

TEMPLE EMANU-EL Bulletin

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, January 8 10 a.m.
**Spies vs. Analysts: U.S. Intelligence
and Counterintelligence**

All Temple members are invited to this special presentation by David P. Hunt, a 32-year veteran with the Central Intelligence Agency's Clandestine Service. The cost for this event (which includes a hot buffet breakfast) is \$20 for Men's Club members paying in advance, \$25 for nonmembers and



those paying at the door. Enter at the Marvin and Elisabeth Cassell Community House, One East 65th Street. Checks should be made payable to "Men's Club of Congregation Emanu-El." Questions? Call the Men's Club office at (212) 744-1400, ext. 250.

SABBATH SERVICES

**Friday evening, January 13
Lowenstein Sanctuary**

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

**Saturday morning, January 14
Women's Auxiliary Lounge**

Torah Study—9:15 a.m.
Lowenstein Sanctuary
Service—10:30 a.m.
Torah Portion—Vayehi
Readings—Genesis 47:28-50:26
I Kings 2:1-12
Sermon: Rabbi Amy B. Ehrlich

FOR
FAMILIES



Friday, January 20 6:15 p.m.
**Family Shabbat:
Worship Service and Dinner**

Youngsters through early school age will celebrate Shabbat as part of our **Young Families** group. Youth who can read (through B'nei Mitzvah age) will celebrate with our **Junior Congregation**, led by Rabbinic Intern David Young with a unique, hands-on approach

to the service. Afterwards, we'll gather for dinner and an art project.



**RSVP to
(212) 744-
1400, ext.
242 for
Young
Families,
ext. 501
for Junior
Congregation.**

BAR MITZVAH

The following student of our Religious School will become a Bar Mitzvah this weekend:

Andrew David Warren, son of Marcy and Michael L. Warren

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

PULPIT FLOWERS

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

Frances A. Hess in loving memory
of her husband, *Robert L. Hess*

The Holzman Family in loving memory
of *Lewis and Caryll Holzman*

Marvin Levy in loving memory of *Schirley Belle Levy*

In loving memory of *Jerome E. and Leonore R. Malino*, and *Jacqueline Malino Wilentz*, from their family

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Monday, January 9 6 p.m.
Short Story Discussion Group

We will continue discussing works from
The Complete Stories of Bernard Malamud.

Tuesday, January 10 8:30 a.m.
Men's Club Reading Group

Our January selection is *A Thread of Grace*
by Mary Doria Russell, a novel based on
a group of Italian citizens who sheltered more
than 40,000 Jews from WWII work camps.

Sunday, January 22 9:15 a.m.
Tuesday, January 24 9:30 a.m.
Young Families: Storytime

Temple librarian Elizabeth Stabler will read
stories about Shabbat from our wonderful
collection of children's books.

Charles S. Salomon
The Universal Funeral Chapel
1076 Madison Avenue (212) 753-5300
Our service is available in the Temple, home, or our Chapel.

TO BE NOTED

**Bereavement Group
for Temple Members**

Our new bereavement group for Temple
members troubled by the recent death
of a loved one begins Wednesday, January 11
and will continue for eight subsequent
Wednesday evenings. Sessions led by fellow
Temple member Dr. Benjamin Sadock will be
held from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. To participate in
this program, call Rabbi Amy B. Ehrlich at
(212) 744-1400, ext. 206 or send an e-mail to
aehrich@emanuelnyc.org.

Religious School Holiday Closings

Parents should note that classes will not
be held Sunday, January 15 and Monday,
January 16 in honor of the Martin Luther
King Jr. holiday. Classes will be held per the
regular schedule on Wednesday, January 18.

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.

SHIVAT HAMINIM: SPRING SEMESTER AT SKIRBALL

FOR THE LORD your God will bring you into a good land, a land of brooks of water, of fountains and depths, springing forth in valleys and hills; a land of wheat and barley, and vines and fig trees and pomegranates; a land of olive trees and honey...And you shall eat and be full, and you shall bless the Lord God for the good land he has given you. — **Deuteronomy 8:7-10**

THE SEVEN KINDS of produce listed in the Deuteronomy passage above commonly are referred to as the “Seven Species,” or *Shivat HaMinim*. Archetypal products of the Land of Israel, they particularly are invoked during the holiday of Tu B’Shtvat, the New Year for Trees (this year, February 13), and on Shavuos, when the first fruits of the harvest—called *bikkurim*—were offered in the Temple in Jerusalem. *Bikkurim* were offered only from among these of the Seven Species.

All seven varieties have one thing in common: Their main growing or flowering season is between the holidays of Passover and Shavuos. Thus, the fate of these crops is determined between Passover and Shavuos. Too much rain or not enough, too much sun or not enough, and too much wind or not enough, could destroy each of these crops.

With *Shivat HaMinim* as the theme for its spring semester course catalog, the Skirball Center for Adult Jewish Learning at Temple Emanu-El offers the perfect food for thought from which we can nurture and grow our understanding of Jewish studies. From “Jewish Questions in Contemporary Art” to “A Night Different From All Other Nights: A Passover Cooking Class,” the regular course schedule provides something for everyone.

In addition, the Skirball Center is offering two Sunday Seminars—“France and the Jews, France and the Arabs” held March 19

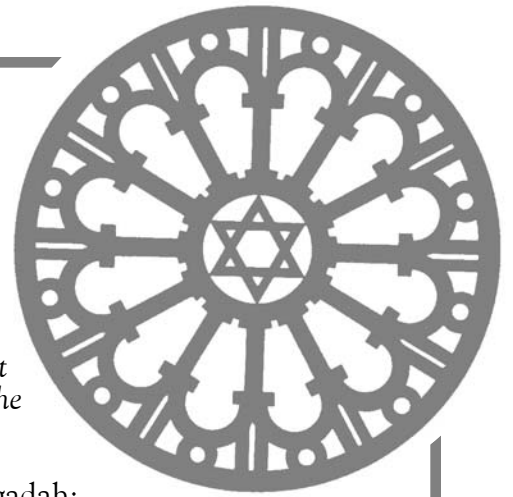
and “The Haggadah: Its Structure and Message” on April 2 (taught by Rabbi Leon A. Morris, director of the Skirball Center). A new program called “Openings” is a study experience designed for 30- and 40-something-year-old Jewish New Yorkers to spark meaningful and stimulating conversation and debate; sessions, which include dinner, will be held once a month on Wednesday evenings.

We will continue to host our weekly Ideas Café, held Tuesday evenings starting February 7. And, we will be repeating the very popular “Friends and Lovers (*Re'im Ahuvim*)” course for engaged couples.

An added attraction this semester is an Israel Study Trip scheduled for May 23 through June 4, during which participants will explore the theme of “The Heavenly and Earthly Jerusalem.” Participants also may prepare for their trip with a special conversational Hebrew crash course, to be held over four evenings.

For more information about the programs and courses offered as part of Skirball’s spring semester, log on to www.adultjewishlearning.org. Or, to obtain a printed course catalog, call (212) 507-9580. Register by January 23 and receive a tuition discount.

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AROUND THE TOWN

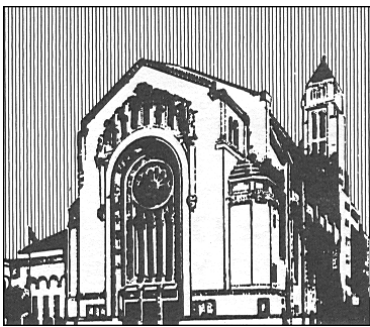
Members of the Women's Auxiliary enjoy lunch in style at the Bull and Bear, as part of their guided tour at New York's famed Waldorf = Astoria Hotel in December.



Did you know...? The Women's Auxiliary is both a social and civic organization open to **all** women of the congregation. We sponsor a variety of activities that benefit the greater New York City community.

For more about our programs or to obtain a list of upcoming activities, call (212) 744-1400, ext. 235. **Don't delay...join the Women's Auxiliary today!**

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