



# TEMPLE EMANU-EL Bulletin

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## THANKSGIVING SERVICES

### FAMILY WORSHIP SERVICES

**Sunday, November 21 11:30 a.m.**

**Monday, November 22 5:30 p.m.**

#### Main Sanctuary

Religious School dismissal will be from Fifth Avenue after each service. Classes will not be held Wednesday, November 24 and Sunday, November 28.

### CONGREGATIONAL SERVICE

**Wednesday, November 24 5:30 p.m.**

#### Greenwald Hall

Rabbi Amy B. Ehrlich will officiate. Please enter at the Marvin and Elisabeth Cassell Community House, One East 65<sup>th</sup> Street.

## SABBATH SERVICES

### Friday evening, November 26

#### 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, November 27

#### Women's Auxiliary Lounge

Torah Study—9:15 a.m.

#### Main Sanctuary

Service—10:30 a.m.  
Torah Portion—Vayishlach  
Readings—Genesis 32:4-36:43  
Hosea 11:7-12:12

**Student Rabbi Howard Goldsmith will be preaching**

MEN'S CLUB

**Monday, December 6  
6:30 p.m.**

### A History of Murder and Forensic Science From Cain and Abel to Laci Peterson

The Men's Club of Congregation Emanu-El sponsors this special evening with Dr. Michael Baden, co-director of the New York State Police Medico-Legal Investigation Unit. He is a former NYC chief medical examiner and oversaw the Forensic Pathology Panel of the U.S. Congress Select Committee on Assassinations, which investigated the deaths of President John F. Kennedy and Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.



An expert in forensic pathology, Dr. Baden has been published in numerous national and international medical journals. He also has written factual accounts of several of his cases in the books *Dead Reckoning: The New Science of Catching Killers* and *Unnatural*

*Death: Confessions of a Medical Examiner*. In addition, he hosts the HBO documentary series *Autopsy*.

This event is open to all Temple members and their guests. The cost is \$30 for Men's Club members, \$35 for nonmembers (which includes a reception at the start of the event). *RSVP by Wednesday, December 1 to the Men's Club at (212) 744-1400, ext. 250.*

## PULPIT FLOWERS

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

Jim, Susan and Hannah Baumann  
in loving memory of  
*Hannah Hirschhorn Baumann*

June H. Jones  
in loving memory of  
*Hannah Cohen and  
Helen and I. Henry Hirsch*

Donald Newhouse and  
Susan Marley Newhouse  
in loving memory of  
*Lillian and Harry Marley*

Peg Ogden in loving memory of  
her parents, *Margaret and Stephen Ogden*,  
her brother, *Stephen Ogden, Jr.*,  
her grandmother, *Tilda W. Stern*,  
and her aunt, *Katherine Oppenheimer*

Mr. Harold Prince  
in loving memory of his mother,  
*Blanche Prince*

Susan and David Rahm  
in loving memory of  
*Selma Wiener Berkman*

## ONEG SHABBAT

**We are grateful to the following congregants for their sponsorship of Friday evening's Oneg Shabbat:**

Susan and Donald Newhouse  
in loving memory of  
*Mitzi and Samuel Newhouse*

*To sponsor Pulpit Flowers or an Oneg Shabbat, call Sherry Nehmer at (212) 744-1400, ext. 312.*

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

Sunday, December 5  
10 a.m. to 2 p.m.  
America, American Jews  
and the Holocaust

SKIRBALL  
CORNER

No U.S. president has been more beloved by American Jews than Franklin Delano Roosevelt, but during World War II his administration neither expanded immigration quotas nor rescued European Jews, nor bombed the killing machinery of Auschwitz. Drawing upon important new scholarship, we will examine carefully this record and consider the causes of what one historian has termed Roosevelt's "greatest failure."

This lecture will be led by Fred Rosenbaum, founding director of Lehrhaus Judaica, the West Coast's largest school for adult Jewish education. To register, call (212) 507-9580.

SKIRBALL



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

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, December 5 11 a.m.  
**Meet the Author: Fran Manushkin**

Noted for her whimsical imagination and lovingly drawn characters, Fran Manushkin has written more than 30 books for children of all ages, ranging from entertaining picture books to novels for young girls. She also has written several books that portray children and their parents celebrating both Jewish and Christian holidays. Co-sponsored by the Religious School



Parents Organization and the Ivan M. Stettenheim Library, this program is best suited for children of kindergarten age through fourth grade. RSVP to (212) 744-1400, ext. 326.

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.

# THANKSGIVING THROUGH THE YEARS

*From The Thanksgiving Ceremony: New Traditions for America's Family Feast by Edward Bleier*

Looking back on the history of Thanksgiving, several landmarks stand out. For example, the Massachusetts Bay Colony had known adversity from the outset, after their stormy voyage across the Atlantic. In gratitude of their safe landing, they set aside July 8, 1630, as a “daye of thanksgivinge in all the plantations.”

Another memorable Thanksgiving fell in revolutionary times. Amid the bitter cold of 1777, General George Washington and his troops heeded the Continental Congress’s decree to observe the first Thanksgiving of the newly established United States of America. They broke stride en route to Valley Forge, honor bound to celebrate.

President Washington designated November 26, 1789, a national day of “thanksgiving and prayer” and issued the first federal Thanksgiving Proclamation toasting our common national history around the ancestral harvest table. Our new form of government was what motivated his religious gratitude. Yet official thanks to God wasn’t for everyone. In the early 1800s, President Jefferson scorned the notion, strictly upholding separation of church and state.

It wasn’t until the latter half of the 19<sup>th</sup> century that our nation’s leaders trained their nostalgia on the “first” American Thanksgiving. The spirit of that shared, multicultural feast in 1621 provided an ideal symbol of America’s new self-image as a melting pot.

It was President Abraham Lincoln who anchored the tradition with his 1863 Thanksgiving Proclamation. His beliefs in maintaining national union during the War Between the States were clearly enunciated as he invited his “fellow citizens in every part of the United States...to set apart and observe the last Thursday of November next, as a day of Thanksgiving and Praise to our beneficent Father who dwelleth in the Heavens.” ...

Not every president has issued a Thanksgiving Proclamation, but especially poignant

are those documenting our nation’s history of war and peace.

Woodrow Wilson’s proclamation of 1917 appeals to our custom of giving thanks “even in the midst of the tragedy of a world shaken by war and immeasurable disaster, in the midst of sorrow and great peril, because even amidst the darkness that has gathered about us we can see the great blessing God has bestowed upon us.”

President Dwight D. Eisenhower sealed his 1953 proclamation with the invocation: “Especially we are grateful this year for the truce in battle-weary Korea, which gives anxious men and women throughout the world the hope that there may now be an enduring peace.”

In the autumn following the 1991 Persian Gulf War, President George Bush expressed thanks that “we were spared the terrible consequences of a long and protracted struggle.” A decade later, his son George W. Bush stated, “As we recover from the terrible tragedies of September 11, Americans of every belief and heritage give thanks to God for the many blessing we enjoy as a free, faithful and fair-minded land.”

Quite a tradition. Yet, it’s noteworthy that the so-called First Thanksgiving did not lead to an annual feast. Nor for that matter did the Pilgrims refer to it as a Thanksgiving Feast. On the contrary, for this pious sect, thanksgiving observances meant prayer and fasting. ... Nonetheless, the 1621 festivities would be taken as the prototype of Thanksgiving Day in this country. ...

From its checkered history of amity between the Europeans and Indians and subsequent stresses and strains, Thanksgiving has evolved into an event of great symbolism. We have transcended the past by bringing together family and friends for a ceremonial celebration, one where we always remember our reasons to be grateful, our home, and our bonds.

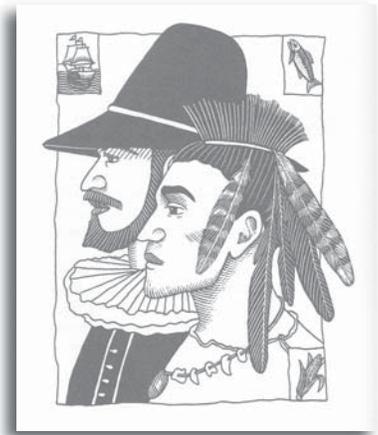


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# VOLUNTEERING AT EMANU-EL

*Don't miss out on these great opportunities to perform a mitzvah all year long!*

## **DOROT Birthday Mitzvah Project**

Make a donation in honor of your child's birthday and have a unique opportunity to deliver a birthday cake to a homebound senior who shares your child's birthday month.

Call DOROT for details at (212) 769-2850.

*This program is funded in part by Congregation Emanu-El.*



## **Library Volunteers**

Enjoy the ambiance of our beautiful Ivan M. Stettenheim Library while you assist with a variety of library tasks. No experience is necessary, but please be willing to commit to a regular time of two to four hours per week. *If interested, please call (212) 744-1400, ext. 362.*

## **Ronald McDonald House**

The Women's Auxiliary sponsors a monthly dinner at Ronald McDonald House for which adult volunteers are needed. If interested, please call the Women's Auxiliary office at (212) 744-1400, ext. 235. *You will be assigned to a specific date.*

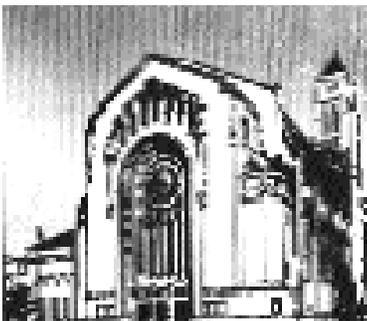


## **English in Action**

The Women's Auxiliary is seeking one tutor for their Thursday morning class, as they now have a waiting list of students. English in Action helps foreign visitors gain fluency and confidence in conversational

English by pairing them with English-speaking tutors. *Call (212) 744-1400, ext. 235.*

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