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UPCOMING EVENTS

Wednesday, October 20 9:30 a.m.
Sunday, October 24 9:15 a.m.

Young Families: Storytime

Temple Librarian Elizabeth Stabler will read about "Kindness to Animals" from our wonderful collection of children's books. Storytime is for preschoolers (from age 2½) with a parent. *All attendees must preregister by calling (212)744-1400, ext. 362.*

Saturday, October 23 5 p.m.

Senior Youth Group: Bowling at Chelsea Piers

Students in grades nine through 12 are invited to our bowling party. Cost is \$20 per person, plus money for food. Checks should be made payable and delivered to Congregation Emanu-El, or bring cash on the day of the event.

We will meet at Chelsea Piers, 23rd Street and the Hudson River, between piers 59 and 60. *RSVP to Rabbi Gold at (212) 744-1400, ext. 244.*

SABBATH SERVICES

Friday evening, October 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, October 23 Women's Auxiliary Lounge

Torah Study—9:15 a.m.

Main Sanctuary

Service—10:30 a.m.
Torah Portion—Lech Lecha
Readings—Genesis 12:1-17:27
Isaiah 40:27-41:16

Rabbi Amy B. Ehrlich preaching

EXHIBIT
EXTENDED



Roman Vishniac: Remember the Days of Old

As a result of overwhelming interest, the exhibition of photos by Roman Vishniac currently on display at the Herbert and Eileen Bernard Museum of Judaica has been extended through the end of the year.

In 1935, Vishniac was commissioned by the American Joint Distribution Committee, to document with his camera the lives of the Jews of Poland, Austria, Holland, France, Romania and Czechoslovakia. By 1938, Vishniac began concentrating his attention on Jewish life in Eastern Europe, in the hope of focusing worldwide attention towards a community on the brink of destruction. Keeping his camera hidden, with only its lens peering out through a buttonhole in his coat, Vishniac shot more than 16,000 photographs and dedicated three years to creating pictorial evidence of a way of life he feared would otherwise be erased from memory.

The Bernard Museum is open Sunday through Thursday from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Admission is free. Call (212) 744-1400, ext. 259 for more information.

EVENTS (CONTINUED)

Tuesday, November 9 12:30 p.m.

Women's Auxiliary: Book Group

Rabbi Amy Ehrlich will lead our discussion of *Reading Lolita in Tehran*, written by Azar Nafisi and published in paperback by Random House. Feel free to bring your lunch; coffee and cookies will be available. RSVP by Tuesday, November 2 to (212) 744-1400, ext. 235.

Wednesday, November 10 3 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.
Annual Blood Drive

Don't miss this chance to save a life—one pint of blood can help up to five people. In order to qualify for donation, volunteers must:

- Be between the ages of 17 and 75
- Weigh at least 110 pounds
- Be in good health
- Not be a donor within the last 56 days

In addition, you must present photo identification with proof of age. Donors should

enter at 10 East 66th Street. Dinner will be served. Questions? Call (212) 744-1400, ext. 215.



PULPIT FLOWERS

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

Mr. and Mrs. Nat Lazar
in honor of their granddaughter
Antonia Abrams becoming a Bas Mitzvah

Mr. Sanford P. Brass
in loving memory of his father, *Arthur J. Brass*,
and his brother, *David Brass*

Charles Freeman
in loving memory of his parents,
Abraham and Pearl Freeman

Eleanor Ressler
in memory of her beloved husband,
Dr. Charles Ressler

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

PRESENTING

Moshe Halbertal

Idolatry and Representation

Sunday, Oct. 24 5 PM

Idolatry and Politics

Sunday, Nov. 7 5 PM

Idolatry and Mistake

Sunday, Nov. 14 5 PM



Dr. Moshe Halbertal is a world-renowned scholar and thinker. He is a professor of Jewish thought and philosophy at the Hebrew University and a fellow at the Shalom Hartman Institute.

This program was made possible by a generous grant from the Schwarz Family Foundation/ Jeffrey and Wendy Schwarz.

For more information or to register, call (212) 507-9580 or log on to our Web site at 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:

Andrew Paul Reisman, son of
Jill and Ronald Reisman

David Fuld Neff, son of
Nancy and Daniel Neff

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.

NEWS FROM THE RELIGIOUS SCHOOL: A GIFT OF JEWISH HERITAGE

In September, the Religious School Parents Organization hosted a series of receptions to welcome family members to a new school year. Following is the opening address delivered by Principal Frances Oelbaum:

I'm so happy that you've taken the time to join me here, to give me the opportunity to see you and to say a few words about our school. Some of you are "old timers" with children already in our program, but for many, this is your first introduction.

I'm not going to be talking about our Religious School philosophy or our curriculum—all in the Religious School handbook. What I'd like to do is begin this brief get-together on a negative note—that is to say, what we're *not* about.

The Religious School environment your children are stepping into is not about tests, reports cards, homework assignments or competition. They are stepping into a one-day-a-week, 2½-hour opportunity to be with friends and make new Jewish friendships in a non-judgmental atmosphere to learn about their Jewishness. They will learn about the beauty of our holidays, the warmth of tradition carried out at home, the joys and tragedies of our history, and the poetry of the Hebrew language. Step by step, level by level, our students will learn about a gift called "heritage" that we together are joyously and responsibly passing on to them—a birth right.

We offer supplementary activities—all coordinated to reinforce what is being learned. Most important is our faculty—a group of dedicated individuals, though coming from a variety of backgrounds, all have in common the desire to pass on their love of Judaism to a new generation.

Regarding Hebrew, we offer various sections per grade, per language-learning capacities. In this sense, we consider every section to be the "right" section. Some may be faster or slower, but there are no "good" and "bad" sections. Rather, our students are placed in sections that best suit their needs.

[In addition,] our goal of Bar and Bas Mitzvah comes from a process of learning and commitment. We ask that you help guide your child in a family commitment



Principal Frances Oelbaum fields questions from new Religious School families.

toward this goal. Encourage attendance, learn about customs, celebrate the holidays at home, come to our events—our Shabbos and holiday dinners. Discuss with your children what they've learned, ask questions, engage in a dialogue. A wonderful way to review Hebrew is to have your child teach you what he or she has learned. Becoming your child's student is a wonderful way for him or her to review and for you to brush up. All that you do together, Jewishly, as a family, adds to the meaning of becoming a Bar or Bas Mitzvah.

On behalf of Rabbi Posner, our staff and me, we wish for you a wonderful school year and a very happy and healthy new year.

AROUND THE TEMPLE

Senior Center Starts New Season

For more than 30 years, the Senior Center at Temple Emanu-El has provided senior citizens with an avenue for remaining creative and fit. Participants (age 65 and over) meet once a week for four hours to study painting and crafts, enjoy a brown-bag lunch and take part in a light exercise class. The program resumes mid-October and culminates in May with the Spring Art Show.



Rodolfo Diaz proudly displays his work at the 2004 art exhibit.



Succah Creates Dazzling Display

Many thanks to the Women's Auxiliary for their generous gift of our beautiful succah, which was on display through Friday, October 8.

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