

Temple Emanu-El Bulletin



EMANU-EL READS

This year's selection is ***When General Grant Expelled the Jews*** by Jonathan D. Sarna. Check out our scheduled programs! (pages 4 and 5 »)

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.



Welcoming the Stranger

By Rabbi Benjamin J. Zeidman

THE LAST TIME you were in another synagogue, how did you feel?

What was it like? Did you know anyone else there? Did anyone say hello? Did you feel that it was a place you belonged, a home away from home?

In working with conversion students, I often surprise them when I explain that one need not be a member to attend Shabbat services. All they have to do is walk in. No one will turn them away, and in fact it is likely that they will be greeted with warmth. The anxieties of those who might wish to join in Jewish worship are telling. How much they reveal about our *own* anxieties!

If you are reading this in our monthly bulletin, you likely have the joy of being able to say that *you* are one of the pillars of our community; you support Temple Emanu-El as a member. But do we realize the fears of those who might wish to join us in the synagogue, Jewish or not? Do we realize that the couple we do not recognize or the individual standing to the side on Friday evening in the lobby during the Shabbat blessings *wants* to be wel-



comed but is too overwhelmed to initiate conversation? Do we approach unfamiliar people with a sense that a new friend, even a potential new "pillar," is there in front of us but too nervous to see how lovely a place and how warm Emanu-El really is? How easy the potential for a missed opportunity...

After attending his or her first, second and even third Shabbat service, one thinking about choosing Judaism often remarks: "I was completely out of place. I had no clue what was happening in the service. I didn't know what was going to happen next." With assurance I can tell them: Don't worry! It is the same for many of us! Each synagogue does things a little differently. Each Shabbat service *at the same synagogue* might include some slight

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WEEKLY TORAH PORTION

Yitro

(Exodus 18:1-20:23)

Read Saturday, February 2

Synopsis: Jethro advises Moses to delegate responsibility; Israelites reach Mount Sinai; Israelites purify themselves in preparation for the Ten Commandments; God gives the Ten Commandments.

Sermon: Rabbi Posner

Mishpatim

(Exodus 21:1-24:18)

Read Saturday, February 9

Synopsis: Laws concerning slaves, violence, property, sabbatical years, Sabbath and annual festivals; God promises military victory; Israelites promise to follow covenant; sealing of covenant with sacrifice; Moses ascends Mount Sinai to get the tablets of the law.

Sermon: Rabbi Zeidman

T'rumah

(Exodus 25:1-27:19)

Read Saturday, February 16

Synopsis: Israelites bring gifts to build the Tabernacle; God gives directions for building the Ark, table, lamp-stand, the Tabernacle itself, framework, curtain, altar for burnt offerings.

Sermon: Rabbi Ehrlich

T'tzaveh

(Exodus 27:20-30:10)

Read Saturday, February 23

Synopsis: Laws of the eternal light; how to make the priestly vestments, breastplate and ephod; how to ordain the priests; how to make the daily sacrificial offerings; how to build and use the altar of incense.

Sermon: Rabbinic Intern Hannah Goldstein

Worship & Spirituality



Family Dinner & Shabbat Kodesh

Friday, February 8 • 6 PM (Dinner) • One East 65th Street and 7 PM (Service) • Beth-El Chapel (Fifth Avenue entrance)

AT SHABBAT AKODESH, Hebrew prayers are sung with lively melodies, and the weekly Torah reading is made meaningful through creative storytelling. 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 (up to two adults) for reservations made by Monday, February 4, \$50 per family after February 4; additional adults are welcome for the charge of \$10 per adult. 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. All payments must be received prior to the dinner. After February 4, cancellations cannot be refunded.

Celebratory Shabbat Dinner

Friday, February 22 • 7:15 PM • One East 65th Street

COME TO TEMPLE for the 6 PM worship service and stay for dinner, where we will honor **Rabbi and Mrs. David M. Posner** for 40 years of dedicated service to Congregation Emanu-El. This event is co-sponsored by the Women's Auxiliary and Men's Club. **(See details on page 7 »)**

Saviv Shabbat and Oneg

Friday, March 1 • 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 an *Oneg Shabbat* with wine, appetizers and the chance to shmooze with both new people and old friends. (Make plans with friends for dinner afterward.) Saviv is a program for Temple members and nonmembers in their 20s and 30s.

There is no fee for this event, but reservations are required. Reserve your space now by logging on to www.saviv.org. Saviv is for 20s and 30s only.

PURIM AT EMANU-EL

Held on the 13th and 14th days of Adar, Purim is a festival of joy—marked by feasting, giving gifts to friends and providing charity to those in need. Learn more about Purim on the Temple website: www.emanuelnyc.org. Click "Worship" → "Holy Days & Festivals." Also, view "Celebrate Purim!" for ideas on how to make your own Purim celebration more special. 



Young Families: Tot Shabbat

Saturday, February 23 • 10 AM • One East 65th Street

THIS MONTH'S SERVICE will include a special Purim celebration. **Children are welcome to come in costume!** Families also are encouraged to attend the **Family Purim Carnival** on **Sunday, February 24** at noon in **I.M. Wise Hall (One East 65th Street)**. Special activities will be available just for our age group, including crown-making and a Kiddie Carnival. **(See details on page 9 »)**

RSVP to Young Families by Friday, February 22:
youngfamilies@emanuelnyc.org or (212) 744-1400, ext. 242.

Congregational Megillah Reading

Saturday, February 23 • 7 PM • One East 65th Street

GRAB YOUR GRAGGER and get ready to cheer on Queen Esther and boo wicked Haman! Hamantaschen will be offered afterward, along with a special scotch-tasting to make the holiday just a little more festive!

Esther Imagined: The Art and History of Decorated Megillot

Monday, February 25 • 10:30 AM • One East 65th Street




THE HIGHLY DRAMATIC and complex story of Purim lends itself to artistic representation. **Elka Deitsch**, senior curator of the Herbert & Eileen Bernard Museum, will present a lecture on the history of decorated Esther scrolls. We will be looking at examples from Italy, the Netherlands, Moravia, Bohemia and Germany, as well as later examples from North Africa, Iraq and Iran.

This event is co-sponsored by the Women's Auxiliary. All Temple members are invited to attend. Light refreshments will be served. RSVP to the Women's Auxiliary: womaux@emanuelnyc.org or (212) 744-1400, ext. 235.




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

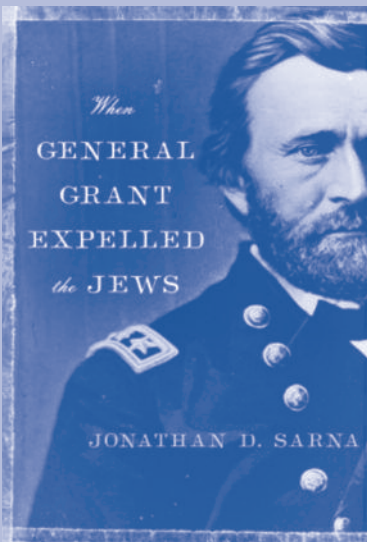
Sabbath and holiday worship services may be heard live through the Temple website, as well as downloaded and used with a personal audio player. **Follow the "Listen to the Broadcast of Services" link from the Home Page.** 

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."** 

Emanu-El Reads



ABOUT THE BOOK

ON DECEMBER 17, 1862, just weeks before Abraham Lincoln announced the Emancipation Proclamation, General Ulysses S. Grant issued what remains the most notorious anti-Jewish order by a government official in American history. His attempt to eliminate black marketeers by targeting for expulsion all Jews “as a class” unleashed a firestorm of controversy that made newspaper headlines and terrified and enraged the approximately 150,000 Jews then living in the United States, who feared the importation of European anti-Semitism onto American soil.

Although the order was rescinded quickly by a horrified Abraham Lincoln, the scandal came back to haunt Grant when he ran for president in 1868. Never before had Jews become an issue in a presidential contest, and never before had they been confronted so publicly with

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The following programs have been scheduled in conjunction with our Emanu-El Reads program. Attendance is free and open to all Temple members and their guests. This year’s book selection is *When General Grant Expelled the Jews* by Jonathan D. Sarna.

Should Jews Forgive General Grant?

Thursday, February 7 • 6:30 PM • One East 65th Street

DR. JONATHAN D. SARNA will discuss the most egregious act of official anti-Semitism in United States history and the historical and personal circumstances that led to the infamous General Order #11. But does President Grant’s reputation deserve to rest solely on this act?

JONATHAN D. SARNA is the Joseph H. & Belle R. Braun Professor of American Jewish History at Brandeis University and chief historian of the new National Museum of American Jewish History. Dubbed by the *Forward* newspaper in 2004 as one of America’s 50 most influential American Jews, he was chief historian for the 350th commemoration of the American Jewish community and is recognized as a leading commentator on American Jewish history, religion and life. In 2009, he was elected to the American Academy of Arts and Sciences.



Photo by Marilyn Silverstein

Born in Philadelphia and raised in New York and Boston, Dr. Sarna attended Brandeis University, the Boston Hebrew College, Merkaz HaRav Kook in Jerusalem and Yale University, where he obtained his doctorate in 1979. From 1979 through 1990, Dr. Sarna taught at Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion in Cincinnati, where he was professor of American Jewish history and director of the Center for the Study of the American Jewish Experience. In 1990, Dr. Sarna joined the staff of Brandeis to teach American Jewish history in its department of Near Eastern and Judaic studies. He served two terms as chair of that department and one term as director of Brandeis’ Hornstein Jewish Professional Leadership Program. He now chairs the academic advisory and editorial board of the Jacob Rader Marcus Center of the American Jewish Archives in Cincinnati.

Dr. Sarna has written, edited or co-edited more than 20 books, including the new *Jews and the Civil War: A Reader* and *A Time to Every Purpose: Letters to a Young Jew*. He is best known for the acclaimed *American Judaism: A History*—winner of the Jewish Book Council’s “Jewish Book of the Year Award” in 2004. It has been praised as being “the single best description of American Judaism during its 350 years on American soil.”

Jewish Soldiers in Blue & Gray

Wednesday, February 20 • 6:30 PM • One East 65th Street

JEWISH SOLDIERS IN BLUE & GRAY is a first-of-its-kind film that reveals the little-known struggles facing American Jews both in battle and on the home front during the nation's deadliest war.

This documentary reveals an unknown chapter in American history when allegiances during the "War Between the States" deeply split the Jewish community. It examines a time when approximately 10,000 Jewish soldiers fought on both sides: 7,000 Union and 3,000 Confederate. It addresses General Ulysses Grant's controversial decision to expel all Jews from his territory. The film also tells the stories of President Lincoln's Jewish doctor serving as a spy in the South and how five Union Jewish soldiers received the Congressional Medal of Honor.



Narrated by Oscar-nominated screenwriter John Milius (*Apocalypse Now*) and featuring Sam Waterston as the voice of President Lincoln, *Jewish Soldiers in Blue & Gray* explores the sacrifices Jews made as they defended both the Union and the Confederacy.

View a trailer of the film on the Temple website.
Click "Learning" → "Stettenheim Library" → "Emanu-El Reads."



Abraham Lincoln and the Jews

Tuesday, February 26 • 6:30 PM • One East 65th Street

ABRABHAM LINCOLN IS regarded by many historians as America's greatest president. But was he also "good for the Jews"? Historian **Gary P. Zola** will discuss his new book, *He Was Like One of Us: Abraham Lincoln and American Jewry*, on Lincoln's fateful relationship with American Jews. Dr. Zola will explain how and why Lincoln became enshrined in the collective memory of the American Jewish community as "one of our own."

GARY P. ZOLA is executive director of the Jacob Rader Marcus Center of the American Jewish Archives (AJA) and professor of the American Jewish Experience at Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion (HUC-JIR) in Cincinnati. The AJA is the world's largest free-standing research center dedicated solely to the study of the American Jewish experience.



ABOUT THE BOOK (continued)

the question of how to balance their "American" and "Jewish" interests.

Award-winning historian Jonathan D. Sarna gives us the first complete account of this little-known episode, including Grant's apology, his groundbreaking appointment of Jews to prominent positions in his administration and his unprecedented visit to the Land of Israel.

(Publisher's website)

EMANU-EL READS DISCUSSION GROUPS

Religious School Parents

Sunday, February 3
10:30 AM – 12 PM

This session will feature a screening of the film *Jewish Soldiers in Blue & Gray* and a discussion of the issues raised.

Women's Auxiliary
Tuesday, February 5
12:30 PM – 2 PM

Includes a light lunch for a charge of \$10 per person. RSVP to the Women's Auxiliary: (212) 744-1400, ext. 235

CLUB 65
Tuesday, February 12
11 AM – 12:30 PM

Stettenheim
Literary Circle
Wednesday, February 13
10:30 AM – 12 PM or
6:30 PM – 8 PM

Note: Congregants may attend any of these discussion sessions.



BOOK DISCUSSIONS

MEN'S CLUB

**Wednesday, February 6
8:30 AM • One East 65th
36 Arguments for
the Existence of God:
A Work of Fiction**
by Rebecca Goldstein

**Wednesday, March 6
8:30 AM • One East 65th
Second Person Singular**
by Sayed Kashua

**STETTENHEIM
LITERARY CIRCLE
Wednesday, March 13
10:30 AM* or 6:30 PM •
One East 65th Street
In One Person**
by John Irving

**Wednesday, April 10
10:30 AM* or 6:30 PM •
One East 65th Street
Scenes From Village Life**
by Amos Oz

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

**WOMEN'S AUXILIARY
Tuesday, March 19
12:30 PM • One East 65th
This Beautiful Life**
by Helen Schulman
(Discussion will be led by
Cantor Lori Corrsin.
Bring your lunch; coffee
and cookies will be served.)

**Tuesday, April 16
12:30 PM • One East 65th
The Lost Wife**
by Alyson Richman
(Discussion will be led by
Rabbi Amy Ehrlich.)

Film Screenings



A Cantor's Tale

Sunday, February 10 • 9:45 AM • One East 65th Street

SECOND IN THE Men's Club film series is **A Cantor's Tale** by **Erik Anjou**, a documentary about **Cantor Jacob Ben-Zion Mendelson**. Lunch and a discussion between Mr. Anjou and Cantor Lori Corrsin will follow. All Temple members are invited to attend.



If the art of *chazanut*—or cantorial music—is a bridge between past and future, then “Jackie” is a walking, talking Golden Gate. He has taught at Hebrew Union College, the Jewish Theological Seminary and the Academy of Jewish Religion. There is virtually no cantor in the last two generations whom he hasn't taught or influenced. Released in 2006, this documentary provides a nostalgic journey through family, neighborhood and tradition. It also treats us to appearances by renowned cantors and aficionados Joseph Malovany, Ben-Zion Miller, Alberto Mizrahi, Matthew Lazar, Neil Shicoff, Jackie Mason and Alan Dershowitz.

ERIK GREENBERG ANJOU is a graduate of Middlebury College (B.A.), Northwestern University (M.A.) and the American Film Institute (Directing Fellow). Although the subject of his work ranges from Ivy League football to abstract expressionist painting, Mr. Anjou has a particular passion for Jewish and Israeli-driven content. *A Cantor's Tale* has screened at close to 100 international film festivals and been broadcast on PBS. His current documentary effort about Jewish culture and its perpetuation is *Deli Man*.

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

OTHER EVENTS...

**JEWISH SOLDIERS
IN BLUE & GRAY
Wednesday, February 20 •
6:30 PM - 8 PM**
Film reveals the little-known struggles facing American Jews both in battle and on the home front during the Civil War.
(« See details on page 5)

**BEING JEWISH
ON THE BIG SCREEN
Sunday, March 10 • 10 AM - 2 PM**
Engage in analysis of a number of film classics as we consider *brit milah*, intermarriage, Jewish food and the stereotype of the Jewish mother.
**(Skirball Sunday Seminar,
charge: \$60 per person)**



Club 65: A Group for Seniors

Tuesday, February 12 • 11 AM • One East 65th Street

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 pages 4 and 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.



Celebratory Shabbat Dinner

Friday, February 22 • 7:15 PM • One East 65th Street



THE WOMEN'S AUXILIARY AND MEN'S CLUB cordially invite all Temple members and their guests for a Celebratory Shabbat Dinner to honor **Rabbi and Mrs. David M. Posner** for 40 years of dedicated service to Congregation Emanu-El. Dinner follows the 6 PM worship service.

The charge for this event is \$40 for members of the Women's Auxiliary and Men's Club. All other Temple members and guests pay \$50. RSVP by February 15: womaux@emanuelnyc.org or (212) 744-1400, ext. 235. (Make checks payable to the Women's Auxiliary.)

Art & History of Decorated Megillot

Monday, February 25 • 10:30 AM • One East 65th Street

AN ESSENTIAL PART of the Purim celebration, Esther scrolls often were elaborately illustrated and decorated from the 17th century onward. We will be looking at examples from Italy, the Netherlands, Moravia, Bohemia and Germany, as well as later examples from North Africa, Iraq and Iran. This event is co-sponsored by the Herbert & Eileen Bernard Museum and the Women's Auxiliary. (« See details, page 3)




LET US KNOW...

Through good times and bad, the Temple Emanu-El clergy very much want to know about the important events happening in the lives of our community—the welcoming of a new child or grandchild, a graduation from school, the illness or death of a loved one.

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

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.

Download and print our **SELF-GUIDE BROCHURE** from the Temple website: www.emanuelnyc.org. Click "About Us" →  "Tour Emanu-El."

ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATIONS

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. Your efforts to help us "go green" and conserve costs are greatly appreciated!

SKIRBALL



Skirball Sunday Seminars 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, February 3 •

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? 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.

POP VS. PRAYER Sunday, February 10 •

10 AM - 2 PM

(Lecturer: Rabbi Daniel C. Goldfarb)

Modern pop songs can complement or contrast with traditional Jewish prayer. Compare King David (Psalm 6) and "I Dreamed a Dream" (*Les Miz*). Look at Frank Sinatra's "My Way" and the Shabbat song "Yedid Nefesh." Finally, explore the "Alenu I'Shabeach" and John Lennon's "Imagine." And, of course, sing as well as study text.

Lectures • Classes • Tours



Skirball Trip to Israel and Rome

EXPLORE ISRAEL and Rome like never before!

From Jerusalem to Rome and Back With the Golden Menorah: In Search of Art, Architecture and Identity

May 19–31, 2013

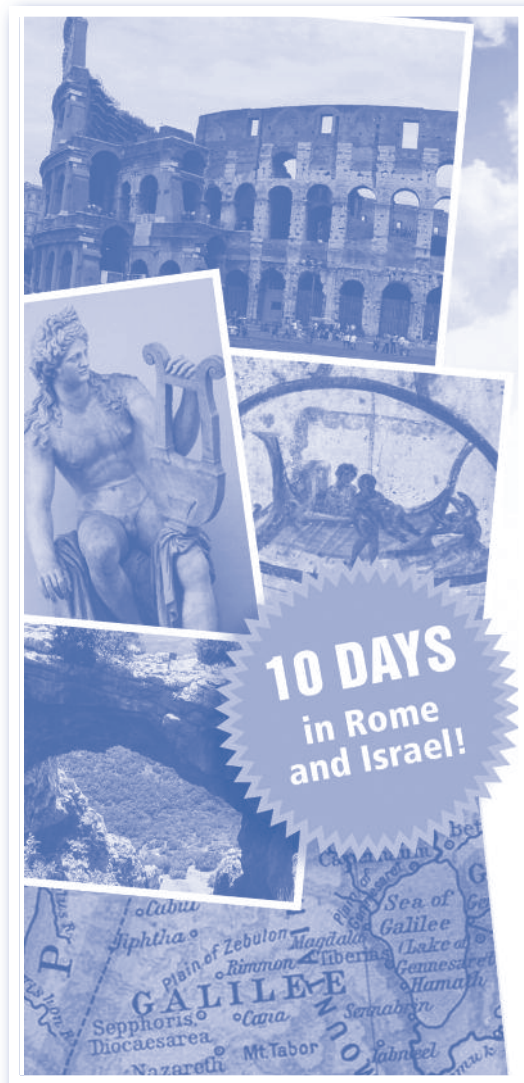
(Dates are subject to change)

Join the Skirball Center for Adult Jewish Learning at Temple Emanu-El for a unique learning experience in Rome and Israel led by **Dr. Steven Fine** and **Rabbi Alfredo Borodowski**.

Follow the path of the Golden Menorah through both historic cities as we explore:

- The Ancient Catacombs
- The Vatican Museum
- The Coliseum
- The National Museum of Rome
- The Contemporary Community of Rome
- The Villa of Hadrian
- The Ancient Synagogue in Ostia
- The Ancient Port of Rome
- Jerusalem's Underground Villas
- The City of David
- The Israel Museum
- The Final Journey of Herod
- The Great Exhibit
- The Jordan Valley
- The Galilee
- The Golan

For more information, please contact SkirballTrip@adultjewishlearning.org.



DR. STEVEN FINE, professor of Jewish history at Yeshiva University and director of the YU Center for Israel Studies, is a cultural historian who specializes in Jewish history in the Greco-Roman period.



RABBI ALFREDO BORODOWSKI serves as the executive director of the Skirball Center for Adult Jewish Learning. He was ordained as a rabbi at the Seminario Rabinico Latinoamericano (1991).

Religious School



PARENT EDUCATION

Talking to Your Child About God

Sunday, February 10 • 11 AM • 10 East 66th Street
Monday, February 11 • 5 PM • 10 East 66th Street

“GOD TALK” IS an essential component of Jewish life, but when it comes to kids, sometimes it brings up questions that we’re not always prepared to answer.

Parents of Religious School students are invited to join us for a special class during which we will reflect on some of our kids’ big questions—and some of our own—and think about the best ways to respond when a child wants to know more about God.



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

Family Purim Celebration

Sunday, February 24 • 11 AM (Purim Shpiel) • 10 East 66th
Sunday, February 24 • 12 PM (Purim Carnival) • One East 65th

COME WALK THE RED CARPET in **costume** and be ready to rejoice at the **85th Annual Shushines!** This star-studded event honors the heroes and heroines of our Purim story as they compete in the most watched award show of the year. Bring your family and friends to sit in our live studio audience among this year’s nominees. The show will be hosted by Temple Emanu-El celebrities and will feature musical performances by the Temple Emanu-El Junior Choir. Dress to impress!

Then, come to the after-party—**Shushan County Fair**, this year’s Purim Carnival, a communitywide event that provides fun and meaning for the whole family and friends. The carnival will feature booths and activities developed and run by our teens, Temple staff, faculty, committees and auxiliaries. Of course, no carnival would be complete without something to eat, so we will have plenty of food. There will be no shortage of activities for kids of all ages: interactive games, sports, music and crafts.

INTERESTED IN VOLUNTEERING? Call Rachel Brumberg, associate director of Lifelong Learning, at (212) 744-1400, ext. 326.

« See page 3 for additional Purim events.



MIDNIGHT RUN

Emanu-El’s Teen Community is getting ready for its fourth year of participation in **Midnight Run** on **Friday, February 8.**

The evening will begin with a Family Dinner followed by our Shabbat Kodesh service. Then, teens will prepare meals, sort clothing and go out to designated spots in New York City to hand them out to NYC’s homeless community.

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

We also need help from the greater Emanu-El community! We are collecting warm coats, sweaters, sweatshirts, pants, hats, gloves, shoes, new socks and underwear, and backpacks. **Items can be brought to either lobby (One East 65th Street or 10 East 66th Street) until February 8.**

Please deliver items in a bag or box marked “Midnight Run.” For more information, call Missy Bell at (212) 744-1400, ext. 329. Thank you for your support!

Learn more
about Midnight
Run at
midnightrun.org.





EARLY CHILDHOOD

YOUNG FAMILIES: TOT SHABBAT

**Saturday, February 23 •
10 AM • One East 65th St.**

For our preschool through kindergarten families we offer a creative and age-appropriate service that incorporates singing, movement and storytelling. Guests are welcome; reservations are required.

This month's service will include a special Purim celebration. Children are welcome to come in costume.

We ask that all please be prompt so that we can begin on time; there is ample opportunity to socialize before and after. Also, encourage your children to sit quietly, especially during the story.

RSVP to Young Families (youngfamilies@emanuelnyc.org) by February 22, or call (212) 744-1400, ext. 242. Let us know if you're willing to take photos!

Families also are encouraged to attend the **Family Purim Carnival on Sunday, February 24 at noon in I.M. Wise Hall (One East 65th Street)**. Special activities will be available just for our age group, including crown-making and a Kiddie Carnival.



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 in February. 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, February 4 through April 15** 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, February 6 through April 17** from **9:15 AM to 10:30 AM**. Fee is \$625 for Temple members, \$695 for nonmembers.
- **Preschool Parents** (for parents of preschool-age children) meets **Mondays, February 11 through April 15** 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.

HOMEBOUND DELIVERY/SECOND SEDER

FOR MANY YEARS Congregation Emanu-El has provided what have become cherished community services: delivery of Passover meals to homebound seniors and our Second Seder for the Elderly. Many of you have given generously of your time and hard work, for which we are most grateful. We welcome new volunteers (Temple members only) and ask previous volunteers to offer their enthusiastic efforts once again.

Important dates to note:

- Packing and delivery of meals for homebound seniors will be held on **Sunday, March 17**, beginning at **9 AM**. (Enter at One East 65th Street; continental breakfast is served.)
- Second Seder will be served on **Tuesday, March 26**. (Volunteers must arrive at 10 East 66th Street or at their assigned senior center at the appropriate time, based on their assigned duties.)

Please complete and return the Volunteer Registration Form below no later than March 1. Fax to (212) 570-0826 or mail to Temple Emanu-El, One East 65th Street, New York, NY 10065, Attn: Second Seder. Direct your questions to (212) 744-1400, ext. 215.

VOLUNTEER REGISTRATION FORM

- Yes, I (we) will be available to **pack homebound bags** on Sunday, March 17, beginning at 9 AM.
- I (we) have a car and will be available for **homebound deliveries** on Sunday, March 17, beginning at 9:30 AM.
- Yes, I (we) will volunteer on Tuesday, March 26 for **Second Seder**.
- Number of volunteers

My Job Preference:

- Setting Tables
- Kitchen Staff for Preparation of Meals
- Bus Escort

Report Time to 10 East 66th Street:

- 1 PM (All ages welcome)
- 1:30 PM (Adults only during cooking)
- 3:30 PM (Adults only)*

*Report to assigned senior center location

- Table Service 4 PM (All ages welcome)
- Elevator Service 4:30 PM (Ages 14 and older)
- Prep of Bus Bags 6 PM (All ages welcome)

- I am enclosing a contribution to help defray program costs.

Name (Please Print)

Evening Telephone

Mailing Address

Email Address



VOLUNTEER PROGRAMS

HELP FEED THE HUNGRY ON SUNDAYS

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

STITCH'N TIME

Sunday, February 3

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, February 21**.



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alteration. And how many of the people sitting in the service truly have a sense of the liturgy? With some study, all of us can learn more about Jewish prayer, but rabbis and Jewish scholars rarely fill the synagogue pews.

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It is to make our
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The connection between those interested in Judaism, and those who are Jewish but are not yet in the habit of attending the Temple, is clear. When someone chooses to join us in prayer, for a program, to volunteer and for any other occasion, we would do well to consider what the “stranger,” the “new-comer,” must be feeling.

Lest we think that someone we do not recognize will just keep coming back again until they get to know the place on their own (in which case, after their first visit, we’ll likely never see them again), we are reminded by the midrash of the importance of someone who chooses to engage in Jewish life:

Dearer to God is the stranger who has come of their own accord than all the crowds of Israelites who stood before Mount Sinai. For had the Israelites not witnessed the thunder, lighting, quaking mountains and sounding trumpets, they may not have accepted the Torah. But the stranger, who saw not one of those things, came and offered themselves to the Holy One, and took the yoke of Heaven upon themselves. Can anyone be dearer to God than this person?

(Tanhuma Buber,
Lech L'cha, 6:32)

As opposed to the Middle Ages, there no longer exist communal repercussions for those who choose not to engage in Jewish life. So, a stranger may be someone who converts to Judaism or someone who simply chooses to come to Temple Emanu-El to actively practice the Judaism into which he or she is born. Either way, we would do well to remember that the person who actively makes a choice to engage with the Jewish community is special and should feel welcomed in a community full of others who have made the same choice.

To welcome the “stranger,” someone you do not recognize, is to do more than simply make him or her feel comfortable and to help him or her know how lovely our community really is. It is to engage with the Divine. It is to make our community and our lives as Jews holy. As Abraham welcomed the strangers that turned out to be angels, we never know who we might be welcoming. May we each be a part of helping everyone to know how special our community truly is.

WHAT DO YOU THINK? Join the conversation and post your thoughts.
Click “About Us” → “Publications” → “Bulletin Blog.”



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 February:

Saturday, February 2

Alexandra Lauren Bakst, daughter of Kenneth and Suzanne Bakst

Isabel Selin, daughter of Doug and Pam Selin

Saturday, February 9

Simon H. Manne, son of Lisa Weisinger Manne and Tony Manne

Liana Michelle Plotch, daughter of Suzanne and William Plotch

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 February 1 and 2

Barry, Patricia and Elizabeth Berkule in loving memory of *Lloyd I. Berkule*

Mrs. B. E. Brandes in loving memory of *Bernard E. Brandes*

In loving memory of *Mr. Sanford P. Brass* and his mother, *Rose D. Brass*

Mr. and Mrs. Elliot Brownstein in loving memory of *Sol Brownstein* and *Benjamin Silverman*

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Charles S. Salomon
The Universal
Funeral Chapel
1076 Madison Avenue
(212) 753-5300
Our service is available in the
Temple, home or our Chapel.

The Cemeteries of Congregation Emanu-El
Salem Fields and Beth-El
A limited number of above-ground crypts are
available in our community mausoleum.
For information, please call Dr. Mark W. Weisstuch
at the Temple Office, (212) 744-1400.



LIFE-CYCLE EVENTS

BAR/BAT MITZVAH PREPARATION

Children must be enrolled in Religious School in order to celebrate bar or bat mitzvah at Emanu-El. A date can be scheduled when a child is in fourth grade or is 10 years old.

To register your child for Religious School, call (212) 744-1400, ext. 226.

To schedule a date, call Sherry Nehmer at (212) 744-1400, ext. 312.

Families are encouraged to make use of bar/bat mitzvah resources available on the Temple website.

Click "Learning" → "Religious School" → "Bar & Bat Mitzvah Program."



A REMINDER ABOUT SPONSORSHIPS

Because the *Emanu-El Bulletin* is a monthly publication, please be advised that we need one month's notice for Pulpit Flower dedications and *Oneg Shabbat* sponsorships. **Call Sherry Nehmer at (212) 744-1400, ext. 312.**

WOMEN'S AUXILIARY TRIBUTE FUND

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



LIFE-CYCLE EVENTS

OF BLESSED MEMORY


At the time of death, as well as during a period of illness, family members need the comfort, support and caring of a community. Temple Emanu-El's clergy and staff always are available to help soothe these difficult hours. Because there are many ways to honor a loved one, the rabbis and cantor can provide guidance that is suited to your family's personal philosophy. Call (212) 744-1400.

REMEMBERING LOVED ONES

Now that Temple Emanu-El broadcasts its own services over the Internet, we are able to accommodate all congregants who wish to share Sabbath services and have the name of a loved one read during *Kaddish*. If you wish to have a name read, then please call one of the rabbis during the week of *yahrzeit* observance.

WEDDING MUSIC

Planning a wedding at Emanu-El? Well, don't forget about the music! Music can set a memorable tone at your wedding. Listen to musical selections performed by Temple organist K. Scott Warren. MP3 files may be downloaded from the Temple website (www.emanuelnyc.org) to a personal listening device.

Click "Life Cycles" →
"Weddings" →
"Wedding Music." 

PULPIT FLOWERS (continued)

For the Sabbath of February 1 and 2

Elisabeth Cassell in loving memory of her cherished husband, *Marvin Cassell*

Edward Fleur in loving memory of his father, *Leo Yale Fleur*, and his sister, *Joette Stephanie Fleur*

For the Sabbath of February 8 and 9

William, Suzanne and Cayla Plotch in honor of *Liana Plotch becoming a bat mitzvah*

Mary K. and Rabbi Howard I. Bogot in loving memory of *Maxine Livingston Elbaum*

Mrs. A. Coleman Poll in loving memory of her brother, *Jacques G. Coleman, Jr.*

For the Sabbath of February 22 and 23

Bettijane and Steven Eisenpreis in loving memory of *Alfred Eisenpreis*, and *Carol Hess Long and Clinton Mayer Long*

Rosalind Pretzfelder in loving memory of *George Pretzfelder*

In Honor Of, In Memory Of...

DONATIONS TO THE **Annual Fund** are a wonderful and appropriate way to celebrate a birth, birthday or other life-cycle event; to honor or remember a loved one; or to express gratitude to a member of the Emanu-El clergy or staff. Should you wish to make an "in honor of" or "in memory of" gift, the Office of Development and Philanthropy would be happy to advise the person(s) of your thoughtfulness.

Contributions now may be made online with your credit card through our secure website (www.emanuelnyc.org; click "Donations" in the left navigation bar). 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**. You also may download a form for completion and fax it with your credit card information to **(212) 570-0826**.

Or, send the completed form 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.**

At a Glance: February 2013

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| <p> February 3
Sunday, 10 AM - 2 PM
<i>Hebrew "Marathon"</i>
One East 65th Street</p> <p> February 3
Sunday, 10:30 AM
<i>Emanu-El Reads</i>
<i>Book Discussion</i>
<i>(Religious School)</i>
One East 65th Street</p> <p> February 3
Sunday, 11 AM
<i>Stitch'n Time</i>
One East 65th Street</p> <p> February 5
Tuesday, 12:30 PM
<i>Emanu-El Reads</i>
<i>Book Discussion</i>
<i>(Women's Auxiliary)</i>
One East 65th Street</p> <p> February 6
Wednesday, 8:30 AM
<i>Men's Club Book Group</i>
One East 65th Street</p> <p> February 7
Thursday, 6:30 PM
<i>Should Jews Forgive</i>
<i>General Grant?</i>
One East 65th Street</p> <p> February 8
Friday, 5:45 PM
<i>Senior Youth Group:</i>
<i>Midnight Run</i>
One East 65th Street</p> <p> February 8
Friday, 6 PM/7 PM
<i>Family Dinner &</i>
<i>Shabbat Kodesh Service</i>
One East 65th Street/
Beth-El Chapel</p> <p> February 10
Sunday, 9:45 AM
<i>A Cantor's Tale</i>
One East 65th Street</p> | <p> February 10
Sunday, 10 AM - 2 PM
<i>Pop vs. Prayer:</i>
<i>Whose World, Way, Words?</i>
One East 65th Street</p> <p> February 10 and 11
Sunday, 11 AM
Monday, 5 PM
<i>Talking to Your</i>
<i>Child About God</i>
10 East 66th Street</p> <p> February 12
Tuesday, 11 AM
<i>Emanu-El Reads</i>
<i>Book Discussion</i>
<i>(CLUB 65)</i>
One East 65th Street</p> <p> February 13
Wednesday, 10:30 AM
or 6:30 PM
<i>Emanu-El Reads</i>
<i>Book Discussion</i>
<i>(Stettenheim Literary Circle)</i>
One East 65th Street</p> <p> February 20
Wednesday, 6:30 PM
<i>Jewish Soldiers in</i>
<i>Blue & Gray</i>
One East 65th Street</p> <p> February 21
Thursday, 5 PM
<i>Ronald McDonald House</i>
405 East 73rd Street</p> <p> February 22
Friday, 7:15 PM
<i>Celebratory</i>
<i>Shabbat Dinner</i>
One East 65th Street</p> <p> February 23
Saturday, 10 AM
<i>Young Families:</i>
<i>Tot Shabbat</i>
One East 65th Street</p> | <p> February 23
Saturday, 7 PM
<i>Congregational</i>
<i>Megillah Reading</i>
One East 65th Street</p> <p> February 24
Sunday, 11 AM/12 PM
<i>Purim Shpiel</i>
10 East 66th Street
<i>Purim Carnival</i>
One East 65th Street</p> <p> February 25
Monday, 10:30 AM
<i>Esther Imagined: The Art</i>
<i>of Decorated Megillot</i>
One East 65th Street</p> <p> February 26
Tuesday, 6:30 PM
<i>Abraham Lincoln</i>
<i>and the Jews</i>
One East 65th Street</p> <p> Book Discussion</p> <p> Community</p> <p> Early Childhood</p> <p> Film Screening</p> <p> Lecture • Class • Tour</p> <p> Museum</p> <p> Panel Discussion</p> <p> Religious School Event</p> <p> Volunteering</p> <p> Worship & Spirituality</p> <p> Young People's Program</p> |
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**Esther Scroll
(Megillat Esther) and Case
Germany, ca. 1832**

HERBERT & EILEEN BERNARD MUSEUM

Object of the Month

THE BOOK OF ESTHER is unusual within the Hebrew Bible as it does not mention the name of God. The scroll pictured here is known as a *ha-melekh* scroll because of the deliberate placement of the word *ha-melekh* (the king) at the start of each column. On the surface the reference is to King Ahasuerus, but commentary suggests that emphasis on the word *ha-melekh* can serve as an indirect reference to God, the King of Kings. The placement of the same word at the head of each column is both a technical achievement of scribal mastery and uncovers the Divine presence within the Purim story.

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