



TEMPLE EMANU-EL Bulletin

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Wednesday, November 17 9:30 a.m.
Sunday, November 21 9:15 a.m.

Young Families: Storytime at the Library

Temple Librarian Elizabeth Stabler will read stories about Thanksgiving from our wonderful collection of children's books. Storytime is for preschoolers (from age 2½), accompanied by a parent. Enter through the Marvin and Elisabeth Cassell Community House, One East 65th Street.

All attendees must preregister by calling (212) 744-1400, ext. 362.

Saturday, November 20 7 p.m.
**Fifth and Sixth Grade Youth Group:
Chanukah Party at Our Name Is Mud**

Don't miss our second annual Chanukah Party and this great opportunity to make hand-painted Chanukah gifts.

We will meet at Our Name Is Mud, 1566 Second Avenue (between 81st and 82nd streets).

Snacks will be served. Cost is \$35 per person. Pay in advance or on the day of the event. Make checks payable to Temple Emanu-El.

RSVP to Arin Frome by Wednesday, November 17 at (917) 886-2772 or fromearin@hotmail.com.

Sunday, November 21 11:30 a.m.
Monday, November 22 5:30 p.m.

Thanksgiving Family Worship Service

Religious School students and their families are encouraged to join us for services in the Main Sanctuary. Dismissal from both services is from Fifth Avenue. Please note, classes will not meet Wednesday, November 24 and Sunday, November 28 because of the Thanksgiving holiday. Call (212) 744-1400, ext. 226 for more information.

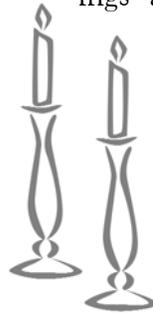


RELIGIOUS
SCHOOL

Friday, November 19
5:15 p.m.

All-School Sabbath Dinner

Religious School students and their families are encouraged to join us for services in the Main Sanctuary, followed by a traditional Sabbath dinner. Students from grades three and four are invited to participate in the Sabbath dinner blessings alongside our Rabbis. Extended family and friends are invited to witness your child's role in this special occasion.



The cost for dinner is \$25 per person. Call the Religious School office at (212) 744-1400, ext. 226 to make your reservation.

SABBATH SERVICES

Friday evening, November 19 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 20 Women's Auxiliary Lounge

Torah Study—9:15 a.m.

Main Sanctuary

Service—10:30 a.m.

Torah Portion—Vayetze

Readings—Genesis 28:10-32:3
Hosea 12:13-14:10

Rabbi Amy B. Ehrlich preaching

PULPIT FLOWERS

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

Lisa and Christopher Engel
in honor of their daughter
Lindsey Blake Engel
becoming a Bas Mitzvah

Ruth Kamp in honor of
Phyllis and Norden Hahn
on their anniversary

Molly Bayer in loving memory of
her husband, *Merwin Bayer*,
her son, *Henry C. Bayer*,
and her sister, *Nancy Silverman*

Sally F. Broido in loving memory of
the birthday of her dear friend
Anita S. Hochman

Marie and David Ritter
in loving memory of
Marie and Scott Larsen,
and *Irene and Sidney Ritter*

B'NEI MITZVAH

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

Jilyenne Hannah Garfinkel, daughter of
Lois and Lester Garfinkel

Joey Krumholz, son of
Ellen Rooney and Michael Krumholz

Maximilien Bezamat Cohen, son of
Anne Brigitte and William Cohen

Lindsey Blake Engel, daughter of
Lisa and Christopher Engel

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

SKIRBALL
CORNER

Ideas Café—the popular weekly salon sponsored by the Skirball Center for Adult Jewish Learning at Temple Emanu-El—allows New Yorkers to discuss vital current issues of the day in a Jewish environment open to all voices. Sessions meet Tuesdays at 8 p.m. Cost is \$15 per session at the door; \$10 for Skirball Center students. No reservations are necessary. Enter at 10 East 66th Street. Visit us online at www.ideascafe.org, or call (212) 507-9580 for more information.

November 23—*International Human Rights Laws: Doomed to Failure?*
The idea of international laws to protect human rights is widely applauded, but what is the reality?

November 30—*What's So Funny About Anti-Semitism?* What is and isn't "OK" to laugh about when it comes to prejudice? What is truly off limits? Are certain types of humor acceptable in the company of other Jews but unacceptable in a movie or on TV? Who decides?

SKIRBALL



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

ONEG SHABBAT

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

Our B'nei Mitzvah Families

This Oneg also is being held in honor of:

Helen Margalith on her 90th birthday

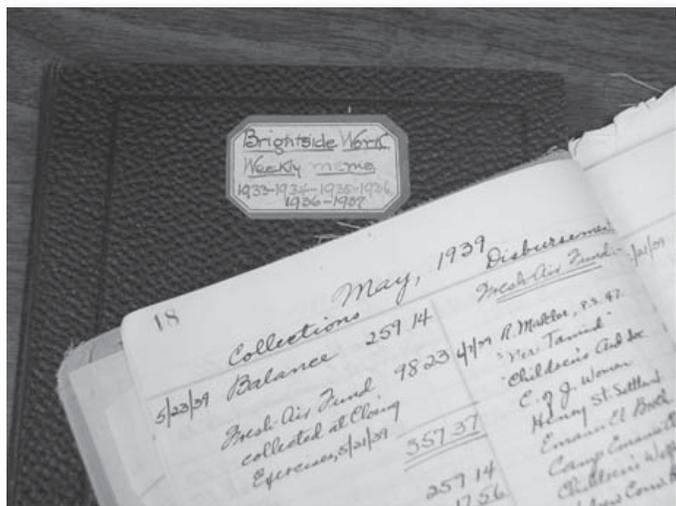
The Cemeteries of Congregation Emanu-El
Salem Fields and Beth-El

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: A LOOK AT BRIGHTSIDE WORK

Considered a fundamental part of Jewish life, *tzedakah* is an obligation with deep roots at Temple Emanu-El. One prime example is “Brightside Work,” a program of the Religious School in the 1930s and ’40s that was intended to help new Jewish immigrants experience the “brighter side of life.”

From kindergarten through seventh grade, Religious School students made weekly donations that, in turn, were distributed to needy individuals or organizations. Sometimes donations took the form of fruit given to area hospitals for the festival of Succos or scrap picture books for children in a local convalescent home. Parents and other members of the congregation also were encouraged to contribute to Brightside Work through donations of food, clothing and money.



Brightside Work ledgers documenting organizations to which charitable donations were made, including the Fresh Air Fund, the General Jewish Hospital (Shaare Zedek) and the Grand Street Settlement.

In addition to ledger books in which weekly collections and recipients were recorded, the Temple Archives features numerous letters expressing thanks for Brightside Work donations, as well as requests for assistance. One such letter, dated October 12, 1938, is on behalf of the Vo-

ational Service for Juniors. Addressed to program leader Ruth Guttman, the letter reads as follows:

Dear Miss Guttman,

Vacations are over, and I want to tell you about Norman Black, about whom we wrote you last year.

Norman made such a good record in the electrical installation course at the Brooklyn Vocational High School that he was given a National Youth Administration job at the school, which covers his car fare and lunch expenses. He is back at school and expects to graduate in June.

This year we hope your boys will be interested to help Ralph Black—not a relative of Norman’s—who is full speed ahead at the New York School of Printing.

Federation referred Ralph to us when his father lost his job as a laundry collector, and there is no money to pay the boy’s bus and car fare of 40 cents a day. Our \$3 a week adds a bit for the lunch he seems to need so much and to smarten up his clothes a bit. The pressure at home is very great, and Ralph hopes he’ll soon be far enough along to get an apprentice job and continue his printing course in the evening. Just now he’s working hard at mathematics, as well as layout and design.

I think you’ll be interested, too, to know that Victor Nahmias, whom the Class 5 boys began to help under Miss Fernbach in January 1936, graduated from high school last June in spite of every handicap and has entered Brooklyn College. We have granted him \$20 for his books. It’s a long walk from the subway for him, and Victor has to go slowly, but he has to save the car fare, and he’s determined to manage it.

Of course we hope that your boys will want to contribute toward the \$3 a week that Ralph Black needs this year.

A version of Brightside Work still exists for today’s Religious School students. Simply called *Tzedakah*, the program likewise achieves funding through weekly student donations, which total nearly \$3,000 per year. Members of the student council then decide to whom and how the monies will be divided.



FACES OF EMANU-EL

Elka Deitsch joined the curatorial team of what is now the Herbert and Eileen Bernard Museum of Judaica in late 1996.

Led by Reva G. Kirschberg, of blessed memory, the curatorial team at that time was faced with the daunting task of putting together a collection and organizing the museum in just eight months. Shortly after the museum opened, Elka was named senior curator in May 1997. "It was an amazing opportunity to get to know the collection from boxes to museum case," she says.

Elka was raised in New Haven, Conn., and attended yeshiva there. She moved to New York for college, majoring in medieval English literature at Barnard. Elka's studies in literature as well as art history—combined with a very thorough yeshiva education—led to a specialty in medieval Jewish manuscripts and a job curating exhibitions of the rare

book collection at the library of the Jewish Theological Seminary. Since coming to Temple Emanu-El, Elka has worked to expand her knowledge of Judaica and Hebraica and is studying for a graduate degree from the Bard Graduate Center for Studies in the Decorative Arts, Design and Culture. Most recently, however, Elka's main focus is on a new member of her family. She and her husband, George Hambrecht, welcomed daughter Elisheva into the world at the beginning of June.

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



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