mendelssohn and Samuel Naumbourg. **K. Scott Warren** will conduct with **Dr. Andrew Henderson** on the organ.

Saviv Shabbat

Friday, November 15 ● 7:30 PM ● One East 65th Street

JOIN US FOR a chance to celebrate Shabbat and wind down from the week. We'll enjoy Shabbat services together followed by appetizers, wine, and the chance to shmooze with both new people and old friends! Wine and a little nosh also will be served at 7 PM, so come early. Saviv is a program for Temple members and nonmembers in their 20s and 30s.



There is no charge for this event, but reservations are requested by November 13 to help us plan. Log on to www.saviv.org. Saviv is for 20s and 30s only.

Thanksgiving Service

Wednesday, November 27 ● 5:30 PM ● Greenwald Hall

OUR WORSHIP SERVICE for Thanksgiving will be held the night before the holiday, as part of our Sunset Service, which is led by the Readers Panel under the auspices of the Men's Club. Our clergy will officiate. **The first Chanukah candle will be lit at this service.** Enter at One East 65th Street.

Volunteers are needed for our fifth annual Thanksgiving dinner. Learn more on page 7. »

Chanukah 5774

Wednesday, November 27 through Thursday, December 5

NAMED FOR THE Hebrew word for "dedication," Chanukah commemorates the Maccabees' defeat of the Syrians, which led to liberation of the Jews and the rededication of the Temple in Jerusalem in 165 B.C.E. Chanukah also is known as the "Festival of Lights" because of the custom of lighting bright lights in celebration for eight days.

The first Chanukah candle is lit Wednesday, November 27.

Like many Jewish holidays, some of the most important aspects of Chanukah happen in the home. It is a time of great joy and light, a time when we celebrate our identity as a holy nation. To help make the most of your holiday celebration, Temple Emanu-El is pleased to offer "Chanukah at Home" on our Temple website (www.emanuelnyc.org). Read the Chanukah story; listen to and learn the Chanukah blessings; download recipes for making latkes; learn how to play dreidel; make Chanukah decorations; sing songs; and add meaning to your holiday celebration by discovering ways to give to others.

Log on to www.emanuelnyc.org/chanukah@home.

SAVE THIS DATE!

Installation of Our Senior Rabbi

Friday, December 6 ● 6 PM ● Main Sanctuary

THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES of Congregation Emanu-El cordially invites all Temple members to a special Sabbath service honoring **Rabbi Joshua M. Davidson** on the occasion of his installation as senior rabbi. A festive *oneg* will follow.

RSVP with the number of your guests by November 25. Call (212) 744-1400, ext. 215, or send an email to dec6@emanuelnyc.org.

Learn more about this event on page 9. »



VAYEISHEV

(Genesis 37:1-40:23)
Read Saturday, November 23
SYNOPSIS: Joseph's
dreams of greatness;
brothers sell Joseph into
slavery; Tamar tricks Judah
into impregnating her;
Potiphar's wife attempts to
seduce Joseph; Joseph is
jailed; Joseph interprets
two prisoners' dreams.
FRIDAY D'VAR TORAH:
Rabbi Davidson
SATURDAY SERMON:
Rabbi Zeidman

MIKEITZ

(Genesis 41:1-44:17)
Read Saturday, November 30
SYNOPSIS: Joseph
interprets Pharaoh's dream;
Joseph appointed prime
minister of Egypt; Joseph's
brothers go to Egypt to seek
food; brothers return to
Canaan to fetch Benjamin;
Joseph frames and
detains Benjamin.
FRIDAY D'VAR TORAH:
Cantorial Intern
Richard Newman
SATURDAY SERMON:

TORAH COMMENTARY

Rabbi Ehrlich

READ OUR WEEKLY Torah commentary, written by our clergy and Temple staff, on the Emanu-El website: www.emanuelnyc.org.
Follow the link from the Home Page.

WEEKLY TORAH STUDY
OUR SABBATH MORNING
Torah study meets from
9:15 AM to 10:15 AM.
Enter at One E. 65th Street.
(Coffee and bagels served.)



EMANU-EL EATS

OUR FORTHCOMING congregational cookbook will be a true congregational community effort. So, this month, given the popularity of noodle dishes with so many Emanu-El families but moving on to a sneak preview of a recipe from our international section, we are sharing a recipe from our Emanu-El receptionist Indira Tiwari for one of her family's favorite desserts.

WEST INDIAN VERMICELLI DESSERT

Serves 6 to 10

3 tablespoons butter
One 12-ounce package of
rice vermicelli noodles
3 cans Carnation brand
evaporated milk
1 cup granulated sugar
½ teaspoon vanilla extract
1 cup water
2 or 3 cinnamon sticks
1 teaspoon powdered cloves
or 2 whole cloves
1 cup golden raisins
1 cup maraschino cherries

- 1. Melt the butter in a large pot and sauté vermicelli noodles (whole or broken, your preference) until light brown.
- 2. Add milk, sugar and vanilla extract to the noodles; stir well.
- 3. Add water and bring the noodles to a boil. Then add in cinnamon sticks, cloves and raisins, stirring frequently on medium heat, until the noodles are soft and the mixture thickens slightly.
- 4. Add cherries at end. May be served hot or cold.

Community



WHO ARE WE?

Reform Movement Comes to America

Thursday, November 7 • 6:30 PM • One East 65th Street

IN NOVEMBER OF 1824, the first organized effort to reform Judaism in North America took place in Charleston, S.C. What sparked this desire to modernize Judaism, and why did American Reform Judaism make its very first appearance in Charleston? Were Charleston's Jewish reformers influenced by their German predecessors, or were these innovators responding to distinctively American circumstances?

RABBI GARY P. ZOLA is executive director of the Jacob Rader Marcus Center of the American Jewish Archives (AJA) and professor of the American Jewish Experience at Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion (HUC-JIR) in Cincinnati.



Club 65: A Group for Seniors

Tuesday, November 12 ● 11 AM ● One East 65th Street



SENIOR RABBI JOSHUA DAVIDSON will meet with CLUB 65 for the first time. Together we'll explore the philosophies of pioneering Jewish thinkers and their implications for our relationship to God, one another and the world. Join us for a stimulating discussion of "The Transcendence and Immanence of God: The Theologies of Hermann Cohen, Martin Buber and Franz Rosenzweig."

Tuesday, December 10 • 11 AM • One East 65th Street

ALL TEMPLE MEMBERS—regardless of age—are invited to our CLUB 65 December event.

Mark Feldman, vice president of American

Friends of the Weizmann Institute of Science, will present "How (Almost) Everyone Has Been

Touched by the Weizmann Institute of

Science." The Weizmann Institute is one of the world's leading multidisciplinary research institutions. Mark your calendar for this exceptional opportunity!



QUESTIONS? Call (212) 744-1400, ext. 250.

Breakfast With William Cohan

Sunday, November 17 • 10 AM TO 12 PM • One East 65th Street

THE MEN'S CLUB cordially invites all Temple members and their guests to participate in our November event: breakfast with **financial commentator William D. Cohan**. A columnist and *New York Times* bestselling author, including Money and Power: How Goldman Sachs Came to Rule the World, Mr. Cohan will discuss current issues confronting Wall Street.



The charge for this event is \$30 for Men's Club and Women's Auxiliary members; all other Temple members and guests pay \$35. RSVP to the Men's Club: (212) 744-1400, ext. 250 or mensclub@emanuelnyc.org.

Holocaust Museum and Studies Center at Bronx Science

Tuesday, November 19 ● 10:45 AM TO 4:30 PM ● Departure from One East 65th Street

THE WOMEN'S AUXILIARY invites all Temple members for a guided tour of the Holocaust Museum and Studies Center at the Bronx High School of Science. One of the first Holocaust museums to open in the United States, the center at Bronx Science also is the only student-run Holocaust museum in the world. Lunch at Zero Otto Nove, in the heart of the Bronx's "Little Italy," will precede the tour. Round-trip transportation is provided.

The charge for this event is \$80 for Women's Auxiliary and Men's Club and members; all other Temple members and guests pay \$90. RSVP to the Women's Auxiliary by November 15: (212) 744-1400, ext. 235.

An Illustrated History of Decorated Jewish Marriage Contracts

Tuesday, December 3 • 12 PM • One East 65th Street

THE WOMEN'S AUXILIARY will host sisterhoods from several area synagogues for a **Chanukah lunch** and then a lecture by **Bernard Museum Consulting Curator Elka Deitsch**, who will take us on a journey through the artistic styles of Europe and Asia from the 16th century to the present.



QUESTIONS? Call (212) 744-1400, ext. 235.



COMMUNITY

RONALD McDONALD HOUSE DINNER

ONCE A MONTH, Emanu-El congregants serve dinner and organize art projects and entertainment for families residing at NYC's Ronald McDonald House. All potential volunteers (Temple members only) must preregister with the Women's Auxiliary; call (212) 744-1400, ext. 235. Must be at least 18 years old and in good health. Our next dinner is Thursday, November 7.

HOLIDAY KITS FOR HOLOCAUST SURVIVORS*

AS PART OF MITZVAH DAY, the Women's Auxiliary will oversee assembly of 50 Chanukah kits to be distributed by **The Blue Card**. Women's Auxiliary volunteers also are needed for project setup on **Thursday, November 7** between **11** AM and **2** PM.

WINTER WISHES AND CHEMO PACKAGES*

ON SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8 at noon, the Women's Auxiliary once again will participate in wrapping holiday gifts for low-income children from the **Association to Benefit Children**. Also on this day, we will prepare chemo packages for teen cancer patients staying at **Ronald McDonald House**.

*Women's Auxiliary members who wish to volunteer for these events should call (212) 744-1400, ext. 235.

Mitzvah Day 2013

Sunday, November 10 • 10:30 AM to 12 PM • One East 65th Street (I.M. Wise Hall)

PLEASE JOIN US for our ninth annual Mitzvah Day! All Temple members are invited to participate in a variety of hands-on projects to benefit the community both here and in Israel. A light breakfast will be served. We also will celebrate with a congregational prayer.

Congregants are encouraged to join us at Sabbath services on **Friday, November 8** at **6 PM** and the *Oneg Shabbat* that follows to welcome the Sabbath and kick off Mitzvah Day activities.

Volunteers are needed for set-up on **Thursday**, **November 7** at **10** AM. A light lunch will be served.



At this year's Mitzvah Day, congregants will have the opportunity to donate blood, be swabbed for inclusion in the bone marrow registry and learn about how to become an organ donor. Your help is needed to make this a success!

No appointments are necessary for bone marrow swabbing. However, to ensure that the blood donation process runs smoothly, we ask that volunteers register in advance. Please send an email to **blooddrive@emanuelnyc.org**, or call **(212) 744-1400**, **ext. 452** and leave your name and contact information. Someone will get back to you with an appointment time.





BAGEL AND BINGO BRUNCH

Emanu-El welcomes seniors from the **Carter Burden Center for the Aging** for this ever popular, semi-annual event. The Junior Choir will perform. Volunteers are needed to serve as hosts.

STITCH'N TIME

Our knitting group will meet beginning at **11** AM, following the congregational prayer. Knitters are asked to bring their own needles, #8.

QUESTIONS ABOUT ANY OF THESE ACTIVITIES? Call the Tikkun Olam Committee at (212) 744-1400, ext. 452, or send an email to tikkunolam@emanuelnyc.org.



Donate Goods to Help Others

CONGREGANTS ARE INVITED to donate the following items, which may be dropped off daily at the Temple until **10** AM on **Sunday, November 10**.

WINTER CLOTHING DRIVE

We will be collecting winter coats and jackets, hats, scarves and gloves in partnership with **New York Cares**. We only can accept items that are clean and ready to wear.

TRAVEL TOILETRIES

We are collecting travel-sized toiletries (shampoo, body wash, hand cream, toothpaste, tooth brushes, mouthwash) for shelters and the homeless. All items must be new and unopened.

Winter Wishes

CONGREGANTS ARE INVITED to fulfill the holiday wishes of 125 children and teens from low-income New York City families through Emanu-El's partnership with the Association to Benefit Children. Wishes may be picked up at Mitzvah Day. Join us on Sunday, December 8 at noon for the annual Wrapping Party.





Thanksgiving Dinner

Wednesday, November 27 • 2 PM • One East 65th St.

TEMPLE MEMBERS ARE NEEDED to assist with our fifth annual Thanksgiving dinner for senior citizens, cancer patients, and women and children from homeless and domestic-violence shelters to be held at the Temple on the day before Thanksgiving. Help is needed beginning at 2 PM for set-up, food prep and greeting our 200 guests; we also need turkey carvers to help slice 20 turkeys. Starting at 4 PM, teens and "tweens" are needed to chaperone and play with our youngest guests. Also at 4 PM, all volunteers are invited to join our clergy in lighting the Chanukah menorah.





SKIRBALL









SUNDAY SEMINARS 10 AM to 2 PM ● One East 65th Street ● \$65 per person (includes lunch) Register by calling (212) 507-9582.

A HEBREW "MARATHON"
Sunday, November 3
Faculty: Michael Nachmany
THIS INTENSIVE Hebrew
class is perfect for people
who want to feel more
comfortable in the prayer
service but feel inhibited
because they can't read
Hebrew. Start with the
letters and vowels, and by

the end of the day you will

MOSES MENDELSSOHN:

be reading Hebrew.

THE FIRST MODERN
JEWISH INTELLECTUAL
Sunday, November 17
Lecturer: Dr. Edward Breuer
MOSES MENDELSSOHN was
an 18th century anomaly:
a deeply learned and
traditional Jew who also was
a first-rate European thinker
in a world deeply hostile
to Judaism. Delve into
Mendelssohn's engaging
personal story and explore
this Jewish thinker.

JPS/SKIRBALL
NEW AUTHOR SERIES
Thursday, November 21 •
7 PM • One East 65th St.
DR. JAMES L. KUGEL will
introduce Outside the Bible:
Ancient Jewish Writings
Related to Scripture
(Three-Volume Set). Free
and open to the public.

Religious School



PARENT EDUCATION

Why Does a Mitzvah Matter?

Monday, November 4 ● 5:30 PM ● Wednesday, November 6 ● 5:30 PM ● Sunday, November 10 ● 9:30 AM ● 10 East 66th St.

AS OUR CONGREGATION prepares for Mitzvah Day (« see pages 6 and 7), discover the true meaning of mitzvah and how Jewish responsibility plays out in our lives.

QUESTIONS? Call (212) 744-1400, ext. 226, or send an email to lifelonglearning@emanuelnyc.org.

FIFTH GRADE FAMILY PROGRAM

Shopping for Theology

Sunday, November 17 ● 9:30 AM and Wednesday, November 20 ● 4 PM ● 10 East 66th Street

DURING THIS FAMILY PROGRAM, we will be tackling the biggest topic of all: God. What do we believe? What are we supposed to believe? How do we decide?

Families of our **Fifth Grade Religious School students** are invited to join us for a session of exploring thoughts and questions as a family... and trying to figure out what it all means. (Emphasis on trying!)

QUESTIONS? Call (212) 744-1400, ext. 334, or send an email to family@emanuelnyc.org.

Family Chanukah Service

Monday, December 2 ● 5:15 PM to 6 PM ● Main Sanctuary

FOR ALL TEMPLE FAMILIES with children age 2 and up, including our Religious School families, we will host a special Chanukah worship service. Join us as we celebrate, pray, hear a story and light the Chanukah candles!

NOTE: Monday Religious School students will participate in this program as part of their regular schedule, beginning at 4 PM. Dismissal for all students will be from Fifth Avenue at 6 PM.

QUESTIONS? Call the Religious School at (212) 744-1400, ext. 226.

Early Childhood



Holiday Show & Book Fair

Wednesday, November 6 ● 9 AM to 3 PM and Thursday, November 7 ● 9 AM to 2 PM ● 10 East 66th Street

ALL TEMPLE MEMBERS are invited to the Holiday Show and Book Fair sponsored by the **Temple Emanu-El Nursery School**. Take care of all your holiday shopping with our large selection of books, jewelry, clothing, accessories, toys and more!

Temple members who do not have children in the Nursery School MUST register by calling (212) 744-1400, ext. 230.

Book Drive





Books for Children

Friday, December 6 ● 6 PM ● Fifth Avenue at 65th Street

In the Spirit of our congregation's ongoing commitment to *tikkun olam*, Temple Emanu-El will be collecting **NEW** children's books for distribution to low-income New York City families **in honor of Rabbi Joshua Davdison's installation (« see page 3)**.

Please bring your donated books to the Fifth Avenue lobby, where members of the **Tikkun Olam Committee** will greet you on your way to this special Sabbath service.

View a list of book titles for children and young people on the Temple website: www.emanuelnyc.org/dec6.





BOOK DISCUSSIONS

MEN'S CLUB
Wednesday, Nov. 6 ●
8:30 AM ● One East 65th
In the Image
by Dara Horn
WINNER OF THE National
Jewish Book Award (2003)

Wednesday, Dec. 4 ● 8:30 AM • One East 65th The Free World

and Reform Judaism Prize

for Jewish Fiction (2003)

by David Bezmozgis NOTABLE BOOK of the Year (2011), *The New York Times*; *Globe and Mail* Best Books of the Year (2011)

STETTENHEIM
LITERARY CIRCLE
Wednesday, Nov. 13 •
6:30 pm • One East 65th
Behind the Beautiful
Forevers: Life, Death
and Hope in a
Mumbai Undercity
by Katherine Boo
WINNER OF THE National
Book Award for Nonfiction

Wednesday, Dec. 11 •
6:30 pm • One East 65th
The Innocents
by Francesca Segal
SET IN THE MODERN DAY
but inspired by Edith
Wharton's The Age of
Innocence

WOMEN'S AUXILIARY
Tuesday, January 14
12:30 pm ● One East 65th
What We Talk About
When We Talk
About Anne Frank
by Nathan Englander
A NEW YORK TIMES Notable
Book; NPR Best Book of
2012 (Discussion to be led
by Cantor Corrsin)



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Music of Emanu-El (from page 1)

21st century composers such as Leonard Bernstein, Max Helfman and Yehezkel Braun. Diversity of music styles and composers is a hallmark of our repertoire, celebrating the jewels of our Jewish musical birthright.

This grand and glorious music will be presented throughout the 2013-2014 season in four Friday evening *Choral Divrei Torah* (Words of Torah). The Emanu-El Choir will sing from the Main Sanctuary *bimah*, with commentary by Cantor Corrsin, on the following dates:

November 15, 2013 – From Whence We Came

Featuring works by European composers of the 17th through 19th centuries, including Salamone Rossi, Louis Lewandowski (pictured right), Emanuel Kirschner, Salomon Sulzer, Franz Schubert, Felix Mendelssohn and Samuel Naumbourg.



January 10, 2014 – Early 20th Century Masterpieces

Featuring the music and times of Cantor William Sparger and Choral Director Max Spicker and their contemporaries: Will C. Macfarlane, Frank van der Stucken and Heinrich Zoellner.



February 28, 2014 – The Music of Lazare Saminsky

Composer, conductor, writer and lecturer Lazare Saminsky was appointed music director of Emanu-El in 1924. Remaining in this post for more than 30 years, he became a powerful force in New York's Jewish music world.

May 30, 2014 - Under His Sovereignty

Through Lazare Saminsky's leadership, Temple Emanu-El's board of trustees and music committee

commissioned many masterworks written especially for our magnificent choir and organ. These include pieces by Joseph Achron, Gottfried Federlein, Frederick Jacobi, Leon Algazi and Herman Berlinski.

This last presentation will bring us into the 1950s. We will continue our historical music celebration throughout next year, concluding with Temple Emanu-El's 170th Anniversary in 2015.

The overall congregational programming theme for 2013-2014 is "Reform Judaism and Temple Emanu-El: Our Heritage, Our Future." The program book already has arrived in your homes, full of sermons, lectures, performances and panel discussions planned by Emanu-El's program committee, ably led by Dr. Claudia Plottel.

Join us and discover who we are and from where we've come.

LEARN MORE on the Temple website (www.emanuelnyc.org). Click "Worship" → "Music at Emanu-El" → "Composers."



Life-Cycle Events



ROM BIRTH TO DEATH, the act of consciously marking the major milestones in one's life is an important element of both personal and religious development. Similarly important are the rituals associated with these life-cycle events.

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

Saturday, November 2

William Maxwell Robbins, son of Jill and David Robbins

Saturday, November 9

Anna Cooper, daughter of Neil and Juliet Cooper

Saturday, November 16

Zachary Burlant, son of Elizabeth Elting and Michael Burlant

Elizabeth Zucker, daughter of Caryn and Jeffrey Zucker

Thursday, November 21

Chloe Jenna Axelowitz, daughter of Ronda and Mark Axelowitz

Saturday, November 30

Andrew Hartman, son of Kimberly and Alan Hartman

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 November 1 and 2

Jim, Susan and Hannah Baumann in loving memory of Jay S. Baumann

Rhoda Weiskopf Cohen and family in loving memory of our dearest Fanny de Margoulies-Rosenak, today and always

Mary L. Fleur in loving memory of her brother, *Robert Thomas Schwartz*

Judie and Howard Ganek in loving memory of their father, Reuben Goldstein

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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

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.



BAR/BAT MITZVAH PREPARATION

CHILDREN MUST BE enrolled in Religious School in order to celebrate bar or bat mitzvah at Temple Emanu-El. A date can be scheduled when a child is in fourth grade. 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 website. (www.emanuelnyc.org: Click "Learning" → "Religious School" -"Bar & Bat Mitzvah Program.")

MAKE AN ALIYAH

IN HEBREW, the word **aliyah** means "to go up." One physically ascends the bimah (pulpit) to recite the Torah blessings, but the heights to which one soars spiritually has no limit.

To be called for an **aliyah** (Torah blessing), to have an **aufruf** (wedding blessing), to celebrate a baby naming as part of a worship service or to volunteer to read Torah on Shabbat morning, please call Rabbi Davidson's assistant, **Elizabeth Fevrin**, at **(212) 744-1400**, **ext. 209**. Be sure to specify what you are celebrating!



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

NOW THAT EMANU-EL broadcasts its own services over the Internet, we are able to accommodate all congregants who wish to share Sabbath services and have the name of a loved one read during Kaddish. If you wish to have a name read, then please call one of the rabbis during the week of yahrzeit observance.

WEDDING MUSIC

PLANNING A WEDDING at Emanu-El? Well, don't forget about the music! Music can set a memorable tone at your wedding. Listen to musical selections performed by Temple organist K. Scott Warren. MP3 files may be downloaded from the Temple website (www. emanuelnyc.org) to a personal listening device. Click "Life Cycles" → "Weddings" → "Wedding Music.'

PULPIT FLOWERS (continued)

For the Sabbath of November 8 and 9

Hon. Susan S. and Martin A. Danoff in honor of her mother, *Helen Fischbach Stein*, on the occasion of her special birthday blessing October 11

Kathy Rocklen and Linda Silberstein in memory of the birthday of their father, Samuel Hellenbrand

Oneg Sponsorship for November 8

The Tikkun Olam Committee in honor of Mitzvah Day

For the Sabbath of November 15 and 16

Jim, Susan and Hannah Baumann in loving memory of Hannah Hirschhorn Baumann

June H. Jones in loving memory of Hannah Cohen, and Helen and I. Henry Hirsch

Pulpit Flowers at Thanksgiving Services (November 27)

Donald and Susan Marley Newhouse in loving memory of Lillian and Harry Marley

Peg Ogden in loving memory of her parents, Margaret S. and Stephen A. Ogden; her brother, Stephen A. Ogden Jr.; her grandmother, Tilda W. Stern; her aunt, Katherine S. Oppenheimer; and her friend Twig

Mr. Harold Prince in loving memory of his mother, Blanche Prince

Oneg Sponsorship for Thanksgiving

Susan and Donald Newhouse in loving memory of Mitzi and Samuel Newhouse

For the Sabbath of November 29 and 30/Chanukah Service

Kim, Alan, Katie and Max Hartman in honor of *Andy Hartman* becoming a bar mitzvah

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

Monte Wolfson, his children Robert, Suzanne, Jon and Katherine, and grandchildren Jayne, Thomas, Grace and Lena, in loving memory of his wife, *Doris*

A REMINDER ABOUT SPONSORSHIPS

BECAUSE THE Emanu-El Bulletin is 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.**

At a Glance: November 2013



November 1 Friday, 6 PM (Dinner)/ 7 PM (Service)

Family Dinner and Shabbat Kodesh Service One East 65th Street/ Beth-El Chapel



November 3 Sunday, 10 AM-2 PM Skirball Sunday Seminar: A Hebrew "Marathon" One East 65th Street



November 4, 6 and 10 Monday, 5:30 PM Wednesday, 5:30 PM **Sunday, 9:30** AM

Parent Education: Why Does a Mitzvah Matter? 10 East 66th Street



November 6 Wednesday, 8:30 AM Men's Club Book Group One East 65th Street



November 6 and 7 Wednesday, 9 AM-3 PM Thursday, 9 AM-2 PM Nursery School Holiday Show and Book Fair

10 East 66th Street



November 7 Thursday, 5 PM Ronald McDonald House 405 Fast 73rd Street



November 7 Thursday, 6 PM

The Reform Movement Comes to America One East 65th Street



November 10 Sunday, 9:30 AM-1:30 PM Pikuach Nefesh: Save a Life! One East 65th Street



November 10 Sunday, 10:30 AM-12 PM Mitzvah Day 2013 One East 65th Street



November 10 Sunday, 11 AM-2 PM Stitch'n Time



November 12 Tuesday, 11 AM Club 65

One East 65th Street

One Fast 65th Street



November 15 Friday, 6 PM



Choral D'var Torah: From Whence We Came Main Sanctuary



November 15 Friday, 7:30 PM



Saviv Shabbat One Fast 65th Street



November 17 and 20 **Sunday, 9:30** AM Wednesday, 4 PM

5th Grade Family Program: Shopping for Theology 10 East 66th Street



November 17 Sunday, 10 AM-12 PM

Men's Club Breakfast With William D. Cohan One East 65th Street



November 17 Sunday, 10 AM-2 PM

Skirball Sunday Seminar: Moses Mendelssohn One East 65th Street



November 19 Tuesday, 10:45 AM-4:30 PM Bronx Science Holocaust

Museum and Studies Center Departure from One E. 65th St.



November 21 Thursday, 7 PM

JPS/Skirball New Author Series One East 65th Street



November 27 Wednesday, 2 PM

Thanksgiving Community Dinner One East 65th Street



November 27 Wednesday, 4:30 PM First Night of Chanukah

(first candle is lit) One Fast 65th Street



November 27 Wednesday, 5:30 PM

Thanksgiving Worship Service One East 65th Street



Book Discussion



Community



Early Childhood



Film Screening



Lecture ● Class ● Tour



Museum



Musical Program



Religious School Event



Volunteering



Worship & Spirituality



Young People's Program

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Object of the Month

Chanukah Lamp

Italy, 16th century Bronze, cast and engraved

THIS RENAISSANCE CHANUKAH LAMP is a fine representation of the rich artistic culture of Italian Jews of the period. The artist masterfully combined common Jewish and Italian motifs—rampant lions flanking a classical urn—to reflect the multidimensional identity of the Jewish community. This particular lamp is a rare example in that it employs both a family crest (three stars and a crescent moon) and the owner's name, Shlomo Mah Tov in Hebrew or Solomon Del Bene in Italian.

(CEE 45-231)

Bequest of Judge Irving Lehman, 1945



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