

TEMPLE EMANU-EL Bulletin

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, October 23 10 a.m.
**Breakfast With
Author Dan Burstein**

All Temple members are invited to what promises to be a fascinating discussion. Cost is \$20 per person, which includes a hot buffet breakfast. *RSVP to the Men's Club at (212) 744-1400, ext. 250.*

Thursday, October 27 11 a.m.
**Brunch With
WRJ's Carolyn Kunin**

Members of the Women's Auxiliary and members of Women of Reform Judaism

(WRJ) living in the New York metro area are invited for Dr. Carolyn Kunin's presentation of *vital* issues to be voted on at WRJ's 45th biennial meeting in Houston. Cost is \$25 per person. *Checks made payable to Women's Auxiliary of Temple Emanu-El must be received by Thursday, October 20.*

**Sunday, October 30
11:30 a.m.**
Bowling for Relief

Senior Youth Group members are invited to participate in a Bowl-a-Thon to raise money for the victims of Hurricane Katrina. Buses to Chelsea Piers

will depart from One East 65th Street and return at 3 p.m. Participants are encouraged to bring money for food. *RSVP to (212) 744-1400, ext. 244.*

Monday, October 31 6:30 p.m.
**10th-12th Grade
High School Academy**

Don't miss our next session! *Call (212) 744-1400, ext. 204 with questions.*

Tuesday, November 8 8:30 a.m.
**Men's Club
Reading Group**

We will discuss *Guns, Germs and Steel* by Jared Diamond.

FESTIVAL SERVICES

SUCCOS
Monday evening, October 17
Main Sanctuary—5:30 p.m.
Tuesday morning, October 18
Main Sanctuary—10:30 a.m.
Sermon: Rabbi Amy B. Ehrlich

SHEMINI ATZERES
Monday evening, October 24
Main Sanctuary—5:30 p.m.
Tuesday morning, October 25
Main Sanctuary—10:30 a.m.
Sermon: Rabbi David M. Posner
Memorial Service

Many thanks to the Women's Auxiliary for their gift of our beautiful succah.

SABBATH SERVICES

Friday evening, October 21
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 22
Women's Auxiliary Lounge
Torah Study—9:15 a.m.
Main Sanctuary
Service—10:30 a.m.
Torah Portion—Exodus 33:12-34:26
Readings—Numbers 29:23-28
Ezekiel 38:18-39:16
Sermon: Rabbi Nadia E. Gold

PULPIT FLOWERS

Pulpit flowers for Succos services are the generous donation of our congregants:

Virginia and Benjamin Sadock
in loving memory of *Fred Alcott*

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

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*

B'NEI MITZVAH

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

Alexander Mamady Heller, son of
Mr. and Mrs. Henry C. Heller

Madeleine Ray Rothenberg, daughter of
Pamela and Stuart Rothenberg

Dale Sprayregen, daughter of
Laurie and Philip Sprayregen

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.

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 Sunday Seminars are held from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Enter at One East 65th Street. Coffee and bagels are served. Cost is \$50 per session. To register or for more information, call (212) 507-9580.

November 6
The Inner Lives of the Kabbalists
DR. JOEL HECKER



Study the *Zohar* and 16th century mystical texts to explore the emotions, anxieties and ecstasy of the kabbalists. Discover how these internal experiences reflected and inspired their mystical scholarship.



November 13
Genesis: Families in Conflict
RABBI PERETZ RODMAN

The stories of the founding families of the Book of Genesis form a saga of swirling conflicts and raging passions. Through a close reading of three or four narratives, examine how resolutions are achieved. Extract principles that you can use to reduce the level of conflict in your own life and community.

November 20
Power, Morality and the State of Israel
RABBI CHAIM SEIDLER-FELLER



Examine traditional sources on the nature of Israel's holiness and consider the ramifications for the notion of land for peace. Consider what a viable Jewish ethic of power might look like today.

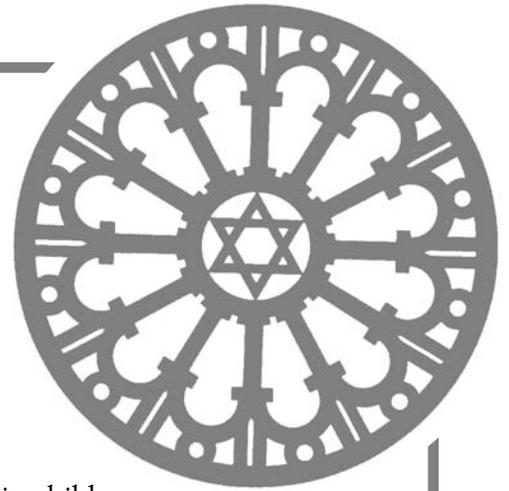
SKIRBALL



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

SEASON OF GLADNESS... AND OF FAITHFULNESS

It always bears repeating that the three major festivals of Judaism — Passover, Shavuot and Succos — are all celebrations of the Exodus from Egypt. Passover tells the story of liberation. Shavuot presents us with the gift of the Torah. Succos reminds us of God's providence and of our faithfulness. Rabbi Irving ("Yitz") Greenberg, in The Jewish Way, clarifies for us the relationship between Passover and Succos.



SUCCOS is more than an encore of Passover. On Passover, Jews restage the great event of liberation. Succos celebrates the way of liberation—the march across a barren desert to freedom and the Promised Land.

What happens the morning after redemption? It is like the old Hollywood movie: After the ups and downs of courtship, the boy and girl marry. They kiss, fade out, and cut! Presumably they live happily ever after. But that is not the way life works. It is much harder to handle the daily struggle of life than the highs and lows of courtship. The 50 percent American divorce rate is proof enough of that.

The Jews rose to the Exodus occasion with a great act of heroism—departing. But the daily strain of collecting manna and pitching tents

and carrying their children through the desert eroded their commitment. Time and again, they were thrown by the prosaic frustrations of no meat, of boring food, of insufficient water.

The real achievement of freedom does not come in one day; there is no quick cure for slavery. The liberated person is the one who learns to accept the daily challenges of existence as the expression of self-fulfillment and responsibility. Succos commemorates the maturation of the Israelites, achieved not in crossing the Red Sea but in walking the long way to freedom.

It is relatively easy to rise to one peak moment of self-abnegation and courageous commitment. It is more taxing and more heroic to wrestle with everyday obstacles without highs or diversions. True maturity means learning to appreciate the finite rewards of every day along the way. Some parents receive no pleasure from their children because they are overwhelmed by the constant anxieties, conflict and potential setbacks of the growing-up process. Parents are far happier—and children feel much better about themselves—when the simple joys of every day are shared and appreciated.

Passover celebrates a brave departure through a festive meal. Succos marks the hasty lunches and the endless wandering in the desert. Succos expresses the deeper Exodus—the reflective, gritty days of marching during which a new generation grew up. Freedom came as the end result of pitching tents (booths) and taking them down over the course of 14,600 days. Succos honors the 43,000 meals prepared on the desert trek, the cleanups, the washing of utensils. Passover celebrates a moment of pure triumph. Succos celebrates a seemingly endless 40-year journey. Passover is the holiday of faith; Succos is the holiday of faithfulness.

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL —

Friday, October 21 @ 5:15 p.m.

Students and their families are invited to celebrate the Consecration of new students under the succah, followed by a traditional Sabbath dinner.

RSVP to (212) 744-1400, ext. 226.

YOUNG FAMILIES —

Sunday, October 23 @ 11 a.m.

Paint pumpkins, help make decorations for our special succah and have a general good time! *Young Families is for children of preschool age through early elementary school and their parents.*

RSVP to ext. 242.

EMANU-EL LEAGUE —

Sunday, October 23 @ 12 p.m.

Eat lunch and make new friends!

Cost is \$10 for members, \$15 for nonmembers.

Emanu-El League is for singles in their late 20s through early 40s.

RSVP to ext. 501.

SUCCOS
@ EMANU-EL



AROUND THE TEMPLE

A person who sows the seeds of *tzedakah* receives a true reward. — Proverbs 11:18

Members of the Congregation are invited to participate in Temple Emanu-El's first-ever **Mitzvah Day** to be held **Sunday, November 13.**

We will host a full day's activities for adults, teens and children. Choose from nearly 30 programs—including an afternoon of playing BINGO with senior citizens, working in a neighborhood garden, and donating life-saving blood at our annual blood drive.

Prior to Mitzvah Day, we will be collecting donations of clothing, canned goods, books, toys and toiletries. Collections start Oct. 31 and run through Nov. 13. Bring your donations to the lobby of the Marvin and Elisabeth Cassell Community House, One E. 65th Street. Religious School, Nursery School and Skirball students may drop off items in the lobby of 10 East 66th Street. Families with cars will be needed to deliver care packages. We also will be accepting monetary contributions.



So, mark your calendars for Sunday, November 13, and watch your mail for a full registration booklet. We look forward to seeing you there!

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