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WORSHIP SERVICES

ROSH HASHANAH (5768)
Wed., September 12 — 5:30 P.M.
Thursday, September 13 — 10 A.M.

**ROSH HASHANAH
FAMILY SERVICE**
Thurs., September 13 — 1:30 P.M.
Temple Sanctuary
A reception for families in
attendance will follow.

WQXR Radio (96.3 FM) will air
a recording of Rosh HaShanah Eve
services from **5:30 P.M. to 6 P.M.**
on **Wednesday, September 12.**

SABBATH
Friday evening, September 14
Temple 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, September 15
Women's Auxiliary Lounge
Torah Study—9:15 A.M.
Temple Sanctuary
Service—10:30 A.M.
Torah Portion—Ha'azinu
Readings—Deuteronomy 32:1-52
Hosea 14:2-10;
Micah 7:18-20; Joel 2:15-27
**Sermon: Rabbi Howard J.
Goldsmith**



A hearing loop is installed in the Temple Sanctuary and Beth-El Chapel; switch aid to T-coil. Headsets or neck loops also are available for use in the Temple, Beth-El and Lowenstein sanctuaries.

NOTES FOR HIGH HOLY DAYS...

Worship services are conducted simultaneously in our Temple Sanctuary (Fifth Avenue) and in our Leon Lowenstein Sanctuary (10 East 66th Street). The rabbis alternate between the services. Cantor Lori Corrsin will officiate at the evening services in the Temple Sanctuary and at the morning services in the Lowenstein Sanctuary. Our new cantorial intern, Joshua Breitzer, will officiate in Lowenstein at the evening services and in the Temple at the morning services. Admission to worship services for High Holy Days is by assigned ticket only.

HEAR THE SHOFAR SOUNDED

If you are unable to attend the Rosh Hashanah morning service on Thursday, September 13 and wish to hear the sound of the shofar that day, please call Rabbi Posner's study—(212) 744-1400. He will be happy to pay a home visit to any of our members, shofar in hand.

IN REMEMBRANCE

Members of the congregation desiring to have the names of relatives who have passed away since October 3, 2006, mentioned at the Yom Kippur memorial service should return the black-bordered card, which was sent recently to all congregants, to the Temple office by Wednesday, September 12.

YOM KIPPUR STUDY SESSIONS

This year, after the Yom Kippur morning service, Temple Emanu-El will offer a selection of study sessions with three guest lecturers. Sessions will begin at 12:30 P.M. Read the next issue of your *Temple Bulletin* for additional information.

B'NEI MITZVAH

The following students of our Religious School will become b'nei mitzvah this weekend:

Eliza Hersh, daughter of Victoria and Leonard Hersh

Cory Abraham Silverstein, son of Liana and Roger Silverstein

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:

*Mrs. Arthur Schulte
in loving memory of
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For information about sponsoring Pulpit Flowers or an Oneg Shabbat, call (212) 744-1400, ext. 312 or send an e-mail to sponsorships@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.

Charles S. Salomon The Universal Funeral Chapel

1076 Madison Avenue (212) 753-5300
Our service is available in the Temple, home, or our Chapel.

A NEW YEAR'S

THE PRESIDENT of our congregation—Marcia Waxman, along with our board of trustees and the entire Temple staff, join in wishing you a New Year of health, joy and peace. May it be a good year for all of God's children.

The haftarah reading for Yom Kippur morning sets the agenda for the season ahead:

And they that shall be of thee shall build the old waste places; thou shalt raise up the foundations of many generations; and thou shalt be called: The rebuilder of the ruins, the restorer of paths to dwell in.

Following upon the year that saw the rededication of our Fifth Avenue Sanctuary, our mission now is to take the corpus of our heritage—the longest unbroken cultural and religious chain in human history—and to rebuild, restore and refine it in such a way that it becomes the defining and ultimate aspect of our lives. We look to the time when it will be Judaism that will be the prism through which we see ourselves and the world around us.

The Rabbis of the Mishnah taught:
He who learns in order to teach will be afforded the opportunity to learn and to teach. But he who learns in order to practice will be afforded the opportunity to learn and to teach, to observe and to practice.

Together, as one congregation, we want to learn together, teach one another, and then observe and practice as a community. Toward that end, we have taken it upon ourselves at the Temple to develop greater commitments and larger obligations. We are hoping that our commitment to you will bring you nearer to Judaism and to the Jewish people.

As we look to the year about to unfold, please mark your calendars for Friday, December 7. It is the Sabbath that falls during Chanukah. Last year, more than 2,000 of us came together on the Sabbath/Chanukah to remember the rededication of old and to celebrate the rededication of the new. Let us keep the tradition going. The Sabbath service begins at 5:15 P.M. Our children

WISH FROM OUR CLERGY

will be with us again on the *bimah* to light the candles, and the *oneg*/reception following the service will signal the holiday season. As at all of our services, we'll give one another wonderful gifts: We'll give you comfort, and you will give us strength. What could be better than that?

Our Religious School now is taking its first critical steps to becoming a very different place. Saul Kaiserman, our director of lifelong learning, and his staff already have undertaken the mission to bring Judaism into harmony with the learning spirit of the next generation. This is a challenge, a responsibility and a sacred calling.

At Temple Emanu-El we are blessed with wonderful resources. One of them is the Skirball Center for Adult Jewish Learning. Housed at the Temple, this is among the most successful and ambitious venues for adult Jewish education in America. More than 400 people are in attendance each week, studying history, philosophy, theology, sociology, literature and language. Of Skirball, we can say as we do of Torah, "Its ways are ways of pleasantness, and all its paths are peace." The path of Skirball is from the intellect to the spirit.

Last year, in a daring feat of innovation, our Ivan M. Stettenheim Library sponsored a congregation-wide "book read." Focusing on *Maimonides* by Sherman B. Nuland, a series of classes and programs were held throughout the year. Following our success, we have selected a work now deemed a classic: *The Sabbath* by Abraham Joshua Heschel—one of the most important Jewish thinkers of the 20th century. It is a short book that opens the doors to infinite worlds.

Mitzvah Day has been so successful—more important, meaningful—in the life of Emanu-El that it is about to become *Mitzvah Days*: One in the fall and one in the spring. Fall Mitzvah Day—Sunday, November 11—will be devoted to activities performed in the Temple. Spring Mitzvah Day—April 13—will be for community outreach. Last year, our Religious School students worked on an art project for the benefit and use of children at the Schneider's Children's Hospital in Petakh Tikvah, a suburb of Tel Aviv. Wrapped in a large package, it was brought to Israel in July by Rabbi Posner, to the delight of a very happy hospital administrative staff.

Also of great importance is our new Web site (www.emanuelnyc.org). This beautifully designed and easy-to-use Web site will become

our most important communication and learning resource. Additions and enhancements to the site will be ongoing, particularly in an effort to make it more interactive. The site must be seen....and used.

"Operation: Good Shabbos" was initiated last year as a fundamental effort in spiritual consciousness-raising. It is nothing more than a mere act of speech, but it could have a beneficial effect on the entire community. Any time on Friday, when concluding a conversation with a relative, a Jewish friend or a Jewish business associate, simply end with, "Have a good Shabbos."

As a Rosh Hashanah resolution, let us continue in that spirit, and let us enhance it by the spirit of *t'filah b'tzibbur* (prayer in community). Our beautiful Sabbath evening service begins at 5:15 P.M. and ends with an *oneg*/reception in the Fifth Avenue lobby. We all can agree that Temple Emanu-El has—and retains—a style of its own in everything we do.

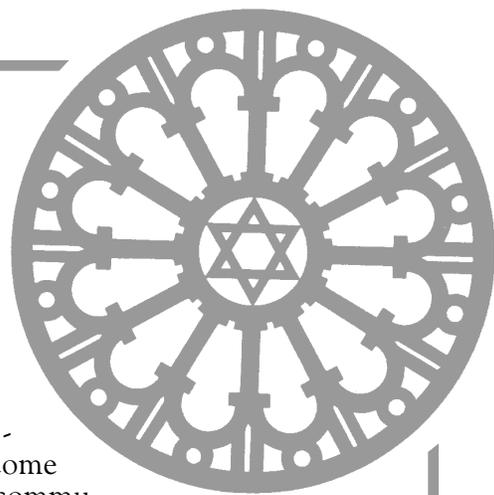
A brief reminder: As promised in a letter to the congregation last May, Rabbi Posner will be directing his Rosh Hashanah sermon to the best-seller by Richard Dawkins, *The God Delusion*, recommended as a summer read. The sermon, however, should be understandable both to those who had an opportunity to read the book and those who did not.

May we—together—seek to learn and appreciate the treasures of the spirit, so that we may grow further in knowledge and in deeds of lovingkindness.

Torah blessings to you all.

Your Temple Family

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