

Temple Emanu-El Bulletin



VISITING EMANU-EL

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

WORSHIP SERVICES

SUNDAY — THURSDAY

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

FRIDAY EVENING

Main Sanctuary

(Fifth Avenue at 65th Street)

Organ Recital—5:45 PM

Service Begins—6 PM

SATURDAY MORNING

Sixth Floor Lounge

(One East 65th Street)

Torah Study—9:15 AM

Main Sanctuary

(Fifth Avenue at 65th Street)

Organ Recital—10:15 AM

Service Begins—10:30 AM

K. Scott Warren,

Organist/Choir Director

Services may be heard live or via podcast through the Temple website at www.emanuelpc.org.

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

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



Shir HaShirim, the Song of Songs: The Love Poem of the Bible

By Cantor Lori A. Corrsin

IT IS THE SONG, the Sublime Song, the First of all Songs, the Song of Solomon. Rabbi Akiva said of *Shir HaShirim*, "All the writings are Holy, and the Song of Songs is a Holy of Holies."



**My beloved spoke and said to me:
Rise up, my love, my fair one, and come away.
For lo, the winter is past,
The rains are over and gone.
The flowers appear on the earth,
The time of singing has come,
And the voice of the turtledove is heard in our land.
The fig tree sweetens her green figs
And the vines are in blossom, giving their fragrance.
Rise up, my love, my fair one, and come away!**

— *Song of Songs* (Chapter 2, verses 10-13)

This is the essence of spring, of love, of joy and of exuberance in life! (A wonderful thing of which to be reminded in January, the depths of winter.)

Shir HaShirim is one of the five scrolls (*megillot*) of the Bible. It is chanted at weddings, in many synagogues every Friday night in preparation for the regular worship service and on the Shabbat of Passover. In some places, people conclude their seder with the chanting of the Song.

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WEEKLY TORAH PORTION

Sh'mot

(Exodus 1:1-6:1)

Read Saturday, January 5

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

Sermon: Rabbinic Intern Hannah Goldstein

Va-eira

(Exodus 6:2-9:35)

Read Saturday, January 12

Synopsis: God promises to redeem Israel; Moses and Aaron tell Pharaoh to "let my people go"; Pharaoh refuses; Plagues 1-7.

Sermon: Rabbi Zeidman

Bo

(Exodus 10:1-13:16)

Read Saturday, January 19

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

Sermon: Rabbi Ehrlich

B'shalach

(Exodus 13:17-17:16)

Read Saturday, January 26

Synopsis: Israelites follow pillar of cloud and fire; Israelites cross Red Sea; Egyptians drown in Red Sea; Moses and Miriam lead victory celebration in song; Moses makes bitter water sweet; manna from Heaven; water from the rock; Amalek attacks and is defeated.

Sermon: Rabbi Posner

Worship & Spirituality



Shabbat Kodesh Service

Friday, January 11 • 7 PM • Beth-El Chapel

JOIN OUR CLERGY, along with Lifelong Learning Director Saul Kaiserman and members of our Religious School faculty for an inspirational and uplifting prayer service. At Shabbat Kodesh, Hebrew prayers are sung with lively melodies, and the weekly Torah reading is made meaningful through creative storytelling.



(Become familiar with the service's prayers and blessings through recordings on the Temple website: www.emanuelnyc.org/shabbatkodesh.)



All are welcome at this service, which builds upon the curriculum and community of the Religious School. After, we will celebrate at a festive *Oneg Shabbat*.

QUESTIONS? Contact the Religious School: school@emanuelnyc.org or (212) 744-1400, ext. 226.

Young Families: Tot Shabbat

Friday, January 25 • 3:30 PM - 5 PM • One East 65th Street



SING, DANCE AND ENJOY the magic of Shabbat storytelling. Share Shabbat snacks and still make it home in time for dinner. Grandparents and guests are welcome, too!

Note our new time (3:30 PM to 5 PM), which enables our youngest to enjoy the fun. Please be sure to let us know you'll join us.

There is no charge for this event, but reservations are required. RSVP by Thursday, January 24: youngfamilies@emanuelnyc.org or (212) 744-1400, ext. 242.

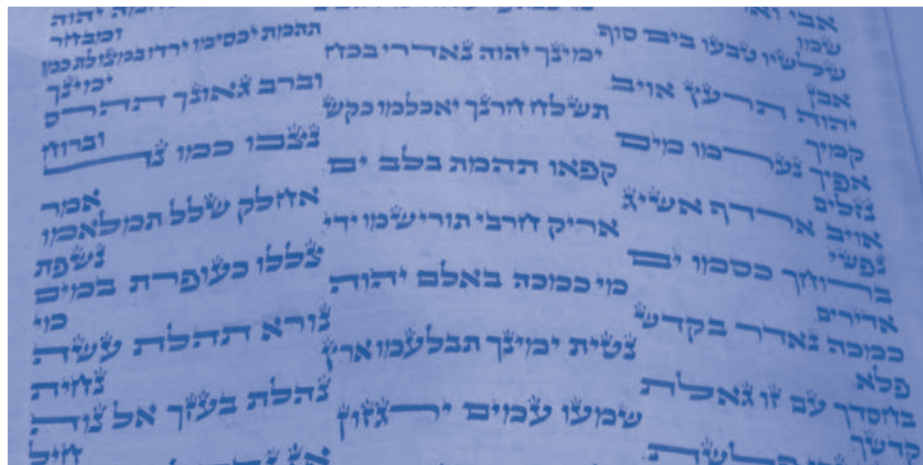
Shir HaShirim (from page 1)

We easily can understand why it is sung at Passover, a holiday that celebrates our freedom and signals the beginning of spring. The *Song of Songs* also sings of the freeing of nature from the bonds of winter. It sings of the sensual beauty of human love and the world around us.

Even though tradition ascribes *Shir HaShirim* to King Solomon (written in his youth, while another scroll, Ecclesiastes, was written in his senior years), most scholars admit that they really don't know who wrote it. It is a collection of love poems that most likely was compiled from an oral tradition around the fourth century B.C.E. Some ancient and modern Arabic love songs are strikingly similar in style to these beautiful Hebrew poems.

Many different interpretations of the various characters in *Shir HaShirim* exist. Some scholars have separated the Song's voices into three: a man, a woman and a group of speakers. Others have decided that there are many separate voices in the poetry including, perhaps, King Solomon's.

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Shabbat Shira: Sermon in Song

**Friday, January 25 • Main Sanctuary •
Immediately following the 6 PM service**

SHABBAT SHIRA (the Sabbath of Song) is celebrated on the Sabbath of the Torah portion *B'shalach*. Temple Emanu-El celebrates this time of year with a special weekend of Jewish music. Included is the chanting of the "Song of the Sea" and a Sermon in Song that explores some of the varied repertoire of our heritage. This year's theme is ***Shir HaShirim: Song of Songs***.

Join us as **Cantor Lori Corrsin** and our world-class **Temple Emanu-El Choir** sing these emotive texts from the *bimah*, conducted by **K. Scott Warren** and accompanied by **Dr. Andrew Henderson**.



**WORSHIP &
SPIRITUALITY**

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.** 

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

WOMEN'S AUXILIARY

**Tuesday, January 8
12:30 PM • One East 65th**

Gilgamesh: A New Rendering in English Verse by David Ferry

(Discussion will be led by Rabbi Benjamin Zeidman. Bring your lunch; coffee and cookies will be served.)

Tuesday, March 19

**12:30 PM • One East 65th
*This Beautiful Life***

by Helen Schulman
(Discussion will be led by Cantor Lori Corrsin.)

MEN'S CLUB

**Wednesday, January 9
8:30 AM • One East 65th**

The Art of Fielding by Chad Harbach

**Wednesday, February 6
8:30 AM • One East 65th**

36 Arguments for the Existence of God: A Work of Fiction by Rebecca Goldstein

STETTENHEIM LITERARY CIRCLE

**Wednesday, January 16
10:30 AM* or 6:30 PM •**

**One East 65th Street
*The Marriage Plot***

by Jeffrey Eugenides

**Wednesday, March 13
10:30 AM* or 6:30 PM •**

**One East 65th Street
*In One Person***

by John Irving

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

Community



Club 65: A Group for Seniors

Tuesday, January 8 • 11 AM • One East 65th Street

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.



**SAVE THE DATE!
Tuesday, February 12 • 11 AM**



TEMPLE LIBRARIAN Elizabeth Stabler will lead a discussion of the book ***When General Grant Expelled the Jews*** by Jonathan Sarna, this year's **Emanu-El Reads** selection. **(See page 5 »)**

Participation in **CLUB 65** is open to all Temple members age 65 and over; attendance is free of charge. Those interested in becoming a part of **CLUB 65** should contact the Men's Club to receive regular newsletters and other items of interest: **(212) 744-1400, ext. 250** or mensclub@emanuelnyc.org.

**Men's Club Meeting
With Rabbi Benjamin Zeidman**

**Monday, January 14 •
6 PM • One East 65th Street**

THE MEN'S CLUB cordially invites its members to an Open Meeting with **Rabbi Benjamin Zeidman**. A reception will follow.

This event is for Men's Club members and their guests ONLY. Attendance is free. RSVP by January 9 to mensclub@emanuelnyc.org or (212) 744-1400, ext. 250.



Morris-Jumel Mansion

Thursday, January 24 • 9:30 AM • Door-to-door transport provided from the Marvin and Elisabeth Cassell Community House (One East 65th Street)

THE WOMEN'S AUXILIARY cordially invites all Temple members to experience a bit of Colonial New York in modern-day Manhattan with a visit to the **Morris-Jumel Mansion**. Known as Mount Morris, this northern Manhattan estate stretched from the Harlem River to the Hudson River. With views of the Harlem River, the Bronx and Long Island Sound to the east, New York City and the harbor to the south, and the Hudson River and Jersey Palisades to the west, Mount Morris proved to be a strategic military location. General George Washington used Morris-Jumel Mansion as his headquarters during the fall of 1776, and it was from here that the general's troops forced a British retreat at the Battle of Harlem Heights.



Lunch follows at **Chef Marcus Samuelsson's Red Rooster Restaurant**. Located in the heart of Harlem, Red Rooster serves comfort food celebrating the roots of American cuisine.

Charge for this event is \$70 for Women's Auxiliary and Men's Club members, \$80 for all other Temple members and guests. RSVP by Friday, January 18: (212) 744-1400, ext. 235 or womaux@emanuelnyc.org. No walk-ins allowed.

Saviv Shabbat and Dinner

Friday, January 25 • 7:30 PM • One East 65th Street

JOIN US FOR a chance to wind down from the week. We'll enjoy worship services together followed by a Shabbat dinner, wine, and the chance to schmooze 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 a reservation by Wednesday, January 23. RSVP through www.saviv.org. Saviv is for 20s and 30s only.



EMANU-EL READS

THIS YEAR, Emanu-El's intellectually curious readers will delve into the evermore popular subject of Jewish American history as we read ***When General Grant Expelled the Jews*** by **Johnathan D. Sarna**, a riveting account of General Ulysses S. Grant's decision, in the middle of the Civil War, to order the expulsion of all Jews from the territory under his command. We are honored to have Dr. Sarna lecture about his book on **February 7 at 6:30 PM.**

Discussion sessions will be organized by the following groups on these dates:

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL PARENTS

**Sunday, February 3
10:30 AM – 12 PM**

(Includes a screening of the film ***Jewish Soldiers in Blue & Gray*** and a discussion of issues raised)

WOMEN'S AUXILIARY

**Tuesday, February 5
12:30 PM – 2 PM**


CLUB 65

**Tuesday, February 12
11 AM – 12:30 PM**

STETTENHEIM LITERARY CIRCLE

**Wednesday, February 13
10:30 AM – 12 PM
and 6:30 PM – 8 PM**

Note: Congregants may attend any sessions.

Learn more on the Temple website (www.emanuelnyc.org). Click "Learning" → "Stettenheim Library." 



**ADULT
EDUCATION**

WINTER SEMESTER AT THE SKIRBALL CENTER
Monday classes begin **January 14**; Wednesday classes begin **January 23**. Don't miss our opening event on **January 6!** (See below.) View the full course guide and register online at www.adultjewishlearning.org. Or, call **(212) 507-9580**.

THE GUIDE TO THE PERPLEXED DONOR Sunday, January 6 • 6 PM • One East 65th St. (Lecturer: Noam Zion)
WHAT CRITERIA do we use when we choose to give? How should we sort out the dilemmas confronting givers: To whom, how much, why, to what purpose? Giving of any kind gives our lives meaning, but we might do well to give our giving direction. Join us and find the direction that inspires you.

SHEKHINAH: THE FEMININE HALF OF GOD Thursday, January 31 • 7:30 PM • One East 65th (Lecturer: Dr. Daniel Matt)
ONE OF THE boldest contributions of Kabbalah is the idea that God is equally female and male. Join us as we trace the development of Kabbalah and then expand on the concept of *Shekhinah*.

NOTE: Attendance for both lectures is free, but registration with the Skirball Center is required.

Early Childhood



Parenting Programs at Emanu-El

THE NEW SESSION OF parent/child programs led by child psychologist **Dr. Juliet Cooper** and **Rabbi Amy Ehrlich** will begin at the end of January. Please contact us through parenting@emanuelnyc.org to discuss participation in these programs.

- **Toddler Group** (for children ages 10 months to 20 months) meets **Mondays** 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) meets **Wednesdays** 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) meets **Mondays** from **9:15 AM to 10:30 AM**. 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.**

Nursery School Summer Group

LOOKING FOR a great first camp experience for your 3- or 4-year-old? Temple Emanu-El's Nursery School Summer Camp provides:

- Activities tailored to the child not yet ready for a full day of camp
- Groups led by Temple Emanu-El Nursery School teachers
- Air-conditioned classrooms that provide a nurturing place for campers and include a building-block area, dramatic-play corner, arts-and-crafts center and a library corner
- Two large, sunny outdoor play spaces where children can enjoy wading pools, bubble tables and sprinklers
- Weekly music and yoga classes

A typical Summer Group day includes an arts-and-crafts project, music and movement, free play in the classroom, and lots of outdoor play. We provide a daily snack; campers bring their own bag lunch from home.

SUMMER GROUP 2013 will run from **June 10 through July 25**. There will be no camp on July 4. Hours are **9 AM to 1 PM, Monday through Thursday**. Children must turn 3 years old by September 2013.

If you wish to enroll your child in our SUMMER PROGRAM, then please call us at **(212) 744-1400**, and we will send you additional information. Space is limited; enrollment is on a first-come, first-served basis.

Religious School



One Way to Raise a Mensch...

A conversation for Religious School parents with author Noam Zion

**Sunday, January 6 • 10:30 AM • 10 East 66th Street
(A bagel breakfast will be served from 9:30 AM to 10:30 AM.)**

WE ARE OBLIGATED to be more scrupulous in fulfilling the commandment of *tzedakah* than any other positive commandment because *tzedakah* is the sign of the righteous person. How then do we inspire within our children the desire to strive toward social solidarity in times of distress and answer the Jewish calling of universal justice? Join in the conversation and learn from our sacred traditions how you can raise the next generation with social responsibility and generosity of heart.

There is no charge for this event. However, registration is required: school@emanuelnyc.org or (212) 744-1400, ext. 226.

This event was organized in partnership with the Skirball Center.

Volunteering



“A Taste of New York” at Hope Lodge

Monday, January 21 • 3:45 PM • 132 West 32nd Street

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

For more information or to volunteer, contact the Tikkun Olam Committee: (212) 744-1400, ext. 452 or tikkunolam@emanuelnyc.org.

OTHER EVENTS...

STITCH’N TIME

Sunday, January 6 • 11 AM

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).

RONALD McDONALD HOUSE

Thursday, January 24 • 5 PM

Volunteers must be at least 18 years old and in good health. Preregistration with the **Women’s Auxiliary** is required; call (212) 744-1400, ext. 235.



BAR/BAT MITZVAH MINI-RETREATS

Sixth Grade Families: Sunday, January 13 •

1 PM • One East 65th
GATHER WITH fellow sixth grade families for the next step of the bar/bat mitzvah learning process. Parents will have the chance to test their Torah knowledge against that of their kids, and all will spend time thinking through goals for making the bar/bat mitzvah celebration as meaningful as possible. All sixth grade families are strongly encouraged to attend.

Fifth Grade Families: Sunday, January 27 •

1 PM • One East 65th
THE CEREMONY may be a couple of years away, but the journey already has begun! This is the first of three annual mini-retreats led by clergy, Lifelong Learning staff and families to help make becoming a bar or bat mitzvah a relevant and powerful experience. Join with other fifth grade families to gain a deeper understanding of the Jewish values underlying this powerful life-cycle event. All fifth grade families are strongly encouraged to attend.

Note: Each retreat is preceded by an optional lunch at noon.

Attendance is free, but reservations are required: (212) 744-1400, ext. 226 or school@emanuelnyc.org. Please let us know if you will be joining us for lunch. Babysitting for younger siblings will be available by request.



**MUSICAL
PROGRAMS**

**YOUNG ARTISTS
CONCERT SERIES**

**Sunday, January 20 •
3 PM • One East 65th St.**



CHELSEA WANG (born 1993) is the second-prize winner of the Sixth New York International Piano Competition. She is currently a senior at Valley High School in West Des Moines, Iowa, and a student of Ksenia Nosikova of the University of Iowa. She is a prize winner of the 2009 Liszt-Garrison International Piano Competition (Best Interpretation of a Work by Franz Liszt) and the 2010 Eastman International Piano Competition (Best Interpretation of a Bach Work).

At her Emanu-El concert, Chelsea will perform works by Chopin, Beethoven, Rachmaninoff and Kapustin. Attendance is free and open to the public. Enter at the Marvin and Elisabeth Cassell Community House.

Shir HaShirim (from page 3)

We know that the speakers are both male and female because of the differing grammatical forms used in the Hebrew. Surprisingly, the *Song of Songs* is wonderfully non-sexist. Both male and female sing of their lovers' dove-like eyes; both are at times aggressive and urgent and at other times tender and vulnerable. Many different moods of love are expressed throughout the book. Here are excerpts from Chapter 5, in which a woman's desperate voice grows rapturous when she speaks of her love's beauty:

**My beloved drew his hand from the door hole,
And my heart was stirred for him:
I opened to my beloved,
But my beloved had turned away and gone.
My soul sank at his flight.
I sought him, but I found him not;
I called him, but he answered me not.
I adjure you, O daughters of Jerusalem:
If you find my beloved
Will you not tell him
That I am faint with love?
What is your beloved more than any other,
O fairest among women?
What is your beloved more than any other
That you adjure us so?
My beloved is radiant and ruddy,
A paragon among ten thousand.
His head is as the finest gold
His locks are flowing,
Black as a raven.
His lips are as lilies
Dripping with flowing myrrh.
He is majestic as Lebanon,
Noble as the cedars.
His mouth is most sweet,
And all of him desirable.
This is my beloved, and this is my friend,
O daughters of Jerusalem.**

— *Song of Songs (Chapter 5, verses 4, 6, 8-11, 13, 15-16)*

The early Rabbinic authorities would have described this passage as Israel yearning for the love of God. They interpreted the *Song of Songs* as a spiritual allegory: a series of divinely inspired poems portraying God as the lover and Israel as the beloved. Actually, God is mentioned only once

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in the text: Love is described as “a blazing flame of God.” (Chapter 8, verse 6) But the Sages felt God’s presence permeating the glowing beauty of the Song’s text.

Images from *Shir HaShirim* appear often in our liturgy: During the High Holy Days we sing “Ki Anu Amecha,” referring to God as *Dodi*, my Beloved, my Friend, and *Ro’i*, my Shepherd—all images from the Song. On *Shabbat*, we sing “L’cha Dodi” in the portion of the Friday evening service called *Kabbalat Shabbat* (the welcoming of the Sabbath). The 16th century Jewish mystics taught that we welcome the female aspect of God, the *Shechinah*, as Israel’s bride; we welcome God as our Lover, to purify our hearts during Shabbat. The mystical writings of Kabbalah tell us that the union of God and Israel occurs for 25 holy hours each week during Shabbat, so *Shir HaShirim* is chanted in many Jewish communities just before *Kabbalat Shabbat*. The Song helps to prepare the worshipper for the beauty of God’s presence as the Sabbath Queen, Shabbat HaMalka, arrives. The mystics of Sefad in northern Israel would greet the Sabbath Bride outdoors, among the sights, sounds, fragrances and textures of nature, celebrating God’s unity with Israel.

As one reads through the liturgy, the passionate pleas for God to be with us and hear us occur repeatedly. We want God to respond to us as a lover would. Even if you don’t accept the Rabbis’ interpretation of the *Song of Songs* as a spiritual allegory, *Shir HaShirim* is a passionate, rich celebration of life and nature, a delicious reveling in the sensual world of sight, taste and touch, and the sweet smell of spices. An exultation of God’s Creation, *Shir HaShirim* is indeed a “Holy of Holies.” □

Life-Cycle Events



FROM BIRTH TO DEATH, the act of consciously marking the major milestones in one’s life is an important element to both personal and religious development. Similarly important are the rituals associated with these life-cycle events.

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

Saturday, January 26

Samantha Kritzer, daughter of Michelle and Marc Kritzer

Riley Friedman, son of Cozy and Joe Friedman

Ryan B. Kotin, son of Allison and Alan Kotin

We are grateful for their sponsorship of the Friday evening Oneg Shabbat.

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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.

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.



CLERGY

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Amy B. Ehrlich, *Associate Rabbi*
Benjamin J. Zeidman,
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Senior Rabbi Emeritus
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Kathryn M. Roberts,
Bulletin Editor/Webmaster

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

For the Sabbath of January 4 and 5

Jane and Paul Rittmaster in honor of their grandchildren
Holly Juliet and William Arthur Rittmaster becoming b'nei mitzvah

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

Ferne Maibrunn in loving memory of her husband,
Robert David Maibrunn

Marne Obernauer, Jr. and Matthew and Michael Obernauer
in loving memory of *Marion Gislason Obernauer*

Susan and David Rahm in loving memory of
Susan's father, *Allen H. Berkman*

For the Sabbath of January 11 and 12

Myrna Fischman in loving memory of my parents,
Sally and Isidore Fischman

Frances A. Hess in loving memory of her husband, *Robert L. Hess*

In memory of *George and Elsbeth Lust*

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

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

For the Sabbath of January 18 and 19

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

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


For the Sabbath of January 25 and 26

Mr. and Mrs. Richard H. M. Maidman and Mr. and Mrs. Burton Manning
in celebration of the birth of their grandson *Cassidy Wood Maidman* and
granddaughter *Sage Hollis Maidman*, in San Francisco, on November 9,
2012, to "Molly" (Margaret) Wood and Dagny Maidman


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.


At a Glance: January 2013

 **January 6
Sunday, 10:30 AM**
*One Way to
Raise a Mensch*
10 East 66th Street


 **January 6
Sunday, 11 AM**
Stitch'n Time
One East 65th Street

 **January 6
Sunday, 6 PM**
*The Guide to
the Perplexed Donor*
One East 65th Street


 **January 8
Tuesday, 11 AM**
CLUB 65
One East 65th Street


 **January 8
Tuesday, 12:30 PM**
*Women's Auxiliary
Book Group*
One East 65th Street


 **January 9
Wednesday, 8:30 AM**
Men's Club Book Group
One East 65th Street


 **January 11
Friday, 7 PM**
Shabbat Kodesh
Beth-El Chapel


 **January 13
Sunday, 1 PM
(Lunch at 12 PM)**
*Sixth Grade
Bar/Bat Mitzvah
Mini-Retreat*
One East 65th Street


 **January 14
Monday, 6 PM**
*Men's Club Meeting
With Rabbi Zeidman*
One East 65th Street


 **January 16
Wednesday, 10:30 AM
OR 6:30 PM**
*Stettenheim
Literary Circle*
One East 65th Street


 **January 20
Sunday, 3 PM**
Young Artists Concert
One East 65th Street


 **January 21
Monday, 3:45 PM**
*"A Taste of New York"
at Hope Lodge*
132 West 32nd Street

 **January 24
Thursday, 9:30 AM**
Morris-Jumel Mansion
One East 65th Street


 **January 24
Thursday, 5 PM**
Ronald McDonald House
405 East 73rd Street


 **January 25
Friday, 3:30 PM**
*Young Families:
Tot Shabbat*
One East 65th Street

 **January 25
Friday, 6 PM**
*Shir HaShirim: The Love
Poem of the Bible
(Shabbat Shira
sermon in song)*
Main Sanctuary

 **January 25
Friday, 7:30 PM**
Saviv Shabbat & Dinner
One East 65th Street

 **January 27
Sunday, 1 PM
(Lunch at 12 PM)**
*Fifth Grade
Bar/Bat Mitzvah
Mini-Retreat*
One East 65th Street

 **January 31
Thursday, 7:30 PM**
*Shekhinah:
The Feminine
Half of God*
One East 65th Street

 **NOTE: The Religious
School will be closed
Sunday, January 20
and Monday, January
21 for the Dr. Martin
Luther King Jr.
holiday.**

 **Book Discussion**

 **Community**

 **Early Childhood**

 **Lecture • Class • Tour**

 **Musical Program**

 **Religious School Event**

 **Volunteering**

 **Worship & Spirituality**

 **Young People's Program**

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HERBERT & EILEEN BERNARD MUSEUM

Object of the Month

ON VIEW IN THE MUSEUM

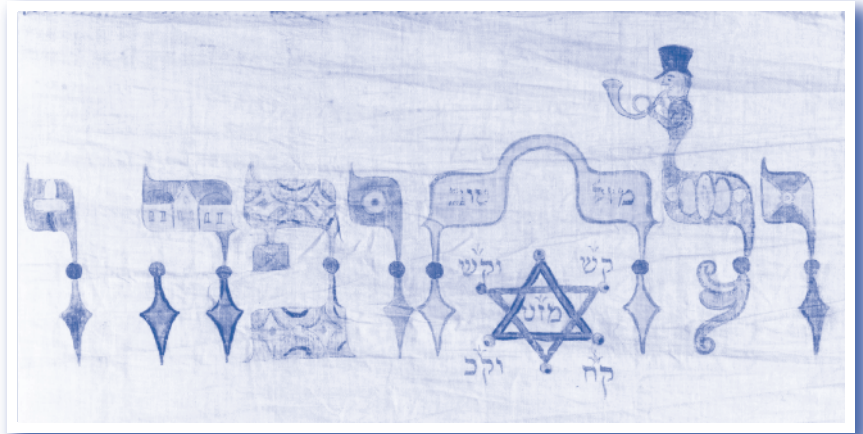
Torah Binder

Germany, 1840

Made for Joseph ben Naftali,
born on 17 Tammuz [5]600

Paint and pencil on glazed cotton

IN SOUTHERN GERMANY, the custom developed many centuries ago of creating a binder to hold a Torah scroll from the cloth that swaddled the male infant during the circumcision ceremony. The cloth was divided into strips, sewn together lengthwise and painted with the blessing derived from the *brit milah*, “May he grow up to Torah, to *huppah*, and to good deeds, Amen.” The name of the child, birth date and zodiac sign usually were included. This example from 1840 features charming illustrations of flowers, animals, a Torah scroll and wedding canopy (which forms part of the word *huppah*) next to a musician playing the horn. Beneath the canopy is a Star of David with the acronym of a traditional wedding blessing.



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