

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. Refreshments will be served afterward. (**Learn more on page 4 »**)

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.



To Believe—Or Not to Believe

By Rabbi David M. Posner

WHEN WE SCAN the broad picture of classical Jewish literary endeavor, we right-

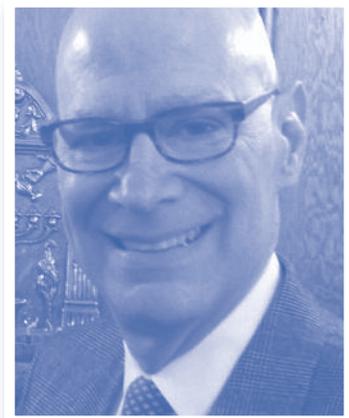
fully may come to the conclusion that our people place greater emphasis on law, ritual and ceremony than we do on philosophy,

theology and even history. Certainly, we are familiar with basic stories from the Bible and from some post-biblical literature. But none of this compares in sheer volume with the amount of effort and attention given by our scholars and Sages to matters of Jewish law and practice.

One of the reasons for this is that we are a people that are not truly at home with theology. We are not comfortable or at ease when speaking about God. Even in the most traditional yeshivot, theology is not at the heart of the curriculum. The Torah itself contains 613 commandments—365 negative ones and 248 positive ones. These are all commandments that, by and large, relate to things we must or must not do—NOT to what we must or must not believe. Even if we just consider the Ten Commandments, it is obvious that most of them deal with issues of human conduct—but not with belief.

We speak at family gatherings about the memories we have of our par-

ents and grandparents and even great grandparents and how they defined and lived their Jewish lives. We talk about what they DID and what they OBSERVED and how they PRACTICED Judaism. We remember where they prayed, how they said *Kaddish* for their own parents and what foods they liked. But we don't talk about what they BELIEVED. Of course, the Jewish community has never in all its history been at a loss for those who say they don't believe in God. We learn in the Talmud that a human being is born both a true believer and an absolute apostate, and the distance between the two is often no greater than the breadth of a hair.



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WEEKLY TORAH PORTION

Naso

(Numbers 4:21-7:89)

Read Saturday, June 2

Synopsis: Responsibilities for transporting parts of Mishkan; laws of purity; laws about accused adulterers; laws of sacrifice.

B'haalot'cha

(Numbers 8:1-12:16)

Read Saturday, June 9

Synopsis: Lighting of menorah; Levites inaugurated for Temple service; celebration of second Passover since Egypt; pillar of cloud directs Israelites after they break camp; silver trumpets used to herald movement of Israelites; Israelites leave Sinai desert; Israelites complain about desert travel conditions; Moses complains to God; God promises to send quail for food; Moses institutes Sanhedrin to govern people; prophesy that Joshua will succeed Moses as leader.

Sh'lach L'cha

(Numbers 13:1-15:41)

Read Saturday, June 16

Synopsis: Moses sends spies into the Land of Israel; spies return with outsized fruit and negative report; Moses defends people against God's wrath; God decrees that those who left Egypt over the age of 18 will die in the desert; various sacrificial laws; Sabbath transgressor punished; laws of tzitzit.

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Worship & Spirituality



High Holy Days Worship & Seating

Selichot—Saturday, September 8 • 9 PM *No tickets required

Eve of Rosh Hashanah—Sunday, September 16 • 5:30 PM

Rosh Hashanah—Monday, September 17 • 10 AM

Kol Nidrei—Tuesday, September 25 • 8 PM

Yom Kippur—Wednesday, September 26 • 9:45 AM and 3:45 PM

SPECIAL NOTICES ABOUT reserving seats for the High Holy Days are being enclosed with the 2012-2013 membership dues statements. Renewal of seating is not automatic; renewal forms **MUST** be returned to the Temple Office by the date specified. Members of the Temple with existing seating assignments will have the opportunity at that time to reserve the same seats or add, release or request to change their seats.

Additional seating reservations may be purchased and added to your membership account anytime after you receive the first seating renewal notice. We do our best to provide seats as close to your existing reservations as possible. Each member with a seating reservation will receive a set of tickets for all services. Tickets are mailed two weeks prior to the High Holy Days.

Tickets for the Family Worship services are available at no additional cost to all members with young children and to all our Nursery School and Religious School parents who wish to attend services with their children and extended families.

College students, both Temple members and nonmembers, who do not already have seats are invited to join us for High Holy Day Services in the Lowenstein Sanctuary. Simply present a current college ID at the Beth-El Chapel entrance on Fifth Avenue on the day of the service, and you will be given an entrance ticket for that service. The Beth-El entrance is open 30 minutes before each service.

SEATING RECIPROCITY

Temple Emanu-El members in good standing who will be out of town during the High Holy Days may obtain a Courtesy Seating Form to present for admission to another Union for Reform Judaism member temple. Similarly, Emanu-El will provide complimentary tickets for out-of-town relatives of members or out-of-town visitors who arrange for courtesy seating.

If you are affiliated with another temple and wish to attend services at Temple Emanu-El, please call your home temple and ask them to forward a Reciprocal Seating Request Form to us. This process takes time to complete, so please plan ahead.

Reciprocal tickets to attend services at Temple Emanu-El are held for pick up at the Beth-El Garden Entrance door just prior to services.

All questions regarding seating, tickets and reciprocity should be directed to the Temple Office: (212) 744-1400.

SAVE THE DATE!

Templewide Shabbat Dinner

START THE NEW YEAR out right! Mark your calendars for **Friday, October 12** at **6 PM**. The **Women's Auxiliary**, the **Men's Club** and the **Department of Lifelong Learning** cordially invite all Temple members and their guests to our opening event on that Friday evening.

We are thrilled that **Rabbi Rick Jacobs**, the new president of the **Union for Reform Judaism**, will be joining us for 6 PM services and then will speak at the Shabbat dinner to follow. Rabbi Jacobs has been the dynamic and visionary spiritual leader of Westchester Reform Temple in Scarsdale for the last two decades.

To encourage Religious School parent participation in our dinner, there will be a pizza party and age-appropriate activities for all Religious School children who attend the service with their parents.



Photo by Ben Fink Shapiro

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.

A Note About Our Sanctuaries

TEMPLE EMANU-EL IS proud to provide an induction loop system in our Fifth Avenue sanctuaries to assist those members of our congregation as well as visitors who may be hard of hearing. Hearing aids must be switched to the "T" (telecoil) setting. Infrared assistance listening devices also are available for use in all of our sanctuaries, including Greenwald Hall and the Leon Lowenstein Auditorium. Portable receivers and headsets or neck loops are available from a lobby attendant or usher; picture ID is required.



WEEKLY TORAH PORTION (cont.)

Korach

(Numbers 16:1-18:32)

Read Saturday, June 23

Synopsis: Korach and his followers lead a rebellion against Moses and Aaron, accusing them of taking power for themselves that belongs to all the Israelites; God causes an earthquake that swallows Korach and his entourage alive; the people protest, so God causes a plague; Israelites are then instructed to bring gifts to Aaron and the priests.

Chukat

(Numbers 19:1-22:1)

Read Saturday, June 30

Synopsis: Laws of the red heifer; Miriam dies and well dries up; people complain of thirst; Moses hits rock for water; as punishment, Moses will not enter the Land; various battles with surrounding peoples; Aaron dies; Moses miraculously saves people bitten by snakes.

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.

WEEKLY TORAH STUDY

Please note that the Weekly Torah Study Group will not meet during June, July or August. We will resume in the fall.

SKIRBALL



ARTISTS AND WRITERS EXHIBITION

Tuesday, June 5 •

6 PM/7 PM •

One East 65th Street

The six weeks that make up Skirball's *beit midrash* for artists and writers culminate with the annual presentation of students' work. Students of the Writers' Beit Midrash will read their works starting at 6 PM. The exhibition of artwork from students of the Artists' Beit Midrash begins at 7 PM. A reception follows. **The art show remains open through June 14.** Attendance is free.

SUMMER COURSES

Save the following dates for Skirball summer courses...

Jewish Masters of the Short Story: Readings by Malamud, Roth, Bellow, Ozick and Paley

Wednesdays, August 1 – 29 • 12:30 PM – 2 PM

Lecturer: Diane Cole

Simply Mordecai M. Kaplan: From Heretic to Prophet of American Judaism

Wednesdays, August 1 – 29 • 2:30 PM – 4 PM

Lecturer: Rabbi Alfredo Borodowski, Ph.D.

Learn more on the Skirball website: www.adultjewishlearning.org. Or, call the Skirball Center at (212) 507-9580.

Community



Annual Meeting of the Congregation

Thursday, June 7 • 6 PM • One East 65th Street

THE ANNUAL MEETING of the congregation will be held in Greenwald Hall of the Marvin and Elisabeth Cassell Community House, after the Sunset Service. Refreshments will follow the meeting.

The finance committee recommends that, effective June 1, 2012, the minimum annual membership dues be increased by \$50; the rate of taxes on pews and the rates of membership on pews in the Temple and Leon Lowenstein sanctuaries be increased by \$20 to \$85, depending on location; and Associate Membership dues be increased by \$5 to \$25, depending on age and marital status. These increases are necessary in order to adequately sustain the diverse service of programs to our families. Our dues remain relatively low compared with those of other congregations.



Temple members should have received in the mail an abbreviated statement of operating income and expenses.

How to Become a Member

THE MINIMUM MEMBERSHIP CONTRIBUTION for the fiscal year beginning **June 2012** is **\$1,350**. We currently offer two exceptions to this: a reduced rate for **Associate Members** (individuals between age 21 and 29) and a newly created **Full Family Membership**. Dues are billed in June each year and cover most aspects of membership in Temple Emanu-El, including services by the clergy, use of the facilities, access to member-only events and services, and special consideration at events open to the public. Dues also are a credit toward seating during the High Holy Days.

Small additional fees are required for membership in our Temple auxiliaries—the **Men's Club** and the **Women's Auxiliary**. Enrollment in Temple Emanu-El's **Religious School** is open to children of Temple members only. In addition to the fees for Temple membership, families will be charged tuition for each child enrolled. The tuition rate for the 2012 fiscal year is **\$1,025** per child (**\$50 discount before July 31**).

Temple membership applications may be downloaded from the Temple website. **Click "Membership" → "How to Become a Member."** Completed applications must be signed and returned with membership dues to the Temple Office. Questions about membership dues and seating should be directed to the Temple Office: (212) 744-1400.



Club 70: A Group for Seniors

Tuesday, June 12 and July 10 • 11 AM • One East 65th Street



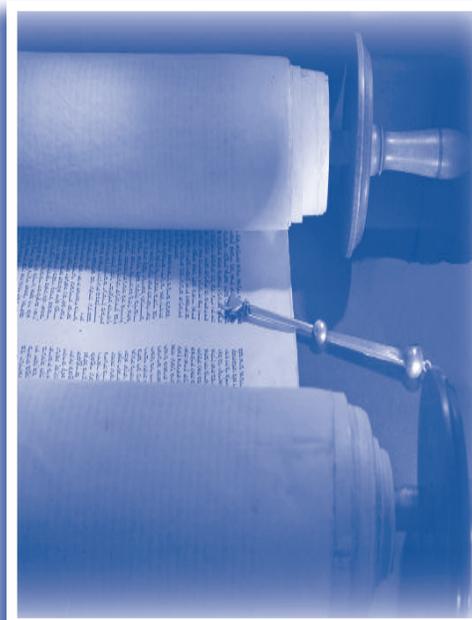
IN JUNE, Club 70 will meet with **Saul Kaiserman**, director of Lifelong Learning at Temple Emanu-El and editor of the weblog “New Jewish Education.” Saul is an innovative leader in youth, travel, music and media education and has lectured and performed internationally for more than 20 years. He will discuss current trends and future possibilities for Jewish education.

THIS PAST JANUARY, **Elka Deitsch**, senior curator of the Herbert & Eileen Bernard Museum, brought many beautiful and historic pieces of Judaica to Club 70’s monthly meeting. Her enthusiasm and extensive knowledge of the subject made for a spirited hands-on discussion and Q&A session. The follow-up will take place on **Tuesday, July 10 at 11 AM**, when Club 70 members will have a very special tour of **Bezalel: Art, Craft and Jewish National Identity**, currently on exhibit at the museum.



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 to the June meeting.

Adult B’nei Mitzvah Program



WHETHER OR NOT you celebrated becoming a bar or bat mitzvah as a child, Temple Emanu-El’s **Adult B’nei Mitzvah Program** is an opportunity for any Temple member who is looking to engage and learn about our tradition from an adult perspective. The program will culminate with a special Torah-reading service honoring the participants. Classes will begin in the fall.

If you are interested in affirming or re-affirming your place in our heritage, then please be in touch with Rabbi Benjamin Zeidman: (212) 744-1400, ext. 304 or asstrabbi@emanuelnyc.org.



BOOK DISCUSSIONS

MEN’S CLUB

Looking for some summer reading? Following are proposed selections and dates for the start of the 2012-2013 program year.

Selection:

The Balfour Declaration

by Jonathan Schneer

Meeting Date:

October 2 • 8:30 AM

Selection: *Hitlerland*

by Andrew Nagorski

Meeting Date:

November 6 • 8:30 AM

All Temple members are invited to participate.

LIBRARY HOURS

Summer hours generally are from 10 AM to 6 PM, Tuesdays through Thursdays, and 10 AM to 2 PM on Fridays. Visitors are asked to call the library at (212) 744-1400, ext. 360 during the summer as hours may vary.

Regular hours resume in the fall: 9:30 AM to 4 PM on Sundays and 10 AM to 6 PM, Mondays through Thursdays. The library is closed on most holidays.

The library is open to Emanu-El congregants, children of the Religious School and students of the Skirball Center for Adult Jewish Learning at Temple Emanu-El for the duration of their courses. All others, please call for an appointment.



**EMANU-EL
EATS**

AS YOU PLAN summer get-togethers with friends, the *Emanu-El Eats* cookbook committee would like you to think about sharing your special summer recipes with us. Mail your original recipes to *Emanu-El Eats*, c/o Temple Emanu-El, One E. 65th St., NY, NY 10065, or email them to emanueleats@emanuelynyc.org, so that we can include them.

And to inspire you, here is a delightful summer drink popular in North Africa, the Middle and Near East, and the West Indies from Prince H. Davis of the Temple's administrative staff. "Sharbat was traditionally served at Sephardic weddings," he says, "But nowadays, it's served anytime. There are many versions made from fruits or flower petals. This one is a favorite of mine."



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WOMEN'S AUXILIARY TURNS 90

Who We Were...Who We Are

THE WOMEN'S AUXILIARY of Congregation Emanu-El was born 90 years ago in the spring of 1922. Today we are a venerable nonagenarian, evolved from the Emanu-El Sisterhood of Personal Service founded by Rabbi Gustav Gottheil in 1889. In alliance with the United Hebrew Charities, the Sisterhood worked outside the Temple for the benefit of new immigrants from Eastern Europe.

After the newly created Federation of Jewish Charities took over these responsibilities in 1916, the Emanu-El Sisterhood functioned mostly as a sewing group. At Emanu-El at 43rd Street, Rabbi Enelow envisioned creating a women's auxiliary to foster the interests of the Temple through religion and fellowship. At the opening meeting, a like-minded trustee urged the women to teach faith to the younger generations.

The capable new organization grew rapidly, filling Temple needs. In 1929 it debated its goals and decided it was not enough to work for Temple and Judaism but needed to respond to non-sectarian as well as Jewish needs. They progressed from offering courses in flower arranging and Chinese cookery to aiding the outer community by providing scholarships, making recordings for the blind and providing entertainment at orphanages.

In those early days they presented programs on various topics, with such speakers as former Ambassador Henry Morgenthau, future President of Israel Chaim Weizmann, Columbia College professors and our own rabbis.

The Women's Auxiliary of today is a more sophisticated, educated group, with many professionals in medicine, finance and other fields. We continue to contribute to the Temple with funds for the sukkah and gifts for the *b'nei mitzvah* and confirmands, and we participate in the Temple's Second Seder. We initiated the Shabbat dinner with Rabbi Posner to encourage a feeling of family, and we join with the Men's Club and Department of Lifelong Learning in an opening program. Our annual luncheons have presented such distinguished speakers as Police Commissioner Ray Kelly and the late Wendy Wasserstein. We host book discussions with our rabbis and schedule trips to provide cultural experiences within a synagogue context. These expeditions range in interest from Gracie Mansion to the Chasidic enclave in Brooklyn.

The housewives of 1922 have proven that there always will be an important place for the volunteer, whatever may be the culture of the times.

— Jeanne Theodore and Phyllis Cohen

**SAVE THE DATE:
October 12, 2012**

**Shabbat dinner
co-sponsored with
the Men's Club and
Department of
Lifelong Learning**

**(« See details
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Family Trip to Israel

THE 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.



**EMANU-EL
EATS (cont.)**

MINT SHARBAT

(Makes about 6 cups syrup)

2 cups packed fresh
mint leaves

3 cups sugar

8 cups water

1 Tbsp. whole cloves

1 tsp. ground cinnamon

Pinch freshly ground
black pepper

1. Using a mortar and pestle, crush enough of the mint leaves to yield about 1 cup crushed mint; set aside, reserving remaining whole leaves for garnish.

2. In a saucepan, heat sugar and water to boiling. Lower heat and simmer, stirring gently to incorporate any sugar crystals clinging to the pot.

3. Once the sugar is completely dissolved, add the crushed mint to the simmering syrup, together with the remaining ingredients. Raise heat to bring mixture to a boil, then lower heat and simmer for 20 minutes.

4. Remove pot from heat and cool to room temperature. When sharbat has cooled, strain mixture into a container large enough to hold the liquid.

To serve, pour one cup of syrup into a pitcher filled with ice. Add 6 cups of cold water and stir to mix. For a sweeter drink, add more syrup. Pour sharbat into serving glasses and garnish with mint sprigs. Refrigerate, or freeze, remaining sharbat for later use.

Religious School



High School Confirmation

**Saturday, June 2 • 7:30 PM • Main Sanctuary
(Fifth Avenue at 65th Street)**



A SPECIAL HAVDALAH worship service will be led by students who have completed our High School Confirmation Program. *Havdalah* is the ceremony that separates Shabbat from the rest of the week—the holy from the mundane—and with it we strive to bring a little bit of holiness into our everyday lives. Confirmation students, who are renewing the commitment by our people at Sinai, spend the year learning about bringing Judaism into their lives as adults. The *Havdalah* service is a potent metaphor for the transition from childhood to adolescence and a meaningful way to mark this special occasion.

One of the earliest Confirmation ceremonies was held on Shavuot 1847 at our own Temple Emanu-El. From that day to this, Confirmation has become a major milestone. All are invited to join us as we celebrate the Confirmation Class of 2012:

Robert Barasch
Sydney Caputo
Olivia Klein

Abby Morse-Golub
Max Morse-Golub
Cayla Plotch



**RELIGIOUS
SCHOOL**

**FAMILY TRIP TO
WILLIAMSBURG**
Sunday, June 3 • 10 AM
Corner of Driggs Avenue
and Broadway



Religious School families, join us as we go over the river to Brooklyn for our end-of-the-year family trip! Tour guide **Marty Shore** returns to introduce us to another chapter of New York Jewish history: Chasidic and Hipster Williamsburg. Experience the sights, sounds and tastes of distant Brooklyn. This trip is fun and educational for children, teens and adults.

Families should meet at the corner of Driggs Avenue and Broadway. Registration is required; space is limited. RSVP to (212) 744-1400, ext. 226 or school@emanuelnyc.org.

SUMMER HOURS

During the summer months, The Religious School Office is open Monday through Friday, 9:30 AM to 5 PM. Contact us at (212) 744-1400, ext. 226 or school@emanuelnyc.org.

Youth & Young Adults

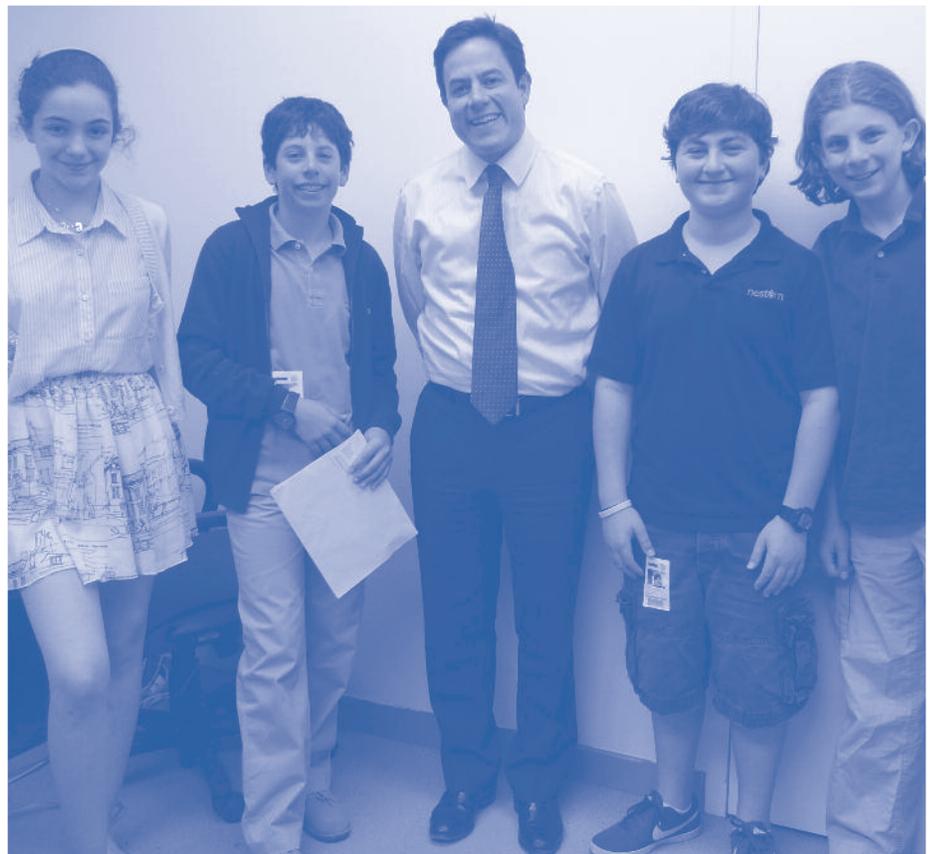


Lirdorf Tzedek Meets With Council Member Dan Garodnick

ON THURSDAY, APRIL 19, the eighth grade **Lirdorf Tzedek** class met with New York City Council Member Dan Garodnick. During the year, the group has been volunteering monthly at the Association to Benefit Children (ABC) in East Harlem, working with underprivileged, at-risk youth. As part of the program, the students have been learning about advocacy and studied legislative issues concerning families who go to ABC, and meeting with the council member was the culmination of this unit.

The goal of the meeting was to persuade Council Member Garodnick to support the reinstatement of funding for the Advantage Program. The Advantage Program provides rent subsidies for low-income families, including families who go to ABC. The group also discussed with the council member why providing shelter for all is such a meaningful issue to the Jewish people. Council Member Garodnick listened with enthusiasm and promised to keep in touch and keep fighting to save this plan. All in all it was a great experience!

— Bradley Jamison



Emanu-El Teen Benefit Proves Huge Success



THE AJWS TEEN BENEFIT, chaired by Emanu-El teens Katie Hartman, Alyssa Kirschenbaum and Lindsey Spohler, raised more than \$22,000 for **American Jewish World Service's Reverse Hunger Campaign**. Nearly 200 teens spent the evening of April 28 enjoying desserts and dancing at the Prince George Ballroom. The event was planned entirely by the co-chairs and their committee of nearly 20 teens from Congregation Emanu-El.

The teens developed a fundraising strategy and coordinated all details for the event, including selecting the venue, designing the invitations, and soliciting donors for raffle prizes and monetary donations. The teens showed incredible commitment towards supporting a cause that is important to them. The committee is very proud of their accomplishments and is grateful to all at Congregation Emanu-El for their support!

LEARN MORE ABOUT EMANU-EL YOUTH PROGRAMS...

Application forms now are available for Emanu-El's programs for high school students (grades 9 through 12), including the A-TEEM, High School Confirmation, Senior Youth Group and Teen Volunteer Weekends, as well as programs for seventh and eighth graders—Mitzvah Corps and *Lirdof Tzedek*, Rosh Hodesh and Ish (two new opportunities for seventh grade girls and eighth grade guys), and our Eighth Grade Trip to New Orleans. **Click "Learning" → "Youth & Young Adults."**



**RELIGIOUS
SCHOOL**

2012-2013 APPLICATIONS

Pre-populated registration materials have been mailed to existing Religious School families; please update the forms and return them to us. Families that wish to become part of the Religious School can download forms from the Temple website (**Click "Learning" → "Religious School"**),  or call the Religious School Office at (212) 744-1400, ext. 226. Tuition for the 2012 fiscal year is **\$1,025** per student, which includes charges for books and other supplies.

All applications received in full (registration form and payment) by July 31 will receive a \$50 discount.

FAMILY HANDBOOK: A TO Z GUIDE

Do you have questions about the Religious School and how it operates? View our **A to Z Guide** on the Temple website.

Click "Religious School" → "Family Handbook: A to Z Guide." 

SUGGESTED READING FOR PARENTS

- *The New Jerusalem Bible* (Doubleday)
- *A Guide to Jewish Religious Practice* by Isaac Klein
- *Liberal Judaism at Home* by Morrison Bial
- *God In Search of Man* by A. J. Heschel
- *The Essence of Judaism* by Leo Baeck
- *A History of the Jews* by Paul Johnson
- *Jewish People, Jewish Thought* by Robert Seltzer



EARLY CHILDHOOD

NURSERY SCHOOL REGISTRATION

Applications for the **2013-2014** school year will be available on **Tuesday, September 4**, the day after **Labor Day**. Parents should call the Nursery School at (212) 744-1400, ext. 230. (Office hours are from 8 AM to 2 PM, Monday through Thursday and 8 AM to 12 PM, Friday.) Although it is Nursery School policy to give priority to congregation members and siblings, acceptance is not automatic. Applications are given out only one year before a child is eligible to start school. Limited scholarship money may be available.



VOLUNTEERING

RONALD McDONALD HOUSE DINNERS

Thursday, June 14 • Thursday, August 23 • 5 PM • 405 East 73rd St.

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, June 17 • 11 AM - 2 PM

Sunday, July 15 • 11 AM - 1 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). Light refreshments are served.

Early Childhood



Young Families: Rooftop Party

Sunday, June 3 • 10 AM • 10 East 66th Street

DON'T MISS OUR end-of-the-year celebration! As this year's event coincides with the **Israeli Day Parade**, we ask everyone to wear blue and white. If the weather is nice, then we'll play in the pools. Bring sunscreen, bathing suits, towels, hats and a change of clothes. If it rains, then the party moves inside to Blumenthal Hall.



RSVP to Young Families by Saturday, June 2. Call (212) 744-1400, ext. 242, or send an email to youngfamilies@emanuelnyc.org.

Young Families: Doting Dads

Sunday, June 24 • Time TBD • Central Park Zoo

DADS, SAVE THIS DATE! Young Families is organizing an outing for dads and kids at the Central Park Zoo.

For more information, call Young Families at (212) 744-1400, ext. 242, or send an email to youngfamilies@emanuelnyc.org.

Parenting Programs at Emanu-El

PARENT/CHILD PROGRAMS led by child psychologist **Dr. Juliet Cooper** and **Rabbi Amy Ehrlich** once again will convene in the fall. The **Toddler Group**, for children ages 10 months to 20 months, will meet for nine weeks on Mondays (October 15 – December 10) from 10:30 AM to noon. The **Parent-Child Group**, for children ages 24 months to 33 months, will meet Wednesdays (October 3 – December 5) from 9:15 AM to 10:30 AM. The fee for both groups is \$625 for Temple members, \$695 for nonmembers; parents with twins/triplets pay half price for each additional child.

Dr. Cooper also will lead a group for **parents of preschool-aged children** for eight weeks on Mondays from 9:15 AM to 10:30 AM (exact start date to be determined). The program will focus on such issues as separation, social development and peer relations. Charge is \$375 for Temple members, \$425 for nonmembers.

Questions? Learn more on the Temple website. Click "Community" → "Jewish Parenting." Space is limited. Those interested in participating should send an email to parenting@emanuelnyc.org.



Volunteering



TIKKUN OLAM

THE TIKKUN OLAM COMMITTEE would like to thank the congregation for its generosity, kindness and helping hands in making all of our mitzvah programs from September through May enormously successful. Planning already is underway for 2012-2013, and we invite all congregants to send us their ideas for potential mitzvah projects by email to TikkunOlam@emanuelnyc.org.

Save These Dates!

- **Thanksgiving Dinner – Wednesday, November 21**
Once again we will be serving seniors, cancer patients, and women and children from domestic-violence and homeless shelters.
- **Mitzvah Day 2012 – Sunday, December 9**
This year, Mitzvah Day will be held on the first day of Chanukah.

A Word About Donating Goods...

Please keep in mind that the Tikkun Olam Committee now accepts year-round donations of specific new and gently used items to support a number of programs run by our partnering organizations.

Visit the Temple website for a list of items. **Click "Volunteering" → "Mitzvah Projects" → "Mitzvah Donations."** 

Musical Programs



Organ Recital

Sunday, June 3 • 5 PM • Main Sanctuary (Fifth Avenue at 65th)

TEMPLE EMANU-EL ORGANIST **Dr. Andrew Henderson** will perform works from the French Romantic tradition: **Cesár Franck's** *Majestic Choral No. 1 in E major*, **Louis Vierne's** *Carillon de Westminster*, and *Prelude and Fugue in B major* by **Marcel Dupré** (who performed the opening recital on our prized organ in 1929). Also included on the program are works by **J. S. Bach, Ernest Bloch, Herbert Howells** and **Samuel Barber**.



NOTE: As of June 2012, Dr. Henderson has been promoted from assistant organist to associate organist. He has done a wonderful job this year, and we look forward to many more years of beautiful music!



VOLUNTEERING

NYC SCHLEP 2012

**Sunday, July 15 • 8 AM
Battery Park (Opposite
17 State Street)**

Help raise money in the fight against breast and ovarian cancer through the second annual **NYC Schlep**, a 5k walk/run to benefit the important work being done to fight these diseases by Rabin Medical Center in Israel. Visit the Temple website to join our team of walkers/runners or to make a donation!

Click "Volunteering" → "Team Emanu-El." 

SUNDAY LUNCH PROGRAM

The **Sunday Lunch Program** is compiling a list of volunteers who can be called on short notice to help out in the kitchen during the months of **July and August**. Volunteers must be Temple members. Call (212) 744-1400, ext. 215 to have your name added to the list.

We also are in need of congregants with cars to deliver food to **Yorkville Common Pantry** on Sundays between 4 PM and 5:30 PM. Contact the **Tikkun Olam Committee** to sign up: (212) 744-1400, ext. 452 or tikkunolam@emanuelnyc.org.

WANTED: NEEDLEPOINT STITCHERS

We are looking for skilled stitchers to participate in a special Temple project. If you are interested, then please contact **Lynda DeLott** at tikkunolam@emanuelnyc.org for details.



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To Believe (continued)

Somehow, the Bible itself seems aware of this, and that is why the theology of the Bible is not really all that absorbed with the issue of believing in God. This is something that may come as somewhat of a surprise to those who wrestle with issues of faith and belief.

But for the Bible, the issue of believing—or not believing—in God is hardly ever expressed. The Bible is concerned with something that—for us—is foreign and remote.

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It is a concept totally alien and removed from our current religious expression. And it is the issue of WAITING for God, rather than BELIEVING in God, that is the Bible's great issue of faith.

King David in the book of Psalms tells us, "And now, Lord, for what do I wait? My hope—it is in Thee. I wait for the Lord, my soul doth wait, and in his world do I hope. I wait for the Lord more than they who watch for the morning. Yea, none that wait for Thee shall be ashamed, for Thee do I wait all the day.... Wait for the Lord, be strong, and let thy heart take courage...

Rest in the Lord, and wait patiently for him." These are all verses from the book of Psalms.

The theology of the ancient prophets is a theology of waiting far more than of believing. The words of Micah: "But as for me...I will wait for the God of my salvation." And Jeremiah: "The Lord is good unto them that wait for him, to those who QUIETLY WAIT."

We ought to give this image of waiting serious consideration because for Judaism this is something very old. But for us it is very new. Modern faith as presented to us in the mass media justifiably is concerned with theology. However, it is always a theology of believing. Jewish theology is instead a theology of waiting. And waiting for the Almighty is an expression of faith that needs to be understood and appreciated. We have lost the art of waiting.

And now just waiting for God... When we think about it, one of the great achievements of contemporary civilization is the elimination of waiting of all sorts. We are at the point now where not only do slow lines irritate us, but even slow computers unnerve us. The curse of modern civilization—a slow hard drive!

Waiting for the Lord can be a long wait, but it's worth it. There is a story of the poor Jew in the small Polish village who made his living sitting on the road, waiting for the Messiah and taking a kopek from each person who passed. They all said to him, "Just a kopek waiting for the Messiah?" He said, "At least it's a steady job."

Dear friends,
 have a wonderful summer.
Love always, David

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



Life-Cycle Events



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

Saturday, June 2

Michael Raye Reiss, daughter of Meryl and Adam Reiss

Saturday, June 9

Nicholas Silberman, son of Marcus Silberman and Cristiane Peixoto

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 June 1 and 2

Edythe, William and John Heyman
in loving memory of *George H. Heyman, Jr.*

Jerome Tarnoff in loving memory of his mother, *Anna Tarnoff*

For Confirmation

Gilbert, Linda and Jennifer Snyder
in loving memory of *Stephanie Lynn Snyder*

For the Sabbath of June 15 and 16

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

Susan and David Rahm in loving memory of
David's brother, *Carl Michael Rahm*

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The Universal
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Our service is available in the
Temple, home or our Chapel.

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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." 

PULPIT FLOWERS (continued)

For the Sabbath of June 22 and 23

Lee and Roger Strong and Family
in loving memory of his mother, *Marguerite G. Strong*

Mrs. Barbara W. Kummel and Family
in loving memory of *Eugene H. Kummel*

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New on the Temple Website

PLEASE NOTE THAT donations to Temple Emanu-El's **Annual Fund** and **Philanthropic Fund** now may be made by credit card on the Temple website. Click "Donations" → "How to Donate: Annual Fund" or "Donations" → "How to Donate: Philanthropic Fund." All transactions are handled with secure encryption. 

The Annual Fund is a partnership between our members and friends and Congregation Emanu-El. It provides important revenue to augment income from membership dues and supports the Temple's annual operating budget. By bridging the gap between dues and expenses, the Annual Fund helps to provide relief from the financial challenges we now confront. All aspects of Temple Emanu-El depend on a successful Annual Fund. Gifts to the Annual Fund enhance our Temple and benefit all members. Your support makes an important difference.

The Philanthropic Fund distributes monies to cultural, educational, and health and human service organizations in New York City, across the United States and throughout the world. These contributions, most of which are raised on Yom Kippur, are not retained to defray the Temple's operating expenses. The fund also sustains two community-service programs that are managed by Temple Emanu-El and that provide direct assistance to our less fortunate neighbors. These are the Sunday Lunch Program and the Community Seder.

Donation forms also may be download from the Temple website and faxed with your credit card information to (212) 570-0826. Or, send the completed forms by mail, with your check, to: Office of Development and Philanthropy, Congregation Emanu-El of the City of New York, One East 65th Street, New York, NY 10065.

If you prefer to make your credit card donation over the phone, then call Robyn Weinstein Cimbol, Senior Director of Development and Philanthropy, at (212) 507-9524.

At a Glance: June/July/August 2012



June 2
Saturday, 7:30 PM
High School Confirmation
 Main Sanctuary
 (Fifth Avenue at 65th Street)



June 3
Sunday, 10 AM
*Young Families:
 Rooftop Party*
 10 East 66th Street



June 3
Sunday, 10 AM
*Religious School
 Family Trip to
 Williamsburg*
 Corner of Driggs Avenue
 and Broadway



June 3
Sunday, 5 PM
Organ Recital
 Main Sanctuary
 (Fifth Avenue at 65th Street)



June 5
Tuesday, 6 PM/7 PM
*Writers'/Artists'
 Beit Midrash Reception*
 One East 65th Street



June 7
Thursday, 6 PM
*Annual Meeting
 of the Congregation*
 One East 65th Street



June 12
Tuesday, 11 AM
Club 70
 One East 65th Street



June 14
Thursday, 5 PM
Ronald McDonald House
 405 East 73rd Street



June 17
Sunday, 11 AM - 2 PM
Stitch'n Time
 One East 65th Street



June 24
Sunday, Time TBD
*Young Families:
 Doting Dads*
 Central Park Zoo



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



July 15
Sunday, 11 AM - 1 PM
Stitch'n Time
 One East 65th Street



July 15
Sunday, 8 AM - 12 PM
NYC Schlep 2012
 Battery Park
 (opposite 17 State Street)



August 23
Thursday, 5 PM
Ronald McDonald House
 405 East 73rd Street



Book Discussion



Community



Early Childhood



Lecture/Class/Tour



Musical Program



Religious School Event



Volunteering



Worship & Spirituality



Young People's Program

...Until September!

AS THIS IS our last *Bulletin* of the program year, we wish you a safe and happy summer. Be sure to check the Temple website (www.emanuelnyc.org) for new features and content updates, including our weekly Torah commentary written by Temple staff. Or, sign up for our weekly electronic newsletters, which get delivered directly to your inbox.

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

Temple Emanu-El will continue to rely increasingly on e-communications. So, we encourage Temple members to call the Temple Office at (212) 744-1400, ext. 215 and provide us with a current email address. And, if you prefer to receive our weekly *eNews* instead of the monthly print *Bulletin* (which also can be accessed online), then we ask that you call the Temple Office to have your name removed from the print mailing list. Your efforts to help us "go green" and conserve costs are greatly appreciated!



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