

Temple Emanu-El Bulletin



VISITING EMANU-EL

Visitors are welcome to tour our sanctuaries from 10 AM to 4:30 PM, Sunday through Thursday—except in the occurrence of a holiday or funeral service. It is best to call the Temple Office at (212) 744-1400 prior to your arrival to make certain of no unforeseen closings.

WORSHIP SERVICES

SUNDAY — THURSDAY

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

FRIDAY EVENING

Main Sanctuary
(Fifth Avenue at 65th Street)

Organ Recital—5:45 PM
Service Begins—6 PM

SATURDAY MORNING

Sixth Floor Lounge
(One East 65th Street)

Torah Study—9:15 AM

Main 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 via podcast through the Temple website at www.emanuelpc.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.



Making Your Gift Count

By Robyn Weinstein Cimbol,
Senior Director,
Development and Philanthropy

AS YEAR-END APPROACHES, our mailboxes and email inboxes overflow with fundraising appeals. Worthy institutions and organizations compete for our attention and our support. Charities know that this is the time many of us traditionally make our donations, and it is our last opportunity to make those contributions we intended to make earlier but simply forgot or delayed.

I am amazed at the opportunities presented to make a difference: help find a cure for a disease, alleviate hunger, impact education, make the arts accessible, preserve our environment. If only we could support each of them to the extent we'd like! But economic realities quickly temper our enthusiasm.

There can be little dispute over the fact that today's world presents challenges unimaginable only a few decades ago. Unpredictable financial markets, social unrest and political upheavals at home and across the globe are destabilizing forces, compelling us to re-examine many long-held assumptions. In the midst of change, we can find comfort and guidance at Temple Emanu-El.

Emanu-El's clergy share the moments of our greatest joys and our



deepest sorrows. They continue to respond to the changing demographics of our members by offering new opportunities to strengthen connections to Judaism, to Shabbat and to one another.

Our sanctuaries hold our timeless, cherished memories; they also are where we now are creating future memories. Our schools are preparing a new generation to examine the world through a Jewish lens. In particular, the new curriculum of our Religious School and the extensive programs for youth and young adults engage learners and transform them into do-ers.

Our library offers access to a wide range of print and digital media. Our museum brings the cultural

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WEEKLY TORAH PORTION

Vayitzei

(Genesis 28:10-32:3)

Read Saturday, December 3

Synopsis: Jacob dreams about the ladder stretched between heaven and earth; Jacob meets Rachel; Jacob works for Laban for 14 years, marrying his daughters Leah and then Rachel; after much strife, Jacob makes peace with Laban.

Sermon: Rabbi Zeidman

Vayishlach

(Genesis 32:4-36:43)

Read Saturday, December 10

Synopsis: Jacob sends gifts to Esau; Jacob wrestles at Peniel and receives a new name, Israel; Jacob and Esau reconcile; rape of Dina; brothers retaliate; birth of Benjamin; death of Rachel and Isaac.

Sermon: Rabbinic Intern Hannah Goldstein

Vayeishev

(Genesis 37:1-40:23)

Read Saturday, December 17

Synopsis: Joseph's dreams of greatness; brothers sell Joseph into slavery; Tamar tricks Judah into impregnating her; Potiphar's wife attempts to seduce Joseph; Joseph is jailed; Joseph interprets two prisoners' dreams.

Sermon: Rabbi Ehrlich

Mikeitz

(Genesis 41:1-44:17)

Read Saturday, December 24

Synopsis: Joseph interprets Pharaoh's dream; Joseph appointed prime minister of Egypt; Joseph's brothers go to Egypt to seek food; brothers return to Canaan to fetch Benjamin; Joseph frames and detains Benjamin.

Sermon: Rabbi Posner

Worship & Spirituality



Shabbat Kodesh & Family Dinner

Friday, December 9 • 6:30 PM •

Lowenstein Sanctuary (10 East 66th Street)



AT SHABBAT KODESH, Hebrew prayers are sung with lively melodies, and the weekly Torah reading is made meaningful through creative storytelling. **All are welcome at this service**, which builds upon the curriculum and community of the Religious School.

This month's service will be followed by a dinner at 7:30 PM for all Temple families and their guests. The charge for dinner is:

- \$35 per family (including two adults) for reservations made by Monday, December 5.
- \$50 per family after December 5.
- \$10 for each additional adult.

Charges will be billed to your Emanu-El account and will appear on your next statement. After December 5, cancellations cannot be refunded.

Reservations for dinner are required. Contact the Religious School at (212) 744-1400, ext. 226 or school@emanuelnyc.org.

Young Families: Chanukah Party

Saturday, December 10 • 10 AM • One East 65th Street

COME CELEBRATE CHANUKAH with food, treats, arts and crafts, and stories! Bring a *chanukiyah* from home to participate in a community candle-lighting ceremony. (Candles provided!) Families also are encouraged to join us on Sunday for the "Winter Wishes" wrapping party. **(See page 7 for details »)**

RSVP to Young Families at (212) 744-1400, ext. 242.

Congregational Chanukah Service

Friday, December 23 • 6 PM •
Main Sanctuary (Fifth Avenue at 65th Street)

OUR CONGREGATIONAL CHANUKAH SERVICE will feature the Temple Emanu-El Choir singing from the *bimah*, as well as the Junior Choir. Candles will be lit for the fourth night of the holiday. A festive *Oneg Shabbat* with traditional Chanukah treats will follow. **NOTE: THIS IS A SHABBAT @ EMANU-EL SERVICE. (See page 12 »)**

Our historic 18th century Chanukah menorah (pictured below) will be used for candle lighting in the Main Sanctuary. Measuring more than 4 feet high, this imposing and highly decorative synagogue lamp originated in Poland and would have been placed on the *bimah* to celebrate the Festival of Lights and also serve as a reminder of the menorahs in The Temple in Jerusalem.



**WEEKLY TORAH
PORTION (cont.)**

Vayigash

(Genesis 44:18-47:27)

Read Saturday, December 31

Synopsis: Judah pleads for Benjamin's freedom; Joseph reveals himself to his brothers; Jacob brings family to Egypt, settles in Goshen; Joseph governs during famine in Egypt.

Sermon: Rabbi Zeidman

TORAH COMMENTARY

Get more out of the Torah! Read our weekly Torah commentary, written by our clergy and Temple staff, on the Emanu-El website: www.emanuelnyc.org.

Follow the link from the Home Page. Previous commentaries can be read through the archive.



BROADCAST OF SERVICES

Sabbath and holiday worship services may be heard live through the Temple website, as well as downloaded and used with a personal audio player.

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

Launch the Live365 Radio audio player starting at 5:45 PM on Fridays, 10:15 AM on Saturdays and just prior to the start of holiday services. At any other time, launch the Emanu-El audio player, or download the MP3 files. (Right click the links and save the files.) MP3 files and podcasts are available shortly after the completion of the live service and for one week afterward.





PRAYERS & BLESSINGS

Shabbat Kodesh services are similar to the worship conducted in our Religious School and enable our students to build a prayer community with their families and other Emanu-El members. Prayers and blessings have been posted to the Temple website as a resource for the service.

(Click "Learning" → "Religious School" → "Shabbat Kodesh" → "Prayers & Blessings.")



Audio recordings are MP3 files; PDFs feature Hebrew text, transliteration and English translation.

Our next Shabbat Kodesh service will be held Friday, December 9 at 6:30 PM, followed by a Family Dinner. (See page 2 »)

SCHOOL CLOSINGS

The Religious School will be closed for **Winter Break** from **Sunday, December 18 through Monday, January 2**. Classes will resume on **Wednesday, January 4**.

MITZVAH CORPS

This service-learning program for seventh graders empowers students to respond to important societal issues, such as education, senior-citizen care, diversity, hunger, homelessness and climate change. Read about student activities, view photos and watch student videos on the **Mitzvah Corps Blog** on the Temple website. Click "Learning" → "Youth & Young Adults" → "Mitzvah Corps."



Religious School



FOURTH GRADE FAMILY PROGRAM

The Story of Prayer

Sunday, December 4 • 9:30 AM • 10 East 66th Street
Monday, December 5 • 4 PM • 10 East 66th Street

TEFILAH (PRAYER) PLAYS a very important role within the Religious School and the Emanu-El community as a whole. This program will enable Fourth Grade families to think and talk about what it means to participate in regular Jewish prayer, to ask big questions, to engage in some "God Talk" and to connect to worship at Emanu-El.

RSVP to the Office of Lifelong Learning:

(212) 744-1400, ext. 226 or lifelonglearning@emanuelnyc.org.



FIFTH GRADE FAMILY PROGRAM

Shopping for Theology

Wednesday, December 7 • 4 PM • 10 East 66th Street
Sunday, December 11 • 9:30 AM • 10 East 66th Street

DURING THIS FAMILY PROGRAM, we will be tackling the biggest topic of all: God. What do we believe? What are we supposed to believe? How do we decide?

Families of our Fifth Grade Religious School students are invited to join us for a session of exploring thoughts and questions as a family... and trying to figure out what it all means. (Emphasis on trying!)

RSVP to the Office of Lifelong Learning: (212) 744-1400, ext. 226 or lifelonglearning@emanuelnyc.org.



NURSERY SCHOOL PARENT WORKSHOP

How Language Affects Children's Motivation

CHILDREN HEAR tens of thousands of words per day—often more than 20,000 words per day just from their parents. Preschoolers are extremely sensitive to subtle features in the language that their parents and teachers use. This sensitivity can determine whether or not children feel motivated. They also interpret “generic language” differently from “non-generic language.”

These are the results of a study presented by Dr. Marjorie Rhodes, a New York University assistant professor of psychology, at a parent workshop on October 19. Dr. Rhodes gathered her data from work with Temple Emanu-El's Nursery School children as well as those from other preschools.

As Dr. Rhodes explained, “generic language” refers to a general, abstract category. When you praise a child with a phrase such as “You are a really good cutter!” then you are referencing the general category of “cutters,” which implies stability and endurance. On the other hand, a sentence like “You did a good job cutting!” refers to a specific individual and circumstance. This is an important distinction in understanding how praise affects children.

Praise using generic language has a de-motivating effect. If instead you use praise that applies to a specific individual or instance, then it will encourage your child to work harder. Using generic language can lead to problems if there is negative feedback at a later date. Future negative criticism of “the good cutter” can create a severe setback and decrease future motivation. Non-generic language can be better in the long term to motivate, build confidence and maintain the interest of the child who “did a good job cutting.” It is better to praise specific performance rather than general behavior.

The way we use generic language also can shape a child's belief in the abilities of people. Generic language—“Boys are good at math”—may lead children to believe that this is an inherent trait and that boys are “born that way.” Non-generic language—“This boy is good at math”—encourages children to feel that effort is what is important and that hard work and continued practice will lead to success. In the case of competitive children, when the praise is attributed to the individual, they are motivated to work harder. If it is generic praise, then they may be disillusioned by one bad experience. Then it is up to the parent to turn the negative experience into motivation to work harder and do better next time. In general, non-generic language is more motivating for both boys and girls. Dr. Rhodes found that both sexes truly tied success to the individual, not the category.

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SKIRBALL



Skirball Sunday Seminars are open to the public. Enter at One E. 65th Street. Sessions are pay-as-you-go (\$60 each); register with the Skirball Center by calling (212) 507-9580. Following is our final seminar for the fall semester.

THE BIBLICAL JACOB: OUR DUBIOUS PATRIARCH

December 4 • 10 AM - 2 PM
(Led by Dr. Neil Gillman)

Of our three patriarchs, Jacob is the most problematic. Abraham is a giant; Isaac almost disappears within the pages of the narrative. Of Jacob we are given more information, but much of it raises serious moral issues. A deceiver, Jacob learns quickly that deceivers are invariably themselves deceived. And yet, the later tradition gilds the biblical image of Jacob, and he emerges as a great Jewish role model. Join us in studying this transformation and the great power of Midrash.

DR. NEIL GILLMAN is professor emeritus of Jewish philosophy at the Jewish Theological Seminary. A world-renowned thinker and teacher, he is the author of several seminal books on Jewish theology, most recently *Doing Jewish Theology: God, Torah and Israel in Modern Judaism* (Jewish Lights Publishing, 2008).



CLUB 70: A GROUP FOR SENIORS

Club 70 is an exciting and informative opportunity for all senior members of the Temple—men and women—to meet and discuss a wide range of issues important to senior citizens today. These meetings will enable our senior congregants to socialize as well as participate in discussion groups.

Our next meeting will take place on Tuesday, December 13 at 11 AM.

No fees are involved with this program. The only requirements are that participants be over 70 years of age and members of the congregation. Those interested in becoming a part of Club 70 should contact the **Men's Club**.

**MEN'S CLUB BOOK GROUP
Wednesday, December 14
9 AM • One East 65th**

SELECTION:

In the Garden of Beasts: Love, Terror, and an American Family in Hitler's Berlin
by Erik Larson



"A brilliant and often infuriating account of the experiences and evolving attitudes of the Dodd family during Hitler's critical first year in power."
— *Booklist*

Community



Men's Club Brunch

Sunday, December 4 • 10 AM • One East 65th Street

THE MEN'S CLUB cordially invites all Temple members and their guests to join us for our December brunch featuring:

Scott M. Stringer, Manhattan Borough President

Mr. Stringer, a native New Yorker, is the 26th Manhattan borough president. Now in his second term, Borough President Stringer has dedicated himself to fostering a safe, affordable and sustainable future for Manhattan—by encouraging responsible growth and preserving a sense of neighborhood for the 1.6 million people who live here.

The foundation for much of the borough president's work is the change he has brought to Manhattan's community boards. Energizing these formal institutions of neighborhood democracy was a top priority of Mr. Stringer's upon becoming borough president. A new merit-selection process, combined with an infusion of badly needed resources—such as dedicating to each board a graduate student from the city's architecture and planning schools—has served to strengthen the voice of Manhattan's neighborhoods in debates over city planning.



Prior to being elected borough president, Mr. Stringer served for 13 years in the State Assembly, where he authored legislation to protect victims of domestic violence, led the successful fight to end "empty-seat voting" in Albany and voted against every attempt to weaken rent regulations. *The New York Times* credited him as having "a sterling reputation as a catalyst for reform."

The charge for this event is \$30 for Men's Club members, \$35 for all other Temple members and their guests. Make checks payable to the Men's Club of Congregation Emanu-El. RSVP to (212) 744-1400, ext. 250 or mensclub@emanuelnyc.org.

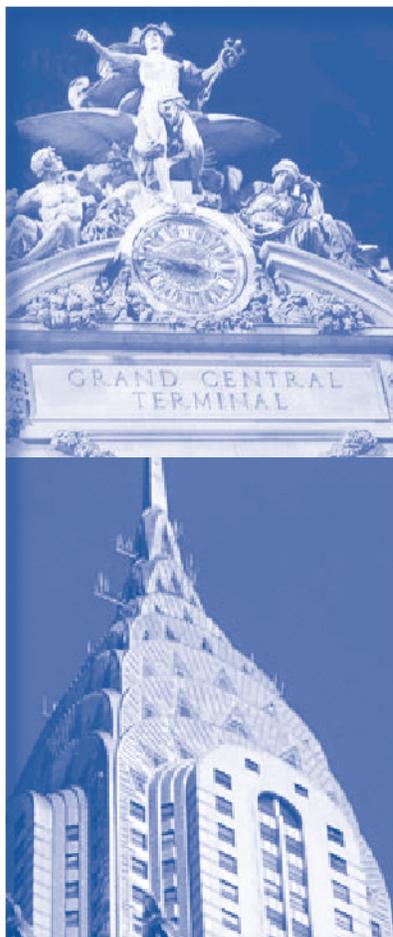
New York City Landmarks

Thursday, December 15 • 10:30 AM • Grand Central Terminal,
Main Concourse (in front of Track 29)

JOIN THE WOMEN'S AUXILIARY for a guided tour of historic **Grand Central Terminal**, the **Chrysler Building** and the **Chanin Building**, featuring Beaux Arts and Art Deco design. Our guide, **Marty Shore** of **ManhattanWalks**, will give us an insider's view of these magnificent landmarks. Lunch will follow at the world-famous **Oyster Bar**.

Since 1996, **MARTY SHORE** has developed an insider's view of the city he knows and loves. As your tour guide, he will share his encyclopedic knowledge of our ethnically diverse city, landmark by landmark. Mr. Shore's tours are packed with intriguing facts as well as tips for finding hidden treasures on your own.

The charge for this event is \$50 for current Women's Auxiliary members, \$55 for all other Temple members and their guests. Make checks payable to the Women's Auxiliary. RSVP by Friday, December 9. For more information, call (212) 744-1400, ext. 235, or send an email to womaux@emanuelnyc.org.



“Winter Wishes” Wrapping Party & Chanukah Celebration

Sunday, December 11 • 12 PM • 10 East 66th Street

TIKKUN OLAM AND THE WOMEN'S AUXILIARY are partnering to celebrate the holiday season by gift wrapping holiday “wishes” for 125 low-income children from the **Association to Benefit Children**. Chanukah foods and music will be on hand for all volunteers to enjoy as we prepare to welcome the holiday.

If you have questions or would like to learn more about how to fulfill a “Winter Wish,” then please contact the Tikkun Olam Committee at winterwishes2011@gmail.com. This event is open to all Temple members and their families.



VOLUNTEER PROGRAMS

“WINTER WISHES” WRAPPING PARTY

Sunday, December 11

Temple members are needed to wrap holiday gifts. (See full description [this page](#) »)

RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE DINNER

Thursday, December 15

Once a month, under the sponsorship of the **Women's Auxiliary**, Emanu-El congregants



serve dinner and organize art projects and entertainment for families residing at NYC's **Ronald McDonald House** on the Upper East Side. All potential volunteers (Temple members only) must preregister with the **Women's Auxiliary**; call (212) 744-1400, ext. 235. Must be at least 18 years old and in good health.

STITCH'N TIME

Sunday, December 18

Temple members are invited to participate in our monthly volunteer program at which we knit or crochet items for various organizations in need. A professional instructor assists us; prior knitting experience is not required. Yarn and patterns are provided, but you must bring your own needles (#8). **Sessions run from 11 AM to 2 PM**; enter at One East 65th Street. Light refreshments served.



**EMANU-EL
EATS**

Currently, we are hard at work on *Emanu-El Eats* and have begun formatting and testing recipes. We have been delighted to receive many of your recipe treasures and hope for more. We will continue accepting submissions as long as we can. Some of you have asked if you can submit more than one recipe to the book. The answer is, "Yes, please do!"

In some families, we have discovered it is the children who enjoy cooking and developing their own special dishes. Chanukah seems to be a particularly fun time for youngsters to get in on the cooking act. And so, while not originally requested, we would be thrilled to have your children's recipes, too.

Submission is easy:

Mail your favorite original recipes to *Emanu-El Eats*, c/o Temple Emanu-El, One East 65th St., NY, NY 10065 or email them to emanueleats@emanuelynyc.org. Please include your contact information and a brief note telling us why this recipe is special to you. We look forward to hearing from you soon.



Book Discussion



Women's Auxiliary Book Group

Tuesday, December 6 • 12:30 PM • One East 65th Street

RABBI AMY EHRLICH will lead our discussion of *The Lost: A Search for Six of Six Million* by **Daniel Mendelsohn**. Feel free to bring your lunch. Coffee and cookies will be served.

Stettenheim Literary Circle

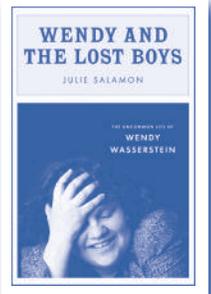
Wednesday, December 7 • 6:30 PM • One East 65th Street

OUR DECEMBER SELECTION is *To the End of the Land* by **David Grossman**. From one of Israel's most acclaimed writers comes a novel of extraordinary power about family life—the greatest human drama—and the cost of war.

NEW BOOKS AVAILABLE...

THE FOLLOWING TITLES have been obtained by the Stettenheim Library for use by Temple members:

- *Art and Madness: A Memoir of Lust Without Reason* by Anne Roiphe
- *Eisenhower 1956: The President's Year of Crisis: Suez and the Brink of War* by David A. Nichols
- *In the Garden of Beasts: Love, Terror, and an American Family in Hitler's Berlin* by Erik Larson
- *Wendy and the Lost Boys: The Uncommon Life of Wendy Wasserstein* by Julie Salamon
- *Where Justice Dwells: A Hands-on Guide to Doing Social Justice in Your Jewish Community* by Jill Jacobs; foreword by David Saperstein



See a full listing of new acquisitions on the Temple website.

Click "Learning" → "Stettenheim Library" →

"What the Library Offers" → "New Books in the Library."



And... For more information about any material and its availability, search the Stettenheim Library's **online catalog**. Temple members must obtain a library card; then a login name and password can be assigned.

Language (continued)

The implications of this study are that generic vs. non-generic language has a direct influence when shaping children's beliefs about their abilities and the abilities of others. It appears that effort- or performance-based praise will have a better long-term effect on motivating a child than generic, non-specific praise. In fact, generic language can lead to more problems when a child hits a "small bump in the road."

Life-Cycle Events



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

Saturday, December 3

Jessie Marks Millman, daughter of John C. Millman and Ann R. Marks

Saturday, December 10

Benjamin H. Sugerman, son of David L. Sugerman and Adrienne Halpern

Saturday, December 17

Lucy Eleanor Ackman, daughter of Karen and William Ackman

Marin Yvonne Asnes, daughter of Tony and Regan Asnes

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

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

For the Sabbath of December 2 and 3

The Harteveldt Family in loving memory of
Henry H. Harteveldt Jr., Lucile S Harteveldt and Irvin Gomprecht

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

For the Sabbath of December 9 and 10

Karel, Frank, Danielle and Alix Greenberg
in loving memory of *Lillian and Marvin Greenberg*

Bonnie, David, Richard, Nancy and Gail Maidman
in loving memory of *William Maidman and Lea Maidman*

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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.



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. All contributions are listed in *Window on Emanu-El*. **Contact the Women's Auxiliary at womaux@emanuelnyc.org or (212) 744-1400, ext. 235.**



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PULPIT FLOWERS (continued)

For the Sabbath of December 16 and 17

Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Asnes in honor of
 their daughter *Marin becoming a bat mitzvah*

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

For the Sabbath of December 23 and 24

Mary Louise Fleur in loving memory of her mother, *Mary Cisterna Schwartz*

Denny and Alex Rein and Nicki Rein Shalette
 in loving memory of *Mark Alan Rein*

Barbara Slifka in loving memory of her mother, *Sylvia Slifka*

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

For the Sabbath of December 30 and 31

In commemoration of *Vivian Schulte's birthday*

Rhoda Weiskopf Cohen in loving memory of
 my dearest husband and best friend, *Herbert George Cohen, M.D.*

Marilyn Schiller in loving memory of my parents, *Margaret and Harry Schiller*

Gift Giving (continued)

riches of our heritage to us. Special lectures and concerts, open to all at no cost, remain an integral part of Emanu-El throughout the year. Volunteer opportunities abound for Emanu-El members to make a difference through personal actions. Please visit our Temple's website, **www.emanuelnyc.org**, to learn more about these and so many other aspects of Emanu-El. You will discover that your synagogue is a unique institution, touching lives of all ages and at all stages.

In short, few charitable gifts present the opportunity to shape the future

as directly as donations to Temple Emanu-El's **Annual Fund**. Every contribution to the Annual Fund reflects an appreciation of our proud history of openness and inclusiveness, a commitment to Jewish living today and acceptance of the responsibility to prepare for the future. Every donor is valued as a partner in building an ever-stronger Emanu-El. Please support the Annual Fund. We're counting on YOU!

WHAT DO YOU THINK? Join the conversation and post your thoughts. Click "About Us" →  **"Publications" → "Bulletin Blog."**

At a Glance: December 2011

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Our Dubious Patriarch*
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*Stettenheim
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**December 15
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New York City Landmarks*
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Tikkun Olam: Stitch'n Time
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**December 20
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**December 23
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Shabbat @ Emanu-El

ONCE A MONTH at Emanu-El we highlight one Shabbat when we especially encourage you to bring your family and friends and join in worshiping in community.

Our next event is the Congregational Chanukah Celebration on December 23 at 6 PM. (See page 3 »)

Chanukah Resources on the Temple website:

- View “Chanukah at Home” for great suggestions on how to learn about and celebrate the holiday.
- Listen to and learn the blessings to be said when lighting the candles.
- Learn tips on making latkes and recipes with a twist on the traditional.

From www.emanuelnyc.org, click “Worship” → “Holy Days & Festivals” → “Chanukah.”

