



Opera Gala 2009

Wednesday, April 22 • 6 PM • Sanctuary (Fifth Avenue at 65th)

S PONSORED IN COOPERATION with the **Richard Tucker Music Foundation**, this biennial concert series features a cavalcade of star performers from the **Metro-politan Opera**. Founded in 1975, the Richard Tucker Music Foundation is a nonprofit organization dedicated to perpetuating the artistic legacy of the great American tenor through the support and advancement of the careers of talented American opera singers.

Admission is free and open to the public. Temple members may reserve priority seating by calling (212) 744-1400, ext. 215; tickets will be mailed to you.



IMPORTANT REMINDERS/UPCOMING EVENTS

A God for Modern Times

Monday, April 6 • 12:15 PM
One East 65th Street

Rabbi Howard Goldsmith

concludes this class, which focuses on four modern theologies discussed over four lunchtime sessions.

"Let My People Go"

Monday, April 27 • 6:30 PM
One East 65th 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 begins 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 parents of teens (or soon to be teens) in a discussion of issues that arise as teens move through adolescence.

Family Mission to Israel **December 2009**

If you're only going to take one trip this year, then make it Emanu-El's Family Mission to Israel. We will explore all that Israel has to offer—stunning scenery, fascinating history and delicious food but also endless possibilities for exploring Jewish identity and connecting with your roots. Learn more on the Temple Web site. Click "Learning" → "Youth & Young Adults" → "Family Trip to Israel."

For information about all Emanu-El events, log on to www.emanuelnyc.org. Click "Calendar."

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) 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.



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

WEEKLY PARASHAH

Saturday, April 11

Torah Portion—
Chol HaMo-eid Pesach
Readings—Exodus 13:3-10;
Deuteronomy 10:12-19;
Song of Songs
Sermon: Rabbi Ehrlich

Saturday, April 18

Torah Portion—*Sh'mini*
Readings—Leviticus 9:1-
11:47; Numbers 19:1-22;
Ezekiel 36:16-38
**Sermon: Rabbinic Intern
Ariana Silverman**

ADDITIONAL WORSHIP

Eve of Passover

**Wednesday, April 8
5:30 PM • Beth-El Chapel**

First Day of Passover

**Thursday, April 9
10:30 AM • Sanctuary**
Readings—Exodus 12:37-
51; Deuteronomy 8:10-18;
Ezekiel 37:1-14
Sermon: Rabbi Posner

Shabbat Shalom

**Friday, April 10
6:30 PM • One East 65th**

**Eve of Conclusion
of Passover**

**Tuesday, April 14
5:30 PM • Beth-El Chapel**

Conclusion of Passover

**Wednesday, April 15
10:30 AM • Sanctuary**
Readings—Exodus 14:30-
15:18; Deuteronomy 4:32-
39; II Samuel 22:1-7, 17-31
**Sermon: Rabbi Goldsmith
Memorial Service**

Saviv Shabbat

**Friday, April 17
7 PM • One East 65th St.**

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OPEN TO members and nonmembers in their 20s and 30s, **Saviv Shabbat** is a unique prayer experience that combines experimental liturgy and incredible music with meaningful ritual and learning. Our goal is to push our understanding of what it means to pray and what can be called worship. “Meet and Greet” runs from 7 PM to 7:30 PM. (Wine provided!) The service is held from 7:30 PM to 8:30 PM. Dinner follows the service. Attendance is free, but reservations to **info@saviv.org** are required.



New Orleans Dinner & Presentation

Saturday, April 25 • 7 PM • One East 65th Street

THIS PAST FEBRUARY, 14 members of our teen community, along with Emanu-El staff, participated in a meaningful, social-action trip to New Orleans. There they became witnesses to the devastation caused by Hurricane Katrina but also contributed to the rebuilding process by painting people’s homes and converting a one-time pharmacy into a community center for youth. Temple members are invited to a dinner and special presentation by these students, who have a wonderful message to teach. Cost is \$15 per person for reservations made before April 20 (\$20 after). Charges will be billed to your Emanu-El account. After April 20, cancellations cannot be refunded. Non-Temple members may pay upon arrival, but reservations must be made in advance. (212) 744-1400, ext. 329



Photo courtesy of Evan Griffith

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 student of our Religious School will become a BAR MITZVAH:

Saturday, April 18

Jack Barrett Dolgin,
son of Ellen Steiner Dolgin
and Carey Dolgin

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

For Passover (April 8 and 9)

James Buttenwieser
in loving memory of
Helen L. Buttenwieser

Dr. Barbara L. and Sandra M. Claster in memory of
Della F. and Philip A. Leiner
and *Miriam H. and Aaron H. Claster*, loving parents
and grandparents

For the Sabbath of April 10 and 11

Judie and Howard Ganek in loving memory of our dear mother, *Elizabeth Goldstein*

Herbert B. Halberg and family in loving memory of *Hannah C. Halberg*

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

For the Conclusion of Passover (April 14 and 15)

Elisabeth Cassell in loving memory of her parents, *Berta Rosenblum Gruenfeld* and *Morris Gruenfeld*

Bloomberg Tower: Tour & Lunch

**Tuesday, April 21 and
Thursday, April 23 • 10:45 AM
Bloomberg Tower at
One Beacon Court (between
Lexington and Third Avenue
at 59th Street)**

THE WOMEN'S AUXILIARY cordially invites its members, other Temple members and guests to a private, once-in-a-lifetime tour of the **Bloomberg Tower** that is not available to the general public. This architectural gem, based on the designs of architect **Cesar Pelli**, is the 14th tallest building in New York and the 42nd tallest in the United States. The distinctive edifice was designed without walls and instead features spaces defined by glass partitions. The tour will be followed by lunch at the world-famous restaurant **Le Cirque**.

Space is limited to 25 people per tour on a first-come, first-served basis. The cost of the tour and lunch is \$65 for Women's Auxiliary members, \$75 for other Temple members and guests. Checks, made payable to the Women's Auxiliary, are due by Monday, April 13. On the day of each tour, participants should meet promptly at 10:45 AM in the courtyard at One Beacon Court. (212) 744-1400, ext. 235



English in Action: Volunteers Needed

WOMEN'S AUXILIARY members who are interested in being trained as tutors for the **English in Action** program should contact the Women's Auxiliary office immediately. English in Action volunteers serve as tutors for foreign-born adults who meet weekly to practice their English conversation. A training session at the **English Speaking Union**, which oversees this program, is required.



English in Action is a weekly commitment from September to June. Call (212) 744-1400, ext. 235 or send an e-mail to womaux@emanuelnyc.org.

PULPIT FLOWERS *(continued)*

For the Sabbath of April 17 and 18

Herbert C. Bernard in loving memory of my parents,
Essie and Louis Bernard

Sivia Brodsky in loving memory of her husband,
Andrew Brodsky

Robert, Ann and Jessica Freedman in loving memory of
Felix C. Fertig

Robin M. Laden in loving memory of her father,
Leonard Laden

John, Laurie, Matthew, Spencer and Amanda Rudey, and Liz, Kirk and Kate Rudey Ruebenson in loving memory of
Samuel Richard Rudey

Suzanne Sloan in loving memory of *Peter Moore*

ONEG SHABBAT

The congregational *Oneg Shabbat* on **Friday, April 17** has been dedicated in celebration of **Mitzvah Weekend** from the *Tikkun Olam Committee*.

To sponsor Pulpit Flowers or an *Oneg Shabbat*, call Sherry Nehmer at (212) 744-1400, ext. 312 or send an e-mail to sponsorships@emanuelnyc.org.



Passover Events/Reminders

Homebound Delivery **Sunday, April 5 • 9 AM** **One East 65th Street**

Volunteers will pack Passover meals for homebound seniors. Breakfast will be served to all volunteers. Individuals and families with cars also are needed to deliver these Passover packages. Both drivers and riders should report to the community house at 9 AM to pick up their meals and routing assignments.
(212) 744-1400, ext. 215

Holiday Broadcasts

Our annual Seder Broadcast will air over WQXR Radio (96.3 FM) on Wednesday, April 8 from 7 PM to 8 PM.

Temple Emanu-El's Cyber Seder can be accessed at any time on the Temple Web site: www.emanuelnyc.org.
Click "Worship" →
"Holy Days & Festivals" →
"Passover."

Worship services from the Beth-El Chapel and Sanctuary also can be heard through the Temple Web site, generally within one hour of the completion of the live service. Click "Worship" →
"Broadcast of Services."

Additional Items **on the Temple Web Site**

The following Passover resources have been compiled on the Temple Emanu-El Web site for your use and enjoyment:

- Understanding the Seder (a collection of short essays written by our clergy and senior staff)
- Songs for Passover
- Passover recipes

- Passover resources in our Temple Library
- Additional Passover resources on the Web

Click "Worship" →
"Holy Days & Festivals" →
"Passover."

Shabbat Shalom **Friday, April 10** **6:30 PM • Sanctuary**

Adults and youth are invited to sing, pray and learn with us at our monthly late worship service. This month's service will honor our Passover Homebound Delivery/Second Seder volunteers and organizers.
(212) 744-1400, ext. 312

Second Seder for the Elderly **Thursday, April 9** **1 PM to 7 PM** **10 East 66th Street**

Second Seder is one of the longest running community service programs offered by the Temple. It is staffed by dedicated Temple members who volunteer their time to help make this evening possible. Start time for Second Seder varies depending upon the job to which you are assigned:

- Setting tables — 1 PM
- Kitchen staff (meal preparation) — 1:30 PM
- Bus escort (from senior center locations) — 3:30 PM
- Table service — 4 PM
- Elevator service — 4:30 PM
- Preparation of bus bags — 6 PM

Because of the nature of our work and the tight schedule, this program is limited to adults and youths in grades 5 through 12.
(212) 744-1400, ext. 215

April 1, 2009
7 Nisan 5769

Dear Temple Family:

AS WE BEGIN our Passover celebrations next week, may we and all whom we love be inspired by the remembrance of the miracles wrought for our ancestors even in ancient times. May our sacred memories and our beloved Temple continue to be for us a source of courage and of strength, reminding us that as our ancestors repeatedly triumphed over despair, so may we never lose hope in our future.

“So that you remember the day you went out of Egypt all the days of your life.”

— Deuteronomy 16:3

There can be no doubt that the vast majority of people in this world always have lived in dire straits. This holds true even in our own time. And if the ravages of nature—poverty and disease—were not enough, there are forces of cruelty and oppression that continue to bring fear and misery to so many, so often. Those who suffer often accept their fate as destiny.

Judaism, however, affirms otherwise. Judaism believes that history and society eventually will be perfected and that the ultimate reality is not fear and subjugation but freedom, security and peace.



How do we know this? We know this from the Exodus. The Exodus from Egypt teaches us that much of history—even life today—is a deviation from the ideal, and the paradigm of that ideal is derived from a historic experience—from the Exodus from Egypt. This was the first time in human history when the idea was expressed that God is concerned, that God cares about human suffering and that the God of the Jewish people who acted in the Exodus is the God of all humankind.

So, beloved Temple members, from what source will we derive our strength and our hope to sustain our belief that life can be better and that we shall endure? We, once again on Passover, will derive this from of the memories of the Exodus—“So that you remember the day you went out of Egypt all the days of your life.”

Sweet Passover wishes to you all.

With devotion,

David M. Posner, Senior Rabbi



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Spring Mitzvah Weekend

Friday, April 17 through Sunday, April 19

SPRING MITZVAH WEEKEND offers an opportunity to work alongside fellow congregants to help make a difference in our community. All Temple members are encouraged to participate in the Friday evening opening by attending worship at 5:15 PM in the Sanctuary. At the *Oneg Shabbat*, we will light candles and say blessings. After the *Oneg*, two teen members of Emanu-El's congregation will perform a "Mitzvah of Music" with a brief concert for seniors from DOROT. Temple members are needed to greet the seniors, sit with them at services and the concert, and escort them to the *Oneg* before and dinner after the concert. Additional volunteer projects will be held throughout the weekend. And, of course, we will be collecting donations of nonperishable foods! Information packets have been sent in the mail; materials also are available on the Temple Web site. Click "Community" → "Volunteer Opportunities" → "Mitzvah Weekend."



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the Congregation will be
held Tuesday, May 26 at 6 PM.
Enter at the Marvin and Elisabeth
Cassell Community House (One
East 65th Street). Refreshments
will be served afterwards.**

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