

# TEMPLE EMANU-EL Bulletin

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

### SHABBAT SHALOM!

Friday, February 2  
6:30 p.m.



A new expression of faith at Emanu-El, **Shabbat Shalom!** is a late worship service held once a month. Participants should enter at the Marvin and Elisabeth Cassell Community House, One East 65<sup>th</sup> Street. All congregants (adults and youth) are encouraged to sing, pray and learn with us. Connect with familiar melodies from our heritage as well as new ones that create a dynamic and refreshing approach to prayer.

## SABBATH SERVICES

**SHABBAS SHIRA (Sabbath of Song)**  
**TU B'SHEVAT (New Year for Trees)**  
Friday evening, February 2  
Main 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, February 3**  
**Women's Auxiliary Lounge**  
Torah Study—9:15 a.m.  
Main Sanctuary

Service—10:30 a.m.  
Torah Portion—Beshalach  
Readings—Exodus 13:17-17:16  
Judges 4:4-5:31

**Sermon in Song: Cantor Lori Corrsin**

BREAKFAST  
& DISCUSSION

**The U.N., the U.S.,  
ISRAEL and GLOBAL  
ANTI-SEMITISM**  
Sunday, February 4  
10 a.m.

The Men's Club cordially invites our congregants to a program of major significance featuring **Kenneth Jacobson** of the **Anti-Defamation League**.



Photo © Sharon Faulkner

For more than 30 years, Mr. Jacobson has been an integral member of the ADL staff—starting with research and evaluation and progressing to where he currently serves as Senior Associate National Director, Special Advisor to the National Director and Director of International Affairs. He is the author of several books about the Middle East, and his articles have appeared in *Newsday*, *The New York Times*, *The Washington Post* and *The Christian Science Monitor*. He also is the author of the annual article about U.S.–Israel relations that appears in *The American Jewish Yearbook*.

The cost for this event—which includes a hot breakfast—is \$25 for Men's Club members in advance, \$35 for all paying at the door (members and nonmembers). Make checks payable to the Men's Club of Congregation Emanu-El. RSVP by Wednesday, January 31.

(212) 744-1400, ext. 250  
mensclub@emanuelnyc.org

## BAS MITZVAH

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

*Annabel Hitchcock Buckfire,*  
daughter of  
Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth A. Buckfire

**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:**

Barry, Patricia and Elizabeth Berkule  
in loving memory of *Lloyd I. Berkule*

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

## TO BE NOTED

### MEN'S CLUB: BOOK GROUP

**O**ur February discussion session will be held Tuesday, February 13 at 8:30 a.m. in Room 405. We will discuss *Not Me* by Michael Lavigne. The selection for our March 6 meeting will be *Fima* by Amos Oz (paperback: 336 pages, Harvest Books, 1994). (212) 744-1400, ext. 250

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.

SKIRBALL  
CORNER

As part of our congregational reading initiative EMANU-EL READS, the Skirball Center offers the following course. Classes meet TUESDAY evenings at 6:30 p.m. starting JANUARY 30. To register, call (212) 507-9580 or log on to [www.adultjewishlearning.org](http://www.adultjewishlearning.org).

### HOW DOES JEWISH LAW WORK? Maimonides' Controversial Views in Today's World

**I**s Jewish law unchangeable? Is Jewish law only for traditionally observant Jews? Does Jewish law cover only obscure ritual? Is Jewish law foreign and outdated, or are its principles more modern than we suppose? Study Maimonides, the most controversial figure in medieval Jewish philosophy, and discover answers to these questions and others. Study his philosophy of Jewish law through translated selections from his essays on Jewish law, his code and his legal responses to the most crucial religious and social questions of his time. Discover how Maimonides' views influence Jewish life today.

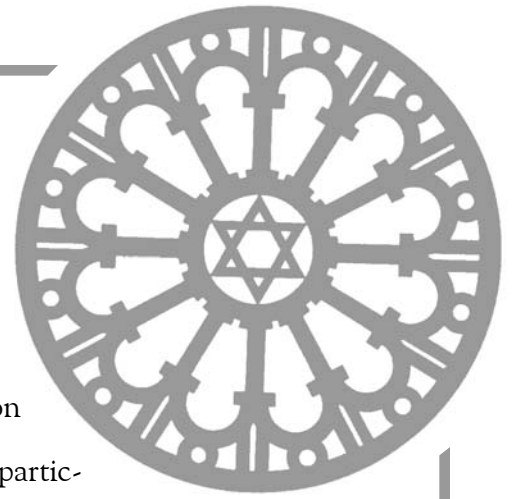
Mark your calendars for these other upcoming Maimonides lectures...



**MAIMONIDES and the ART of GIVING**  
Wednesday, January 31  
6:30 p.m.  
SPEAKER: Julie Salamon

**MAIMONIDES and HIS IMAGE: The Legacy of His Works and Their Interpreters**  
Wednesday, February 7  
6:30 p.m.  
SPEAKER: Dr. Benjamin Gampel

## WEEKEND OF SONG



**I**N THE BOOK OF EXODUS, when the Israelites crossed the Red Sea, they sang a special song—the *Song of the Sea* (*Shirat Hayam*). Once a year, on *Shabbas Shira* (Sabbath of Song), we recognize this particular moment in our history with a Sermon in Song. This year, starting Friday, February 2, Temple Emanu-El has chosen to expand its celebration with a full weekend of music that also marks *Tu B'Shevat*, the New Year for Trees in Israel.

### MUSIC OF ISRAEL IN CELEBRATION OF **TU B'SHEVAT**

**FRIDAY, FEB. 2 — 5:15 PM**  
**SATURDAY, FEB. 3 — 10:30 AM**  
MAIN SANCTUARY

### SERMON IN SONG: THE EXODUS

CANTOR LORI CORRSIN  
PEDRO D'AQUINO &  
SCOTT WARREN, ORGANISTS  
TEMPLE EMANU-EL CHOIR

### SACRED TEXT, SACRED MUSIC

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 4**  
**BETH-EL CHAPEL**  
**(ENTER AT FIFTH AVENUE)**

**MAESTRO MATTHEW LAZAR**  
**& THE MANTUA SINGERS**

#### PRE-CONCERT LECTURE — 1:45 PM

Join Maestro Matthew Lazar for an exploration and demonstration of the relationship between text and the music of the first significant Jewish composer, Salamone Rossi, Ebreo di Mantua (1587-1628). A prolific secular composer, court musician to the Duke of Mantua and one of the most influential composers in

Europe at the time (he was the primary source behind the invention of the trio sonata), Rossi was a great transitional figure between the Renaissance and the Baroque. Unlike his contemporaries, who included Monteverdi and Gesualdo, Salamone Rossi was an observant Jew and composed a groundbreaking collection of music to be sung in the synagogue.

Maestro Lazar, whose demonstrations of Rossi's music have been described by *The New York Times* as "illuminating and amusing," will explore the composer's synagogue music within the context of "word painting"—a device employed by choral composers of the Renaissance that uses the shape of the musical line (its melody and harmony) to represent the words used in the text.

#### CONCERT — 3 PM

Maestro Lazar will be conducting The Mantua Singers, a select group of outstanding cantors and vocal soloists (including our own Cantor Lori Corrsin) who have expertise in early musical styles as well as knowledge of the Hebrew text.

The program features several of Rossi's settings of sacred Hebrew text for three to eight unaccompanied voices and comparative settings of the same texts by such diverse composers as Charles Ives, Giovanni da Palestrina, Shlomo Carlebach, Louis Lewandowski and Sholom Secunda.

## AROUND THE TEMPLE

### YOUNG ARTISTS CONCERT

Sunday, February 11

3 p.m.

**C**harlie Albright, 18, a native of Centralia, Wash., will be the featured performer at a special piano recital to be held at Temple Emanu-El in Greenwald Hall. His program will consist of works by Beethoven, Chopin, Ravel and Janacek. This concert is presented by the Stecher and Horowitz Foundation, sponsor of the New York Piano Competition. Admission is free and open to the public. Enter at the Marvin and Elisabeth Cassell Community House, One East 65<sup>th</sup> Street.

Charlie is the winner of two first prizes in the 2006 New York Piano Competition—the first young artist to have accomplished such a feat in the competition's history. Open to musicians aged 14 to 18 from across the country, the competition awards cash prizes and concert appearances. For more information, call (212) 581-8380.



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