



TEMPLE EMANUEL Bulletin

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Thursday, March 10 6 p.m.
**Reform Sisterhoods of Manhattan:
A Journey of Spirit**

All are welcome to this viewing of *A Journey of Spirit*, Ann Coppel's award-winning documentary about Debbie Friedman and her contribution to Jewish music. Dinner and wine will be served before the film. Both Ms. Coppel and Ms. Friedman will join us afterward for questions.

This event will be held at **Congregation Rodeph Sholom**, 7 West 83rd Street. Cost is \$25 per person. RSVP to the Women's Auxiliary at (212) 744-1400, ext. 235.

Friday, March 11 6:30 p.m.
Seventh Grade Sabbath Dinner

Seventh grade Religious School students are invited to dinner in the private dining room of Palm Too, 840 Second Avenue. RSVP to Rabbi Posner at (212) 744-1400, ext. 202.

SABBATH SERVICES

**Friday evening, March 11
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, March 12
Women's Auxiliary Lounge**

Torah Study—9:15 a.m.

Main Sanctuary

Service—10:30 a.m.
Torah Portion—Pekude
Readings—Exodus 38:21-40:38
I Kings 7:51-8:21

Rabbi Nadia E. Gold preaching

MEET
THE AUTHOR

Tuesday, March 15
6:30 p.m.
**American Jewish
Sacred Space:
The Memory of the
Lower East Side**

Hasia R. Diner is the Paul and Sylvia Steinberg Professor of American Jewish History at New York University, with a joint appointment in the department of history and the Skirball Department of Hebrew and Judaic Studies. She also is director of the Goldstein Goren Center for American Jewish History. In 1998, Ms. Diner was invited to become a fellow in the American Academy for Jewish Research.



She was welcomed as a member of the Society of American Historians in 2004. A specialist in immigration and ethnic history, Ms. Diner is the author of numerous published books, including *Lower East Side Memories: The Jewish Place in America*.

Free and open to the public, this program is part of a lecture series sponsored by the Ivan M. Stettenheim Library and the Herbert and Eileen Bernard Museum of Judaica in honor of the 350th anniversary of Jews in America. On the day of the event, please enter at the Marvin and Elisabeth Cassell Community House, One East 65th Street.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Saturday, March 12 1 p.m.
**Temple Emanu-El Youth Groups:
Purim and Mishloach Manot**

All Youth Group members are invited to participate in the mitzvah of making *mishloach manot* for the Jewish elderly.

Lunch will be served.
RSVP to Rabbi Gold at
(212) 744-1400, ext. 244.

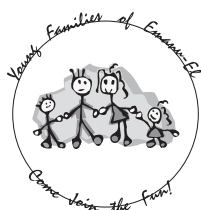
Temple Emanu-El Youth Groups



Catch the Spirit!

Sunday, March 13 10 a.m.
Young Families: Purim Celebration

Don't miss out on the fun of Purim! Families will be treated to a special performance by Magic AI. We also will have holiday foods and an art project. Costumes are not required but definitely encouraged!
RSVP to (212) 744-1400, ext. 242.



PULPIT FLOWERS

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

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,
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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.

Alternative
Seudah Shlishit:
The Final Sabbath Meal

RUTH CALDERON

Saturday, March 12 5 PM

Saturday, April 9 5 PM

SKIRBALL
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Traditionally, Jews spend the final moments of the Sabbath partaking in a *seudah shlishit*—literally, the third meal. *Seudah shlishit* is a time for song, study and contemplation as one week ends and another begins. Explore the theme of “Closeness” and its inverse, “Longing.” Through music, study and food, experience this traditional Jewish event in an altogether new way.

Preregistration is required for this event; no onsite registration will be allowed. Call (212) 507-9580 or log on to www.adultjewishlearning.org.

SKIRBALL



The Skirball Center for Adult Jewish Learning at Temple Emanu-El

B'NEI MITZVAH

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

Stephen Yale Todres, son of
Susan and Michael Todres

Emily Weiss, daughter of
Barbara Asch and Jonathan Weiss

Alexander Ross Witkoff, son of
Lauren and Steven Witkoff

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

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.

EMANU-EL FAMILIES (PART 1)

By Bettijane Eisenpreis

American Jewish history texts usually speak of the “three waves” of Jewish immigration to the United States—Spanish-Portuguese, German and Eastern European. No institution is more closely associated with that second wave than Congregation Emanu-El of the City of New York. In honor of the 350th anniversary of Jewish life in the United States, we have chosen to profile prominent families from our Temple history. We begin with the Morgenthau, a family representative of the traditions of both liberal thought and public service. (Note: Much of the historical information in this article is based on *Mostly Morgenthau: A Family History* by Henry Morgenthau III; Ticknor & Fields, New York, 1991.)

Like many German Jewish families who came to the United States in the mid-19th century, the Morgenthau family traces its origins to the southern German region of Bavaria. Family patriarch Lazarus Morgenthau spent much of his youth in Krumbach, Bavaria, later moving his family to Mannheim in the grand-duchy of Baden. In 1866, the Morgenthau family immigrated to New York City.

Although raised in the Orthodox tradition, Lazarus became interested in the new Reform movement while still in Germany. In New York, he joined Reform Congregation Adas Jeshurun, whose rabbi was Dr. David Einhorn, the author of the predecessor of the *Union Prayer Book*. [The UPB is still used at Temple Emanu-El.] Dr. Einhorn remained with Adas Jeshurun when it merged with another congregation to become Temple Beth-El, which later merged with Emanu-El. Lazarus was active in many philanthropic and community enterprises, establishing the family tradition of public service.

THE FIRST HENRY MORGENTHAU

Henry (Heinrich) Morgenthau was born in 1856 in Mannheim, the ninth of fourteen children. Immigrating with his family at age

10, Henry thrived in his adopted country, graduating from Columbia University Law School at 21 and immediately gaining admission to the New York State Bar Association. In 1882, he married Josephine Sykes. They became the parents of four children: Helen, Alma, Henry Jr. and Ruth.

A successful lawyer with a thriving real-estate business, Henry was determined to devote the bulk of his time to public service. He was the founding president of Rabbi Stephen Wise’s Free Synagogue and also maintained a membership in Temple Emanu-El for much of his lifetime. But, Henry was more interested in putting the ethical and moral principles of Judaism into practice than in following formal religious observance.

The crowning achievement, and greatest challenge, of Morgenthau’s career was his appointment as U.S. Ambassador to Turkey by President Woodrow Wilson in 1913, serving in that capacity until 1916. In 1915, the Turks embarked on their massacre of the Armenians, the first documented genocide in modern history before the Nazi Holocaust. Before the genocide ended, an estimated 1.5 million Armenians were wiped out through murder, deportation, starvation and disease.



LAZARUS MORGENTHAU



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EMANU-EL FAMILIES (CONTINUED)

With little support from his own government and none from the rest of the world, Morgenthau nonetheless did everything in his power to speak out against the slaughter and to marshal whatever aid he could from private sources.

Senior Rabbi Emeritus Ronald B. Sobel remembers a ceremony in January 1999 at Mount Pleasant Cemetery in Westchester County, N.Y., at which earth was taken from the grave of the late Ambassador Henry Morgenthau to be placed in a monument in Armenia. Attending were Ambassador Morgenthau's grandchildren (Manhattan District Attorney and long-time Emanu-El Trustee Robert Morgenthau, Henry Morgenthau III and Dr. Joan Morgenthau Hirschhorn), as well as the Armenian Representative to the United Nations and the Patriarch of the Armenian Orthodox Church in America.

In a phone interview, Henry Morgenthau III picks up the story. "The Armenian government had erected a national monument to their genocide victims with satellite memorials honoring righteous non-Armenians," he says. "On April 24, 1999, the national day of remembrance, I was present in Yerevan, Armenia, along with my sons, Ben (Henry IV) and Kramer, when that earth from my grandfather's grave was placed in a satellite monument. It was, to put it mildly, an incredibly moving experience."

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Lazarus Morgenthau photo courtesy of Henry Morgenthau III.

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