

Temple Emanu-El Bulletin



NURSERY SCHOOL REGISTRATION

Applications for the **2013-2014** school year will be available through **October 31**. Parents should call the Nursery School at (212) 744-1400, ext. 230.

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.



What's Next?

By Rabbi Amy B. Ehrlich

WITH THE HOLIDAY SEASON winding down and the year stretching

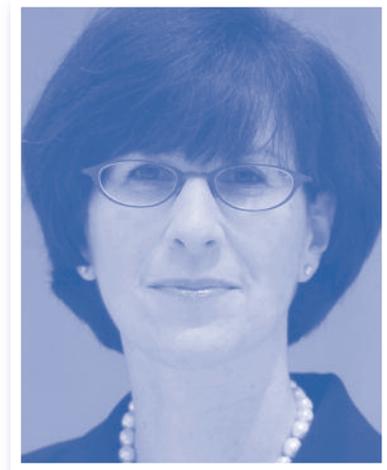
ahead, it is only natural to pause and contemplate where we have been and where we hope to go. We've responded to the

call of the shofar by making amends and repenting, and we now welcome the anticipated relief, the confirmation of God's blessings evidenced by the Sukkot harvest. That cycle is an anchor to each new year. But, the open-ended question is always, "What's next?"

This year more than ever, before we look ahead, we as a congregation will be taking a long look back as our senior rabbi, Dr. David M. Posner, prepares to retire. It's a bitter-sweet time for us.

Rabbi Posner is cherished—for teaching, preaching, counseling and, most of all, for the deep personal relationships he has created with each one of us. During life-cycle events, both joyous and tragic, Rabbi Posner has stood with us, celebrating whenever possible and comforting when necessary. His career spans three generations, each interaction adding blessing to blessing. He has officiated at weddings of those who began here in Nursery School; he has named their babies;

and he keeps their pictures close at hand. In the Religious School, with Rabbi Posner at the piano, generations of children have learned the melodies of our liturgy as well as songs that mark holidays and celebrations. His passion for Semitic languages and grammar has inspired adults in our congregation to learn biblical Hebrew so they can better appreciate the richness of our texts. Teens as well as adults have sought him out when they have needed direction and emerged from such conversations with a new sense of purpose. Rabbi Posner cannot walk a city block without being stopped to receive a warm greeting from someone he has touched. That's



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**WEEKLY TORAH
PORTION**

Chol HaMo-eid Sukkot

(Exodus 33:12-34:26)

Read Saturday, October 6

God agrees to Moses' request that His presence only dwell among the Jews; God tells Moses to carve new tablets upon which God will engrave the Ten Commandments; Jews are commanded to observe the three festivals, including the holiday of Sukkot.

Sermon: Rabbi Posner

B'reishit

(Genesis 1:1-6:8)

Read Saturday, October 13

Synopsis: God creates the world in six days; Adam and Eve are expelled from the Garden of Eden; Cain kills Abel; God regrets creating the world and vows to destroy it all except Noah.

Sermon: Rabbi Ehrlich

Noach

(Genesis 6:9-11:32)

Read Saturday, October 20

Synopsis: God saves Noah and two of each animal; Noah builds ark; God floods world; world is repopulated; Tower of Babel results in people scattered across the earth with many languages

Guest Sermon:

Rabbi Howard Berman

Lech L'cha

(Genesis 12:1-17:27)

Read Saturday, October 27

Synopsis: God calls Abram; promises him Canaan; Abram goes to Canaan, but famine drives him to Egypt; returns to Canaan; Abram rescues Lot; Ishmael born; circumcision commanded as symbol of covenant.

**Sermon: Rabbinic Intern
Hannah Goldstein**

Worship & Spirituality



Sukkot and Sh'mini Atzeret Services

Sunday, September 30 • 6 PM/Monday, October 1 • 10:30 AM

Sunday, October 7 • 6 PM/Monday, October 8* • 10:30 AM

***Monday's service includes recitation of the memorial prayers**

SUKKOT IS A festival of thanks for a bountiful fall harvest. It also has become a celebration to commemorate the protection given to the Israelites throughout their wanderings in the wilderness. Temple Emanu-El brings the spirit of Sukkot indoors to our Main Sanctuary with the creation of our beautiful sukkah.



Photo by Image Singuliere (2011)

Sh'mini Atzeret is a solemn time for reflecting on the seven previous days of Sukkot. It also is one of the four times during the year when we mourn together at *Yizkor* (the memorial service), in remembrance of those whom we have loved and lost.

All are welcome to attend Sukkot and Sh'mini Atzeret services in the Main Sanctuary; no tickets are required. Many thanks to the Women's Auxiliary for the gift of our beautiful sukkah.

Lama Lo (Why Not?) Coming Together, Celebrating Sukkot!

Wednesday, October 3 • 11:15 AM • One East 65th Street



THE WOMEN'S AUXILIARY celebrates Sukkot by inviting women from area synagogues to tour our Main Sanctuary (including our beautiful sukkah) and the Herbert & Eileen Bernard Museum of Judaica (including the exhibit *Bezalel: Art, Craft and Jewish National Identity*). All Women's Auxiliary members are encouraged to attend. A light lunch will be served after the tour.

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

Young Families: Snack Under the Sukkah

Wednesday, October 3 • 2 PM • 10 East 66th Street

CELEBRATE THE SUKKOT HARVEST with a snack under our rooftop sukkah. (Weather permitting, we'll eat outside.) **Shira Kline** will lead us in singing and dancing...and shaking the *lulav*! Each family is encouraged to share the bounty of the holiday by bringing a box of pasta to be donated to a local food pantry.

RSVP to Young Families at (212) 744-1400, ext. 242
or youngfamilies@emanuelnyc.org

Family Dinner & Shabbat Kodesh

Friday, October 19 • 6 PM (Dinner) • One East 65th Street
and 7 PM (Service) • Beth-El Chapel (Fifth Avenue entrance)

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



This month's service is **preceded** by a family dinner. A delicious dessert *oneg* will **follow** our worship service.

The charge for dinner is \$35 per family for reservations made by Monday, October 15, \$50 per family after October 15. Reservations may be made by calling (212) 744-1400, ext. 226 or completing our online form. Log on to www.emanuelnyc.org/shabbatkodesh and follow the link on the Calendar of Worship Services page. 

Saviv Shabbat and Dinner

Friday, October 26 • 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 a program for Temple members and nonmembers in their 20s and 30s.

Dinner is free when you make your reservation by October 24; log on to www.saviv.org. Saviv is for 20s and 30s only.



**WORSHIP &
SPIRITUALITY**

GUEST SERMON

Rabbi Rick Jacobs, president of the Union for Reform Judaism will deliver a *d'var Torah* at the 6 PM worship service on **Friday, October 12** and speak at a Shabbat dinner to follow. All Temple members and their guests are invited to attend. **(See details on page 4 »)**

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." 



BOOK DISCUSSIONS

MEN'S CLUB

**Wednesday, October 10
8:30 AM • One East 65th
SELECTION:**

***The Balfour Declaration:
The Origins of the
Arab-Israeli Conflict***
by Jonathan Schneer

**Wednesday, November 7
9 AM • One East 65th
SELECTION:**

***Hitlerland: An American
Eyewitness to the
Nazi Rise in Power***
by Andrew Nagorski

**STETTENHEIM
LITERARY CIRCLE**

**Wednesday, October 17
10:30 AM* or 6:30 PM •
One East 65th Street
SELECTION:**

Salvage the Bones
by Jesmyn Ward

**Wednesday, November 14
10:30 AM* or 6:30 PM •
One East 65th Street
SELECTION:**

Second Person Singular
by Sayed Kashua

** Morning sessions co-sponsored
by the Women's Auxiliary*

WOMEN'S AUXILIARY

**Tuesday, November 27
12:30 PM • One East 65th
SELECTION:**

The Crisis of Zionism
by Peter Beinart
*(Our discussion will be led
by Dr. Mark Weisstuch.
Bring your lunch; coffee and
cookies will be served.)*

Community



Templewide Shabbat Dinner

Friday, October 12 • 7:15 PM • One East 65th Street

THE Women's Auxiliary, Men's Club AND Department of Lifelong Learning cordially invite all Temple members and their guests for a Sabbath dinner with special guest **Rabbi Rick Jacobs**, the new president of the Union for Reform Judaism. Rabbi Jacobs will deliver a *d'var Torah* at the 6 PM worship service and speak at the Shabbat dinner to follow; his theme is "At the Crossroads."

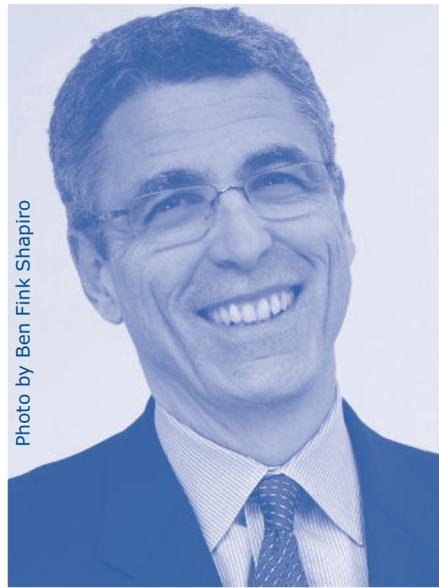


Photo by Ben Fink Shapiro

To enable Religious School parent participation at our dinner, there will be a pizza party and age-appropriate activities—at no additional charge—for all Religious School students who attend the service with their parents. Please let us know if your children will be attending.

The charge for this event is \$40 for current members of the Women's Auxiliary and Men's Club, as well as for current Religious School parents. All other Temple members and guests pay \$50. RSVP to the Women's Auxiliary at (212) 744-1400, ext. 235 or womaux@emanuelnyc.org.

RABBI RICK JACOBS has been the dynamic and visionary spiritual leader of Westchester Reform Temple in Scarsdale for the last two decades.

ALSO JOIN US FOR...

All-Access Pass: Sanctuary Tour

Friday, October 12 • 5 PM • One East 65th Street

FAMILIES OF ALL Religious School students are invited for a unique Shabbat experience that includes an intimate, insider's view of the Main Sanctuary, led by the people who know it best: our clergy. There is no better way to familiarize your family with Temple Emanu-El and our distinctive mode of worship than by attending this very special event. Tour precedes the worship service and dinner. Participation is free, but reservations are required by Monday, October 8: (212) 744-1400, ext. 226 or school@emanuelnyc.org. **(See details on page 10. »)**

Club 70: A Group for Seniors

Tuesday, October 9 • 11 AM • One East 65th Street



“RABBI, I EXPECTED YOU to be a little older!” Rabbi Benjamin Zeidman hears this at least once a week. As our October speaker, he will discuss some of what he has learned during his first two years as a rabbi. Discussing both practical and professional realizations, Rabbi Zeidman will share what it’s like to be a 29-year-old rabbi in the Reform Movement and at Temple Emanu-El in the 21st century.

Mark your calendars for other upcoming Club 70 events:

• **Wednesday, November 14—**

Dr. Mark Weisstuch presents “The Temple Mount in Jerusalem: Where Earth Meets Heaven.” The Temple Mount is holy ground for all three Abrahamic religions and has been the source of much contentiousness and bloodshed. We will take a visual guided tour of the Temple Mount to gain a deeper, historical understanding of its place in Jewish consciousness.



• **Tuesday, December 11—**Take a trip with **Cantor Lori Corrsin** into the musical world of Temple Emanu-El and learn about the production of our wonderful choral-music program. Get a peek at what goes on behind the scenes, and tour the second floor choir loft and choral library. You’ll have a deeper understanding of what makes our Emanu-El musical repertoire—sung every week, 52 weeks a year—completely unique in the Jewish world.

• **Tuesday, January 8—Temple Administrator Mark Heutlinger** will reveal an amazing parallel journey. As Jewish immigrants in the mid-19th century were creating an increasingly visible and viable influence in the United States, the phenomenon was mirrored simultaneously in New York City by Temple Emanu-El’s rapid growth—from its modest beginnings on the Lower East Side to its magnificent current home on Fifth Avenue. Reform Judaism had irrevocably become an established force and presence in America.



Participation in Club 70 is open to all Temple members age 65 and over; attendance is free of charge. Sessions meet at 11 AM, unless noted otherwise. Those interested in becoming a part of Club 70 should contact the Men’s Club: (212) 744-1400, ext. 250 or mensclub@emanuelnyc.org.



**EMANU-EL
EATS**

SUMMER MAY BE OVER, but October weather still is frequently perfect for outdoor entertaining. And to get the party started, the **Emanu-El Eats** cookbook committee offers a recipe for a fun drink from congregant Sharon Oberman, who says it’s her “signature” brunch drink.

“It’s great when guests have children in tow because you can make one batch with alcohol and then substitute ice water for the vodka in a second batch for the youngsters,” she explains. And, it couldn’t be easier, she notes, because you use the can from the frozen limeade as the “measuring cup” for all ingredients.

BULL FROGS (Serves 4)

6-ounce can of frozen limeade (*pink lemonade for non-alcoholic version*)
6-ounce can of milk
6-ounce can of vodka
(*or 6-ounce can of ice water for the non-alcoholic version*)

1. Place limeade, milk and vodka (or ice water) in a blender and blend on high until frothy.
2. Pour into glasses, with crushed ice, if desired.

Note: To double the number of servings, use a 12-ounce can of frozen limeade, and use this can as your measure for the remaining ingredients.



MUSICAL PROGRAMS

YOUNG ARTISTS CONCERT SERIES

Sunday, October 14 • 3 PM • One East 65th St.

Sponsored with the Stecher & Horowitz Foundation, this series presents the prize winners of the Sixth New York International Piano Competition, held in June 2012. Admission is free and open to the public.



Our first performer of the year will be **Anna Han** (born 1995) of Chandler, Ariz. Anna has studied with Fei Xu at New Century Conservatory since she was 5 years old.

Anna has won a number of national and international piano competitions, including first prize at the 2011 New Orleans International Piano Competition for Young Artists, first prize for the 2011 and 2008 International Institute for Young Musicians International Piano Competition and first place at the 2007 Music Teachers National Association Junior Piano Competition. She also has been featured on the National Public Radio show *From the Top*.

COMMUNITY (continued)

Heritage Society Annual Dinner

Friday, October 26 • 6 PM (Service) • Main Sanctuary and 7 PM (Dinner) • One East 65th Street

FOLLOWING THIS EVENING'S worship service, members of the **Heritage Society** will gather for their annual Sabbath dinner. Membership in the Heritage Society is extended to all who have chosen to remember Temple Emanu-El through estate plans and have advised us of their action. These testamentary gifts are the sacred bond linking generation to generation.

Please contact Robyn Cimbol at (212) 744-1400, ext. 324 or rcimbol@emanuelnyc.org for information about how to include Temple Emanu-El in your estate plan and how to become a member of the Heritage Society.

Celebrating 40 Years

Friday, November 9 • 6 PM • Main Sanctuary

PLEASE JOIN US as we honor and celebrate Rabbi David M. Posner's 40 years of devotion to Temple Emanu-El at a special Sabbath service and festive *oneg*. The Honorable Mayor Michael Bloomberg and Dr. David Ellenson, president of HUC-JIR, will join Rabbi Posner on the *bimah*. Invitations will be mailed to all Temple members, and please feel free to invite your nonmember friends to share this special service.

RSVP by November 1 with the total number of guests in your party: 40years@emanuelnyc.org or (212) 744-1400, ext. 215.

SHARE YOUR MEMORIES: Reflections and Photos

An online Tribute Message Board has been established on the Emanu-El website, and we encourage you to post brief reflections of your special Rabbi Posner memories.

To submit your message, log on to **www.emanuelnyc.org/shareyourmemories**.



Do you have a cherished photo taken with Rabbi Posner at a life-cycle or Temple event? If so, then we would love for you to share it with us by emailing it to **dmpphotos@emanuelnyc.org**. Please note that photos may be used throughout the year in connection with "Celebrating 40 Years."



SAVE THE DATE

The celebration will continue on **Wednesday, April 17, 2013, from 6 PM to 9 PM** at the **Mandarin Oriental**.



Eleanor Roosevelt at Home and Abroad: After the White House

Tuesday, October 23 • 10:30 AM • One East 65th Street



THE WOMEN'S AUXILIARY cordially invites all Temple members for a multimedia presentation and discussion of photographs taken by the late **Dr. David Gurewitsch** with commentary by his wife, **Edna Gurewitsch**. Dr. Gurewitsch was Eleanor Roosevelt's personal physician and confidant from 1945 until her death in 1962. Mrs. Gurewitsch's narration will bring to life the little-known stories that these photos tell. A tour of the **Roosevelt House** (47-49 E. 65th Street) will follow at 12:30 PM.

The charge is \$15 for Women's Auxiliary and Men's Club members, \$20 for all other Temple members and guests. (Make checks payable to the Women's Auxiliary.) Reservations must be received by October 18. Questions? Call (212) 744-1400, ext. 235, or send an email to womau@emanuelnyc.org.

Guided Tour of "Louis C. Tiffany and the Art of Devotion"

Tuesday, October 30 • 1 PM • Museum of Biblical Art (1865 Broadway at 61st Street)

ALL TEMPLE MEMBERS are invited to participate in a guided tour of *Louis C. Tiffany and the Art of Devotion*, on view at the Museum of Biblical Art (MOBIA) and led by the exhibition curator. Beginning in the early 1880s, Louis C. Tiffany (1848-1933) oversaw production and marketing of a vast assortment of decorative elements for many of America's leading congregants—Protestant, Catholic and Jewish (including Temple Emanu-El). The exhibition will consider the breadth and depth of the firm's oeuvre and the place Tiffany Studios created for itself in American religious art.



May Memorial Window
(currently located in the Beth-El Chapel, originally created for Temple Emanu-El at 43rd Street).
Tiffany Glass and Decorating Co.
New York, 1899

This event has been organized by the Herbert & Eileen Bernard Museum of Judaica. RSVP to museum@emanuelnyc.org or (212) 744-1400, ext. 313.



ADULT
EDUCATION

SKIRBALL



NEW CLASSES AT THE SKIRBALL CENTER

Fall semester courses will begin on **Monday, October 15**. View the full course guide and register online at www.adultjewishlearning.org. Or, call (212) 507-9580. Temple members receive a 15 percent discount off full-semester courses.

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.

A HEBREW "MARATHON" Sunday, October 21 • 10 AM - 2 PM

(Lecturer: Michal Nachmany)
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? This unique seminar is perfect for you.

Come for an intensive Hebrew marathon that will leave you wanting more. Learn the letters and vowels, and by the end of the day you will be reading Hebrew.

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**ADULT
EDUCATION**

**SUNDAY SEMINARS
(continued)**

**FROM JERUSALEM
TO ROME AND BACK:
THE GOLDEN MENORAH
OF THE ARCH OF TITUS
REVEALED**

**Sunday, October 28 •
10 AM - 2 PM**

(Lecturer: Dr. Steven Fine)

After the destruction of the Jerusalem Temple in 70 CE, the Golden Menorah and other holy objects were taken to Rome as booty of the First Jewish Revolt. Celebrated by Romans in the Arch of Titus, the menorah—a symbol of profound Jewish loss and hope for redemption—today is emblazoned on the seal of the State of Israel.

Follow the path of the menorah throughout Jewish and Christian history; explore medieval and modern urban legends of the menorah's whereabouts; and become acquainted with the most recent archaeological discoveries. (NOTE: This seminar will highlight recent discoveries, of a team led by Prof. Fine in summer 2012, of the original color of the menorah using the newest technological means.)

TORAH COMMENTARY

Get more out of the Torah! Read the weekly online commentary, written by our clergy and Temple staff.

Follow the link 
from the Temple
website Home Page:
www.emanuelnyc.org

LECTURES • CLASSES • TOURS (continued)

Adult B'nei Mitzvah Program

TEMPLE EMANU-ELS Adult B'nei Mitzvah Program is for those who celebrated becoming *b'nei mitzvah* as youth but wish to reaffirm their place in Jewish tradition as adults, as well as for those who never had the opportunity to do so.

The class will include attendance at the Skirball Center's Hebrew Marathon on **Sunday, October 21** (« see details on page 7) and one evening study session per week for the 2012-2013 program year (held most **Wednesdays, starting October 10**). Each week's session will include both a Hebrew and a Judaica component. The Judaica section will include a Skirball class in the fall; the rest of the year, this class will be taught by Temple Emanu-El clergy and teachers. An hour of Hebrew, taught by Rabbi Posner, will take place each Wednesday evening, immediately before the Judaica class. The year will culminate in a ceremony in the spring 2013, at which each student will have the opportunity to read from the Torah in Hebrew. The date of that ceremony will be decided in conjunction with the students.

For more information, for a detailed schedule of dates and times, and to sign up for the class, contact Rabbi Benjamin Zeidman at (212) 744-1400, ext. 304.



**EXHIBITION
EXTENDED...**

**On view at the Herbert & Eileen Bernard Museum through October 14.
Hours: Sunday through Thursday, 10 AM to 4:30 PM. Please call (212) 744-1400, ext. 313 to arrange a tour.**

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**



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

Early Childhood



CPR for Infants and Toddlers

Wednesday, October 17 • 6 PM • One East 65th Street

YOUNG FAMILIES OF EMANU-EL is sponsoring **CPR for Infants and Toddlers** for parents with children up to 8 years old. The class will be taught by **Fern Drillings** (RN, MSN), a certified childbirth educator and CPR instructor for more than 25 years.

A light dinner will be served from 6 PM to 6:30 PM; class begins promptly at 6:30 PM and runs until 8:30 PM. Charge is \$80 per person. (No caregivers, please.) Space is limited.



Register by sending your check (made payable to Fern Drillings) and name, best contact information (cell phone and email) and ages of your children to: Young Families of Emanu-El, One East 65th Street, New York, NY 10065. Please include your phone number on your check.

Parenting Programs at Emanu-El

PARENT/CHILD PROGRAMS led by child psychologist **Dr. Juliet Cooper** and **Rabbi Amy Ehrlich** will convene in the fall. Please contact us through parenting@emanuelnyc.org to discuss participation in these programs:

- **Toddler Group** (for children ages 10 months to 20 months)
Sessions will meet on **Mondays, October 15 through December 10** (except November 19), from 10:30 AM to noon. Fee is \$625 for Temple members, \$695 for nonmembers.
- **Parent/Child Group** (for children ages 24 months to 33 months)
Sessions meet **Wednesdays, October 3 through December 5** (except November 21), from 9:15 AM to 10:30 AM. Fee is \$625 for Temple members, \$695 for nonmembers.
- **Preschool Parents** (for parents of preschool-aged children)
Sessions meet for eight weeks on Mondays from 9:15 AM to 10:30 AM. (Exact start date to be determined.) Fee is \$375 for Temple members, \$425 for nonmembers.

Program specifics and our registration form can be found on the Temple website (www.emanuelnyc.org). Click "Learning" → "Early Childhood" → "Jewish Parenting." Preregistration is required for all groups. NOTE: Parents with twins/triplets pay half price for each additional child.



EARLY CHILDHOOD

NURSERY SCHOOL REGISTRATION

Applications for the **2013-2014** school year will be available **through October 31**. 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.

New children admitted to our school will begin a program designed to capture and enhance their eagerness to relate to new adults and children as well as to learn. We make a great effort to meet both the special needs and individual talents of each child. Our goals are to foster in each child his or her ability to socialize, to promote growth in intellectual power and to develop self-esteem.

CONGRATULATIONS!

Temple Emanu-El's Nursery School celebrated its 60th anniversary last year. Learn about the early years of the school and how it was formed through an article on the Temple website: www.emanuelnyc.org. Click "About Us" → "History" → "From the Archives."





**RELIGIOUS
SCHOOL**



NEW STAFF

The Department of Lifelong Learning is pleased to welcome **Abra Lee**, our new coordinator of School and Family Learning. She comes to us from Congregation B'nai Jeshurun in Short Hills, N.J., where she served as director of the Religious School.

Prior to her graduate studies in Jewish education at Gratz College, Abra earned a bachelor's degree in marketing and international trade from the Fashion Institute of Technology and spent several years in industry before pursuing her passion for teaching and learning.

As the proud mom of two elementary-age children, Abra is looking forward to working with our families to provide an engaging program that meets the diverse interests of our learners and brings Jewish learning to life for all members of the school community.

Religious School



All-Access Pass: Sanctuary Tour

Friday, October 12 • 5 PM (Tour)/6 PM (Worship, followed by a Templewide Dinner) • Enter at One East 65th Street

FAMILIES OF ALL **Religious School** students are invited to join us for a “behind-the-scenes” tour of the Main Sanctuary that will include the *bimah*, clergy’s robing room and choir loft. Learn how our magnificent Main Sanctuary gloriously communicates our history and how the architecture and design add meaning to our worship. There is no better way to familiarize your family with Emanu-El and our distinctive mode of worship than by attending this very special event.



After the tour, we will join the congregation for Friday evening worship with special guest **Rabbi Rick Jacobs**, president of the Union for Reform Judaism, and the communal *Oneg Shabbat*. Rabbi Jacobs also will be the guest speaker at the **Templewide Shabbat Dinner** sponsored by the Women’s Auxiliary, Men’s Club and Department of Lifelong Learning. (**« See details, page 4.»**) To enable parent participation at the dinner, there will be a pizza party and age-appropriate activities—at no additional charge—for all Religious School students who attend the service with their parents.

There is no fee for All-Access Pass, but reservations are required. Register by Monday, October 8 to school@emanuelnyc.org or (212) 744-1400, ext. 226.

BAR/BAT MITZVAH MEETINGS

THE FOLLOWING PROGRAMS are for *b'nei mitzvah* families. RSVP to the Religious School at (212) 744-1400, ext. 226 or school@emanuelnyc.org.

Fourth Grade Parent Meeting

**Sunday, October 14 • 11:15 AM • 10 East 66th Street
Monday, October 15 • 5:15 PM • 10 East 66th Street**

DISCUSSION WILL INCLUDE liturgy and ceremonial practices; tutoring; online learning programs; rehearsals and practice time with the rabbis and cantor; mitzvah projects; the Friday evening *Oneg Shabbat*; and catering and private receptions at the Temple. Please note that we have begun taking ceremony reservation dates for children who are 10 years old or have entered Fourth Grade. New this year, both a signed contract and a deposit are required to hold a ceremony date.

For more details, to obtain a copy of the *B'nei Mitzvah* contract and to reserve a date, call Sherry Nehmer at (212) 744-1400, ext. 312.

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Seventh Grade Mini-Retreat

Sunday, October 14 • 1 PM • One East 65th Street

THE SEVENTH GRADE MINI-RETREAT is an integral part of the collaboration between clergy, families and staff to make the bar or bat mitzvah experience a meaningful and empowering one. Through dynamic and interactive activities, students and their parents will deepen their connection to the tradition, explore the values underlying the ceremony and connect with other Emanu-El families who are experiencing this same life-cycle process. The program includes personalized study of each student's Torah portion.

This program is appropriate for all families of seventh graders, and all are encouraged strongly to attend. Babysitting for younger siblings will be available by request. An optional lunch will precede the session at noon.

Sixth Grade Parent Meeting

Wednesday, October 24 • 5 PM • One East 65th Street
Sunday, October 28 • 11 AM • One East 65th Street

DISCUSSION WILL INCLUDE liturgy and ceremonial practices; tutoring; online learning programs; rehearsals and practice time with the rabbis and cantor; mitzvah projects; the Friday evening *Oneg Shabbat*; choice of sanctuaries; and catering and private receptions at the Temple. Our program will conclude with a Q&A session so that parents may discuss their concerns.

THIRD GRADE FAMILY PROGRAM

Why Do We Give?

Sunday, October 21 • 9:30 AM • 10 East 66th Street
Monday, October 22 • 4 PM • 10 East 66th Street



WHAT IS SO special about *tzedakah*? How do we teach *tzedakah* in our Religious School? Third Grade families are invited to explore the responsibility and importance of giving *tzedakah*.

Adults will have the opportunity to connect with fellow parents and engage in thoughtful learning with their children. Come discover one of our most important mitzvot!

Attendance is free, but reservations are required. RSVP to the Department of Lifelong Learning: (212) 744-1400, ext. 226 or lifelonglearning@emanuelnyc.org.



**RELIGIOUS
SCHOOL**

SCHOOL CLOSINGS

Religious School will be closed **Sunday, October 7** and **Monday, October 8** for the Columbus Day holiday.

BAR/BAT MITZVAH PREPARATION

Youth must be enrolled in Religious School in order to celebrate bar or bat mitzvah at Emanu-El. Families are encouraged to make use of bar/bat mitzvah resources available on the Temple website: www.emanuelnyc.org. Click "Learning" → "Religious School" → "Bar & Bat Mitzvah Program."

THE STORY OF PRAYER

Sunday, November 4 • 9:30 AM and Monday, November 5 • 4 PM
10 East 66th Street
Tefilah (prayer) plays an important role within the Religious School and the Emanu-El community as a whole. This program will enable **Fourth Grade** Religious School families to think and talk about what it means to participate in regular Jewish prayer, to ask big questions, to engage in "God Talk" and to connect to worship at Emanu-El. Attendance is free, but reservations are required. **RSVP to the Department of Lifelong Learning: (212) 744-1400, ext. 226 or lifelonglearning@emanuelnyc.org.**



VOLUNTEERING

STITCH'N TIME

Sunday, October 21 •

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, October 25.**

A WORD ABOUT DONATING ITEMS...

The Tikkun Olam Committee now accepts year-round donations of specific new and gently used items, including winter coats/jackets; clothing for men, women and children; and children's books, to support programs run by our partnering organizations. Important guidelines and a full list of specific items that may be donated can be found on the Temple website:

www.emanuelnyc.org.

Click "**Volunteering**" →

"**Mitzvah Projects**" →

"**Mitzvah Donations.**" 

What's Next? (continued)

true not only in our city but also just as often in places he visits. As colleagues, we look to him for everything from *alef* (beginning with Aramaic) to *tav* (Talmud). He is a rabbi's rabbi!

At a time such as this, when we are uncertain of what exactly is to come, let us use an age-old rubric to guide us. Since the ancient days, our ancestors have measured time using the waxing and waning of the moon. Month after month, the moon grows from a sliver to its full size and thereafter diminishes only to repeat the cycle. Yet there *are* nights when the sky is entirely dark, when waiting for the new moon to appear feels laced with questions. The ancients had no way of knowing that the moon would return;

they only had their experience on which to fall back. When they saw the beginning of a crescent in the sky, their hearts soared with renewed hope, and they joyously blessed the month to be.

Although Temple Emanu-El has had little experience with transitions of this nature, I am certain that hope will give rise to confidence, as month follows month. As we recall our most important life experiences shared with Rabbi Posner and revel in those enduring bonds, let that knowledge carry us to the next chapter in our historic congregation.

Happily, we still have the entire year ahead to share our *simchas* with our dear rabbi.

Please let Rabbi Posner know just how much he has touched your life. Log on to our website Tribute Page (www.emanuelnyc.org/shareyourmemories) and post your thoughts and good wishes. 

Volunteering



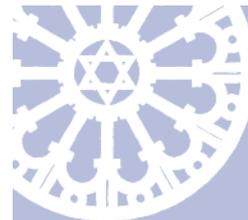
TIKKUN OLAM, a Hebrew phrase meaning "repairing the world," focuses on the responsibility that, as Jews, we all have a duty to make this a better world. We invite you to join us in the many mitzvah programs offered throughout the year. Together we can strive to make life a little bit easier for those in need of a helping hand.

Please check the Temple website (**www.emanuelnyc.org**) and monthly *Bulletin* for volunteer opportunities. The Tikkun Olam Committee welcomes any ideas Temple members have for potential projects and can be reached at **(212) 744-1400, ext. 452** or **tikkunolam@emanuelnyc.org**.

Please mark your calendars for our fall programs:

- **Winter Wishes**—“Wishes” will be available for pick-up at the *oneg* in honor of Rabbi Posner on Friday, November 9.
- **Thanksgiving Dinner**—Wednesday, November 21
- **Mitzvah Day**—Sunday, December 9 at 10:30 AM, I.M. Wise Hall

Life-Cycle Events



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

Saturday, October 6

Sarah Harte Taylor, daughter of Lisa Harte and James Taylor

Emily Malpass, daughter of Adele and David Malpass

Nick Weinberger, son of Greg and Diane Weinberger

Saturday, October 13

Ema Schumer, daughter of Pamela Seymon and Robert Schumer

Justin Paul Rubino, son of Debra Joy Guzov and the late Robert Paul Rubino

Saturday, October 20

Max Ocrant, son of Gail Shapiro and Michael Ocrant

Nicolas Sommer, son of Denise and David Sommer

Philippa Adelman, daughter of Cass and Jason Adelman

Saturday, October 27

Emily Frances Dershowitz, daughter of Amy and Glen Dershowitz

Sara Burton Solomon, daughter of Abby and John Solomon

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 October 5 and 6

In loving memory of *Hyman Fisch*

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CLERGY

Dr. David M. Posner, *Senior Rabbi*
Amy B. Ehrlich, *Associate Rabbi*
Benjamin J. Zeidman,
Assistant Rabbi
Lori A. Corrsin, *Cantor*
Dr. Ronald B. Sobel,
Senior Rabbi Emeritus
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at Temple Emanu-El
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Nursery School
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Temple Librarian, Ivan M.
Stettenheim Library
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Museum of Judaica
Charles S. Salomon,
Funeral Director



Kathryn M. Roberts,
Bulletin Editor/Webmaster

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

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.**

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.

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.**

HOSTING AN EVENT

Temple Emanu-El is pleased to offer our magnificent spaces to Temple members, not only for religious services and life-cycle events but also for the associated celebrations. **Call Sherry Nehmer at (212) 744-1400, ext. 312.**

PULPIT FLOWERS (*continued*)

Yves-Andre Istel in loving memory of *Andre Istel*

Diane and David Koplík in loving memory of *Kenneth E. Koplík*

Roberta S. Lazar and Kathryn S. Pershan
in loving memory of *Nat Lazar* and *Gertrude and Leon Schaeffler*

Jane G. Rittmaster in loving memory of her mother, *Hilda K. Goldstone*

John, Laurie, Matthew, Spencer and
Amanda Rudey, Liz, Kirk and Kate Rudey Ruebenson
in loving memory of *Thelma Barasch Rudey*

Dan K. Wassong in loving memory of *Maria Czudnowski*

For the Sabbath of October 12 and 13

Mr. Sanford P. Brass in loving memory of his father,
Arthur J. Brass, and his brother, *David Brass*

Robin M. Laden in loving memory of *Alice Laden*

For the Sabbath of October 19 and 20

Ann and Robert Freedman in loving memory of *Hilda Fertig*

For the Sabbath of October 26 and 27

Amy and Glen Dershowitz in honor of
their child *Emily* becoming a bat mitzvah

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 is the next date for *Yizkor* services:
Sh'mini Atzeret • October 8, 2012 • 10:30 AM**

At a Glance: October 2012



**September 30
Sunday, 6 PM**
**AND October 1
Monday, 10:30 AM**
Sukkot Services
Main Sanctuary



**October 3
Wednesday, 11:15 AM**
*Lama Lo (Why Not?)
Coming Together,
Celebrating Sukkot*
One East 65th Street



**October 3
Wednesday, 2 PM**
*Young Families:
Snack Under the Sukkah*
10 East 66th Street



**October 7
Sunday, 6 PM**
**AND October 8
Monday, 10:30 AM***
Sh'mini Atzeret Services
Main Sanctuary
** Includes recitation of
the memorial prayers*



**October 9
Tuesday, 11 AM**
Club 70
One East 65th Street



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



**October 12
Friday, 5 PM**
*All-Access Pass:
Sanctuary Tour*
One East 65th Street



**October 12
Friday, 7:15 PM**
*Templewide
Shabbat Dinner*
One East 65th Street



**October 14
Sunday, 11:15 AM**
**AND October 15
Monday, 5:15 PM**
*Fourth Grade Parent
Bar/Bat Mitzvah Meeting*
10 East 66th Street



**October 14
Sunday, 1 PM**
*Seventh Grade Bar/Bat
Mitzvah Mini-Retreat*
One East 65th Street



**October 14
Sunday, 3 PM**
Young Artists Concert
One East 65th Street



**October 17
Wednesday, 10:30 AM
OR 6:30 PM**
Stettenheim Literary Circle
One East 65th Street



**October 17
Wednesday, 6 PM**
*CPR for Infants
and Toddlers*
One East 65th Street



**October 19
Friday, 6 PM/7 PM**
*Family Dinner and
Shabbat Kodesh Service*
One East 65th Street/
Beth-El Chapel



**October 21
Sunday, 9:30 AM**
**AND October 22
Monday, 4 PM**
Why Do We Give?
10 East 66th Street



**October 21
Sunday, 10 AM - 2 PM**
Skirball Sunday Seminar
One East 65th Street



**October 21
Sunday, 11 AM - 2 PM**
Stitch'n Time
One East 65th Street



**October 23
Tuesday, 10:30 AM**
*Eleanor Roosevelt:
At Home and Abroad*
One East 65th Street



**October 24
Wednesday, 5 PM**
**AND October 28
Sunday, 11 AM**
*Sixth Grade Parent
Bar/Bat Mitzvah Meeting*
One East 65th Street



**October 25
Thursday, 5 PM**
Ronald McDonald House
405 East 73rd Street



**October 26
Friday, 7 PM**
*Heritage Society
Annual Dinner*
One East 65th Street



**October 26
Friday, 7:30 PM**
Saviv Shabbat/Dinner
One East 65th Street



**October 28
Sunday, 10 AM - 2 PM**
Skirball Sunday Seminar
One East 65th Street



**October 30
Tuesday, 1 PM**
*Guided Tour of
"Louis C. Tiffany and
the Art of Devotion"*
Museum of Biblical Art,
1865 Broadway at 61st Street

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HERBERT & EILEEN BERNARD MUSEUM

Object of the Month

TORAH ORNAMENTS are not only symbols of respect for the sanctity of the Torah, they also fulfill the principal of *hiddur mitzvah* (beautification of the Commandment). This fanciful Torah crown, or *Keter*, was created for synagogue use on festivals and holidays. Its four tiers are replete with floral and faunal motifs—including the uncommon representation of a quartet of swans. Their outstretched wings support two lions that flank the Ten Commandments. The frame above holds interchangeable plaques; the one pictured here indicates Sukkot.

Torah Crown
Eastern Europe, late 19th century

On view in the museum.

Bequest of Judge Irving Lehman.
(CEE 45-143)

