



## Young artists concert

**Sunday, January 25 • 3 PM • Marvin & Elisabeth Cassell Community House (One East 65th Street)**

**B**ORN IN RALEIGH, N.C., in 1990, **Vivian Cheng** has been praised by critics as an “artist with artistic sensibilities far beyond her years.” She began her piano studies at age 5 and gave her solo debut recital at age 10. In June 2008, Cheng became the Second Prize winner of the New York Piano Competition, a biennial event presented by The Stecher & Horowitz Foundation.

## IMPORTANT REMINDERS/UPCOMING EVENTS

### **Pantry Sort**

**Saturday, January 10**

**9:30 AM – 1:30 PM**

**Yorkville Common Pantry  
(8 E. 109th St., off Fifth Ave.)**

Volunteers are needed to sort and package groceries to help feed more than 300 New York City families. This project is suitable for adults, high school students and “tweens” with an adult partner. Preregistration with our **Tikkun Olam Committee** is required. (212) 744-1400, ext. 452

### **Stitch’n Time**

**Sunday, January 11**

**11 AM – 2 PM • One East 65th**

Participants must bring their own needles (#8). Yarn and patterns will be provided. We also have a professional knitting instructor to assist us. Light refreshments are served. People of all ages may attend.

### **Men’s Club Book Group**

**Tuesday, January 13**

**9 AM • One East 65th Street**

All Temple members are invited to join in this monthly discussion group organized by the Men’s Club. Our January selection will be *Jacob’s Gift: A Journey Into the Heart of Belonging* by Jonathan Freedland. (Note: Our February selection will be *The Man in the White Sharkskin Suit: My Family’s Exodus From Old Cairo to the New World* by Lucette Lagnado.)

### **Women’s Auxiliary Book Group**

**Tuesday, January 13**

**12:30 PM • One East 65th**

### **Rabbinic Intern Ariana**

**Silverman** will lead our discussion of *Broken Tablets: Restoring the Ten Commandments and Ourselves*. Feel free to bring your lunch; coffee and cookies will be served.

**DAILY SUNSET SERVICE  
SUNDAY – THURSDAY  
5:30 PM • One E. 65th St.**

**SABBATH WORSHIP  
FRIDAY EVENING  
Sanctuary (Fifth Avenue  
at 65th Street)**

Organ Recital—5 PM  
Service Begins—5:15 PM  
WQXR Radio (96.3 FM) and  
Internet ([www.wqxr.com](http://www.wqxr.com))  
broadcasts—5:30 PM

**SATURDAY MORNING  
Sixth Floor Lounge  
Torah Study—9:15 AM  
Sanctuary (Fifth at 65th)**

Organ Recital—10:15 AM  
Service Begins—10:30 AM

**Services also may be heard  
at [www.emanuelnyc.org](http://www.emanuelnyc.org).**



Hearing loop in Sanctuary and Beth-El Chapel; switch aid to T-coil. Headsets or neck loops also available.

## WEEKLY PARASHAH

### Saturday, January 17

Torah Portion—*Sh'mot*

Readings—Exodus 1:1-6:1;  
Isaiah 27:6-28:13; 29:22-23

**Sermon: Rabbi Goldsmith**

### Saturday, January 24

Torah Portion—*Va-eria*

Readings—Exodus 6:2-9:35; Ezekiel 28:25-29:21

**Sermon: Rabbi Ehrlich**

## TORAH COMMENTARY

View our weekly Torah commentary on the Emanu-El Web site: [www.emanuelnyc.org](http://www.emanuelnyc.org). Follow the link from the Home Page.

## WEEKLY MUSIC

Music programs for Sabbath and holiday services, complete with song titles and composer names, are posted on the Emanu-El Web site. Click "Worship" → "Music at Emanu-El."

## BROADCAST OF SERVICES

Worship services can be downloaded from the Emanu-El Web site or listened to through the Emanu-El Audio Player. Click "Worship" → "Broadcast of Services."

## ADDITIONAL WORSHIP

### Tot Shabbat

Friday, January 23

6:15 PM • 10 East 66th

### Shabbat Shalom

Friday, January 30

6:30 PM • One East 65th

This month's service will honor members of the Men's Club for their dedication to the Temple.



# Chanting of the Torah

Monday, January 12, 26; February 2, 9, 23; March 2  
6:30 PM – 7:30 PM • One East 65th Street

CANTOR LORI CORRSIN leads this six-part class organized through our "Mostly Mondays" series of free adult-education courses for Temple members. Trop, cantillation and *Ta'amei mikrah* all are different names for the same thing: symbols in the Torah text that tell us how to sing and accent the words and punctuate the sentence.

We primarily will study the Ten Commandments. Willingness for home study is essential. The text and an audio recording will be provided.

**Prerequisite: A basic reading knowledge of Hebrew.**

Questions? Call the Temple Office at (212) 744-1400.



# "Let my people go"

Sunday, January 25 • 12:30 PM – 1:30 PM • 10 East 66th Street



THESE WORDS SIGNIFY the epic battle between Moses and Pharaoh as they argue about whether the Israelites should be free persons or slaves. A close reading of this epic battle, in the context of our Exodus narrative, can help facilitate the discussion that goes off in our head whenever a teen asks for more freedom, new privileges or permission to try a new experience.

**Danny Mishkin**, our coordinator of youth and young adult learning, will lead **Religious School parents** in a discussion of issues that arise as teens move through adolescence.

**Note: This session will be repeated in the spring for the general Temple population as part of our Adult Education Program.**

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.

The following students of our Religious School will become **B'NEI MITZVAH**:

**Friday, January 23**

*Natasha Ann Belsky*, daughter of Lee and Paul Belsky

**Saturday, January 24**

*Julia L. Slaff*, daughter of Shirley and Jonathan Slaff

*Danielle Paige Swarzman*, daughter of Michelle and Howard Swarzman

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

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**PULPIT FLOWERS at Sabbath services have been donated generously by our congregants:**

**For the Sabbath of January 16 and 17**

Mrs. George Lust in loving memory of *George Lust*

Rosalind Pretzfelder in loving memory of her mother, *Tillie Pretzfelder*

**For the Sabbath of January 23 and 24**

Sandra Gluck in loving memory of her father, *Irving Prusock*

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To sponsor pulpit flowers or an *Oneg Shabbat*, call Sherry Nehmer at (212) 744-1400, ext. 312.



## *Jews of Cuba: Past, present and future?*

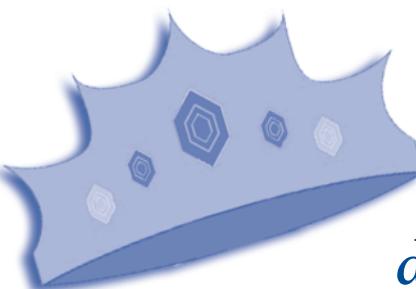
**Tuesday, January 27 • 5:45 PM (Prompt!) • One East 65th Street**

**J**UDAISM IN CUBA, like other religions there, was restricted severely for almost three decades. Now it is being rebuilt by the 10 percent of the Jewish population that remained after the “revolution.” As individual congregations struggle for survival with only a remnant of their former population, new strains are put upon them as some families leave for Israel. Can Judaism in Cuba survive?

The **Women’s Auxiliary** cordially invites Temple members to this fascinating lecture by **Batia B. Plotch**, who organizes and leads synagogue groups on trips to Cuba, independently and through the American Jewish Congress. A reception will follow. The cost for this event is \$15 for Women’s Auxiliary members, \$20 for nonmembers. Make checks payable to the Women’s Auxiliary. RSVP by January 22. Questions? (212) 744-1400, ext. 235



Photo by Dr. Tatiana Santos Méndez  
[www.jewishcuba.org](http://www.jewishcuba.org)



## *“It happened in the days of Ahasuerus...”*

**R**EADING THE *M’gillat Esther* in January? Thinking about Purim when Chanukah is barely over? Absolutely!

Mark your calendars and save the date: **Monday, March 9**. Temple Emanu-El once again will host an unforgettable *m’gillah* reading featuring the redoubtable, undoubtable “Emanu-El Players,” under the direction of **Dr. Mark Weisstuch**. Readers are needed for all parts; participation is open to Temple members.

**Rehearsal dates: Monday, February 23; Wednesday, February 25; Monday, March 2; Tuesday, March 3; Thursday, March 5 (all evenings); Saturday afternoon, March 7; and most of the day Sunday, March 8.**

**One performance only: Eve of Purim (Monday, March 9).**

If you’re interested in being a “Player,” then contact Mark Weisstuch immediately: (212) 744-1400 or [mweisstuch@emanuelnyc.org](mailto:mweisstuch@emanuelnyc.org).



**DURING THE MONTH** of our community reading of *The History of Love*, we will offer four opportunities (facilitated by Temple Librarian Elizabeth Stabler) at which you can meet with your fellow congregants to share your thoughts about the novel's themes:

- **Wednesday, February 4**  
**6:30 PM**
- **Tuesday, February 10**  
**10:30 AM** (co-sponsored by the Women's Auxiliary)
- **Thursday, February 19**  
**6:30 PM**
- **Sunday, February 22**  
**10 AM** (co-sponsored by the Religious School)

We hope, too, that readers of the novel will share their impressions and continue the dialogue in a special blog that will be created on the Temple's Web site.

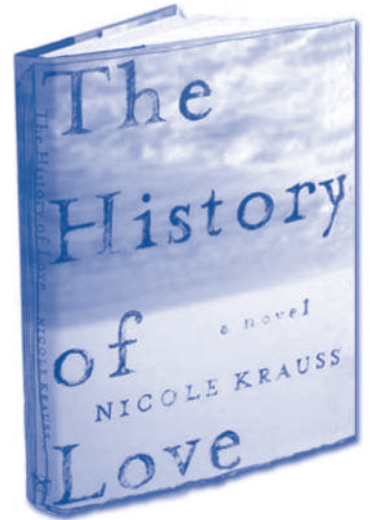
Additional resources, including an excerpt of the book, interviews with the author and book reviews, can be found on the Temple Web site. Click "Learning" → "Adult Education" → "Emanu-El Reads."

**NOTE:** A limited number of copies of the book will be available for borrowing from the Temple library.

## Emanu-El Reads... *The History of Love*

**E**MANU-EL READS... is a community learning experience through which members of the congregation read and discuss one book, studying its meaning and significance. As part of our exploration of the book's themes, a series of lectures, activities and study sessions are organized to broaden our understanding and bring the book's ideas into sharper focus.

This year's Emanu-El Reads program will be devoted to exploring a contemporary novel over the course of one month. We will be reading *The History of Love* by **Nicole Krauss**, who has been called one of the "wunderkind" generation of Jewish authors.



Krauss' novel incorporates and intertwines the stories of young lovers, married love, old friends separated by war, and parents and children. The settings range from pre-war Poland to Manhattan, Brooklyn to South America.

*The History of Love* is a pleasure to read. Critic Janet Maslin noted in her April 25, 2005, review, "Ms. Krauss' work is illuminated by the warmth and delicacy of her prose." Deftly treating themes of survival, loss, passionate loves of many kinds and creativity, Krauss leaves the reader with much to think about and to discuss.



### OPENING LECTURE *Warsaw: The Capital of Yiddish Culture*

**Monday, January 26 • 6:30 PM • One East 65th**

**U**NTIL WORLD WAR II, Warsaw was the center of a vibrant, rich Yiddish secular and religious cultural world. At our Emanu-El Reads opening lecture, **Dr. Samuel D. Kassow** will describe the world that gave rise to many great authors and thinkers.

Born in 1946 in Stuttgart, Germany, Kassow is the Charles Northam Professor at Trinity College, Hartford, Conn., where he has taught in the history department since 1972. The author of many articles, Kassow has served as visiting professor at Hebrew University, Princeton University, Wesleyan University, Moscow Humanities University and The Jewish Theological Seminary. His areas of interest include modern Jewish history, Russian and Soviet history, the Holocaust and modern German history. He is is fluent in English, Russian, Yiddish, Hebrew, Polish, German and French.

## Taking advantage of a precious learning opportunity...

Dear Emanu-El Family:

The arrival in the mail of the Skirball Center Course Guide beckons us to return to the glorious days when we studied in hallowed halls. I hope you have received your copy.

Many of you already are familiar with the Skirball Center for Adult Jewish Learning at our Temple. It brings me great satisfaction knowing that so many of our members have taken advantage of Skirball's rich and varied course offerings.

If you don't yet know Skirball—or want to know more—I invite you to browse through the course guide. I'm certain that you will see something that interests you—something that you will find personally meaningful—even something that speaks to your heart—in history, Bible, philosophy, Jewish literature, the arts and Hebrew language. Just reading the course guide is itself a learning experience that engages the imagination, pointing us toward Jewish themes that have real and potential meaning in our lives.

The Skirball Center for Adult Jewish Learning at Temple Emanu-El is a communitywide program that draws students from the tristate area and beyond. Master teachers come from across New York City, the U.S. and Israel to teach at the Skirball Center right here in our Temple. The Skirball Center is a great resource for our congregation—for you, for all of us. I myself am a member of the faculty, and who knows whether you might commit to my three-year intensive program in Hebrew and comparative semitic languages? If I can find time to teach, then you can find time to learn!



**Register for classes online at [www.adultjewishlearning.org](http://www.adultjewishlearning.org) or by calling (212) 507-9580. Temple Emanu-El congregants receive 25 percent off full semester courses.**

Along with Rabbi Leon Morris, executive director of the Skirball Center, I invite you to register for a course or to join us for a Sunday Seminar, the Jewish University in a Day, or even a trip to Israel. In 2009, I hope you will take advantage of this precious opportunity within our congregation and rededicate yourself to the study of our rich spiritual and intellectual heritage.

With devotion,

Dr. David M. Posner  
Senior Rabbi



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# Who funds terrorism and how to stop it

Sunday, January 11 • 10 AM • Marvin & Elisabeth Cassell  
Community House (One East 65th Street)

THE JANUARY Men's Club event features **Rachel Ehrenfeld**, director of the **American Center for Democracy**. A noted lecturer about terrorism and corruption-related topics, Ehrenfeld also is the author of three books:

- *Funding Evil: How Terrorism Is Financed—and How to Stop It*
- *Narco-Terrorism: How Governments Around the World Have Used the Drug Trade to Finance and Further Terrorist Activities*
- *Evil Money: Encounters Along the Money Trail*

In addition, she has written articles for *The New York Times*, *Los Angeles Times*, *The Jerusalem Post* and *The Wall Street Journal* and is a frequent guest on CNN, NBC, CNBC and FoxNews. This event is open to Temple members and guests.



**Cost for this event, which includes breakfast, is \$30 for Men's Club members, \$40 for all others. Make checks payable to the Men's Club. (212) 744-1400, ext. 250**

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