



TEMPLE EMANU-EL Bulletin

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Monday, March 13 4:30 p.m.
Ninth Grade High School Academy

Program participants are reminded that we will be volunteering to serve at the HUC-JIR Community Soup Kitchen. **Please meet at One W. Fourth Street and note our special time.** Questions? Call Rabbinic Intern David Young at (212) 744-1400, ext. 501.

SABBATH SERVICES

Friday evening, March 10
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, March 11
Women's Auxiliary Lounge
Torah Study—9:15 a.m.
Lowenstein Sanctuary
Service—10:30 a.m.
Torah Portion—Tetzaveh
Readings—Exodus 27:20-30:10
Deuteronomy 25:17-19
I Samuel 15:2-34
Sermon: Rabbi Amy B. Ehrlich

Monday evening, March 13
Lowenstein Sanctuary
Daily Sunset Service and
Megillah Reading—5:15 p.m.
In honor of Purim, our daily service will include a spirited reading of the Megillah. Please note location change.

PURIM ACTIVITIES

YOUNG FAMILIES

Tuesday, March 7 9:30 a.m.
Sunday, March 12 9:15 a.m.
and 10 a.m.

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

After Storytime on March 12, we'll have a special Young Families Purim Celebration with hamentaschen, mishloach manot and lots more! Costumes aren't required but definitely are encouraged.

RSVP for Storytime to (212) 744-1400, ext. 362.

RSVP for the Purim celebration to (212) 744-1400, ext. 242.



YOUTH GROUPS

Saturday, March 11 11 a.m.

All Youth Group members are invited to make *mishloach manot* (baskets of treats) that will be delivered to senior citizens.

For more information, CLUB 56 and CLUB 78 members should call Lori Jacobson at (516) 965-4736.

Senior Youth Group members, call Rabbinic Intern David Young at (212) 744-1400, ext. 501.



RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

Sunday, March 12 11:15 a.m.

Religious School families are invited to join us first for a Purim Family Service in Greenwald Chapel, which will include a reading of the *Megilat Esther* and a performance by our Temple Emanu-El Junior Choir. The fun continues at noon with our Religious School Purim Carnival!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Tuesday, March 14 8:30 a.m.
Men's Club Reading Group

We will discuss *The Orientalist: Solving the Mystery of a Strange and Dangerous Life*.

Sunday, March 19 10 a.m.
**France and the Jews,
France and the Arabs**

The Skirball Center for Adult Jewish Learning at Temple Emanu-El is pleased to host guest lecturer Fred Rosenbaum, who will discuss French anti-Semitism and the impact of the Arab world on French politics and society. The cost for this session is \$50. Coffee and bagels will be served. Enter at the Marvin and Elisabeth Cassell Community House, One East 65th Street. To register or for more information, call (212) 507-9580.

Sunday, March 19 7:30 p.m.
Night Out With the Knicks!

Join the Men's Club for an evening of basketball at Madison Square Garden, where the New York Knicks will play the Miami Heat. Cost is \$50 per person. Tickets are available on a first-come, first-served basis to all Temple members. Call the Men's Club at (212) 744-1400, ext. 250.

Tuesday, March 21 6 p.m.
The Hidden God of Psalms

Rabbi Posner will lead this discussion, preceded by a reception. Enter at One East 65th Street. RSVP to the Women's Auxiliary by Wednesday, March 15. Call (212) 744-1400, ext. 235 or send an e-mail to womaux@emanuelnyc.org.

PULPIT FLOWERS

Flowers at Sabbath services this weekend are generously donated by our congregants:

Aileen and Alan Janover in honor of their grandson *William Sandler Janover* becoming a Bar Mitzvah

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

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

Hal, Mary, Craig and Nicole Randelman in loving memory of *Roslyn Randelman*

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

B'NEI MITZVAH

The following Religious School students will become B'nei Mitzvah this weekend:

Austin Gregory Terry, son of Beth Terry

Phoebe Sabrina Fialkoff, daughter of Dr. Marcia Grossman and Steven Fialkoff

William Sandler Janover, son of Marcy Sandler and James Janover

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

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.

PURIM ODDITIES AND CURIOSITIES

By Rabbi David M. Posner

THE FESTIVAL OF PURIM—this year falling on the evening of Monday, March 13 and continuing the next day—commemorates a biblical story that is fraught with intrigue, conspiracy and coincidence. And beyond the events in Ancient Persia, still more Purim connections exist—with memories both triumphant and tragic.

On Purim in 1912, a group of women gathered in the vestry rooms of our own Temple Emanu-El, at its former location of 43rd Street and Fifth Avenue. They constituted themselves on that day as the *Hadassah Chapter* of a national organization to be known as the Daughters of Zion. The Feast of Purim, on which the meeting was held, made

the name of *Hadassah* almost inevitable, for the word, which means “Myrtle,” was the Hebrew name of Queen Esther, and eventually “Hadassah” supplanted “Daughters of Zion.”

Originally, 38 women subscribed as members.

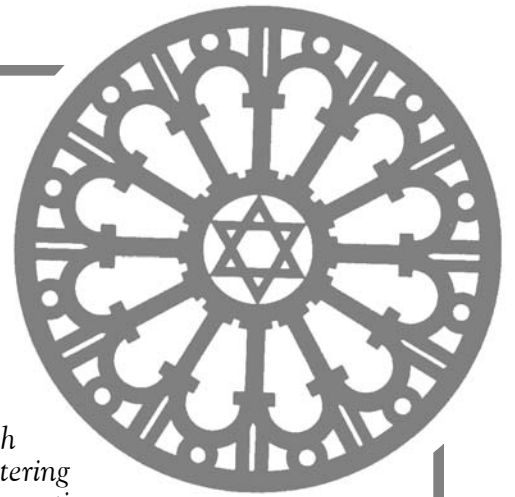
At the meeting, Henrietta Szold spoke of the need of a “definite

project,” and shortly thereafter, she was elected president.

And this from a New York newspaper on March 16, 1883:

The grand fancy-dress ball of the Purim Association at the Academy of Music last night was a brilliant success. The festivities

opened at 10:30 [p.m.] with an elegant tableau. On a lofty throne covered with rich drapery and glittering with Eastern decoration were seated the good Queen Esther, accompanied by the Prince and Princess Carnival, attended by brilliant retinues in gorgeous costumes. The robes of the royal personages represented were the richest ever seen in this country; that of Queen Esther was claimed to be a correct copy of the original, whatever may have been the source of authority on this interesting point.



This illustration of New York's Purim Ball of 1877 depicts the festive atmosphere of the holiday. One reveler (inset right) chose to distinguish himself by dressing as a dreidel. (Image from Frank Leslie's Popular Monthly)

Among the more regrettable references to Purim was a speech by Adolf Hitler on January 30, 1944, in which he said that if the Nazis went down in defeat, the Jews could celebrate “a second triumphant Purim.”

And, two years later, on October 16, 1946—a day

on which 10 war criminals were executed at Nuremberg as a punishment for monstrous crimes committed against humanity—the foremost of these anti-Semites, Julius Streicher, as he was led to the scaffold, shouted, “Purim Fest 1946.” Little did he know that Purim commemorates not the hanging of Haman but the saving of the Jewish people.

AROUND THE TEMPLE

Homebound Delivery & Second Seder for the Elderly

Temple members are invited once again to participate in our special Passover volunteer activities. Packing of meals for the homebound will begin at 9 a.m. on **Sunday, April 9**, in the Leventritt Room of the Marvin and Elisabeth Cassell Community House, One East 65th Street. Volunteers with cars will be needed for deliveries. Second Seder will be held **Thursday, April 13** at 10 East 66th Street. Dinner service begins promptly at 5:30 p.m. Individuals interested in assisting with these programs should call the Temple office at (212) 744-1400, ext. 210 to request a volunteer form. Forms must be returned by Monday, March 13.



Because of the nature of our work and strict timetable, these activities are limited to adults and youngsters from our Temple youth groups (grades 5–12). All volunteers must be Temple members.

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