

# Temple Emanu-El Bulletin



## ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION

The Annual Meeting will be held **Thursday, June 7** 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

**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](http://www.emanuelpc.org). Follow the "Listen to the Broadcast of Services" link from the Home Page.

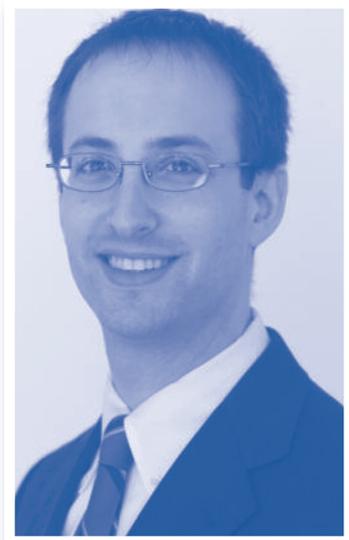
Hearing loop in Sanctuary and Beth-El Chapel; switch aid to T-coil. Headsets or neck loops also available.



## Bat/Bar Mitzvah: Lifelong Learning

By Rabbi Benjamin J. Zeidman

I'LL BEGIN WITH the excuses: I don't yet have children. I am not currently a 13-year-old student at a New York City school, nor am I charged with raising one. I am a young rabbi, both professionally (going on two years in the rabbinate) and personally. (I'm 28 years old.) I've also been accused of being a little bit of an optimist.



In short, I really have no business offering an emotionally informed opinion on bar and bat mitzvah. Yet, it's important for me to state the following: Bar and bat mitzvah is a *transition* not a *graduation*!

Early in the Reform Jewish Movement, bar mitzvah celebration stopped. Looking at the words of one of our own rabbis, Kaufmann Kohler, from an article in 1907,<sup>1</sup> we see that there are two reasons why. First, bar mitzvah was a ceremony strictly for men, and as such it "assigned to woman an inferior rank according to Oriental notions which are out of place with us." Second, and perhaps more relevant, now that both women and men celebrate *b'nei mitzvah*, he points out that Reform communities "ignore the plain fact that the calling up of the thirteen year old lad to read

from the Torah is a mere survival of the calling up of *all members* of the congregation to the Torah reading." (italics added)

Rabbi Kohler pointed out that Reform Judaism had lost the sense that *all members* were capable of being called to read the Torah — a critique still valid today. The celebration of bar or bat mitzvah, which means "a person obligated to the commandments," was meant in fact to be a celebration of that which the child would thereafter be called upon to do *regularly*.

The first-known bat mitzvah ceremony in America took place in 1922 (the daughter of Rabbi Mordecai Kaplan). From then, with the realization that women and

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## WEEKLY TORAH PORTION

### ***Chol HaMo-eid Pesach***

(Exodus 33:12-34:26)

*Read Saturday, April 7*

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

**Sermon: Rabbi Posner**

**(Note: The weekly Torah Study group will NOT meet on April 7.)**

### ***Shirat HaYam, Song of the Sea***

(Special selection for the Conclusion of Passover)

*Read Saturday, April 14*

**Sermon: Rabbi Ehrlich**

**See worship schedule for Passover on page 3. »**

### ***Sh'mini***

(Leviticus 9:1-11:47)

*Read Saturday, April 21*

**Synopsis:**

Aaron's priesthood is inaugurated; Nadav and Avihu make an alien offering, and God strikes them down; list of kosher and non-kosher animals.

**Sermon: Rabbi Ehrlich**

### ***Tazria-M'tzora***

(Leviticus 12:1-15:33)

*Read Saturday, April 28*

**Synopsis:** Rituals for a woman's purification after childbirth; description of and treatment for leprosy. Purification for lepers and leprous houses; issues of bodily discharge.

**Sermon: Rabbinic Intern Hannah Goldstein**

# Worship & Spirituality



## PASSOVER AT EMANU-EL

### *Homebound Delivery/ Second Seder for the Elderly*

**Sunday, April 1 • 9 AM/9:30 AM • One East 65th Street  
Saturday, April 7 • 1 PM - 7 PM • 10 East 66th Street**

**F**OR MANY YEARS NOW, Congregation Emanu-El has provided what have become cherished community services: delivery of Passover meals to homebound seniors and our Second Seder for the Elderly.



- Packing and delivery of meals for homebound seniors will be held on **Sunday, April 1** beginning at **9 AM**. (Drivers, report at **9:30 AM**.) Enter at One East 65th Street; a continental breakfast will be served.
- Second Seder will be served on **Saturday, April 7**. Volunteers must arrive at 10 East 66th Street or at their senior center at the appropriate time, based on their assigned duties.

**Homebound Delivery and Second Seder are volunteer events for Temple members only. If you would like to participate but have not registered yet, then call (212) 744-1400, ext. 215.**

### *Second Grade Matzah Factory*

**Sunday, April 1 • 9:30 AM • 10 East 66th Street  
Monday, April 2 • 4 PM • 10 East 66th Street**



**M**ATZAH MAKING ANYONE? In this new and exciting family program, we will engage in making our own matzah in preparation for Passover. We will learn about the story of Passover and the origin of matzah and then bake our very own.

**This event is for second graders and their families only. RSVP to (212) 744-1400, ext. 226 or [school@emanuelnyc.org](mailto:school@emanuelnyc.org).**

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# illuminating Passover: A History of the Art of the Haggadah From Medieval to Early Modern Times

Tuesday, April 3 • 10:30 AM • One East 65th Street

OVER THE CENTURIES, the text and images of the Passover Haggadah have been in continuous dialogue. Illustrations of the Passover story provide graphic instruction and commentary, often revealing contemporary customs and perspectives, as well as artistic traditions. This lecture will take you on a visual journey from the 13th century, when lavish manuscripts were illuminated by masterful scribes and artists, to the advent of printing in the 15th century, and into the early modern period, which witnessed a revival of manuscript production.



This event will be led by **ELKA DEITSCH**, senior curator of the **Herbert & Eileen Bernard Museum of Judaica**. It is co-sponsored by the **Women's Auxiliary**. Light refreshments will be served.

**Attendance is free and open to all Temple members, but reservations are required. RSVP to (212) 744-1400, ext. 235 or womaux@emanuelnyc.org.**

## 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: Friday, April 6 • 6 PM • Main Sanctuary**

**Passover: Saturday, April 7 • 10:30 AM • Main Sanctuary**  
**Sermon: Rabbi Posner**

**Eve of Conclusion of Passover:**  
**Thursday, April 12 • 6 PM • Main Sanctuary**

**Conclusion of Passover: Friday, April 13 • 10:30 AM**  
**Main Sanctuary • Sermon: Rabbi Zeidman**  
**Includes a memorial service. Learn more about *Yizkor* on page 12. »**



**WORSHIP &  
SPIRITUALITY**

### 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.

**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.

**All Passover web resources may be found by clicking "Worship" → "Holy Days & Festivals" → "Passover."**



### SHABBAT KODESH

**Friday, April 20 • 7 PM**  
**(See program description on page 10. »)**

### SAVIV SHABBAT

**Friday, April 27 • 7:30 PM**  
**(See program description on page 7. »)**



**MUSEUM  
EXHIBITION**

**BEZALEL ART, CRAFT & JEWISH NATIONAL IDENTITY** brings to life the early years of the **Bezalel School of Arts and Crafts** and the network of artisanal workshops that helped to create a new Jewish and Zionist artistic aesthetic in early 20th century Jerusalem.

Founded in 1906 by **Boris Schatz**, the Bezalel School was named for the artisan chosen by God in the Bible. It comprised more than 30 different workshops specializing in carpet weaving, silver design, wood and ivory carving, and other skills. **E.M. Lilien, Ze'ev Raban** and **Meir Gur-Arie** were among the school's artists.

Both the secular and sacred worlds of Jewish life were represented in the academy's output of artillery-shell vases, coffeepots, rugs and ashtrays, as well as silver prayer-book bindings, menorahs and illustrated sacred scrolls. These objects combined to create a graphically stunning narrative of Jewish history that gave the burgeoning nation a visual identity, at home and around the world.

**ON VIEW through  
August 31, 2012**

*The mission of the Herbert & Eileen Bernard Museum is to examine and engage with the intersections of Jewish history, culture and identity.*

**Lectures • Classes • Tours**



## *The Art of the Haggadah From Medieval to Early Modern Times*

**Tuesday, April 3 • 10:30 AM • One East 65th Street**

**J**OIN ELKA DEITSCH, senior curator of the **Herbert & Eileen Bernard Museum of Judaica**, as she discuss illustrations of the Passover story and how they provide graphic instruction and commentary. (**« See full program description on page 3.»**)

This event is co-sponsored by the **Women's Auxiliary**. Attendance is free and open to all Temple members, but reservations are required. Light refreshments will be served.

**RSVP to (212) 744-1400, ext. 235 or womaux@emanuelnyc.org.**

## *Bezalel: Foundations of Israeli Art*

**Sunday, April 22 • 10 AM (Coffee and bagels served)/  
10:30 AM (Lecture begins) • One East 65th Street**

**I**N THE EARLY YEARS of the growth of Zionism, nearly half a century before the foundation of the State of Israel, a new artistic movement arose in Jerusalem. Bridging the gaps between secular and sacred and between the political and cultural strains of the Zionist endeavor, the Bezalel School would develop its characteristic style, which would serve as the point of departure for the development of nearly everything we today call "Israeli Art."



**DAVID WACHTEL** is senior consultant for special collections at the Library of the Jewish Theological Seminary (JTS). He also is a member of the faculty of JTS's "Context" program, has taught at the Skirball Center for Adult Jewish Learning at Temple Emanu-El and, since 2004, has served as a consultant at Sotheby's auction house. He has curated exhibitions at the Herbert & Eileen Bernard Museum as well as at JTS.

**This event is co-sponsored by the Herbert & Eileen Bernard Museum of Judaica at Temple Emanu-El and the Harry G. Friedman Society of Judaica Collectors. Attendance is free for Temple members and their guests.**

### **LEARN MORE...**

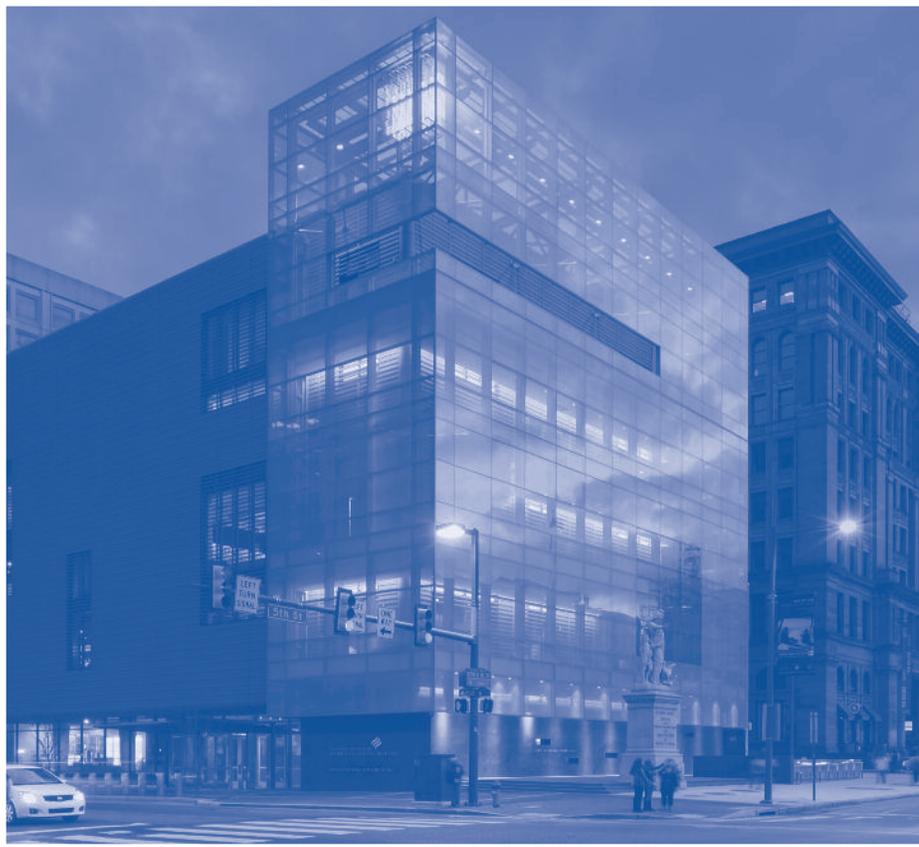
**BEZALEL ART, CRAFT & JEWISH NATIONAL IDENTITY on view now at the Herbert & Eileen Bernard Museum. (« See description at left.»)**

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# A Jewish Journey: Road Trip to Philadelphia

Tuesday, April 24 • Departure promptly at 8:30 AM •  
National Museum of American Jewish History (Philadelphia)



**J**OIN THE WOMEN'S AUXILIARY for a guided tour of this most fascinating museum devoted solely to the experiences of Jews in North America. Covering 25,000 square feet and three and a half floors of the museum's new building, the core exhibition offers a layered experience through which visitors explore more than 350 years of Jewish life in America through evocative objects, telling moments and state-of-the-art interactive media.

We will be departing from the Temple (One East 65th Street) promptly at 8:30 AM for this all-day outing. We'll return to the Temple at approximately 6 PM. The charge (bus transportation, museum entrance fee and lunch) is \$75 for current Women's Auxiliary and Men's Club members; \$85 for all other Temple members and guests. Reservations must be made with the Women's Auxiliary by Thursday, April 5. Lunch forms must be included with your check and reservation form.

**Download forms from the Temple website. (Event is listed in the web calendar.) Or, contact the Women's Auxiliary. Call (212) 744-1400, ext. 235, or send an email to womaux@emanuelnyc.org.**

## SKIRBALL



### SPRING SEMESTER

Courses begin **Monday, April 16**. Temple members receive a 15 percent discount on full-semester classes. **View the course guide and register at [www.adultjewishlearning.org](http://www.adultjewishlearning.org).**   
**Or, call (212) 507-9580.**

### SUNDAY SEMINARS

*Sessions are open to the public. Enter at One East 65th Street. Charge is \$60 per person; register with the Skirball Center by calling (212) 507-9580.*

### WHO IS GOD?

**Sunday, April 22 •  
10 AM - 2 PM**

Even Jews interested in developing a personal spirituality often find it difficult to talk about God. Come get comfortable with the subject and clarify your own perspective by exploring ways of thinking about, imagining and communicating with God.

### NARRATIVES AND SYMBOLS: INTERFAITH CONVERSATIONS IN ART Sunday, April 29 •

**10 AM - 2 PM**

Learn how Christian artists borrowed from the existing Jewish tradition and how Jewish artists sometimes used Christian models for artistic embellishment in architecture and books. This seminar will include a visit to the Main Sanctuary of Temple Emanu-El to explore its own unexpected cultural exchanges.



**BOOK DISCUSSIONS**

**MEN'S CLUB**

**Tuesday, April 3**

**8:30 AM • One East 65th**

**SELECTION: *Benjamin Disraeli*** by Adam Kirsch

"This engaging biography gives nuance and meaning to one of the most enigmatic men of the Victorian era."

— Amanda Foreman,  
author of *Georgiana: Duchess of Devonshire*

**WOMEN'S AUXILIARY\***

**Tuesday, April 17**

**12:30 PM • One East 65th**

**SELECTION: *A Dream of Zion — American Jews Reflect on Why Israel Matters to Them*** edited by Rabbi Jeffrey K. Salkin

Discover what Jewish people in America have to say about Israel...

Their voices have never mattered more than they do now.

— Publisher's website

\*Rabbi Alfredo Borodowski will lead our discussion.

**STETTENHEIM LITERARY CIRCLE**

**Wednesday, April 18**

**6:30 PM • One East 65th**

**SELECTION: *The Lover*** by A.B. Yehoshua

The author's first novel—a dreamlike story of a husband's obsessive search for his wife's lover amid the turbulence of the Yom Kippur War. "The story of the search has the elegant symmetry of a cut gem."

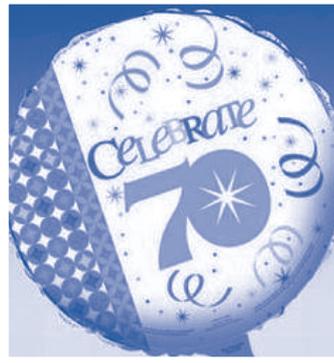
— *The New Yorker*

**Community**



**Club 70: A Group for Seniors**

**Tuesday, April 10 • 11 AM • One East 65th Street**



**T**HIS MONTH'S GUEST SPEAKER will be **Diane Cole**, author of *After Great Pain: A New Life Emerges*— a *New York Times* Notable Book and one of *USA Today's* 10 Best Nonfiction Books. Ms. Cole will explore the resilience of the human spirit and how a meaningful life can be created even in the face of unimaginable loss. In August of this year, she will teach a Skirball course on the Jewish voice and sensibility of five well-known American short-story writers.

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.

**Intergenerational Study Session**

**Sunday, April 22 • 9:30 AM • 10 East 66th Street**

**F**OR MORE THAN 25 years, volunteers from Temple Emanu-El have been preparing 150 lunches for hungry New Yorkers every Sunday through the **Sunday Lunch Program**. In 2012, we have organized an **Intergenerational Study Session** with **Rabbi Benjamin Zeidman** immediately preceding the Sunday Lunch Program once a month. 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 join us. Contact Missy Bell, our coordinator of Youth Learning and Engagement, at (212) 744-1400, ext. 329 or youthgroups@emanuelnyc.org.

**Save the Date...**

**T**HE MEN'S CLUB cordially invites all Temple members to their annual meeting and presentation of the **Samuel Sacks Achievement Award** on **Thursday, May 17** at **6 PM**. This year's Sacks Award recipient is **Eve Haberman**, longtime Temple member and two-time past president of the Women's Auxiliary.

For more information, call the Men's Club at (212) 744-1400, ext. 250.

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## PARENTING @ EMANU-EL

### *Food and Family: Nurturing Body and Spirit*

Wednesday, April 25 • 9:15 AM • One East 65th Street

**J**OIN **Dr. Abigail Brenner** and **Dr. Erika Landau**, who will provide insight about one of the most discussed topics of parenthood and offer take-home suggestions to apply in your family's life. Bring your questions and concerns and be prepared for a satisfying hour of engagement.

RSVP to [parenting@emanuelnyc.org](mailto:parenting@emanuelnyc.org)  
by Tuesday, April 24.



### *Saviv Shabbat and Dinner*

Friday, April 27 • 7:30 PM • One East 65th Street

**J**OIN 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 a program for Temple members and nonmembers in their 20s and 30s.

Dinner is free when you make your reservation by April 25; log on to [www.saviv.org](http://www.saviv.org). Saviv is for 20s and 30s only.



### *Family Trip to Israel*

**T**HE TIME IS NOW to sign up for Temple Emanu-El's next family trip to Israel...

**December 23, 2012,  
through January 3, 2013**

To be led by **Rabbi Benjamin Zeidman** and **Lifelong Learning Director Saul Kaiserman**, our journey is designed to be equally appropriate for all members of the family—grandparents, parents and kids. We will explore Israel from the Negev Desert to the Golan Heights, from Jerusalem to Tel Aviv, and everywhere in between.

For more information, call Rabbi Zeidman at (212) 744-1400, ext. 304, or send an email to [israeltrip@emanuelnyc.org](mailto:israeltrip@emanuelnyc.org).



**EMANU-EL  
EATS**

WE ARE NEARING the end of the recipe collection phase for the *Emanu-El Eats* cookbook. As we work to sort the submissions into helpful sections and test each dish, we find that we would like to include more recipes for contemporary vegetarian, vegan and gluten-free dishes that meet today's more wide-ranging dietary choices and special needs. In this vein, we also would like to include additional recipes for new, lighter versions of classic dishes—those old favorites remade for modern-day tastes but with less fat and sodium and perhaps more spice to enliven the flavor.

In addition, there's always room for more versions of both special holiday favorites as well as those quick-and-easy, everyday recipes we rely on to get us through a busy week. So, we would like to encourage those of you who planned to send in your recipes, but haven't yet gotten around to it, to do so as soon as possible. We would like to publish our cookbook this year, but we can only do so with your help. Please send your recipes without delay.

**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](mailto:emanueleats@emanuelnyc.org). Please include your contact information.



## VOLUNTEER PROGRAMS

### STITCH'N TIME Sunday, April 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, April 19**.

### HELP FEED THE HUNGRY... DRIVERS NEEDED

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@emanuelnyc.org](mailto:tikkunolam@emanuelnyc.org).

# Volunteering



## Help Feed the Hungry

**Sunday, April 29 • 12 PM • Blumenthal Hall (10 E. 66th Street)**

**T**EMPLE VOLUNTEERS are needed to prepare 300 meal bags containing sandwiches, fresh-baked cookies and other items for distribution through **Yorkville Common Pantry** and **DOROT's Homelessness Prevention Program**.

To volunteer, contact the **Tikkun Olam Committee: (212) 744-1400, ext. 452** or [tikkunolam@emanuelnyc.org](mailto:tikkunolam@emanuelnyc.org). Use "Help Feed the Hungry" as the subject of your email.



## Donate Items to NYC's Low-Income Families

**D**URING THE MONTH of April, the **Tikkun Olam Committee** will be collecting the following items to assist fellow New Yorkers:

**Milk**—A gallon of fresh milk can cost as much as \$5, too expensive for many NYC families. Please help us provide milk for them through our partnership with **Yorkville Common Pantry** by donating "shelf-stable milk." Shelf-stable milk requires no refrigeration until the package is opened and is manufactured by such companies as Parmalat, Borden and Organic Valley.

**Children's Books**—New and "like new" books are needed for the children at the **Clinton Family Inn** and for distribution through the **Reach Out and Read** program at **Mount Sinai Hospital**.

**Children's Clothing**—Gently used children's clothing (pants, shorts, shirts, sweaters, coats, jackets and shoes) will be donated to **Homes for the Homeless**. Please, no stained or torn items.

**SAT Prep and College Guide Books**—Do you have SAT prep materials and college guide books that you no longer need? If they are less than three years old and in good condition (SAT books should not be written in), then please consider donating them. Tikkun Olam will deliver them to high school students in various NYC public schools.

Items may be dropped off at One East 65th Street daily until 7 PM and at the 10 East 66th Street lobby during Religious School and Nursery School hours.

**Questions? Contact the Tikkun Olam Committee: (212) 744-1400, ext. 452 or [tikkunolam@emanuelnyc.org](mailto:tikkunolam@emanuelnyc.org). Please use "Spring Drives" as the subject of your email.**

## Religious School



# Third Grade Parents Bar/Bat Mitzvah Meeting

**Sunday, April 15 • 11:15 AM • 10 East 66th Street**  
**Monday, April 16 • 5:15 PM • 10 East 66th Street**

**P**ARENTS OF THIRD GRADERS: Are you confused about the bar/bat mitzvah process at Emanu-El? Wondering when you're supposed to start thinking about it? Is it already too late or way too early? (Answer: It isn't.)

Join **Rabbi Amy Ehrlich**  
and **Lifelong Learning**  
**Director Saul Kaiserman**

for a brief informational meeting prior to the end of the Religious School day. Over a cup of coffee, you'll learn about the different types of worship services at Temple Emanu-El and the prayer spaces where children may be called to the Torah. We also will be presenting new information about the sign-up process.



Meetings will be held on the sixth floor of the Religious School building on two dates. All parents are encouraged to attend one of these sessions prior to scheduling the date for their child's service. A date for a bar or bat mitzvah service may be scheduled once a child reaches fourth grade or turns 10 years old.

**If you're planning to attend, then please register at [school@emanuelnyc.org](mailto:school@emanuelnyc.org) or by calling (212) 744-1400, ext. 226. Visit the Emanu-El website for useful information about our bar/bat mitzvah program. Click "Learning" → "Religious School" → "Bar & Bat Mitzvah Program."**



## Bar/Bat Mitzvah (continued from page 1)

men could celebrate this important milestone in Jewish life, bar and bat mitzvah slowly began returning to liberal Jewish life. In the 1940s and 1950s it spread, and it was in 1972 that we at Temple Emanu-El held our first bar mitzvah ceremony.

Why the age of 13? According to the *Mishnah* (Rabbinic law dating

from the second century of the Common Era), at that age, a person is ready to fulfill the commandments. So, we celebrate this fact by actually fulfilling one! Throughout history, the participation of a male child in services and Torah reading at the age of 13 passed with little

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## VOLUNTEER PROGRAMS

The following programs are for Religious School students and their families. Volunteers must register with Missy Bell, our coordinator of Youth Learning and Engagement, at (212) 744-1400, ext. 329 or [youthgroups@emanuelnyc.org](mailto:youthgroups@emanuelnyc.org).

### FAMILY PROJECT

**Sunday, April 15 •  
9:30 AM - 4 PM**

Sixth and seventh graders and their families are invited to participate in the Mitzvah Corps Unit 7: Caring for the Environment Action Session. Families will travel to **Eden Village Camp**, about an hour north of New York City, to spend the day learning and doing service projects to help the environment, including planting fruits and vegetables that will be donated after harvesting to those in need. When registering, please indicate how many people will be attending and if you would like to use the transportation that will be provided. We will be leaving from 10 East 66th Street.

### EARTH DAY PROJECT

**Saturday, April 21 •  
9:30 AM - 3:30 PM**

High school students are invited to join the Senior Youth Group for a beach cleanup at **Plumb Beach** in Brooklyn with the **New York Audubon Society**. Have fun and earn six hours of community-service credits. We will meet at One East 65th Street.

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## VOLUNTEER PROGRAMS

### AJWS TEEN BENEFIT Saturday, April 28 • 9 PM • 15 E. 27th Street

The annual Teen Benefit, raising money for **American Jewish World Service**, will be held at the **Prince George Ballroom**.

The event, planned and run entirely by the teenagers of the Teen Benefit Committee at Emanu-El, has raised \$35,000 for AJWS in the last two years. All teens, regardless of if they are members of Emanu-El, are invited to attend.

To purchase tickets, go to **www.ajwsteenbenefitnyc.com**. To make a donation, including items for the raffle or gift bags, contact **Missy Bell** at **(212) 744-1400, ext. 329** or **youthgroups@emanuelnyc.org**.

*From February 16-20, Emanu-El students spent a volunteer weekend in Alabama. The following was written by one of the program participants.*

### HIGH SCHOOL VOLUNTEER WEEKEND

*By Julia Slaff*

THE TEEN COMMUNITY of Emanu-El went on a community-service trip to Birmingham, Ala., over Presidents Day weekend. We were given the opportunity to help rebuild homes that had been damaged by the tornadoes in April of last year. The jobs demanded long hours and hard work, but we managed to have a bit of fun on the side.

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# Holocaust Remembrance Program

**Wednesday, April 18 • 4 PM (Tefilah)/4:30 PM (Speaker) • Lowenstein Sanctuary (10 East 66th Street)**

**Sunday, April 22 • 9:30 AM (Tefilah) • Lowenstein Sanctuary (10 East 66th Street)/10 AM (Speaker) • Greenwald Hall (One East 65th Street)**

Photo by Chris Kelly/Greater Media Newspapers



**I**N HONOR OF **Yom HaShoah (Holocaust Memorial Day)**, child survivor **Ruth Millman** will be sharing her experience with us. Fifth and sixth grade students will attend as part of their regular Religious School day; seventh and eighth graders are encouraged to attend either day. All Religious School parents also are invited to attend, regardless of what grade their child is in. *Tefilah* will precede the speaker at each program.

**RUTH MILLMAN** was born in Warsaw. In 1939, her family was arrested and sent to live in the Warsaw Ghetto. They escaped when her father was able to bribe three Nazi officers with jewelry to take them out. Today she is active in national Jewish organizations and has served as a board member of the Jewish Federation of Monmouth County (N.J.), as a member of the Speakers Bureau of Brookdale Community College (Center for Holocaust Studies), as a board member of the Jewish Families and Children's Service of Monmouth County, as founder of the Women's Division of the UJA of Greater Red Bank (N.J.) and as a member of Governor Whitman's Commission on Holocaust Education. She also has received the Anti-Defamation League award for Holocaust education.

**Questions? Contact the Religious School Office at (212) 744-1400, ext. 226 or school@emanuelnyc.org.**

## Shabbat Kodesh Service and Teen Recognition Dinner

**Friday, April 20 • 7 PM • Beth-El Chapel\* (Fifth Avenue and 65th Street) \*Note special start time and location**

**T**HIS MONTH'S SERVICE will honor those students who have taken on a leadership role within our congregational community. **All are welcome to attend.** Dinner for teens and their families will follow. Teens will make presentations about their volunteer and leadership efforts.

**The charge for dinner is \$35 per family for reservations made by Monday, April 16 and \$50 per family after April 16. Reservations are required. RSVP to school@emanuelnyc.org or (212) 744-1400, ext. 226.**

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## Bar/Bat Mitzvah (continued)

fanfare. In fact, the bigger joy was for the parents, as they no longer were obligated to be punished for their child's sins! At a traditional bar mitzvah, the father still says the blessing: *Baruch she-petarani me-onsho shel zeh* ("Blessed is the One Who has now freed me from responsibility for this one").

*The misconception of bar or bat mitzvah as a graduation, rather than as a transition, is a matter of concern.*

For us now, it is an important day in the life of a young Jew and his or her family. And, it is a true joy as a rabbi to be part of the lives of these amazing young people. They lead me in worship regularly in celebration of their Jewish heritage as they begin to take responsibility for themselves. But the challenge is, as we know, the modern 13-year-old is not actually capable of entirely taking on that responsibility alone. Even in centuries gone by, the newly minted Jewish "adults" had a community and even parents helping them along as they struggled with how to properly engage in their Jewish lives.

The misconception of bar or bat mitzvah as a graduation, rather than as a transition, is a matter of concern. Let us look at our 13-year-olds, as much as we can remember.

Was your theological awareness developed enough to enable you to deal with the trials and tribulations of adulthood? Had you been through enough to know what it meant to be part of the adult community? Were you aware enough about what it meant to take part in something larger than yourself?

Imagine you've forgotten everything you learned after the age of 13. Where would that leave you right at this moment? Probably not so well off! That holds true with math, science, history and all the rest. And yet, so often we view 13 as the moment when we are allowed to *stop* engaging in religious life. We view 13 as the time when we are *done* thinking through the theological implications of the very real troubles we one day will face.

I've had the opportunity to discuss heavy matters with some pretty amazing teens here at Temple Emanu-El as they go through one of the most difficult periods of the life of an American: ages 14-18, the most formative years. They are asking the difficult questions: Why does God allow bad things to happen to good people? What is God anyway, and why should I care? Why is Judaism special or unique? What can Judaism actually teach me? What does tragedy mean? How does Judaism inform me on what it means to live a good life?

These are the questions that our teens are asking if they've stayed involved in Jewish life. Thankfully, they have a chance to ask these questions. Imagine those who don't have the opportunity. It won't occur to them until too late that their theological framework only works for a 13-year-old! It's a recipe for Jews who don't care about Judaism.

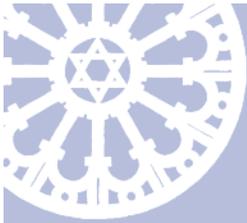
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We arrived in Birmingham on a Thursday night. On Friday morning we went to work on a home that had been damaged. We were later told that the last group that had been assigned the house turned around and left because they thought it was too damaged. With our team effort, we managed to fix a lot of the house. We ripped up the carpets and painted the walls. After our long day of remodeling, we had the opportunity to go to a Shabbat service at Temple Emanu-El of Birmingham. Southern hospitality was not lacking on that day!

Saturday was another big day of service for us. We went to a home that was close to completion but still needed some help. We did our part by grouting the bathroom, putting in a wooden floor and scraping glue from a hardwood floor. When the day was over, we all felt a real feeling of completion.

**Read Julia's full essay on the Temple website. Click "Learning" → "Youth & Young Adults" → "Teen Volunteer Weekends."**



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## Memorial Services: A Time to Mourn Together

WHILE WE RECITE *Kaddish* individually to honor the deceased yearly, we come together for the *Yizkor* service as a time for us to remember them communally. When a community of mourners gathers, we gain strength from one another.

Four times a year, the memorial prayers are recited as we mourn together. All are holy days when we remember those whom we have loved and lost.



### Following are the upcoming dates for *Yizkor* services:

**Conclusion of Passover**  
 April 13, 2012 • 10:30 AM

**Yom Kippur Afternoon**  
 September 26, 2012 • 3:45 PM

**Shavuot**  
 May 27, 2012 • 10:30 AM

**Sh'mini Atzeret**  
 October 8, 2012 • 10:30 AM

## Bar/Bat Mitzvah (continued)

Bar or bat mitzvah as a transition from learning as a child to learning as an adolescent is the key. It encourages well-rounded Jewish adults who are independent and capable of engaging in their own theological discourse and debates, so that we truly may wrestle with God as Judaism encourages us to do. When we encourage our children to see bar or bat mitzvah as a graduation, we deprive them of the skills needed to live life more fully. When we show our children that Jewish learning, just like any learning, does not end at a given age, then we lead by example and serve as role models in what it means to live life well.

How do we show it? We encourage them to continue Jewish engagement after the age of 13. We show them that we are learning Jewishly, too, by taking classes at our own Skirball Center, attending lectures at the Temple, looking out for our upcoming Adult B'nei Mitzvah class and continuing just as we ask them to do...for life.

#### WHAT DO YOU THINK?

Join the conversation and post your thoughts on the Temple website. Click "About Us" → "Publications" → "Bulletin Blog."



<sup>1</sup> Kaufmann Kohler, "The Origin and Functions of Ceremonies in Judaism," *CCAR Yearbook 17 (1907): 226.*

# Life-Cycle Events



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

## Saturday, April 14

*Emma Jacobson Sorkin*, daughter of Jessica Jacobson and John Sorkin

## Saturday, April 21

*Myles Joshua Sporn*, son of Lawrence M. Sporn and Susan L. Gelber

*Ian Benjamin Leifer*, son of Dana and Anne Leifer

*Elizabeth Lilly Young*, daughter of Stephanie Scherer Young and Eric Young

## Saturday, April 28

*Ian H. Holzer*, son of Ashley and Charles Holzer

*Benno Kass*, son of Terry and Ron Kass

**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 Passover (April 6 and 7)

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

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

### For the Sabbath of April 6 and 7

In loving memory of *Clara Fisch*

*(continued)*

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.



## 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. All contributions are listed in *Window on Emanu-El*.

**Contact the Women's Auxiliary at womaux@emanuelnyc.org or (212) 744-1400, ext. 235.**



## LIFE-CYCLE EVENTS

### 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 Temple Emanu-El broadcasts its own services over the Internet, we are able to accommodate all congregants who wish to share 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.

### 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"  
→ "Life-Cycle Events"  
→ "Weddings"  
→ "Wedding Music." 

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## PULPIT FLOWERS (continued)

### For the Conclusion of Passover (April 12 and 13)

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

### For the Sabbath of April 13 and 14

Sivia Brodsky in loving memory of her husband, *Andrew Brodsky*

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 20 and 21

The family of Myles Sporn in honor of *Myles* becoming a bar mitzvah

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

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

Robin M. Laden in loving memory of my father, *Leonard Laden*

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

Suzanne Sloan in loving memory of *Peter Moore*

### For the Sabbath of April 27 and 28

Ellen J. Weiss *In Celebration of Life*

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

## Let Us Know...

**T**HROUGH GOOD TIMES AND BAD, the Temple Emanu-El clergy very much want to know about the important events happening in the lives of our community—the welcoming of a new child or grandchild, a graduation from school, the illness or death of a loved one.

Contact the Rabbinic Office at (212) 744-1400 or rabbis@emanuelnyc.org.

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# At a Glance: April 2012



**April 1**  
**Sunday, 9 AM**  
*Homebound Delivery*  
One East 65th Street



**April 1 and 2**  
**Sunday, 9:30 AM**  
**Monday, 4 PM**  
*Second Grade*  
*Matzah Factory*  
10 East 66th Street



**April 3**  
**Tuesday, 8:30 AM**  
*Men's Club Book Group*  
One East 65th Street



**April 3**  
**Tuesday, 10:30 AM**  
*Illuminating Passover*  
One East 65th Street



**April 6 and 7**  
**Friday, 6 PM**  
**Saturday, 10:30 AM**  
*Passover Services*  
Main Sanctuary  
(Fifth Avenue at 65th Street)



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



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



**April 12 and 13**  
**Thursday, 6 PM**  
**Friday, 10:30 AM**  
*Conclusion of*  
*Passover Services*  
Main Sanctuary  
(Fifth Avenue at 65th Street)



**April 15**  
**Sunday, 9:30 AM - 4 PM**  
*Sixth & Seventh Grade*  
*Family Service Project*  
One East 65th Street



**April 15**  
**Sunday, 11 AM - 2 PM**  
*Stitch'n Time*  
One East 65th Street



**April 15 and 16**  
**Sunday, 11:15 AM**  
**Monday, 5:15 PM**  
*Third Grade Parents*  
*Bar/Bat Mitzvah Meeting*  
10 East 66th Street



**April 17**  
**Tuesday, 12:30 PM**  
*Women's Auxiliary*  
*Book Group*  
One East 65th Street



**April 18 and 22**  
**Wednesday, 4 PM**  
*Holocaust Remembrance*  
Lowenstein Sanctuary  
(10 East 66th Street)  
**Sunday, 9:30 AM**  
Greenwald Hall (One East 65th)  
and Lowenstein Sanctuary  
(10 East 66th Street)



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



**April 19**  
**Thursday, 5 PM**  
*Ronald McDonald House*  
405 East 73rd Street



**April 20**  
**Friday, 7 PM**  
*Shabbat Kodesh &*  
*Teen Recognition Dinner*  
Beth-El Chapel (Fifth Avenue)



**April 22**  
**Sunday, 9:30 AM**  
*Intergenerational*  
*Study Session*  
Blumenthal Hall  
(10 East 66th Street)



**April 22**  
**Sunday, 10 AM - 2 PM**  
*Who Is God?*  
One East 65th Street



**April 22**  
**Sunday, 10:30 AM**  
*Bezalel: The Foundations*  
*of Israeli Art*  
One East 65th Street



**April 25**  
**Wednesday, 9:15 AM**  
*Food & Family:*  
*Nurturing Body & Spirit*  
One East 65th Street



**April 27**  
**Friday, 7:30 PM**  
*Saviv Shabbat & Dinner*  
One East 65th Street



**April 29**  
**Sunday, 10 AM - 2 PM**  
*Narrative and*  
*Symbols: Interfaith*  
*Conversations in Art*  
One East 65th Street



**April 29**  
**Sunday, 12 PM**  
*Help Feed the Hungry*  
Blumenthal Hall (10 East 66th)



**Book Discussion**



**Community**



**Lecture • Class • Tour**



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## Bezalel Art, Craft & Jewish National Identity

**ON VIEW AT THE HERBERT & EILEEN BERNARD  
MUSEUM OF JUDAICA THROUGH AUGUST 31, 2012**

**I**N 1906, **E.M. Lilien** traveled to Jerusalem with **Boris Schatz**, founder of the **Bezalel School of Arts and Crafts**, to serve as the school's first instructor. Melding Art Nouveau style and Jewish imagery, Lilien's bold graphic style remained an indelible influence on Bezalel's output for years to come. Lilien's distinctive designs include Schatz's personal bookplate, which depicts him as Bezalel ben Uri, the biblical artisan who built the Tabernacle.

Learn more on the Temple website. Click "Museum" → "Exhibitions."



**Ex Libris of Boris Schatz by E.M. Lilien (1874–1925)**  
*From the Collection of Ira and Brigitte Rezak*