



TEMPLE EMANU-EL Bulletin

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SABBATH SERVICES

SHABBAT HA-GADOL (THE GREAT SABBATH)

Friday evening, April 22
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, April 23 Women's Auxiliary Lounge

Torah Study—9:15 a.m.

Main Sanctuary

Service—10:30 a.m.
Torah Portion—Exodus 33:12-34:26
Readings—Ezekiel 37:1-14
Song of song 2:7-17

Sermon: Rabbi David M. Posner

PASSOVER SERVICES

EVE OF PASSOVER

Saturday evening, April 23
Main Sanctuary—5:30 p.m.

FIRST DAY OF PASSOVER

Sunday morning, April 24
Main Sanctuary—10:30 a.m.

Readings—Exodus 12:37-42; 13:3-10
Isaiah 43:1-15

Sermon: Rabbi David M. Posner

SEDER BROADCASTS

WQXR FM (96.3)—Saturday, April 23
from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m.

INTERNET (www.emanuelnyc.org)—
12 p.m. Saturday — 12 p.m. Sunday

*(These broadcasts are made possible
through a contribution from Jeffrey S. Gould.)*

UPCOMING EVENTS

Wednesday, April 20
6 p.m.
The World Beyond

The Women's Auxiliary invites Temple members and their guests to this spiritual program and reception. Rabbi Posner will speak on the topic, "The World Beyond."

RSVP by Friday, April 15
to the Women's Auxiliary
at (212) 744-1400,
ext. 235.



Sunday, April 24
**Second Seder for
the Elderly**

A reminder to those Temple members who so kindly have volunteered for our 30th annual Second Seder, following are reporting times:
Set up crew—1 p.m.
Kitchen crew—1:30 p.m.
Bus Escorts—3:30 p.m.
Servers—4 p.m.

Dinner service starts promptly at 5:30 p.m.



PULPIT FLOWERS

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

Herbert C. Bernard
in loving memory of my parents,
Essie and Louis Bernard

Suzanne Sloan Doyle
in loving memory of
Peter Moore

Robert, Ann and Jessica Freedman
in loving memory of
Felix C. Fertig

Joan C. and David Helpern
in loving memory of
Mildred Capelin

John, Laurie, Matthew, Spencer and Amanda Rudey;
Liz, Kirk and Kate Rudey Ruebenson
in loving memory of *Samuel Richard Rudey*

Pulpit flowers at Passover worship services have been generously donated by our congregants:

Dr. Barbara L. and Saundra M. Cluster
in memory of *Della F. and Philip A. Leiner*, loving parents and grandparents

TO BE NOTED

Emanu-El Celebrates 10 Years in Cyberspace

This April marks the 10th anniversary of the Temple Emanu-El Web site, which was launched in 1995 as part of the 150th celebration of Temple Emanu-El's founding. At the start of that celebratory year, students from our Religious School and other Temple members participated in the ancient art of hand writing Torah, in remembrance of our roots. The launching of the Web site, in turn, marked our transition to the modern world and served as a symbol of our outlook for the future. The Emanu-El Web site offers an abundance of information about our synagogue, including a brief history, a virtual tour of our Main Sanctuary and Beth-El Chapel, information about the various auxiliaries and organizations, a listing of holidays and upcoming events, and links to the Herbert & Eileen Bernard Museum and Skirball Center for Adult Jewish Learning at Temple Emanu-El.

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

Through a generous contribution from Jeffrey S. Gould, Temple Emanu-El was the first synagogue to offer Internet services for Passover and the High Holy Days and was recognized by the Museum of Broadcasting in New York for this effort. In its 10 years, our CyberSeder has received literally tens of thousands of visitors, and each year we receive touching e-mails from around the world thanking Emanu-El for providing the opportunity to participate in our seminal tradition through the marvels of the modern age. Log on to www.emanuelnyc.org for more information.

Oops! We goofed

Thank you to our very observant reader for catching the following mistake in the Men's Club article of our April 1st Bulletin. Justice Joseph Proskauer was a distinguished member of the New York State Supreme Court. In 1927, he was appointed an associate justice of the Appellate Division, First Department.

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.

A HISTORICAL PERSPECTIVE ON PASSOVER

Linking the history of American Jews to the Passover experience, we reprint part of an article written by Joseph Joel, a soldier in 1866, in *The Jewish Messenger*.

In the commencement of the war of 1861, I enlisted from Cleveland, Ohio, in the union case, to sustain intact the Government of the Unites States, and became attached to the 23rd Regiment, one of the first sent from the “Buckeye State.” Our destination was West Virginia, a portion of the wildest and most mountainous region of that state, well adapted for the guerrillas who infested that part and caused such trouble to our pickets all through the war.

We were ordered to take up our position at the foot of Sewell Mountain, and we remained there until we marched to the village of Fayette, to take it and to established there our winter quarters, having again routed Gen. Floyd and his forces. While lying there, our camp duties were not of an arduous character, and being apprised of the approaching Feast of Passover, 20 of my comrades and co-religionists belonging to the regiment united in a request to our commanding officer for relief from duty, in order that we might keep the holidays, which he readily acceded to.

The first point was gained, and as the paymaster had lately visited the regiment, he had left us plenty of greenbacks. Our next business was to find some suitable person to proceed to Cincinnati, Ohio, to buy us matzos. Our sutler, being a co-religionist and going home to that city, readily undertook to send them. We were anxiously awaiting to receive our matzos, and about the middle of the morning of Erev Pesach, a supply train arrived in camp and, to our delight, seven barrels of matzos.

On opening them, we were surprised and pleased to find that our thoughtful sutler had enclosed two Hagodahs [*sic.*] and prayer books. We were now able to keep the Seder nights, if we could only obtain the other requisites for that occasion.

We held a consultation and decided to send parties to forage in the country, while a party stayed to build a log hut for the services. About the middle of the afternoon, the foragers arrived, having been quite successful. We obtained two kegs of cider, a lamb, several chickens and some eggs. Horseradish or parsley we could not obtain,

but in lieu we found a weed, whose bitterness, I apprehend, exceeded anything our forefathers “enjoyed.”

We were still in a great quandary; we were like the man who drew the elephant in the lottery. We had the lamb but did not know what part was to represent it at the table; but Yankee ingenuity prevailed, and it was decided to cook the whole and put it on the table; then we could dine off it and be sure we had the right part. The necessaries for the *choroutzes* [*sic.*] we could not obtain, so we got a brick which, rather, hard to digest, reminded us, by looking at it, for what purpose it was intended.

At dark we had all prepared and were ready to commence the service. There being no *Chasan* present, I was selected to read the services, which I commenced by asking the blessing of the Almighty on the food before us, and to preserve our lives from danger.

The ceremonies were passing off very nicely, until we arrived at the part where the bitter herb was to be taken. We all had a large portion of the herb ready to eat at the moment I said the blessing; each ate his portion, when *horrors!* what a scene ensued in our little congregation it is impossible for my pen to describe. The herb was very bitter and very fiery like cayenne pepper and excited our thirst to such a degree that we forgot the law authorizing us to drink only four cups, and the consequence was we drank up all the cider.

Those that drank the more freely became excited, and one thought he was Moses, another Aaron, and one had the audacity to call himself a pharaoh. The consequence was a skirmish, with nobody hurt—only Moses, Aaron and Pharaoh had to be carried to the camp and there left in the arms of Morpheus. This slight incident did not take away our appetite and, after doing justice to our lamb, chicken and eggs, we



resumed the second portion of the service without anything occurring worthy of note.

There, in the wild woods of West Virginia, away from home and friends, we consecrated and offered up to the ever-loving God of Israel our prayers and sacrifice. I doubt whether the spirits of our forefathers, had they been looking down on us, standing there with our arms by our sides ready for an attack, faithful to our God and our cause, would have imagined themselves amongst mortals enacting

this commemoration of the scene that transpired in Egypt.

Since then, a number of my comrades have fallen in battle in defending the flag they volunteered to protect with their lives. I have myself received a number of wounds all but mortal, but there is no occasion in my life that gives me more pleasure and satisfaction than when I remember the celebration of Passover of 1862.

—From *The Passover Anthology*
by Philip Goodman

*Los
Marranos,
1961,
etching by
Betty
LaDuke*



The Sabbath immediately preceding Passover, this year April 22nd and 23rd, is called “Shabbat Ha-Gadol,” The Great Sabbath.

To commemorate this event, we will be singing some very special music on April 22nd, including Kurt Weill’s *Kiddush*.

Please listen especially for the anthem: *Zog, Maran*. Written by the Yiddish poet Avrom Reisen during the Holocaust, *Zog, Maran* draws strength and inspiration from the courage of the Marranos—16th century Spanish Jews who were forced to convert to Catholicism but nonetheless continued to practice Judaism in secret.

ZOG, MARAN AND THE GREAT SABBATH

By Cantor Lori Corrsin

The text is a dialogue of four concerned questions and their determined, assured answers. The piece concludes with the Hebrew, “Why is this night different from all other nights?” from the Passover Seder.

A translation of the text follows:

*Tell me, Marrano, brother mine,
where is your Passover table set?
Deep in a cave, in a chamber,
there my Passover table is set.*

*Tell me, Marrano, where and
from whom will you get white matzos?
In the cave, with God’s help,
my wife kneaded the dough there.*

*Tell me, Marrano, how will you
manage to get a Haggadah?
In the cave, deep in the cracks,
I have long since hidden it there.*

*Tell me, Marrano, how will you
defend yourself when your voice
will be heard?
When the foe will capture me,
I shall die with a song on my lips.*

UPCOMING EVENTS

Saturday, April 30 8:15 a.m.
Revlon Run/Walk for Women

Temple Emanu-El's Youth Groups encourage Temple members, their friends and family to join in the fight against breast cancer. Become part of the Temple Emanu-El team participating in the eighth annual Revlon 5K Run/Walk for Women, or sponsor the team with a donation. Team members will gather at the southeast corner of 42nd Street and Sixth Avenue prior to the start of the event.

There are two ways to register:

Call (212) 379-3199 and request that a registration packet be mailed to you, or log on to www.revlonrunwalk.com/ny/ and click the "Register Now" link on the left side of the page.

You can either print out a paper registration form or register online. **Be sure to provide Temple Emanu-El's team number—2289.**

There is a \$25 registration fee for this event.

The Youth Groups of Congregation Emanu-El are organizing this event for Temple members.

Wednesday, May 4 6 p.m.
I Never Saw Another Butterfly

In honor of Holocaust Remembrance Day (Yom HaShoah), members of the Temple Emanu-El Youth Groups, directed by Rabbi Nadia Gold, will perform a staged reading of *I Never Saw Another Butterfly* by Celeste



Raspanti. The performance will begin after the regular evening service at 5:30 p.m., which is held in Greenwald Hall.

This event is free and open to the public.

Wednesday, June 8 5:30 p.m.
Annual Meeting of the Congregation

Temple members should gather in I.M. Wise Hall, One East 65th Street. Refreshments will be served. Call (212) 744-1400, ext. 215 for additional information.

Traveling the Holy Land Through the Stereoscope

The Herbert and Eileen Bernard Museum of Judaica at Temple Emanu-El is pleased to announce the opening of its new exhibit, "Traveling the Holy Land Through the Stereoscope," which opens to the public on **Thursday, April 14 and runs through Thursday, August 11.**

The photographic medium of the stereoscope highlights an important development in the history of art. In 1839, the invention of photography captured the world's imagination.

It was quickly adopted for use in creating photographic stereographs, paired images of two

slightly different views taken by a double-lens camera. When viewed through a stereoscope, the paired photographs appear as a single image and take on the enhanced quality of three dimensions.

Imbued with religious significance to some and historical importance to others, the Holy Land was an ideal destination to visit from afar. With little governmental presence or protection, travel in the area was dangerous, and only a very few hardy travelers endured the hazards and privations. However, by 1860, stereoscopes were mass produced and widely distributed. Stereoscopy also would become the primary early medium for photojournalism, in which Palestine was a regular subject. Through the talents and artistry of numerous photographers, a society of "armchair travelers" became eligible to share in the adventure of a lifetime from the safe confines of one's home.

Attendance is free and open to the public. Enter through the Marvin and Elisabeth Cassell Community House, One East 65th Street. Call (212) 744-1400, ext. 259 for museum hours.



Samaritan High Priest and Pentateuch roll, Shechem, Palestine
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RELIGION AND CULTURE

An appreciative listener of our Friday evening worship services sends the following message:

I just wanted to thank you for your Friday evening broadcasts on WQXR. I'm Episcopalian, but I look forward to the broadcasts. They bring me a sense of peace at the end of the week, and I enjoy "sharing" your worship services on my radio—usually in my car.

My brother-in-law is Jewish (Reform), and I have been to the Bar Mitzvah [ceremonies] of two of my nephews. I enjoy seeing the similarities in the services, the common roots of Judaism and Christianity. But what you have, and we don't, is the inseparable link between religion and culture.

My best friend, now a cantor in Florida, was activities director for a Jewish nursing home here in New Jersey.



I'm trained as a church organist, and she had me accompany her on the piano for some Holy Day services and also play Jewish music for the residents. It was amazing: The patients (most suffering from Alzheimer's disease) who couldn't remember what they had for lunch that day, happily remembered—and sang heartily—songs they had learned as children. I learned a whole new repertoire, and I loved it.

Perhaps your Friday broadcasts bring back those times from a few years ago. But whatever the case, I consider them a gift. Thank you so much!

*Bonnie Gustafsson
Bloomfield, NJ*

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