

Temple Emanu-El Bulletin



IMPORTANT REMINDER: ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION

The Annual Meeting will be held **Thursday, June 2** at **6 PM** in Greenwald Hall, after the Sunset Service. Enter at the Marvin and Elisabeth Cassell Community House, One East 65th Street.

WORSHIP SERVICES

SUNDAY — THURSDAY

5:30 PM • Marvin & Elisabeth Cassell Community House (One East 65th Street)

FRIDAY EVENING

Temple Sanctuary (Fifth Avenue at 65th Street)

Organ Recital—5 PM
Service Begins—5:15 PM

SATURDAY MORNING

Sixth Floor Lounge (One East 65th Street)

Torah Study—9:15 AM

Temple Sanctuary (Fifth Avenue at 65th Street)

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

K. Scott Warren,

Organist/Choir Director

Services may be heard live or through the Temple website at www.emanuelnyc.org. Follow the "Listen to the Broadcast of Services" link from the Home Page.

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



God, Kindness and Heritage

By Rabbi Benjamin J. Zeidman

SOMETIMES I FEEL the tenets of Judaism are so vast I never will be able to fully understand our tradition. I cer-

tainly have learned enough to know that I never will stop learning no matter how many years

I spend on study. Yet, in the midst of this seem-

ingly never-ending swim in a deep, broad pool, I come upon months like this

one. This April is a very clear reminder to me that among the most funda-

mental elements of our faith are God, kindness and heritage. You may not

be surprised to hear me say this, seeing as Hillel said: "Love thy neighbor as

thyself, the rest is commentary, go and learn."

I find anchor this month in particular because of two major occasions of Jewish significance. The first is personal: My bride, Katherine, and I will stand together under the chuppah in her hometown of Cincinnati. The second is communal: Passover. Both are fundamental Jewish celebrations. The first is a celebration of the joining of two Jewish individuals. The second is a recollection of our shared historical narrative and the commemoration of our journey out of slavery to the Land of Israel, where Judaism would be able to flourish.

Two people who marry do so because of something greater than themselves. The connection be-

tween them is at once understandable and unfathomable. What brings these two specific people together? Our tradition teaches that with the marriage of two people their souls intertwine. God's presence is fundamental.

The marriage ceremony takes place under the wedding canopy, the chuppah, symbolizing the home that the couple will build together. We want that home to be covered to ensure safety throughout life's storms. However, it is open on all four sides, inviting others in and showing kindness to those who are in need.

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WEEKLY TORAH PORTION

Parashat Tazria

(Leviticus 12:1-13:59)

Read Saturday, April 2

Synopsis: Rituals for a woman's purification after childbirth; description of and treatment for leprosy.

Guest Sermon:

Rabbi Maya Leibovic
Kehilat Mevasseret Zion,
Jerusalem

Parashat M'tzora

(Leviticus 14:1-15:33)

Read Saturday, April 9

Synopsis: Purification for lepers and leprous houses; issues of bodily discharge.

Sermon: Rabbi Posner

Parashat Acharei Mot

(Leviticus 16:1-18:30)

Read Saturday, April 16

Synopsis: Priestly responsibilities on the Day of Atonement; scapegoats; sacrificial instructions; prohibition on drinking blood; rules for sexual relations.

Sermon: Rabbi Ehrlich

Parashat Chol HaMo-eid

(Exodus 33:12-34:26)

Read Saturday, April 23

Synopsis: God's presence passes before Moses; Moses carves the new Tablets; God renews the covenant with the Israelites.

Sermon: Rabbi Ehrlich

Parashat K'doshim

(Leviticus 19:1-20:27)

Read Saturday, April 30

Synopsis: Holiness code concerning ritual and moral behaviors; penalties for violating various laws; love your fellow as yourself.

Sermon: Rabbi Zeidman

Worship & Spirituality



PASSOVER AT EMANU-EL

Young Families: Tot Shabbat

Friday, April 8 • 5:45 PM • 10 East 66th Street

FOR OUR PRESCHOOL through kindergarten families we offer a creative and age-appropriate service that incorporates singing, movement and storytelling. Guests are welcome; reservations required.

This month's "service" will highlight the Passover celebration. Holiday crafts, storytelling and special foods will be part of our experience.

RSVP to Young Families by Thursday, April 7. Call (212) 744-1400, ext. 242, or send an e-mail to youngfamilies@emanuelnyc.org.

Let us know if you're willing to volunteer to take photos!



All Things Passover

Monday, April 11 • 6:30 PM • One East 65th Street

FIRST THERE WAS "speed dating." Now there is "speed learning," an exciting, spirited way to study the meaning, customs, rituals and history of the Jewish holidays.

Members of our clergy and senior staff will offer a diverse range of holiday-specific subjects from which participants can choose. During four mini-learning sessions, you are encouraged to deepen your knowledge of Passover and enhance your celebratory experience of the holiday.

Participation is open to all adult Temple members. There is no charge for this event. Enter at the Marvin and Elisabeth Cassell Community House.

Passover Service Schedule

THE NAME “PASSOVER” derives from Moses’ promise that God would “pass over” the homes of Israelites on the evening when firstborn Egyptians were to be slain. (Exodus 12:23)

Eve of Passover: Monday, April 18 • 5:30 PM • Beth-El Chapel

Passover: Tuesday, April 19 • 10:30 AM • Temple Sanctuary
Sermon: Rabbi Posner

Eve of Conclusion of Passover:
Sunday, April 24 • 5:30 PM • Beth-El Chapel

Conclusion of Passover: Monday, April 25 • 10:30 AM
Temple Sanctuary • Sermon: Rabbi Zeidman
(Includes a memorial service. Learn more about Yizkor services on page 12.)

Emanu-El Eats



FOOD PLAYS a pivotal role at Passover with much of the celebration revolving around the partaking and prohibition of specific foods. The prohibition aspect, which forbids leavening, poses a real challenge when preparing desserts. To help, here are two recipes from our forthcoming *Emanu-El Eats* cookbook—with more to be found on the Temple website. (Click “Community” → “Emanu-El Eats.”) 

Assistant Director of Lifelong Learning Rachel Brumberg notes that the smaller you cut these squares, the less crumbly they will be. But crumbly or not, they’re a Passover favorite in her home.

Chocolate Chip Squares

Makes about 24

- 1 cup margarine
- 1 cup sugar
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- ¼ teaspoon salt
- 1 egg
- 1 cup matzah cake meal
- 1 cup chocolate chips
- 1 cup nuts

1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees F. Grease a 9 x 13-inch baking pan.
2. In a mixing bowl, cream margarine, sugar, vanilla and salt. Add egg and beat well.
3. Slowly add matzah cake meal; blend well. Stir in nuts and chips.
4. Spread dough evenly in pan and bake about 20 to 25 minutes. Squares are done when cake begins to brown around the edges. Let cool somewhat, then cut into squares while cake is still warm.

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BROADCAST OF SERVICES

Temple Emanu-El encourages all to join us for Passover, as well as Sabbath worship services; no tickets are required. However, if you are unable to join us in person, then you can listen live on the Emanu-El website, through the Emanu-El audio player after completion of the live service, or through podcasts. (MP3 files are available for one week after the service.)

Follow the “Listen to the Broadcast of Services” link from the Home Page.



PASSOVER CYBER SEDER & OTHER RESOURCES

Each year, Temple Emanu-El is pleased to offer visitors to our website access to our Passover Cyber Seder, which has been recorded by our clergy and members of the Temple. We hope that it will be a helpful resource in your own Passover celebration.

We also encourage you to make use of other Passover resources on our website, including Passover songs, recipes and our guide to understanding the seder, which features essays written by our clergy and Temple staff. 

Click “Worship” → “Holy Days & Festivals” → “Passover.”

More information about Passover activities continues on page 4.



HOMEBOUND DELIVERY **April 10 • 9 AM**

Packing of Passover meals for homebound seniors will begin at 9 AM. Enter at 10 East 66th Street. 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. Breakfast will be served to all volunteers.

SECOND SEDER **April 19 • 1 PM to 7 PM**

Second Seder for the Elderly 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.

Homebound Delivery and Second Seder are volunteer events for Temple members only. If you have not already registered, then call (212) 744-1400, ext. 215.

EMANU-EL EATS (continued)

For a refreshing change of pace, try this fruit dessert from Temple Librarian Elizabeth F. Stabler. The compote can be eaten hot but is better if allowed to marinate several days, she says. Leftovers keep for weeks, refrigerated in glass jars.

Sylvia Schaeffer's Compote

Serves about 12

- 8 ounces each dried apricots, dried apples, dried pears or peaches, and dates
- 12 ounces pitted prunes
- 4 ounces dried cherries, optional
- 1 lemon
- Water (you may substitute apple or orange juice for some of the water)

1. Prepare the fruit: cut apple rings in quarters, pears or peaches in half; cut dates into small pieces so they melt into the compote; cut peel from lemon into ½-inch x 1-inch strips, being careful to avoid the white pith; cut lemon into 8 slices, removing pits.
2. Put the fruit into a large pot. Add water (or a mix of water and fruit juice) to fill pot two-thirds the level of the fruit. Cook on low heat for at least one hour, stirring occasionally. Add hot water if needed. The compote is done when the lemons are soft and edible, having absorbed the sugars from the fruit, and all the fruits have melded.

Do you have a favorite Passover recipe you'd like to see in *Emanu-El Eats*? Please submit your original recipes. Mail them to Emanu-El Eats, c/o Temple Emanu-El, One East 65th Street, NY, NY 10065, or e-mail them to emanueleats@emanuelnyc.org. Include your contact information and a brief note telling us why this recipe is special to you.

An Evening at Carnegie Hall: Passover in Exile

Thursday, April 21 • 8 PM • 57th Street at Seventh Avenue

THE ANNUAL PASSOVER READING of the Haggadah was particularly meaningful for German Jewish composer **Paul Dessau** during his exile in Paris (1933-1939). His grand choral work *Haggadah Shel Pesach* (text by Bertolt Brecht) was written during this period. Suppressed for decades, it finally is making its New York premiere. A special Q&A session with **American Symphony Conductor Leon Botstein** will be held one hour before the concert. Attendance is free for all ticket holders. Performing with the American Symphony Orchestra are **The Collegiate Chorale** and the **Brooklyn Youth Chorus**.

This event has been organized by the Women's Auxiliary. Ticket price is \$30 per person. Make checks payable to the Women's Auxiliary. RSVP by sending in your check no later than Monday, April 11. Tickets must be picked up at the Temple lobby security desk (One East 65th Street). Questions? Call (212) 744-1400, ext. 235, or send an e-mail to womaux@emanuelnyc.org.



Men's Club Brunch

Sunday, April 3 • 10 AM • One East 65th Street

MANHATTAN DISTRICT ATTORNEY **Cyrus R. Vance Jr.** will be the featured guest at our April brunch. All Temple members are invited to attend.

Mr. Vance became district attorney of New York County on January 1, 2010. A recognized leader in criminal justice reform, he proposed a compelling vision for moving the District Attorney's Office forward, with a focus on crime prevention. Born and raised in Manhattan, he is a graduate of Yale University and Georgetown Law School. He began his legal career as an assistant district attorney in the Manhattan DA's office during the high-crime 1980s.



The charge for this event is \$30 for Men's Club members, \$35 for all others. Registration is required. Questions? Call (212) 744-1400, ext. 250, or send an e-mail to mensclub@emanuelnyc.org. Make checks payable to the Men's Club.

The Daily Mirror, Indeed!

Monday, April 4 • 6:30 PM • One East 65th Street



WRITER/EDITOR **Alana Newhouse** will discuss the long, complicated, thrilling, maddening and ultimately hopeful relationship of American Jews and journalism. Ms. Newhouse is the editor-in-chief of *Tablet* magazine. She joined Nextbook in September 2008 and oversaw the redesign and relaunch of its website as *Tablet*. Before that, she spent five years as culture editor of the *Forward*, where she supervised coverage of books, films, dance, music, art and ideas.

She also started a line of *Forward*-branded books with W.W. Norton and edited its maiden publication, *A Living Lens: Photographs of Jewish Life From the Pages of the Forward*. She is a graduate of Barnard College and Columbia's Graduate School of Journalism.

This event is co-sponsored by the **Ivan M. Stettenheim Library** and the **Herbert & Eileen Bernard Museum of Judaica**. Attendance is free and open to the public.

SKIRBALL



SPRING SEMESTER

Sunday Seminars begin **May 1. Evening** and **Daytime Courses** begin **May 2**. Congregants of Temple Emanu-El receive 15 percent off full-semester courses. Early registration ends **April 4**. To receive a course catalog, call (212) 507-9580, or download a copy from the Temple website. (Click "Learning" → "Skirball Center.")



The **Skirball Center** is pleased to announce the online release of the study guide for **Projecting Freedom: Cinematic Interpretations of the Haggadah**. Conceived by Rabbi Leon Morris, founding director of Skirball, and Saul Robbins, curator of the project, Projecting Freedom gathered award-winning film and video artists in order to try to bridge the gap between art and sacred text. Following an intensive year of studying the Passover Haggadah, the artists divided the sections of the seder among themselves and "translated" them into short films using a broad variety of artistic techniques and approaches. The films may be seen and the study guide downloaded at www.projectingfreedom.org.



**BOOK
DISCUSSION
GROUPS**



Men's Club

April 13 • 9 AM

We will discuss *Nathan the Wise*, the classic 18th century play by **Gotthold Lessing**, notable for its Philo-Semitism.

Women's Auxiliary

April 26 • 12:30 PM

Rabbi Ben Zeidman will lead our discussion of *Devotion* by **Dani Shapiro**. Set adrift by loss—her father's early death; the life-threatening illness of her infant son; a troubled relationship with her mother—Ms. Shapiro had become edgy and uncertain. At the heart of this anxiety, she realized, was a challenge: What did she believe? Spurred on by the big questions her young son began to raise, Ms. Shapiro embarked upon a surprisingly joyful quest to find meaning in a constantly changing world.
(Publisher's website)

Attendees should feel free to bring their lunch; coffee and cookies will be served.

**Stettenheim
Literary Circle**

April 27 • 6:30 PM

Our April selection is *Tinkers* by Paul Harding, winner of the 2010 Pulitzer Prize for Fiction. At once heartbreaking and life affirming, *Tinkers* is a meditation on love, loss and the fierce beauty of nature.
(Publisher's website)

LECTURES • CLASSES • TOURS (continued)

The House That Maggie Built

**Tuesday, April 5 • 10:45 AM • Maggie Norris Couture
(494 Eighth Avenue at West 35th Street)**

COME JOIN THE **Women's Auxiliary** for an informal talk and tour with haute couture designer **Maggie Norris**. As creative designer for Ralph Lauren, Ms. Norris established the equestrian look—creating a \$70 million business. Since 2000, as proprietor of **Maggie Norris Haute Couture**, Ms. Norris has created custom-made fashions that are indeed true works of art. Her creations have been worn by such celebrities as Lauren Hutton, Nicole Kidman, Jennifer Aniston, Alicia Keys, Halle Berry, Diane Keaton and First Lady Michelle Obama.

Ms. Norris will treat us to a behind-the-scenes atelier tour with an insider's view of what it takes to create true haute couture as well as the challenges of dressing personalities for important events. Following our visit, we will have lunch at nearby **Niles Restaurant**.

Charge is \$50 for Women' Auxiliary members; \$55 for all other Temple members and guests. Space is limited to 25 people. Reservations are on a first-come, first-served basis. The tour starts promptly at 11 AM. Questions? Call (212) 744-1400, ext. 235.



Torah: A Poem in Your Pocket

Wednesdays, April 6, 13 and 27 • 6:30 PM • One East 65th St.



FOR SEVERAL YEARS NOW, New Yorkers have celebrated April (National Poetry Month) as a time to "Put a Poem in Your Pocket." With this program, we invite all Temple members to join a circle of word lovers to explore the poetry of Torah and to create your own poetic verse—just in time to pad your pocket with a new addition.

This program will be led by Rabbi Amy Ehrlich and is open to all adult Temple members. No prerequisites required. Simply bring with you enthusiasm, excitement, emotional intelligence, energy, empathy...and perhaps a thesaurus.

Religious School



Shabbat Kodesh & High School Dinner

**Friday, April 8 • 6:30 PM • Beth-El Chapel
(Dinner follows at 7:30 PM • One East 65th Street)**

AT SHABBAT KODESH, Hebrew prayers are sung with lively melodies, and the weekly Torah reading is made meaningful through creative storytelling. This month's service will honor high school students who have taken on a leadership role within our congregational community. Dinner for teens and their families will follow the service; reservations are required.

The charge for dinner is \$35 per family (including two adults) for reservations made by April 4; \$50 per family after April 4; and \$10 for each additional adult. Charges will be billed to your Emanu-El account and will appear on your next statement. After April 4, cancellations cannot be refunded. RSVP to the Religious School at (212) 744-1400, ext. 226 or school@emanuelnyc.org.

Can-DO!

Sunday, April 10 • 11:30 AM • 10 East 66th Street

THIS PROGRAM FOR **sixth grade families** combines a canned-food drive, a collaborative family art project and learning about the mitzvah of feeding the hungry. In conjunction, the **Tikkun Olam Committee** will be collecting canned goods (soup, fruit, vegetables, tuna fish) for **Yorkville Common Pantry**. Donations may be dropped off in the 65th Street lobby until **April 30**.

Questions about Can-DO should be directed to David Wolkin, our coordinator of elementary and family learning: (212) 744-1400, ext. 334. Questions about the Yorkville Common Pantry food drive should be directed to the Tikkun Olam Committee: (212) 744-1400, ext. 452.

Bring-a-Friend Days

**Monday, April 11 • 4 PM • 10 East 66th Street
Sunday, April 17 • 9:30 AM • 10 East 66th Street**

EXPERIENCE THE LIVELINESS and warmth of our school first hand. Children (and, optionally, their parents or other adult guardians) are invited to join us for a typical session of Religious School. Discover what makes our congregation a great place for Jewish families to learn and grow. Both current and prospective members are welcome.

RSVP to the Religious School or arrange a school visit at an alternate time: (212) 744-1400, ext. 226 or school@emanuelnyc.org.

**BAR/BAT MITZVAH
INFORMATION MEETING
April 10 • 11:15 AM
April 11 • 5:15 PM**

The rabbis, cantor and administration of Temple Emanu-El invite **families of third grade students** to an information meeting for those who are to become *b'nei mitzvah*. The meeting will be held in the final hour of Religious School.

Discussion topics will include:

- Your child's upcoming bar or bat mitzvah service
- Liturgy, participation, practices
- Arranging tutoring
- Online learning programs
- Rehearsals and practice time with the rabbis and cantor
- Mitzvah projects
- Friday evening *Oneg Shabbat*
- Choice of sanctuaries
- Flowers, photos, transportation
- Catering and private receptions at the Temple

Our program will conclude with a Q&A session so that parents may discuss their concerns.

Parents should confirm their attendance by calling (212) 744-1400, ext. 226 or sending an e-mail to school@emanuelnyc.org.

TIKKUN OLAM EVENTS

COAT DRIVE SUCCESS

Each year since 2005, in conjunction with **Mitzvah Day**, Temple Emanu-El conducts a winter coat drive in partnership with **NY Cares**. In recognition of collecting the greatest number of coats by any group in 2010, Emanu-El will be awarded a plaque for this achievement.

PURIM BASKETS

Many thanks to the **second grade students** in our Sunday Religious School who prepared 40 *mishloach manot* packages to be distributed by the **Metropolitan Council on Jewish Poverty**. We also thank our **fifth and sixth graders** who prepared 100 packages to be distributed to seniors by **DOROT**.

DONATIONS NEEDED!

Project Prom is a local effort to help outfit lower-income high school girls with the necessary items so that they can attend prom. Through the end of **April**, Temple Emanu-El's **Tikkun Olam Committee** will be collecting dresses, shoes, handbags, jewelry and new cosmetics. All items should be clean and ready to wear and may be dropped off to the lobby of One East 65th from 9 AM to 6 PM daily.

CAN-DO! FOOD DRIVE

The **Tikkun Olam Committee**, in partnership with our **sixth grade Religious School families**, will be collecting donations of canned goods (soups, fruit, vegetables, tuna fish) through **April 30**.

Community • Volunteering



Sunday Night Emergency Window

TEMPLE EMANU-ELS Tikkun Olam Committee and **Sunday Lunch Program** have teamed up in a new partnership to help feed the hungry. On select Sundays, volunteers from the Sunday Lunch Program will prepare an additional 35 to 40 meal bags. Temple members with cars are needed to pick up these meals at Emanu-El between 4 PM and 5:30 PM and deliver them to **Yorkville Common Pantry** for distribution through their Sunday night emergency window. The entire process takes 30 to 40 minutes.

Volunteers are asked to contact the Tikkun Olam Committee. Call (212) 744-1400, ext. 452, or send an e-mail to tikkunolam@emanuelpnyc.org. Please use "Emergency Window" as your message subject.

Stitch'n Time

Sunday, April 24 • 11 AM to 2 PM • One East 65th Street

STITCH'N TIME IS a monthly volunteer program at which individuals knit or crochet items for various organizations in need. We have a professional instructor to assist us. So, prior knitting experience is not required. Yarn and patterns are provided, but you must bring your own needles (#8). Light refreshments are served.

People of all ages are welcome to join us. However, participation is limited to members of the congregation. If you are unable to join us at the Temple, we can arrange for you to be part of the Stitch'n Time team at home. Questions? Call the Tikkun Olam Committee at (212) 744-1400, ext. 452.

Ronald McDonald House

Tuesday, April 26 • 5 PM • 405 East 73rd Street

ONCE A MONTH, under the sponsorship of the **Women's Auxiliary**, Emanu-El congregants serve dinner and organize art projects for the families residing at New York City's **Ronald McDonald House** on the Upper East Side. This activity is suitable only for adults over 18 who are in good health.

Temple members who are interested in participating must contact the Women's Auxiliary: (212) 744-1400, ext. 235 or womaux@emanuelpnyc.org. All volunteers will receive a call back to confirm their volunteer dates. (Please, no walk-ins!) If you cannot join us in volunteering, then please consider making a donation of desserts as well as all types of materials for arts and crafts.

Musical Programs



Organ Recital

Wednesday, April 6 • 7 PM • Temple Sanctuary

TEMPLE EMANU-EL
ORGANIST/CHOIRMASTER

K. Scott Warren will present a recital of magnificent organ music played on our glorious Temple Sanctuary organ.

This will be an eclectic program featuring masterworks by Mendelssohn, Franck and Buxtehude and culminating with a giant of contemporary organ repertoire, Maurice Duruflé (*Suite, Opus 5*).



Attendance is free and open to the public.
Enter at Fifth Avenue and 65th Street.

Atonement

Thursday, April 28 • 7:30 PM • Temple Sanctuary

TEMPLE EMANU-EL IS pleased to host a major musical event: the New York première of **Atonement**, an oratorio by **Marvin David Levy**. One of America's most renowned classical and opera composers, Mr. Levy (image: top left) has structured the work around



three central moments of Jewish history that tested faith: Holocaust, Inquisition and Masada. **Maestro Eugene Kohn** (image: top right) will lead a full chorus and orchestra; the program, which will be taped for television broadcast and DVD release, also will feature celebrated opera stars **Ana Maria Martinez** and **Michael Fabiano**. Produced by the Boris Lurie Art Foundation, the program will last approximately 75 minutes and will be performed without intermission.

Attendance is free and open to Temple members. Enter at Fifth Avenue and 65th Street.

GUEST RECITAL
April 13 • 7 PM

Temple Emanu-El is pleased to welcome nationally renowned concert organist **Christopher Houlihan**, who will present a recital on the Temple Sanctuary organ. Mr. Houlihan is finishing a graduate degree at the Juilliard School of Music, where he is a student of Paul Jacobs.

YOM HaSHOAH
SABBATH SERVICE
April 29 • 5:15 PM

Temple Emanu-El of New York City is pleased to welcome the **Temple Emanu-El Choir of Dallas**, which will join our own choir in celebrating Friday evening worship. A special prayer will be said in remembrance of the 6 million who died during the Holocaust.

The **Temple Emanu-El Choir of Dallas** is one of the largest and most active volunteer synagogue choirs in America. Since its founding more than 50 years ago by Rabbi Levi Olan, the choir has achieved an enviable reputation both nationally and internationally.

Ralph F. Stannard was appointed choir director to the 75-voice choir in 2001 and has since conducted the group in several programs of important Jewish music. **Cantor Richard Cohn** has served Temple Emanu-El of Dallas since 2006, following a lengthy tenure at North Shore Congregation Israel in suburban Chicago.

Life-Cycle Events



BAR/BAT MITZVAH PREPARATION

Children must be enrolled in Religious School in order to celebrate bar or bat mitzvah at Emanu-El. A date can be scheduled when a child is in fourth grade or is 10 years old.

To register your child for Religious School, call (212) 744-1400, ext. 226.

To schedule a date, call Sherry Nehmer at (212) 744-1400, ext. 312.

Families are encouraged to make use of bar/bat mitzvah resources available on the Temple website.

Click **"Learning"** →
"Religious School" →
"Bar & Bat Mitzvah Program."



A REMINDER ABOUT SPONSORSHIPS

Because the Emanu-El *Bulletin* is a monthly publication, please be advised that we need one month's notice for Pulpit Flower dedications and *Oneg Shabbat* sponsorships. Call Sherry Nehmer at (212) 744-1400, ext. 312.

WOMEN'S AUXILIARY TRIBUTE FUND

Commemorate significant life-cycle events in a meaningful way and support the activities of the Women's Auxiliary at the same time. All contributions are listed in *Window on Emanu-El*, the quarterly publication prepared by Temple Emanu-El's Department of Development. Contact the Women's Auxiliary at (212) 744-1400, ext. 235 or womaux@emanuelnyc.org.

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

Saturday, April 9

Eli Joseph Learner, son of Peggy Jacobs Bader and Steven Learner and grandson of Rosalind Jacobs and the late Melvin Jacobs

Adam Seaton, son of Debra and Simon Seaton

Edward Harrison Herman, son of Gary Herman, Elizabeth Frowein and Berthold Frowein

Friday, April 15

Max Cohen, son of Liz and Peter Cohen

Saturday, April 16

Austin L. Singer, son of Leslie Singer and Scott R. Singer

Jarrett Deutsch, son of Maude Davis and Robert Deutsch

Saturday, April 23

Eric Stein, son of Marla and Dr. Jeffrey Stein

William Alec Landis, son of Mark and Debra Landis

Hannah K. Harris, daughter of Marjorie and Joshua Harris

Saturday, April 30

Alexandra Glicksman, daughter of Tara and Eric Glicksman

Ryan Friedsam, son of Holly and Rob Friedsam

We are grateful for their sponsorship of each Friday evening's Oneg Shabbat.

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 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.

**PULPIT FLOWERS at worship services
have been donated by the following congregants:**

For the Sabbath of April 1 and 2

In loving memory of *Clara Fisch*

For the Sabbath of April 8 and 9

Anita Field in loving memory of my mother, *Ronne Resnek*

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

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

For the Sabbath of April 15 and 16

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 my father, *Leonard Laden*

Suzanne Sloan in loving memory of *Peter Moore*

For Passover (April 18 and 19)

James Buttenwieser in loving memory of his mother, *Helene L. Buttenwieser*

For the Sabbath of April 22 and 23

In memory of a devoted friend, *Sally Broido*

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

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

For the Conclusion of Passover (April 24 and 25)

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

For the Sabbath of April 29 and 30

Ellen J. Weiss *In Celebration of Life*

OF BLESSED MEMORY

At the time of death, as well as during a period of illness, family members need the comfort, support and caring of a community. Temple Emanu-El's clergy and staff always are available to help soothe these difficult hours. Because there are many ways to honor a loved one, the rabbis and cantor can provide guidance that is suited to your family's personal philosophy. Call (212) 744-1400.

**REMEMBERING
LOVED ONES**

Now that Emanu-El broadcasts its own services over the Internet, we certainly can accommodate all members of the Temple who wish to attend Sabbath services and have the name of a loved one read during *Kaddish*. If you wish to have a name read, then please call one of the rabbis during the week of *yahrzeit* observance.

**NOW AVAILABLE
ONLINE...**

WEDDING MUSIC

Planning a wedding at Emanu-El? Well, don't forget about the music! Music can set a memorable tone at your wedding. Listen to potential musical selections performed by Temple organist K. Scott Warren. All links are MP3 files that may be downloaded to a personal listening device.

**Click "Worship" →
"Ceremonies & Practices"
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CELEBRATE FAMILY *SIMCHAHS*

Two years ago, a Temple member celebrated his 99th birthday by requesting to have an *aliyah* to the Torah on the Sabbath closest to his birthday. He did the same thing for his 100th birthday and once again will ascend to the pulpit for his 101st birthday. Do you have an important life-cycle event you would like to commemorate... the anniversary of becoming a bar or bat mitzvah?... an upcoming wedding?... the naming of your new baby? Consider sharing the joy with all of our Temple members by scheduling a *simchah* at the Temple. Call Rabbi Posner's study at (212) 744-1400, ext. 202.

CHANGING TIMES AT EMANU-EL

Beginning in **September 2011**, our Friday night service will begin at **6 PM**. The 15-minute organ recital will commence at 5:45 PM. Services will remain the same on Saturday mornings, with the organ recital beginning at 10:15 AM and the service beginning at 10:30 AM. All are invited to participate in our weekly Torah study prior to services, at 9:15 AM.

COMMEMORATION

Please mark your calendars for Friday evening **September 9, 2011**, at **6 PM**, when we will remember the 10th anniversary for the fallen heroes of 9/11 at a special memorial service. We welcome all to share this sacred time with us.

Memorial Services: A Time to Mourn Together

INDIVIDUALLY WE REMEMBER our loved ones who have passed on to their eternal home on the anniversary of their death. The *Yizkor*, memorial, service is a time for us to remember them communally. Four times a year, the memorial prayers are recited as we mourn together: The seventh day of Passover, Shavuot, Yom Kippur and Sh'mini Atzeret. All are holy days when we remember those whom we have loved and lost.



Developing out of the atrocities that took place for Jewish communities during the Crusades, our ancestors realized that our dead deserve a communal commemoration. We are who we are because of those that came before us, and to honor their memory with thought and prayer is an important reason for attending prayer services when *Yizkor* is recited. Another reason for your presence is to be there for others who are remembering. When a community of mourners gathers, strength comes in knowing that others are remembering their loved ones too. While we recite *Kaddish* individually to honor the deceased yearly, we come together as one for *Yizkor* in support of friends, family and members of our community.

Following are 2011 dates for services that include a memorial:

Conclusion of Passover

April 25, 2011 • 10:30 AM

Shavuot

June 8, 2011 • 10:30 AM

Yom Kippur Afternoon

October 8, 2011

(High Holy Days schedule to be published in the June issue.)

Sh'mini Atzeret

October 20, 2011 • 10:30 AM

God, Kindness & Heritage (continued)

The Jewish wedding, lastly, is all about heritage. It is about creating family and ensuring the continuity of the Jewish people. It is about having a partner with whom we may share and add to our heritage. The ceremony and reception are about bringing people together to celebrate a *simchah*, a happy occasion, which is unfortunately not al-

ways the case when we Jews find ourselves together.

Passover similarly espouses these three basic tenants of Judaism. Somehow, we have survived everything that history has thrown at us. Our continued existence has not

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God, Kindness & Heritage (continued)

always been a sure thing. We have struggled through so much, and Passover is a celebration of that survival. It is a time when we can turn as a people to God in thanks and praise for giving us the strength and endurance to make it through.

Traditionally, in the midst of the Passover seder we open our doors and say: "Let all who are hungry come and eat." In the *Mishnah*, Rabbinic text codified around 200 CE, we are taught that all must be given four cups of wine on Passover. Even the poor man, if he is unable to afford the wine, shall be provided for out of the community's charity fund.

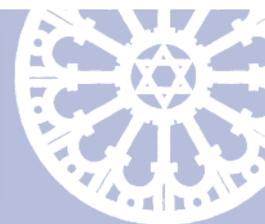
*It is our
responsibility to
take care of those
unable to take care
of themselves.*

Kindness is a core principle of Passover. The most common commandment of the Torah is to be kind to the widow, orphan and the stranger, "for you were strangers in the land of Egypt." We are not given a free pass from taking care of others. We know, based on our shared historical narrative, that it is all-the-more-so our responsibility to take care of those unable to take care of themselves.

Passover is also fundamentally about heritage. The whole purpose of the Passover seder is to teach those present about the Exodus from Egypt. This is why, based on the development of the seder in Rabbinic texts, the "four questions" is one of the most important parts of the evening. Rabbinic literature explains that we are supposed to do whatever we can to keep the children awake so that they may ask questions, because we want them to learn about our heritage. Beyond the "liturgy" of the seder, it is, after all, a get together of family and friends. The evening is a combination of generations for the sake of Jewish ritual. Whether or not the word "heritage" is mentioned at your seder, it is inherent to the evening and the holiday itself.

So, this month of April reinforces for me that Judaism, while sometimes complicated and complex, is really very simple. It is about respect and praise for God; it is about kindness to ourselves and to others; and it is about our ancient and modern heritage. It is about joining together for sad occasions and happy ones to commemorate these three elements, and it is about devoting oneself to their pursuit.

Now you may say that I've cheated, that my wedding is during the Hebrew month of Adar II while Passover is during Nisan. But you and I know that the whole point of Reform Judaism is in engaging in these basic Jewish principles while living in a modern context. And so, we'll rely on the fact that by secular reasoning, both take place during this month of April.



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At a Glance: April 2011



April 3
Sunday, 9:30 AM
Mitzvah Corps:
Learning Session 7
 10 East 66th Street



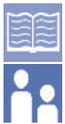
April 3
Sunday, 10 AM
Men's Club Brunch
 One East 65th Street



April 4
Monday, 6:30 PM
The Daily Mirror, Indeed!
 One East 65th Street



April 5
Tuesday, 10:45 AM
The House That
Maggie Built
 494 Eighth Avenue



April 6
Wednesday, 4 PM
Mitzvah Corps:
Learning Session 7
 10 East 66th Street



April 6
Wednesday, 6 PM
Torah: A Poem
in Your Pocket
 One East 65th Street



April 6
Wednesday, 7 PM
Organ Recital
 Temple Sanctuary
 (Fifth Avenue at 65th Street)



April 8
Friday, 5:45 PM
Tot Shabbat
 10 East 66th Street



April 8
Friday, 6:30 PM
Shabbat Kodesh
& High School Dinner
 Beth-El Chapel (Fifth Avenue)



April 10
Sunday, 9:30 AM
Mitzvah Corps:
Action Session 7
 Million Trees Campaign



April 10
Sunday, 9 AM
Homebound Delivery
 10 East 66th Street



April 10
Sunday, 11:15 AM
3rd Grade Parent
Bar/Bat Mitzvah Meeting
 10 East 66th Street



April 10
Sunday, 11:30 AM
Can-DO!
 10 East 66th Street



April 10
Sunday, 3:30 PM
High School
Confirmation: Step 8
 10 East 66th Street



April 11
Monday, 4 PM
Bring-a-Friend Day
 10 East 66th Street



April 11
Monday, 5:15 PM
3rd Grade Parent
Bar/Bat Mitzvah Meeting
 10 East 66th Street



April 11
Monday, 6:30 PM
All Things...Passover
 One East 65th Street



April 13
Wednesday, 9 AM
Men's Club Book Group
 One East 65th Street



April 13
Wednesday, 4:10 PM
Lirdof Tzedek
Volunteer Session 6
 Association to Benefit Children
 (1841 Park Ave. at 126th St.)



April 17
Sunday, 9:30 AM
Mitzvah Corps:
Reflection Session 7
 10 East 66th Street



April 13
Wednesday, 6 PM
Torah: A Poem in
Your Pocket
 One East 65th Street



April 17
Sunday, 9:30 AM
Bring-a-Friend Day
 10 East 66th Street



April 18
Monday, 5:30 PM
Eve of Passover Service
 Beth-El Chapel
 (Fifth Avenue at 65th Street)



April 19
Tuesday, 10:30 AM
Passover Service
 Temple Sanctuary
 (Fifth Avenue at 65th Street)



April 19
Tuesday, 1 PM - 7 PM
Second Seder
for the Elderly
 10 East 66th Street



**April 21
Thursday, 8 PM**

*An Evening at
Carnegie Hall:
Passover in Exile*
57th Street at Seventh Ave.



**April 24
Sunday, 11 AM**

*Tikkun Olam:
Stitch'n Time*
One East 65th Street



**April 24
Sunday, 5:30 PM**

*Eve of Conclusion
of Passover*
Beth-El Chapel
(Fifth Avenue at 65th Street)



**April 25
Monday, 10:30 AM**

*Conclusion of Passover
(Yizkor Service)*
Temple Sanctuary
(Fifth Avenue at 65th Street)



**April 26
Tuesday, 12:30 PM**

*Women's Auxiliary
Book Group*
One East 65th Street



**April 26
Tuesday, 5 PM**

Ronald McDonald House
405 East 73rd Street



**April 27
Wednesday, 4 PM**

*Mitzvah Corps:
Reflection Session 7*
10 East 66th Street



**April 27
Wednesday, 6 PM**

*Torah: A Poem
in Your Pocket*
One East 65th Street



**April 27
Wednesday, 6:30 PM**

*Stettenheim
Literary Circle*
One East 65th Street



**April 28
Thursday, 7:30 PM**

Atonement
Temple Sanctuary
(Fifth Avenue at 65th Street)



**April 29
Friday, 5:15 PM**

*Yom HaShoah
Sabbath Service*
Temple Sanctuary
(Fifth Avenue at 65th Street)

Other items of note:

**The Religious School
will be closed for Passover
from Monday, April 18
through Monday, April 25.
Classes resume Wednesday,
April 27.**

**Items for Project Prom
will be collected through
April 30.***

**Canned goods for the
Can-DO! food drive will
be collected through
April 30.***

**Tzedakah Banks to benefit
the Lev LaLev (Heart-to-
Heart) Fund, which supports
disadvantaged girls in Israel,
should be returned during
the month of April.***

*** Items may be delivered
to the lobby of One East 65th
Street from 9 AM to 6 PM daily.**



Book Discussion



Community • Volunteering



Film Screening



Lecture • Class • Tour



Meeting



Museum



Musical Program



Nursery School Event



Panel Discussion



Religious School Event



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Object of the Month

THIS CHARMING EGG HOLDER was intended for use as part of the Passover seder. One of six symbolic items set on a seder plate, the hard-boiled egg represents the *korban chagigah*, the festival sacrifice that was offered in the Temple. This special dish most likely was part of a set intended to hold the other components of the seder plate.

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Learn more about Passover events and resources on pages 2 through 4 of this Bulletin.

And, view our special items for Passover on the Temple website: www.emanuelnyc.org.



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Silver Passover Egg Dish
Master: Bartholomäus Pfister (?)
Nuremberg, 1650-1700