

Temple Emanu-El Bulletin



EMANU-EL READS

This year, Emanu-El's adventuresome and intellectually curious readers will have the opportunity to discuss *The Eichmann Trial* by **Deborah E. Lipstadt**. See page 8 for more information. »

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.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.



Emanu-El: Be Proud of Skirball, Be Proud of Yourself

By Rabbi Alfredo Borodowski, Ph.D.

IF YOU COME TO Temple Emanu-El on Wednesday afternoons, you may see adult students running from the third to the fourth floor. After delving into "Nietzsche and Judaism" from 12:30 PM to 2 PM, they are on their way to another hour and a half of learning

about the life and philosophy of Maimonides. They are among more than 350 students enrolled at Skirball this fall semester.

Some of them have chosen to explore "Judaism and Early Christianity: Intersections and Divergences," masterfully taught by our own Dr. Mark Weisstuch, or "The Vatican and the Jews," or to engage in an "Encounter between Islam and Judaism." Others are facing difficult and challenging questions such as "Ancient Egypt in the Bible: Myth or History?" or "But Is it True? The Bible, Archaeology and History."

As always, the traditional wisdom of our Sages is well represented in "Classical Talmudic Stories" and by our ever-growing 7:30 AM "Early Morning Talmud" class. Those whose souls and minds find expression in art and writing continue their experimentation and creativity in the "Artists' Beit Midrash" and "Writers' Beit Midrash." And, Senior Rabbi David Posner biannually

offers 120 hours a year of a course titled "Classical Hebrew and Comparative Semitic Linguistics."

But who are the students at Skirball? I should not answer this question without first providing an honorary mention to our two students who commute from Albany and Warminster, Penn. Otherwise, our students come mainly from the tri-state area. They represent all streams of Judaism, from firm believers to proclaimed skeptics. Regardless of from wherever they come and whatever their backgrounds, they are united by their thirst for learning and their desire to be challenged and engaged in a profound encounter with Judaism and the world.

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WEEKLY TORAH PORTION

Va-y'chi

(Genesis 47:28-50:26)

Read Saturday, January 7

Synopsis: Joseph promises to bury Jacob in Canaan; Jacob blesses Joseph's sons; Jacob speaks last words to his sons; Jacob dies and is buried; Joseph forgives his brothers; Joseph dies.

Sermon: Rabbi Ehrlich

Sh'mot (Exodus 1:1-6:1)

Read Saturday, January 14

Synopsis: Israelites enslaved by new Pharaoh; Moses is born; Moses flees to Midian; God calls Moses at the burning bush; Moses discovers ability to do miracles; Moses returns to Egypt; Moses and Aaron ask Pharaoh to let people go pray in the wilderness; in response, Pharaoh increases workload of Israelite slaves.

Sermon: Rabbi Posner

Va-eira (Exodus 6:2-9:35)

Read Saturday, January 21

Synopsis: God promises to redeem Israel; Moses and Aaron tell Pharaoh to "let my people go"; Pharaoh refuses; Plagues 1-7: water into blood, frogs, gnats, flies, livestock disease, boils, hail.

Sermon: Rabbi Zeidman

Bo (Exodus 10:1-13:16)

Read Saturday, January 28

Synopsis: Plagues 8-10: locusts, darkness, death of first-born; first Passover; 600,000 men leave Egypt with family and livestock and Egyptian riches; laws of the Passover offering and festival.

Sermon: Rabbinic Intern Hannah Goldstein

Worship & Spirituality



Shabbat Kodesh

Friday, January 20 • 6:30 PM • 10 East 66th Street



Photo by Elizabeth Wright Kahane

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. Afterwards, we will celebrate with a festive *Oneg Shabbat*.

Saviv Shabbat & Dinner

Friday, January 20 • 7:30 PM • One East 65th Street

JOIN US FOR a chance to wind down from the week. We'll enjoy Shabbat services together followed by a Shabbat dinner, wine, and the chance to shmooze with both new people and old friends! Saviv is for 20s and 30s only.

Dinner is free when you make your reservation by January 18; log on to www.saviv.org. Saviv is a program for Temple members and nonmembers in their 20s and 30s.



Young Families: Tot Shabbat

Saturday, January 21 • 10 AM • One East 65th 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.

RSVP to Young Families by Friday, January 20; send an email to youngfamilies@emanuelnyc.org or call (212) 744-1400, ext. 242.

Religious School



K-Second Grade Family Dinner

Friday, January 20 • 5 PM • One East 65th Street

AS THE WEEK ENDS, take a chance to wind down and create some sacred family time. All Temple families with students in kindergarten through second grade are invited to join us for a special early Shabbat dinner, which includes blessing the wine, challah and many wonderful things in our lives.

Afterwards, we'll join the community for song and prayer at our warm and welcoming **Shabbat Kodesh Service** (**« see page 2**). Blessings will be led by our kindergarten, first grade and second grade students!

RSVP to the Religious School Office by January 16: school@emanuelnyc.org or (212) 744-1400, ext. 226.

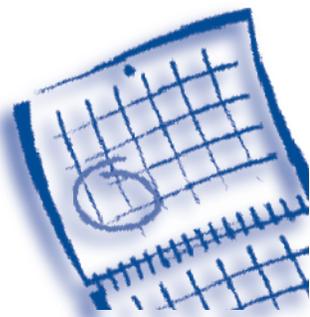


Second Grade Challah Baking

Sunday, January 29 • 9:30 AM • 10 East 66th Street
Monday, January 30 • 4 PM • 10 East 66th Street

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL STUDENTS in second grade and their families will learn about the history and traditions involved in making and braiding our special Sabbath bread. Each family will partake in the delicious custom of making challah and be able to enjoy their freshly baked challah together as a family. (This event is open only to Religious School students in second grade and their families.)

RSVP to the Religious School Office by January 22: school@emanuelnyc.org or (212) 744-1400, ext. 226.



SCHOOL CLOSINGS

Religious School will not be in session on Sunday, January 1 and Monday, January 2 for the end of Winter Break. And, school will be closed Sunday, January 15 and Monday, January 16 for the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday.



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.

WEEKLY MUSIC

Music programs for Sabbath and holiday services are posted on the website.

Click "Worship" → "Music at Emanu-El."

You also can have the program delivered to your inbox each week.

Click "About Us" → "Publications" → "Electronic Mailing Lists."



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."**

SENIOR YOUTH GROUP

Participating in some or all of Temple Emanu-El's **Senior Youth Group (SYG)** activities is a great way for Temple teens to make friends, experience one's Jewish cultural identity and live one's Jewish values. The more students participate, the more connected they will feel with friends and the larger Emanu-El community. **Learn about other SYG activities on the Temple website. Click "Learning" → "Youth & Young Adults" → "Senior Youth Group."**

Also, all Temple members are invited to help us with our **Midnight Run Clothing Drive**. See details on page 5. »

Bar/Bat Mitzvah Mini-Retreats

Fifth Grade Families: Sunday, January 22 • 1 PM • 10 East 66th
Sixth Grade Families: Sunday, January 29 • 1 PM • 10 East 66th

THESE MINI-RETREATS for Religious School families provide dynamic and interactive activities to help them gain a deeper understanding of the history and values underlying the bar/bat mitzvah ceremony, as well as the tools to infuse the process with meaning.

For **Fifth Grade families**, this is the first of three annual mini-retreats led by our clergy, Lifelong Learning staff and families to help make becoming a bar or bat mitzvah a relevant and powerful experience. **Sixth Grade families** will gather for the next step of the bar/bat mitzvah learning process. Parents will have the chance to test their Torah knowledge against that of their kids, and all will spend time thinking through goals for making the bar/bat mitzvah celebration as meaningful as possible.

Both programs will be preceded by an optional lunch at 12:15 PM. All fifth and sixth grade families are encouraged strongly to attend. Babysitting for younger siblings will be available by request. RSVP to the Department of Lifelong Learning, or call (212) 744-1400, ext. 226. Please indicate if you will be joining us for lunch.

TEEN COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Dirty Hands...Good for the Soul!



EMANU-EL'S SENIOR YOUTH GROUP (SYG) kicked off an exciting year of events with a tree-planting day on October 23. Together with other volunteers, the Emanu-El teens planted 1,800 trees in Raoul Wallenberg Park in the Bronx. The tree-planting was organized by **MillionTreesNYC**, which just passed its landmark goal of planting 500,000 trees throughout the five boroughs. MillionTreesNYC is working to plant one million new trees by 2012. The teens had a great time getting their hands dirty and directly participating in this citywide project.

Stay tuned for information about an Earth Day event, when the SYG may have the opportunity to take care of the trees they planted and do other great community-service work outside!



Intergenerational Study Session

Sunday, January 8 • 9:30 AM • One East 65th Street



FOR MORE THAN 25 years, volunteers from Emanu-El have been preparing 150 lunches for hungry New Yorkers every Sunday through the **Sunday Lunch Program**. In 2012, we will host an **Intergenerational Study Session** with **Rabbi Benjamin Zeidman** immediately preceding the Sunday Lunch Program on three dates: **January 8, February 5** and **March 11** at **9:30 AM**.

Participants will enjoy a light breakfast, take a deeper look at our Jewish obligation to feed the hungry and discuss this topic with fellow volunteers.

All members of the Temple community, from teens to grandparents, are invited to sign up. Contact Missy Bell, our coordinator of Youth Learning and Engagement, at (212) 744-1400, ext. 329 or youthgroups@emanuelnyc.org; please specify on which date(s) you would like to participate.

The Timeless Lessons of the Madoff Scandal

Sunday, January 8 • 10 AM • One East 65th Street

THE FIRST JOURNALIST to interview Bernard Madoff after the money manager was sentenced to 150 years in prison says she was struck that he hadn't fundamentally changed. Even behind bars, Mr. Madoff was a "fluent liar," says *New York Times* financial writer **Diana Henriques**, who will offer inside tales of the Madoff scandal and a bit of financial guidance at the **Men's Club January brunch**.



Photo: Fred Conrad, NYT

DIANA B. HENRIQUES has worked for *The New York Times* since 1989. In 2005, she was a finalist for a Pulitzer Prize. She also is the author of four books: *The Machinery of Greed*, *Fidelity's World*, *The White Sharks of Wall Street* and, most recently, *The Wizard of Lies*.

The charge for this event is \$30 for Men's Club members, \$35 for all other Temple members and guests. Brunch will be served. RSVP to the Men's Club at mensclub@emanuelnyc.org or (212) 744-1400, ext. 250.



MIDNIGHT RUN

Emanu-El's Teen Community is getting ready for its third year of participation in **Midnight Run** on **Friday, February 10**. The evening will begin with Shabbat Kodesh, followed by a Shabbat dinner for the teens; then we will go out to designated spots in New York City to hand out meals and clothing to NYC's homeless community.

All students from ninth through 12th grade are invited to participate. Students will earn six community-service hours. RSVP to **Missy Bell**, our **coordinator of Youth Learning and Engagement**: youthgroups@emanuelnyc.org.

We also need help from the greater Emanu-El community! We are collecting many items of **men's clothing** to hand out during the program, including winter coats, sweaters, sweatshirts, pants, hats, gloves and long underwear, as well as backpacks. **All of these items can be brought to the One East 65th Street lobby until February 9.** Please deliver items in a bag or box marked "Midnight Run." For more information, call Missy Bell at (212) 744-1400, ext. 329. Thank you for your support!

Learn more
about Midnight
Run at
midnightrun.org.





**EMANU-EL
EATS**

It's January, a time for both reflection on the year that has passed and the one that is just beginning. A highlight of the past year for the **Emanu-El Eats** cookbook committee was the November potluck Shabbat dinner, which spurred enthusiasm among the congregants as well as requests for recipes of the dishes served. We will include these recipes in our congregational cookbook for the enjoyment of all.

As you reflect on the recent past holiday season and the meals enjoyed with family and friends, think about sending recipes for your most popular dishes to be included in the *Emanu-El Eats* cookbook so that others may enjoy them, as well. We're hoping that when the cookbook is published later this year, it will include recipes from all the wonderful cooks who are a part of the Emanu-El family.

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@emanuelnyc.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.

Club 70: A Group for Seniors

Tuesday, January 10 • 11 AM • One East 65th Street

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.



This month's guest speaker will be **Elka Deitsch**, senior curator of the **Herbert & Eileen Bernard Museum of Judaica** at Temple Emanu-El. Elka will present a sampling of ceremonial objects that demonstrate how we explore Jewish culture and history through art. We will be looking at material from the 13th to the 21st centuries, from Europe, the Middle East and the United States, and we will discuss the varying ways that Jews transformed and were transformed by their environments.

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 participating should contact the Men's Club: (212) 744-1400, ext. 250 or mensclub@emanuelnyc.org. Attendees are invited to bring their own brown-bag lunch.

Coffee With...

Thursday, January 12 • 10:30 AM • Private residence



AUTHOR OF THE MEMOIR *My Race: A Jewish Girl Growing Up Under Apartheid in South Africa*, **Lorraine Lotzof Abramson** will share her unique vantage point on the apartheid experience—providing a first-hand account of her growing unease with the system of social inequalities that simultaneously excluded her and celebrated her.

Born in Johannesburg, South Africa, Ms. Lotzof Abramson became a championship runner, competing in the 1961 and 1965 Maccabi Games in Israel as a member of the South African track team and winning three gold medals. Her hopes of being on the 1964 South African Olympic Team were shattered when South Africa was expelled from the Olympics because of its apartheid policies.

This event is open to members of the Women's Auxiliary only. RSVP by Monday, January 9: womaux@emanuelnyc.org or (212) 744-1400, ext. 235. The program will be held in a private residence on the Upper East Side; the address will be provided upon registration. Space is limited.

Parenting at Emanu-El

NEW SESSIONS OF Temple Emanu-El's parenting programs led by child psychologist **Dr. Juliet Cooper** and **Rabbi Amy Ehrlich** will begin in February.

"New Mothers" is geared toward mothers with babies up to 12 months old. A new group, **"The Ones,"** is in formation for children ages 12 months to 24 months.

The **"Parent-Child Group"** is for parents with children ages 24 months to 33 months.

Visit the Temple website for program details, including



topics of discussion, and to download our registration form. Click "Community" → "Parenting @ Emanu-El."



New Mothers will meet on Mondays from 9:15 AM to 10:30 AM, February 6 through April 23 (except February 20, March 19 and 26); the charge is \$495 for Temple members, \$550 for nonmembers. **The Ones** will meet on the same dates from 11 AM to 12:30 PM; the charge is \$625 for Temple members, \$695 for nonmembers. **The Parent-Child Group** will meet Wednesdays from 9:15 AM to 10:30 AM, February 1 through April 11 (except March 21 and 28); the charge is \$625 for Temple members, \$695 for nonmembers. Preregistration is required for all groups. Contact us through parenting@emanuelnyc.org or by calling (212) 744-1400, ext. 206 to discuss your participation in the program.

Musical Programs



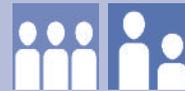
Young Artists Concert

Sunday, January 22 • 3 PM • One East 65th Street



OUR SECOND PERFORMER of the year is **Larry Weng**, first-prize winner in the ensemble category and second-prize winner in the solo category (2006). Larry began his piano studies at the age of 7 with Dorothy Shi. At the age of 11, he enrolled in the New England Conservatory Preparatory School, capturing early recognition by winning all three categories of the concerto competition at the school.

Sponsored with the Stecher & Horowitz Foundation, this annual series presents the prize winners of the biennial New York International Piano Competition. Admission is free and open to the public.



THE ROLE OF FATHERS...PRICELESS! Wednesday, January 25 6:30 PM • One East 65th

Fathers of young children (4 years and younger) are welcome to join us for a special lecture/discussion on the important influence of fathers on their children's physical, emotional and cognitive well-being. Learn about the unique role of a father and effective ways to connect with your child.

A light dinner will be served. The charge is \$30 per person. RSVP to parenting@emanuelnyc.org.



CALLING DOTING DADS!

Do you have a talent that you can share? **Young Families** would love to use your special gifts throughout the year, during our **Tot Shabbat ones** or parties. Help us turn restless energy into something more creative through your talents!

If interested, contact our Planning Committee: (212) 744-1400, ext. 242.

ALSO...Reserve Superbowl Sunday morning

(February 5) from 10 AM to 11:30 AM to be a Super Doting Dad. Let mom sleep late while you bring your child/children to a PJs and movie morning.



Book Discussion



BOOK GROUPS

MEN'S CLUB BOOK GROUP
Tuesday, January 10
8:30 AM • One East 65th

SELECTION:

***A Double Thread:
Growing Up English and
Jewish in London***
by John Gross

"A delightful memoir of life to the age of 18 in London before, during and after World War II."
— *The New York Times*

**STETTENHEIM
LITERARY CIRCLE**
Wednesday, January 18
6:30 PM • One East 65th

SELECTION:

So Much for That
by Lionel Shriver

"From acclaimed *New York Times* bestselling author Lionel Shriver comes a searing, ruthlessly honest novel. Brimming with unexpected tenderness and dry humor, it presses the question: How much is one life worth?"
— *Publisher's website*

**WOMEN'S AUXILIARY
BOOK GROUP**
Tuesday, January 24
12:30 PM • One East 65th

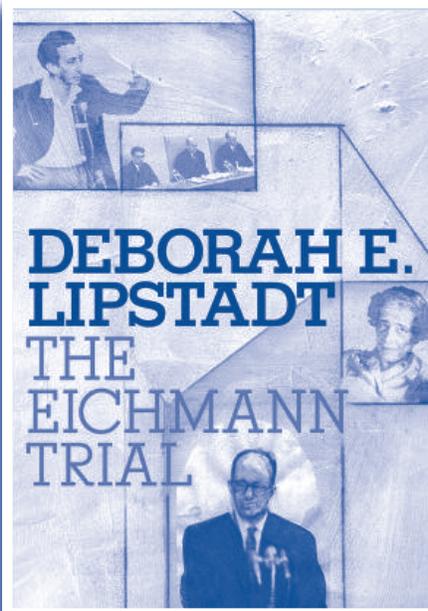
SELECTION:

Silent Mercy
by Linda Fairstein

"Fairstein excels at describing New York's complicated religious history as well as the vagaries of the city's legal and religious politics."
— *Publishers Weekly*

EMANU-EL READS

The Eichmann Trial



THIS YEAR'S EMANU-EL READS SELECTION, by noted historian and scholar **Deborah E. Lipstadt**, looks at the circumstances of Adolf Eichmann's life in Argentina, the details of his 1961 trial, and a particularly nuanced and sensitive analysis of Hannah Arendt's account for *The New Yorker*.

To broaden our understanding of the issues raised by *The Eichmann Trial*, two lectures have been scheduled for February 2012. On **February 1**, distinguished jurist and professor of law **Menachem Z. Rosensaft** will address the Eichmann trial in the context of Nazi war criminal trials, beginning with the International Military

Tribunal at Nuremberg. On **February 21**, **Rabbi Alfredo Borodowski**, executive director of the Skirball Center for Adult Jewish Learning at Temple Emanu-El, will discuss Nazis in Argentina and what it was like to grow up as a Jew in Buenos Aires. We also are very pleased that **Ms. Lipstadt** will be the guest speaker for the Skirball Center's **Charles Grossman Memorial Lecture on March 6, 2012**.

In addition to writing *The Eichmann Trial*, **DR. DEBORAH E. LIPSTADT** is the author of *History on Trial: My Day in Court With a Holocaust Denier*, the story of her libel trial in London against David Irving, who sued her for calling him a Holocaust denier and right-wing extremist. Dr. Lipstadt also is the author of *Denying the Holocaust: The Growing Assault on Truth and Memory*, the first full-length study of those who attempt to deny the Holocaust, and *Beyond Belief: The American Press and the Coming of the Holocaust*, an examination of how the American press covered the news of the persecution of European Jewry between 1933 and 1945.



 **Visit the Temple website for additional information about the book and the author, as well as full program descriptions, and dates for all lectures and book discussion groups. Click "Learning" → "Stettenheim Library" → "Emanu-El Reads."**

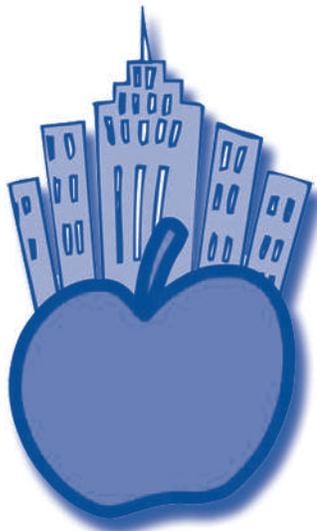
Volunteering



“A Taste of New York” at Hope Lodge

**Monday, January 16 • 3:45 PM •
Hope Lodge, 132 West 32nd Street**

TEMPLE EMANU-EL WILL HOST a special dinner for adult cancer patients staying at the American Cancer Society’s **Hope Lodge**. We will set up stations of food representing different NYC neighborhoods (Chinatown, the Lower East Side, Little Italy). Setup/food prep is expected to start at 3:45 PM, with dinner service beginning at 5:30 PM. Help will be needed for cleanup after dinner. The event should conclude by 7 PM.



Hope Lodge offers free, temporary housing for cancer patients undergoing treatment and their families. More than a place to stay, Hope Lodge is a home-away-from-home, offering a comfortable and supportive environment for encouragement and healing.

For more information or to volunteer, contact the Tikkun Olam Committee: (212) 744-1400, ext. 452 or tikkunolam@emanuelpnyc.org. Please use “Taste of New York” as your email subject.

Be Proud of Skirball (continued)

I’m frequently asked how many members of Temple Emanu-El participate in Skirball’s classes. The simple answer is approximately 10 percent to 15 percent of the student body (30 to 35 students). Is this a lot? Is it a little? I can’t answer. But, after 11 years, Skirball has established itself as one of the premier adult Jewish learning centers in the country, and I would like to see more Emanu-El members take advantage of having convenient access to serious Torah study.

Hundreds of Emanu-El members have studied at Skirball, and those

30 to 40 members who study at Skirball each semester are exposed to a level of learning seldom encountered in any synagogue educational program. It is evident that one of the positive roles of Skirball at Emanu-El is to confront us with the very question of the place of Torah and learning in our community. If the percentage of Emanu-El members taking advantage of one of the most outstanding adult-education programs in the country is small, then the question of the value the Torah in the community

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VOLUNTEER PROGRAMS

HELP FEED THE HUNGRY ON SUNDAYS

Congregants with cars are needed to deliver meals prepared through Emanu-El’s **Sunday Lunch Program to Yorkville Common Pantry** on East 109th Street. **Meals need to be picked up at the Temple between 4 PM and 5:30 PM on Sundays.** Please help us alleviate hunger with this “30-minute mitzvah.” Contact the **Tikkun Olam Committee** for details or to volunteer: (212) 744-1400, ext. 452 or tikkunolam@emanuelpnyc.org.

STITCH’N TIME

**Sunday, January 15
11 AM - 2 PM**

All Temple members are invited to knit or crochet items for various groups in need. Yarn and patterns are provided, but you must bring your own needles (#8). Enter at One East 65th Street. Refreshments are served.

RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE DINNER

Once a month, Emanu-El congregants serve dinner and organize art projects and entertainment for families residing at NYC’s **Ronald McDonald House**. 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. Our next dinner is **Thursday, January 26.**

SKIRBALL



WINTER SEMESTER

Courses run from **January 23 through March 12.**

Temple members receive a 15 percent discount on full-semester classes.

View the course guide and register at www.adultjewishlearning.org. Or, call (212) 507-9580.

THE JEWISH CORE

Thursday, January 19 • 7 PM

What does it mean to be a Jew after modernity? In a live dialogue, **Dr. David Ellenson** and **Dr. Daniel Gordis**—two of the most influential Jewish scholars of our day—will probe the challenges to Jewish self-definition by examining a wide array of legal opinions on conversion and intermarriage.

(Program is free and open to the public.)

A HEBREW "MARATHON"

Sunday, January 29

10 AM - 2 PM

Want to feel more comfortable in the prayer service but feel inhibited because you can't read Hebrew? Have you been meaning to learn the language but somehow never seemed to have the time? Learn the letters and vowels, and by the end of the day you will be reading Hebrew. *(Skirball Sunday Seminars are open to the public; charge is \$60 per person.)*

Lectures • Classes • Tours



Do You Know Who They Were?

Wednesday, January 25 • 6:30 PM • One East 65th Street

DAVID M. KLEIMAN will discuss how to use digital resources to search for your Jewish ancestors and explore your family's history. He also will discuss software for recording the information you retrieve.



This event has been organized by the Ivan M. Stettenheim Library.

Attendance is free and open to the public.

Skirball (continued)

must directly and honestly be faced. Thus, Skirball serves simultaneously as an essential intellectual Jewish thermometer and as the appropriate intellectual medicine.

There is yet another crucial mission Emanu-El fulfills through Skirball. In addition to the compelling task of "repairing the world" (*tikkun olam*) at which Emanu-El excels, I can't think of a greater gift Emanu-El offers to the broader Jewish community than a place of serious study and of intellectual and spiritual exploration.

Since its inception, Judaism has viewed itself as a tradition that shares its blessings. God chooses, and Abraham's name is made "great," so that "all the families of the earth" can be blessed through him. On a large scale, the Jewish people have defined being chosen not as an inherent condition but as a sense of responsibility of becoming "a light unto the nations." In other words, our blessing must be projected and shared widely.

Great congregations distinguish themselves by how they perceive themselves, not as parochial entities serving only their constituents but as leaders who affect people beyond their own walls. From that perspective, the question of how many in our community benefit from Skirball is eclipsed by the greater purpose of disseminating Torah.

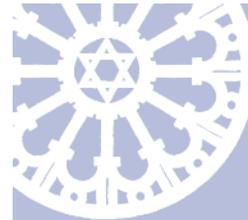
Through Skirball, Emanu-El has expanded its purpose and existence. It has become a beacon of pluralistic and sophisticated Judaism at times when reductionisms and fundamentalisms are threatening the very core of our tolerant and progressive tradition. It has become a home of Torah to thousands of people.

The challenge is now for the members of Emanu-El to internalize the great gift they are sharing with the community and to make Skirball a banner of pride.

JOIN THE CONVERSATION and post your thoughts. Click "About Us" → "Publications" → "Bulletin Blog."



Life-Cycle Events



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

Saturday, January 7

Carolyn Brooke Silverstein, daughter of Howard and Patty Silverstein

Saturday, January 14

Betty Elise Ostrager and Michael Isaac Ostrager, children of Barry and Pamela Ostrager

Saturday, January 21

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Saturday, January 28

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

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For the Sabbath of January 6 and 7

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For the Sabbath of January 13 and 14

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In memory of *George and Elsbeth Lust*

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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.

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Commemorate significant life-cycle events in a meaningful way *and* support the activities of the Women's Auxiliary. **Contact the Women's Auxiliary at womaux@emanuelnyc.org or (212) 744-1400, ext. 235.**

REMEMBERING LOVED ONES

Have the name of a loved one read during *Kaddish* at Sabbath services. Call one of the rabbis during the week of *yahrzeit* observance.

PULPIT FLOWERS (continued)

Eileen Milloy in loving memory of her aunt *Ida Broz*

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

Robin, Andrea and Michael Sluchan in loving memory of *Seymour Sluchan*

For the Sabbath of January 20 and 21

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

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TEMPLE EMANU-EL IS pleased to be able to offer our magnificent spaces to Temple members, not only for religious services and life-cycle events but also for the celebrations associated with them. We want to help you and your guests enjoy the experience free of stress or worry. To that end, and to provide first-class catering for your special occasion, we work hand-in-hand with **Great Performances**, one of the foremost catering companies in New York City.



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Once a reception date and time are agreed upon through the **Temple Administrative Office**, you will work with the professionals of Great Performances to develop a menu and to address other catering and decorating issues.

To reserve an event date, obtain detailed information about hours and regulations, or receive printed materials about catered events, please contact Sherry Nehmer, our events coordinator, at (212) 744-1400, ext. 312 or events@emanuelnyc.org.

PLANNING A WEDDING AT EMANU-EL? Listen to potential musical selections performed by Temple organist **K. Scott Warren**. All links are MP3 files that may be downloaded from the Temple website to a personal listening device. **Search for "Wedding Music."** 

At a Glance: January 2012



**January 8
Sunday, 9:30 AM**
*Intergenerational
Study Session*
One East 65th Street



**January 8
Sunday, 10 AM**
*The Timeless Lessons
of the Madoff Scandal*
One East 65th Street



**January 10
Tuesday, 8:30 AM**
Men's Club Book Group
One East 65th Street



**January 10
Tuesday, 11 AM**
Club 70
One East 65th Street



**January 12
Thursday, 10:30 AM**
*Women's Auxiliary:
Coffee With...*
Private residence



**January 15
Sunday, 11 AM**
Stitch'n Time
One East 65th Street



**January 16
Monday, 3:45 PM - 7 PM**
"A Taste of New York"
Hope Lodge, 132 W. 32nd St.



**January 18
Wednesday, 6:30 PM**
Stettenheim Circle
One East 65th Street



**January 19
Thursday, 7 PM**
The Jewish Core
Location to be determined



**January 20
Friday, 5 PM**
K-2 Family Dinner
One East 65th Street



**January 20
Friday, 6:30 PM**
Shabbat Kodesh Service
10 East 66th Street



**January 20
Friday, 7:30 PM**
Saviv Shabbat & Dinner
One East 65th Street



**January 21
Saturday, 10 AM**
*Young Families:
Tot Shabbat*
One East 65th Street



**January 22
Sunday, 12:15 PM/1 PM**
*Fifth Grade Bar/Bat
Mitzvah Mini-Retreat*
One East 65th Street



**January 22
Sunday, 3 PM**
Young Artists Concert
One East 65th Street



**January 24
Tuesday, 12:30 PM**
*Women's Auxiliary
Book Group*
One East 65th Street



**January 25
Wednesday, 6:30 PM**
*Do You Know
Who They Were?*
One East 65th Street



**January 25
Wednesday, 6:30 PM**
The Role of Fathers
One East 65th Street



**January 26
Thursday, 5 PM**
Ronald McDonald House
405 East 73rd Street



**January 29
Sunday, 9:30 AM**
*Second Grade
Challah Baking*
10 East 66th Street



**January 29
Sunday, 10 AM - 2 PM**
A Hebrew "Marathon"
One East 65th Street



**January 29
Sunday, 12:15 PM/1 PM**
*Sixth Grade Bar/Bat
Mitzvah Mini-Retreat*
One East 65th Street



**January 30
Monday, 4 PM**
*Second Grade
Challah Baking*
10 East 66th Street



Book Discussion



Community



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Musical Program



Panel Discussion



Religious School Event



Volunteering



Worship & Spirituality



Young People's Program

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Object of the Month

THIS DECORATIVE BRONZE TIMEPIECE with Hebrew numbers (each letter corresponds to a numerical value) was produced by Austrian clockmaker Joseph Buchegger. The clock offers a clever take on Jewish time and is full of Judaic references. Above the clock face is a depiction of the rising sun, and below are the Ten Commandments. The two twisted columns, evoking the pillars of the Temple of Solomon, support a lintel with the Hebrew phrase, “May this hour be a fortunate one in your house.”

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On view at the Herbert & Eileen Bernard Museum of Judaica. Learn more about the Temple collection on the Emanu-El website. Click “Museum” → “Collection Highlights.”



Hebrew Clock
Wels, Austria, 19th century