



TEMPLE EMANU-EL Bulletin

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Thursday, January 6, 2005 7:30 p.m.

Yefim Bronfman in Concert

The Women's Auxiliary invites Temple members and their friends to attend a performance by pianist Yefim Bronfman at the New York Philharmonic. The cost for this event is \$85 per person (\$25 of which is tax deductible). Seats are located in the Preferred Orchestra section, keyboard side. *Call the Women's Auxiliary at (212) 744-1400, ext. 235 to reserve tickets.*

Friday, January 7, 2005 6:15 p.m.

Young Families: Tot Shabbat

Families of preschool-age children are encouraged to attend this Sabbath service geared toward our youngest Temple members. Dinner and an art project follow. Please enter through the Cassell Community House, One East 65th Street. *RSVP by Thursday, January 6 to (212) 744-1400, ext. 242.*

SABBATH SERVICES

Friday evening, December 24 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, December 25 Women's Auxiliary Lounge

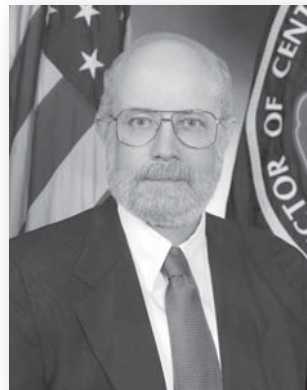
Torah Study—9:15 a.m.
Main Sanctuary
Service—10:30 a.m.
Torah Portion—Vayechi
Readings—Genesis 47:28-50:26
I Kings 2:1-12

Rabbi David M. Posner preaching

Sunday, January 9, 2005
10 a.m.

U.S. Intelligence and Counterintelligence After September 11

Dr. Mark M. Lowenthal, assistant director of Central Intelligence for Analysis and Production at the George Bush Center for Intelligence, will be our guest speaker at this program addressing critical issues of national and international importance. Dr. Lowenthal also serves as



vice chairman for evaluation on the National Intelligence Council. During the 104th Congress, Dr. Lowenthal was staff director of the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence. He has served

in the State Department's Bureau of Intelligence and Research as both an office director and deputy assistant secretary of state. Dr. Lowenthal's most recent book, *Intelligence: From Secrets to Policy*, has become the standard college and graduate text book on the subject. And, he was the 1988 grand champion on *Jeopardy!*, the television quiz show.

The cost for this event is \$20 for pre-paid reservations for Men's Club members, \$25 for nonmembers and guests and those paying at the door. A hot breakfast will be served prior to the start of the program. *RSVP to (212) 744-1400, ext. 250.*

MEN'S
CLUB

EVENTS (CONTINUED)

Sunday, January 9, 2005 11 a.m.

Senior Youth Group: Pop Culture and Judaism

Youth Group members in grades 9 through 12 are encouraged to reserve this date for Temple Emanu-El's first ever all-day National Federation of Temple Youth (NFTY) event. To register, call (212) 744-1400, ext. 244.

Monday, January 10, 2005 6:30 p.m.

Eighth Grade Leadership Academy

A reminder to all eighth grade students about our first meeting of the new year. We will gather in Room 602 of the Marvin and Elisabeth Cassell Community House. Dinner will be served. Questions? Call (212) 744-1400, ext. 244.

Tuesday, January 11, 2005 8:30 a.m.

Men's Club Reading Group

We will discuss *The Plot Against America* by Philip Roth, a fictional accounting in which aviation hero and rabid isolationist Charles Lindbergh defeats Franklin Roosevelt in the 1940 presidential election and negotiates a cordial "understanding" with Adolf Hitler.

Set in Roth's hometown of Newark, N.J., what follows is a "recounting" of what it would have been like for the Roths and other Jewish families during the troubling years of the Lindbergh presidency. For more information about this event, call (212) 744-1400, ext. 250.

Tuesday, January 11 10:30 a.m.

Women's Auxiliary: Coffee and Musicales With Cantor Lori Corrsin

Women's Auxiliary members and their guests are invited to attend this special event with Cantor Corrsin, who will sing a variety of songs accompanied on piano by Pedro D'Aquino, the Temple's associate organist. Refreshments will be served. RSVP to (212) 744-1400, ext. 235.

Wednesday, January 19 9:30 a.m.

Sunday, January 23 9:15 a.m.

Young Families: Storytime in the Library

Temple librarian Elizabeth Stabler will read stories about *Tu B'Shevat*, the New Year of the Trees. RSVP to (212) 744-1400, ext. 362.

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 Stories of Our
Lives: Literature and the
Modern Jewish Experience

SKIRBALL
CORNER

The Center for Advanced Judaic Studies at the University of Pennsylvania presents this three-part series beginning February 2005 at the Skirball Center for Adult Jewish Learning at Temple Emanu-El. Throughout the 20th century (and into the 21st) Jewish writers have used literature to explore the modern Jewish experience. In genres as diverse as Yiddish stories and American murder mysteries, modern writers have articulated the desires, anxieties, hopes and fears of modern Jews. Come hear three of the world's most prominent scholars of modern Jewish literature. Examine the way particular texts analyze and reflect the experience of modern Jews around the world.

For more information,
log on to www.adultjewishlearning.org.

This program was made possible in part by a generous grant from the David Berg Foundation.

SKIRBALL



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

PULPIT FLOWERS

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

Hal, Mary, Craig and Nicole Randelman
in loving memory of
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**For more information about sponsoring
Pulpit Flowers or an Oneg Shabbat,
contact Sherry Nehmer at
(212) 744-1400, ext. 312 or
snehmer@emanuelnyc.org.**

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.

FROM THE ARCHIVES: MOVING FROM 43RD STREET

In a report from the Board of Trustees dated December 21, 1925, members of Congregation Emanu-El were informed of the decision to sell the Temple property at 43rd Street and to acquire a new site. The report stated, “Whatever action may be taken will mark a turning point not only in our history but in the life of the Jewish community of this great city and will have an important bearing upon the future of American Jewry.”

Newspaper articles from the day announced Emanu-El’s intent to sell, approval of construction plans at 65th Street and approval to consolidate with Temple Beth-El.

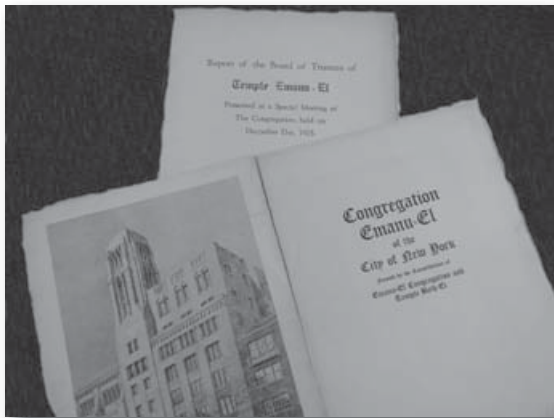
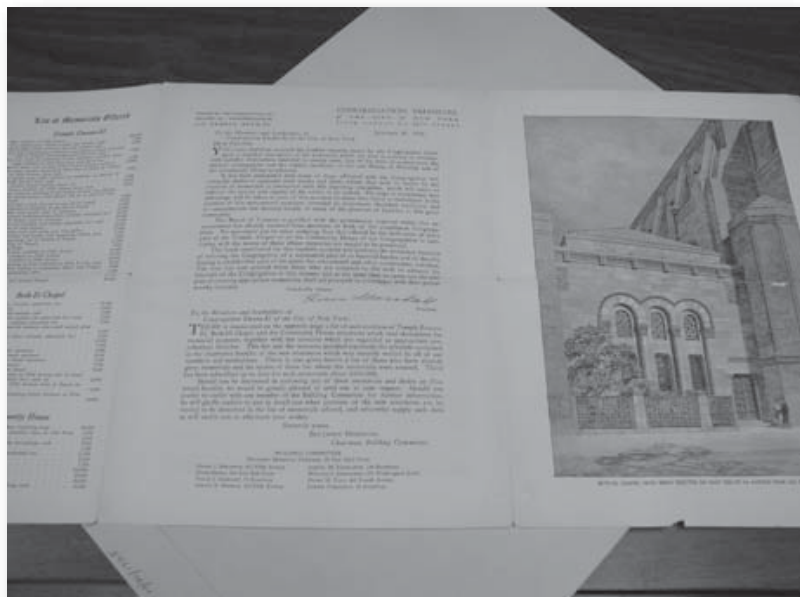


Photo right:
In addition to a letter addressed to Temple members and images of the Beth-El Chapel, Main Sanctuary and Community House, the January 1928 brochure included a list of memorials offered at the time:
Rose Window;
Banquet Hall beneath the Temple [currently I. M. Wise Hall]; Organ;
Gentlemen’s Lounge in the Community House;
Ladies’ Lounge.



One article dated Nov. 25, 1925, in the *New York Herald Tribune* reported a proposal by developer Benjamin Winter to trade the Astor plot of land at 65th Street and Fifth Avenue for the existing Emanu-El property at the northeast corner of 43rd Street and Fifth Avenue. Winter previously had purchased property at 52nd Street and Fifth Avenue that had been owned by William K. Vanderbilt.

Tax assessments of the day valued the Temple Emanu-El property at 43rd Street at \$3 million. However, based on real estate sales at the time of \$350 per square foot, actual market value was closer to \$6.7 million. In fact, one newspaper article reported that the Temple Emanu-El site was “considered by real estate experts to be one of the most valuable corners on Manhattan Island and probably in the world.”

Photo left: An original copy of the Board of Trustees report announcing the decision to seek a new property for Temple Emanu-El and a fold-out brochure from January 1928 detailing plans for the new building at 65th Street.



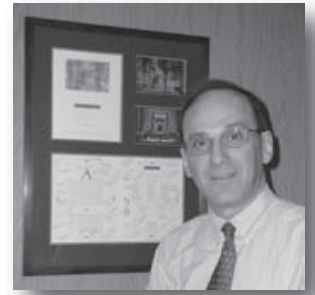
FACES OF EMANU-EL

After studying theater at New York University and earning a doctorate in theater from City University, one would expect Dr. Mark W. Weisstuch to be more comfortable in a director's chair than in the chair behind his administrator's desk on the seventh floor of the Cassell Community House. In fact, he taught theater for 12 years at a small college in Massachusetts before taking his first Temple administration job. "The head rabbi was a close friend, and he suggested that I think about a job as administrator and director of education that was vacated," Dr. Weisstuch says. "For a whole variety of reasons, I decided to do it."

Dr. Weisstuch and his family returned to New York in 1985 with an offer from Temple Emanu-El to take over for Administrator Emeritus Henry Fruhauf, who was looking to retire. "Coming back to New York was a big change...we liked living in Boston," he says. "But, it's all worked out very nicely."

Dr. Weisstuch admits to missing teaching and the theater. Today, his involvement occurs mostly as an audience member. In the last few years, however, he has taught classes through the Skirball Center for Adult Jewish Learning at Temple Emanu-El, and he has directed the "Temple Emanu-El Players" in theatrical readings performed at the Temple. A framed program from one performance hangs by his office desk (*pictured above*). "I enjoy working with the people—the staff, the clergy, the membership," he says. "In the end, it's really a people-oriented job."

"Faces of Emanu-El" is a new feature highlighting the people who help make our Temple such a special place.



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Administrative Vice President

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