

# TEMPLE EMANU-EL Bulletin

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

**The THREE BOOKS  
of MOSES: Maimonides’  
Attempts to Revolutionize  
Judaism—Commentary on  
the Mishnah, Mishneh Torah  
and The Guide of the Perplexed**  
Tuesday, March 20



6:30 p.m.



**R**abbi David Greenstein is rabbinic dean of the Academy for Jewish Religion, where he teaches rabbinics, kabbalah and Jewish thought.

*(NOTE: This is the final lecture in this three-part series.)*

## SABBATH SERVICES

**Friday evening, March 23  
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 24  
Women’s Auxiliary Lounge**

Torah Study—9:15 a.m.  
**Main Sanctuary**  
Service—10:30 a.m.  
Torah Portion—Vayikra  
Readings—Leviticus 1:1-5:26  
Isaiah 43:21-44:23  
**Sermon: Rabbi Amy B. Ehrlich**

## WOMEN’S AUXILIARY

**VAN GOGH and  
EXPRESSIONISM**  
Thursday, March 29  
1 p.m. & 2 p.m.

**T**he Women’s Auxiliary is organizing two private, docent-led tours for Temple members to view the new exhibit “Van Gogh and Expressionism,”



Self-Portrait, 1889 • Oil on canvas

opening in March at the Neue Galerie, 1048 Fifth Avenue. The exhibit explores the crucial influence of Van Gogh on German and Austrian Expressionism and is to feature more than 80 major paintings from public and private collections, including works by Van Gogh, Gustav Klimt, Egon Schiele, Ernst Ludwig Kirchner and Max Beckmann. Tours will be given at 1 p.m. and 2 p.m.; attendees must arrive 15 minutes prior to their start time.

Cost for this event is \$40 for Women’s Auxiliary members, \$50 for nonmembers—which includes coffee/tea and dessert at Café Fledermaus in the museum, after each tour. (Make checks payable to the Women’s Auxiliary.) Reservations must be received by Thursday, March 22. Absolutely no walk-ins will be allowed. When making your reservation, please indicate your tour preference (1 p.m. or 2 p.m.); openings are available on a first-come, first-served basis.

(212) 744-1400, ext. 235

## BAR MITZVAH

**The following student of our Religious School will become a Bar Mitzvah this weekend:**

*Michel Gerard Alexis*, son of Dr. Elisabeth Immanuel and Serge Alexis

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

## PULPIT FLOWERS

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

Ann Leggett Perse in loving memory of her husband, *Harry H. Perse*

Mr. Alan Stuart in loving memory of *Elizabeth L. and Milton M. Stuart* and *James M. Stuart*

## TO BE NOTED

**I**t is a prized Temple tradition that the Readers Panel—a group of 30 to 35 dedicated men and women operating under the auspices of the Men's Club—for more than 60 years has led Temple Emanu-El's Daily Evening Service at 5:30 p.m., every Sunday through Thursday. Currently, Readers Panel Chairman Carl Bornstein is seeking several additional volunteers to join the group of committed readers who make this service possible. All congregants are invited to become members of the Readers Panel. Assistance from the Rabbis is available by request for those who may need to brush up on their Hebrew. *Persons who are interested should call the Temple office at (212) 744-1400, ext. 215.*

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 SEMINARS**

All seminars are held from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Coffee and bagels are served. Enter at One East 65<sup>th</sup> Street. To register, call (212) 507-9580 or log on to our Web site at [www.adultjewishlearning.org](http://www.adultjewishlearning.org). Cost is \$50 per session.

**JEWISH WAR ETHICS**  
in the FACE of TERROR  
Sunday, March 25

**W**hile war rages around the world, questions of morality abound. What moral guidance does Judaism offer us in an age of terror? How humanely must we treat our enemies during wartime? This class explores a variety of sources, including the Talmud, medieval legal texts and contemporary scholarship, to shed light on pressing questions of "battlefield ethics" for both America and Israel, as well as proportionality, collective punishment and the interrogational torture of terror suspects.

**RABBI MELISSA WEINTRAUB** is the director of education at Rabbis for Human Rights; a rabbinic fellow at The Jewish Theological Seminary; and the author of several articles about the subjects of war ethics and human rights in Jewish sources. She currently is writing a book that explores Jewish religious responses to terror.

SKIRBALL

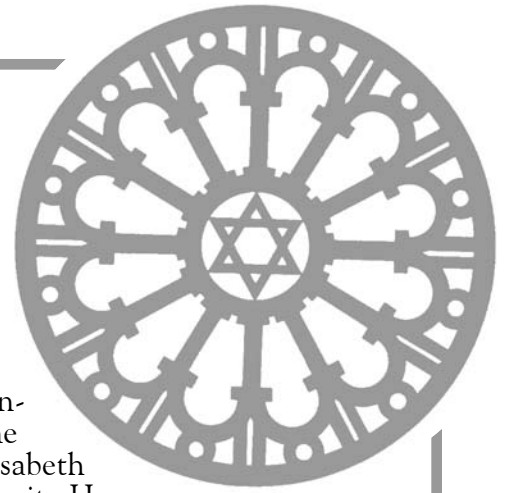


The Skirball Center for Adult Jewish Learning at Temple Emanu-El

**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: SALEM FIELDS & BETH-EL CEMETERIES



**D**ating back more than 150 years, Salem Fields and Beth-El cemeteries are just a short drive from Manhattan, located on the border of Brooklyn and Queens.

Situated in a setting offering dignity, tranquility and beauty, Salem Fields and Beth-El also offer a fascinating look at Emanu-El's history.

Names adorning the numerous family monuments are a veritable *Who's Who* of New York's retail giants, as well as American movies (including actor Edward G. Robinson) and some of our country's greatest philanthropists. The Salem Fields Chapel, erected in 1916, featured windows designed by Louis Comfort Tiffany—although only one remains in place today. Most were removed in the 1990s and rein-

stalled in Greenwald Hall in the Marvin and Elisabeth Cassell Community House.

Also located on site is the nation's tallest monument to Jewish war veterans, which dates to the Civil War and is dedicated "To the memory of the soldiers of the Hebrew faith, who responded to the call of their country and gave their lives for its salvation during the dark days of its need so that the nation might live." Among the more unique memorials on view is a monument dedicated to Herman Elsberg, which states, "In memory of our beloved Herman, who fell nobly fighting against Apache Indians at Hanover Copper Mines, New Mexico, August 27, 1861, in his 22<sup>nd</sup> year." May all of blessed memory rest in peace.



Images from left: crypt door detail, Jewish veterans war monument, Tiffany window, scarab door handle

## AROUND THE TEMPLE

### HOMEBOUND DELIVERY

**A** reminder to all Temple members (adults and children), packaging of Passover meal bags for the homebound will be held **Sunday, March 18** at **noon** in Blumenthal Hall. We also need the help of children to decorate Haggadah covers and Passover cards to be included in the bags. Drivers are needed on **Sunday, March 25** at **9 a.m.** to make deliveries. Join us for breakfast and then fill your car! Enter at One East 65<sup>th</sup> Street.



### SECOND SEDER for the ELDERLY

**V**olunteers for Second Seder—to be held **Tuesday, April 3**—should have received a confirmation letter, indicating their assignment and instructions. Please note the start time for your assigned job. Meal service begins promptly at 5:30 p.m. *If you have not received a confirmation letter, call the Temple administrative office at (212) 744-1400, ext. 215.* All volunteers must be Temple members; youth volunteers must be in Grades 5-12.



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