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WORSHIP SERVICES

The Chanukah menorah will be lit each night of the festival at our 5:30 P.M. Sunset Service. Enter at One East 65th Street.

LAST NIGHT OF CHANUKAH:
Tuesday, December 11
(Last candle is lit)

Friday evening, December 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, December 15
Women's Auxiliary Lounge
Torah Study—9:15 A.M.
Temple Sanctuary
Service—10:30 A.M.
Torah Portion—*Vayigash*
Readings—Genesis 44:18-47:27
Ezekiel 37:15-28
Sermon: Rabbinic Intern
Adam Rosenwasser

Sabbath and holiday services are available for downloading from the Web site (www.emanuelnyc.org) generally within one hour of the conclusion of the live service and for up to one week.

View the Weekly Torah Commentary on the Emanu-El Web site (www.emanuelnyc.org).



Hearing Loop installed in Temple Sanctuary and Beth-El Chapel; switch aid to T-coil. Headsets or neck loops also available for use.

WOMEN'S
AUXILIARY

**HEREDITARY
CANCER IN
ASHKENAZIM:
ARE YOU AT RISK?**
Tuesday, December 11
10:30 A.M.

The Women's Auxiliary sponsors this important program for women featuring **Dr. Kenneth Offit**, chief of Clinical Genetics Services at Memorial Sloan-Kettering



Cancer Center. Through his research, Dr. Offit has discovered the most common genetic mutation predisposing Eastern European Jewish women to breast and ovarian cancer. Join us for what promises to be a unique opportunity to hear from the foremost expert in this field of medicine on this very important topic.

This event is open to members of the Women's Auxiliary and their guests. RSVP to (212) 744-1400, ext. 235 or womaux@emanuelnyc.org; please provide the names of all who will be attending. Enter at the Marvin and Elisabeth Cassell Community House, One East 65th Street.

REMINDER...The Women's Auxiliary book group will meet on **Tuesday, December 18 at 12:30 P.M.** Dr. Mark Weisstuch will lead our discussion on *All Whom I Have Loved* by Aharon Appelfeld. Feel free to bring your lunch!

B'NEI MITZVAH

The following student of our Religious School will become a bar mitzvah this weekend:

Jacob Benjamin Savitt, son of William and Nazak Savitt

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:

Sally F. Broido in memory of her beloved sister *Ellin F. Ente*

Emily Fisher Landau in memory of my beloved sons *M. Anthony Fisher and Richard L. Fisher*

Mrs. A. Coleman Poll in loving memory of her parents, *Mildred and Jacques G. Coleman*, and her grandmother *Sophie Brock*

Monte Wolfson in loving memory of his wife, *Doris Wolfson*

TO BE NOTED

Houses of Life

JEWISH CEMETERIES OF EUROPE

On view now at the Bernard Museum
(212) 744-1400, ext. 259

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

SUNDAYS
at SKIRBALL

Seminars are held from 10 A.M. to 2 P.M. Coffee and bagels are served. Enter at One East 65th Street. To register, call (212) 507-9580 or log on to our Web site at www.adultjewishlearning.org. Cost is \$50 per session.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 16

Lecturers: Mark H. Heutlinger and David Wachtel

TEMPLE EMANU-EL:
Architecture, Sacred Objects and History

Explore the life of Jewish ritual art — its meaning, origins and development through Jewish history — and experience Jewish ritual life as it exists today in the recently restored, magnificent sanctuary of Temple Emanu-El. Using the collection of the Bernard Museum of Judaica, enjoy a unique museum experience with close-up examinations of rare objects. Get once-in-a-lifetime access to objects not on display at the museum. This program also includes an architectural tour, where you can get the hidden story behind many of the sanctuary's features.



SKIRBALL



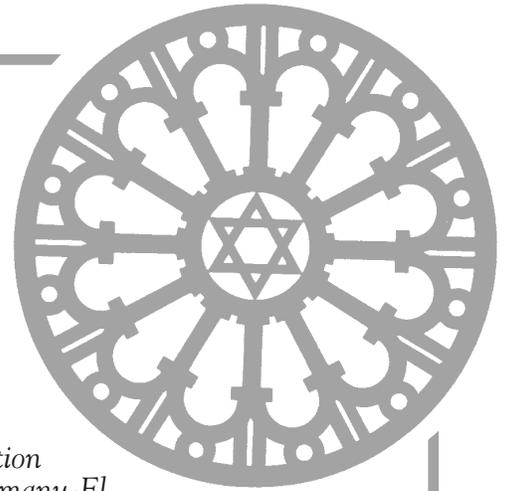
The Skirball Center for Adult Jewish Learning at Temple Emanu-El

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.

HELPING THE NEEDY: STUDENTS REACH OUT

The following essay was written by Lara Nisonoff, an Emanu-El student who participated in our Mitzvah Corps trip to Yorkville Common Pantry. Mitzvah Corps is a program created this year for seventh and eighth graders to teach them to perform acts of tikkun olam (repairing the world). Through the program, students study values-laden Jewish texts as well as volunteer for hands-on social-action projects. For more information about Mitzvah Corps, log on to the Emanu-El Web site (www.emanuelnyc.org). Click "Lifelong Learning: Youth & Young Adults."



ON OCTOBER 17TH, the Temple Emanu-El Mitzvah Corps went to the Yorkville Common Pantry to help prepare a meal for a group of about 300 men and women. Many of these people were homeless, but some just didn't have enough money to buy or cook a meal. When we got there, we didn't really know what to expect, but a few minutes later we really got into it. Gladys, the amazing woman who runs the Yorkville Common Pantry, explained everything to us. One line of clients was for take out; the other was for dining in. Not everyone could fit into the dining room, so these options were very useful.

We started out by packing sandwiches and then were split into a few groups to pour juice, clean up, help work on the take-out line, or work in the kitchen. We also were very lucky to have a chance to talk to some of the people. All of them were extremely friendly, and it seemed to

really make them happy to see kids there. I found myself even happier to be there. It made me feel so good to know that we were helping to make a difference in these people's lives.

Before we left, Gladys showed us the giant food pantry. It was amazing. The citizens of New York

donated most of the food. That room had almost every food imaginable. I can't even estimate how many boxes of canned food there were.

After a while the whole experience came to a close. Before we left we thanked Gladys, the woman who was so inspiring and kind to us.

She truly made our experience meaningful. When I left, I thought about how lucky we are to have a nice warm meal on our table everyday. Most of the men and woman at Yorkville Common Pantry weren't as lucky, but we helped to supply the food they need to make their day just a little bit better.



RELIGIOUS SCHOOL TZEDAKAH REPORT

During the first nine weeks of the Religious School year, Emanu-El students collected \$1,062.22 to benefit Yorkville Common Pantry. Log on to the Temple Web site to read a full donation report and information about their next beneficiary.



AROUND THE TEMPLE

Temple members are invited to the following event...

Excavating a Turn-of-the-Century Mikveh on Allen Street

With Dr. Celia J. Bergoffen, R.P.A.

Thursday, December 20 6:30 P.M.

Excavations in an empty lot on New York City's Allen Street have solved the "Manhattan Mikveh Mystery" of where congregants of the Orthodox Eldridge Street Synagogue went to perform their ritual ablutions. No mention of a mikveh exists in the synagogue's surviving minutes, but documentary research pointed to the former site of a Russian bath house around the corner as a good candidate. Digging out the buried basement of that tenement building brought the elegant furnishings of the bath house back to light with, most important, a perfectly intact small pool installed according to kosher "specs" — making it the oldest known kosher mikveh in New York. A reception will precede the lecture. Enter at One East 65th Street.

CELIA BERGOFFEN is a registered professional archaeologist who investigates the history of properties in the New York City area and directs archaeological excavations.



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