

# Temple Emanu-El Bulletin



## ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION

The Annual Meeting will be held **Thursday, May 30** at **6 PM** in Greenwald Hall, after the Sunset Service. Enter at the Marvin and Elisabeth Cassell Community House, One East 65th Street.

## WORSHIP SERVICES

**SUNDAY — THURSDAY**

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

## FRIDAY EVENING

**Main Sanctuary (Fifth Avenue at 65th Street)**

Organ Recital—5:45 PM  
Service Begins—6 PM

## SATURDAY MORNING

**Sixth Floor Lounge (One East 65th Street)**

Torah Study—9:15 AM

**Main Sanctuary (Fifth Avenue at 65th Street)**

Organ Recital—10:15 AM  
Service Begins—10:30 AM

## K. Scott Warren,

Organist/Choir Director

Services may be heard live or via podcast through the Temple website at [www.emanuelnyc.org](http://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.



## Jewish Education: An Intrinsically Optimistic Endeavor

By **Saul Kaiserman,**  
Director of Lifelong Learning

**O**UR WORK AS Jewish educators is predicated on the faith that we can inspire our students to personal growth. Further, we believe that by studying the past we can prepare our students successfully for

an unknown future. Thus, we act as translators of a sort: We strive to make the ancient wisdom of our people relevant to contemporary sensibilities.

The most compelling questions of value and meaning have remained largely the same since the days of the Bible. We look to our people's history for direction as we ask ourselves the same questions that confronted our ancestors, like "What kind of person do I want to become?" and "What kind of world do I hope for myself and for future generations to inhabit?" Our people have struggled with these questions over the centuries, providing us with a legacy of their responses under varying circumstances.

The role of the Reform Jewish educator is not to pass along definitive answers to these questions but rather to engage our learners in striving together to make meaning of our Jewish inheritance in all of its complexity. Our Religious School is a "laboratory" for the Jewish future, providing experiences and opportu-

nities our students cannot find elsewhere in their lives. The classroom is a center for Jewish life, where our students encounter one another's ways of being Jewish. In accepting one another for who they are and what they believe, our students empower one another to say, "I can be myself here, and I can figure out who I might want to be."

Our teachers—and the members of our high school A-TEEM, our school internship program—play two roles, each equally essential to the success of the school. On the one hand, they are facilitators, enabling our students to share their opinions and to listen attentively to those of their classmates. At the same time, they are role models, sharing their expertise in the subject matter and modeling their



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## WEEKLY TORAH PORTION

### **Sh'mini**

(Leviticus 9:1-11:47)  
Read Saturday, April 6

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

**Sermon: Rabbi Zeidman**

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

(Leviticus 12:1-15:33)  
Read Saturday, April 13

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

**Sermon: Rabbi Posner**

### **Acharei Mot-K'doshim**

(Leviticus 16:1-20:27)  
Read Saturday, April 20

**Synopsis:** Priestly responsibilities on the Day of Atonement; scapegoats; sacrificial instructions; prohibition on drinking blood; rules for sexual relations.

**Sermon: Rabbinic Intern Hannah Goldstein**

### **Emor**

(Leviticus 21:1-24:23)  
Read Saturday, April 27

**Synopsis:** Marriage, sexuality, disability, dietary and mourning laws for priests; acceptability of various sacrifices; establishment of holy days and festivals; eternal light; penalty for blasphemy.

**Sermon: Rabbi Posner**

## Worship & Spirituality



### Conclusion of Passover Services

THE NAME "PASSOVER" derives from Moses' promise that God would "pass over" the homes of Israelites on the evening when firstborn Egyptians were to be slain. (Exodus 12:23)



**Eve of Conclusion of Passover:**  
Sunday, March 31 • 6 PM  
Main Sanctuary

**Conclusion of Passover:**  
Monday, April 1 • 10:30 AM  
Main Sanctuary  
**Sermon: Rabbi Ehrlich**  
(Includes a memorial service. Learn more about *Yizkor* on page 12 »)

### Saviv Shabbat

Friday, April 5 • 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 schmooze with both new people and old friends! Saviv is a program for Temple members and nonmembers in their 20s and 30s.

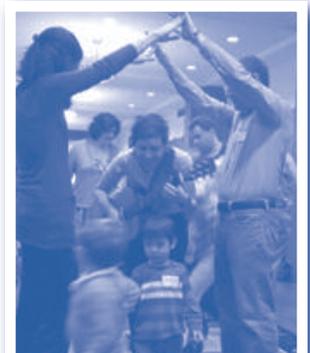
**There is no fee for this event, but reservations are required. Reserve your space now by logging on to [www.saviv.org](http://www.saviv.org). Saviv is for 20s and 30s only.**

### Young Families: Tot Shabbat

Saturday, April 6 • 10 AM - 11:30 AM • One East 65th Street

SING, DANCE AND ENJOY the magic of Shabbat. This month's celebration will feature a special *tzedakah* project: Each child will make and take home a *tzedakah* box. Bring it back to our May event to help support at-risk children. Grandparents and guests are welcome to attend, too!

**There is no charge for this event, but reservations are required. RSVP by April 5: [youngfamilies@emanuelnyc.org](mailto:youngfamilies@emanuelnyc.org) or (212) 744-1400, ext. 242.**



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# Annual Gathering of Remembrance

Sunday, April 7 • 2 PM • Main Sanctuary

AT THE ANNUAL GATHERING OF REMEMBRANCE, co-sponsored by the **Museum of Jewish Heritage – A Living Memorial to the Holocaust**, the **Warsaw Ghetto Resistance Organization** and the **American Gathering of Jewish Holocaust Survivors and Their Descendants**, more than 2,000 survivors and their families are joined by elected officials and other members of the community in this memorial service that fulfills the sacred Jewish obligation to remember. Holocaust survivors participate with their children and grandchildren in a moving and symbolic candle-lighting ceremony that physically demonstrates the importance and power of passing memories from one generation to the next.

To obtain tickets, **TEMPLE MEMBERS** should call **Mark Heutlinger** at (212) 744-1400, ext. 311.

## CHORAL D'VAR TORAH

### *Pirkei Avot: Wisdom of the Sages*

Friday, April 26 • 6 PM • Main Sanctuary

Who is wise? One who learns from every person.  
Who is strong? One who shows self control.  
Who is rich? One who is contented with life's portion.  
Who is respected? One who respects others.

— *Pirkei Avot* 4:1

**Pirkei Avot** is an expression of the universal search for wisdom and living a fulfilled, ethical life. Join us as the **Temple Emanu-El Choir** sings from the *bimah* and as we explore musical settings of these meaningful texts, which touch each one of us. **K. Scott Warren** will conduct, and **Dr. Andrew Henderson** will accompany on the organ.

## Shabbat Kodesh Service and High School Leadership Dinner

Friday, April 19 • 7 PM/8 PM • Beth-El Chapel/One East 65th St.

AT SHABBAT KODESH worship services, sing Hebrew prayers with lively melodies and experience the weekly Torah reading through interpretation and storytelling. **This month's service will honor those students who have taken on a leadership role within our congregational community. All are welcome to attend.** Dinner for teens and their families will follow. Teens will make presentations about their volunteer and leadership efforts. **(Reservations for dinner are required. See details, page 7 »)**



## 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](http://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**

**MEN'S CLUB**

**Wednesday, April 3**  
**8:30 AM • One East 65th**  
***Six Days of War: June 1967 and the Making of the Modern Middle East***  
by Michael Oren

**STETTENHEIM LITERARY CIRCLE**

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

**Wednesday, May 8**  
**10:30 AM\* or 6:30 PM •**  
**One East 65th Street**  
***Bring Up the Bodies***  
by Hilary Mantel

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

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

*\* Attendees are invited to bring their own lunch; coffee and cookies will be served.*



**Community**



**Club 65: A Group for Seniors**

**Tuesday, April 9 • 11 AM • One East 65th Street**



**J**EWES THROUGHOUT HISTORY have been commanded to exert their best efforts to repair, or heal, the world. At our April session, **Rabbi Amy Ehrlich** will provide new insights on the ancient concept of *tikkun olam* and how it continues to resonate in our modern, changing world. As a people, a congregation and individuals, we are called upon in new ways to fulfill this sacred obligation. We'll take a look back at the part *tikkun olam* has played in our own lives and Temple Emanu-El's historic participation, as well as what the future may hold.

**Participation in CLUB 65 is open to all Temple members (men and women) age 65 and over; attendance is free of charge.**

**Brunch With Attorney General Eric T. Schneiderman**

**Sunday, April 21 • 10 AM • One East 65th Street**

**T**EMPLE MEMBERS are cordially invited to a Men's Club-sponsored brunch with special guest **Eric T. Schneiderman**, attorney general of the state of New York. Elected in November 2010, Attorney General Schneiderman is the highest ranking law-enforcement officer for the state, responsible for representing New York and its residents in legal matters. The attorney general has taken a leading role in the national fight for a comprehensive investigation of misconduct in the mortgage market and for a fair settlement for homeowners that holds banks accountable for their role in the foreclosure crisis, provides meaningful relief to homeowners and investors, and allows a full airing out of the facts to ensure that abuses of this scale never happen again.



**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 by April 18: (212) 744-1400, ext. 250 or mensclub@emanuelnyc.org. (Make checks payable to the Men's Club.)**

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## CELEBRATING 40 YEARS

# *A Spiritual Life, An Endeavor Sustained*

Wednesday, April 17 • 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM  
Mandarin Oriental (Columbus Circle at 60th Street)



**T**HIS YEAR, we honor and celebrate **Dr. David M. Posner**, our senior rabbi, who prepares to retire after 40 years of devoted service to the congregation. During these four decades, Rabbi Posner has taught us, led us in worship, celebrated with us at our life-cycle events and comforted us as we mourned—always with compassion, kindness and generosity of spirit. He has been committed steadfastly to helping his congregants live meaningful Jewish lives. On April 17, at a cocktail reception in his honor, we will have an opportunity to express our personal appreciation to Rabbi Posner and wish him well.

In addition, the **Rabbi David M. Posner Fund for Temple Emanu-El** has been established to sustain the many programs and activities that are near and dear to him. Please join us in celebrating Rabbi Posner, as well as his love of Judaism and Temple Emanu-El, with a meaningful donation to this fund.

We hope that you will participate in both of these special opportunities to celebrate a special man whose loving devotion has touched so many lives.

**The charge for the cocktail reception is \$175 per person. A presentation to Rabbi Posner will be held at 7:15 PM. Business attire requested. Please make checks payable to Congregation Emanu-El; credit cards also are accepted. For more information, please contact Jill Vanzino at (212) 254-6677 or [jvanzino@inezevents.com](mailto:jvanzino@inezevents.com). Donations to the Rabbi David M. Posner Fund for Temple Emanu-El are tax deductible.**



### COMMUNITY

#### SHARE YOUR MEMORIES

In his 40 years at Temple Emanu-El, Rabbi Posner has participated in an estimated 2,000 weddings, not to mention the baby namings, *b'nei mitzvah* ceremonies, funerals and other precious moments in our lives.

Do you have a special memory of Rabbi Posner that you would like to share? Post brief reflections on our online **Tribute Message Board**.

Log on to [www.emanuelnyc.org/](http://www.emanuelnyc.org/)

shareyourmemories. 

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#### WOMEN'S AUXILIARY MEMBERSHIP APPEAL

Please won't you join our Women's Auxiliary and become a part of this vibrant organization? By joining, you are ensuring the legacy of Reform Jewish women of Congregation Emanu-El. Your membership dues support our many programs, charities and projects. Help us to reach out to more people and to expand our wonderful programs. We look forward to welcoming you!

**Cecelia Ann Hauptman**

*President*

**Joanne Froelich**

*Membership Chairman*

Learn more about the Women's Auxiliary on the Temple website ([www.emanuelnyc.org](http://www.emanuelnyc.org)). Click "Community" →  "Women's Auxiliary."



**ADULT  
EDUCATION**

## 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, April 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? 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.

### **FINDING GOD: A WORKSHOP**

**Sunday, April 28 •**

**10 AM - 2 PM**

*(Lecturer: Rabbi Alfredo Borodowski)*

Have you ever wondered if there is a relationship between your personality and the God to which you relate? Or whether your personal beliefs match any of Judaism's views of the Divine? Using the latest personality-type theory, explore individual profiles and see how "the self" connects to the Divine.

## Grounds for Sculpture

**Tuesday, April 23 • 8:45 AM - 4:30 PM**

**Prompt departure from Temple Emanu-El (One East 65th St.)**

**T**HE WOMEN'S AUXILIARY cordially invites all Temple members and their guests for a day of enchantment at the magical **Grounds for Sculpture**, a 42-acre public sculpture park located in Hamilton, N.J., featuring works by well-known and emerging contemporary sculptors. Visitors to the park can enjoy the outdoor permanent collection as well as indoor seasonal exhibitions. In addition, the park offers a high-rated, fine-dining destination known as **Rat's Restaurant**, nestled in a pink-and-blue version of a French provincial farmhouse.



**We will depart promptly at 8:45 AM from the Temple (One East 65th Street) and return at approximately 4:30 PM. The charge for this event (bus transportation, park entrance fee and lunch) is \$80 for Women's Auxiliary and Men's Club members, \$90 for all other Temple members and guests. RSVP by April 19. (Make checks payable to the Women's Auxiliary.) No walk-ins allowed. QUESTIONS? Call (212) 744-1400, ext. 235, or send an email to womaux@emanuelnyc.org.**

## Lectures • Classes • Tours



## Kabbalah, Science and Loving Neighbors

**Thursday, April 11 • 7:30 PM • One East 65th Street**



**T**HE SKIRBALL CENTER for Adult Jewish Learning at Temple Emanu-El celebrates its spring semester with the **Charles Grossman Lecture in Jewish Intellectual History**. This year's guest speaker is **Dr. David B. Ruderman**, the Joseph Meyerhoff Professor of Modern Jewish History and Ella Darivoff Director of the Herbert D. Katz Center for Advanced Judaic Studies at the University of Pennsylvania.

**Attendance is free and open to the public.**

## Religious School



### Holocaust Remembrance Program

**Sunday, April 7 • 9:30 AM (Tefilah) • Lowenstein Sanctuary (10 E. 66th)/10 AM (Speaker) • I.M. Wise Hall (One E. 65th)**  
**\*NOTE: Dismissal on Sunday will be from One East 65th Street.**

**Wednesday, April 10 • 4 PM (Tefilah)/4:15 PM (Speaker)**  
**Lowenstein Sanctuary (10 East 66th Street)**

THE RELIGIOUS SCHOOLS annual Holocaust Remembrance Program for students in **grades 5 and up** and **all Religious School parents** begins with *Tefilah*, followed by our guest speaker, a Q&A session, breakout sessions (including a parent reflection session) and a conclusion/final Q&A.

This year's guest speaker is **LESLIE SCHWARTZ**—a teenage survivor of Auschwitz and Dachau—who brings a powerful message of hope to the world. Born January 12, 1930, in the small Hungarian village of Baktalórántháza, Schwartz and his family were deported in May 1944, first to a Jewish Ghetto in Kisvarda, Hungary, and finally to Auschwitz. He managed to “escape” from Auschwitz by joining a work detail of older men on a train headed for Dachau, but he never saw his mother, stepfather or sisters again.



Schwartz's memoir—*At Overleve Helvede* or *To Survive Hell*—written with Karen Thisted, quickly became a best-seller after its publication in January 2007. It tells of Schwartz's struggle as a 14-year-old to survive the camps, including sub-camps of Dachau and Mühldorf where he was moved during the last months of the war.

His story also revisits small acts of kindness—often performed in complete defiance of SS Guards—he experienced from German civilians and his lifelong search to reconnect with one unnamed hero, who in a small farmhouse in Bavaria on April 27, 1945, offered a starving and emaciated Leslie Schwartz bread, butter and the most delicious glass of milk he ever received. The events Schwartz survived that day later would become known as the massacre at Poing. For 65 years, Schwartz never forgot the kindness of that unknown farmer woman. In the summer of 2010, he finally discovered her name: Barbara Huber. She had long since passed away, but when he met with Huber's daughter, Marianne Maier, the fragments of his soul began to reassemble, beginning an incredible healing journey—and one thoroughly embraced by Germans today.

In 2013, Schwartz will be awarded Germany's highest civilian honor, the Order of Merit of the Federal Republic of Germany.



## RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

### SHABBAT KODESH AND HIGH SCHOOL LEADERSHIP DINNER

**Friday, April 19 • 7 PM/8 PM •**

**Beth-El Chapel/  
One East 65th Street**

This month's Shabbat Kodesh worship service will honor high school students who have taken on a leadership role within our congregational community. Dinner for teens and their families will follow. Teens who have participated in the A-TEEM, Senior Youth Group Board, Teen Benefit Committee and London Trip will make presentations about their experiences.

The charge for dinner is:

- \$35 per family (including two adults) for reservations made by Monday, April 15.
- \$50 per family after April 15.
- \$10 for each additional adult.

**Reservations for dinner are required.**   
**Register online through the Temple website: [www.emanuelnyc.org/hsdinner](http://www.emanuelnyc.org/hsdinner). After April 15, cancellations cannot be refunded.**

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



## YOUTH PROGRAMS

### **AJWS TEEN BENEFIT Saturday, April 27 • 9 PM Prince George Ballroom (15 East 27th Street)**

The annual Teen Benefit, raising money for **American Jewish World Service**, is planned and run by the teenagers of the Teen Benefit Committee at Emanu-El. All teens, whether or not they are members of Emanu-El, are invited to attend. Invite your friends!

All Temple members are encouraged to support this worthwhile cause with the purchase of raffle tickets. This year's prizes include a trip for two to the Viceroy Anguilla (grand prize), four Mets tickets, an iPad Mini and Beats Earbuds.

**To purchase entry tickets or raffle tickets, or simply to make a donation, log on to the Teen Benefit website: [www.ajwsteenbenefitnyc.com](http://www.ajwsteenbenefitnyc.com).**

### **TRIBES LAG BA-OMER LUNCH Sunday, April 28 • 12 PM 10 East 66th Street**

All Sunday Religious School students in grades 3 – 5 who participate in **Tribes** are invited to stay for lunch and friendly tribal competition. **There is no charge, but registration is required: [school@emanuelnyc.org](mailto:school@emanuelnyc.org) or (212) 744-1400, ext. 326.**

## *Third Grade Parents Bar/Bat Mitzvah Meeting*

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

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

Join our clergy and Lifelong Learning staff for a brief informational meeting prior to the end of the Religious School day. Over a cup of coffee, you'll learn about the different types of worship services at Temple Emanu-El and the prayer spaces where children may be called to the Torah.



Meetings will be held on the sixth floor of the Religious School building on two dates. All parents are encouraged to attend one of these sessions prior to scheduling the date for their child's service. (Exception: If you have an older child who already has become a bar or bat mitzvah at Temple Emanu-El, then there is no need for you to attend.) A date for a bar or bat mitzvah service may be scheduled once a child reaches fourth grade or turns 10 years old.

**If you're planning to attend, then please register at [school@emanuelnyc.org](mailto:school@emanuelnyc.org) or by calling (212) 744-1400, ext. 226.**

**Visit the Temple Emanu-El website ([www.emanuelnyc.org](http://www.emanuelnyc.org)) for useful information about our bar/bat mitzvah program. Click "Learning" → "Religious School" → "Bar & Bat Mitzvah Program."**

## *Bring-a-Friend Days*

**Sunday, April 28 • 9:30 AM • 10 East 66th Street  
Monday, April 29 • 4 PM • 10 East 66th Street**

**E**XPERIENCE THE LIVELINESS and warmth of our school first hand. Children (and, optionally, their parents or other adult guardians) are invited to join us for a typical session of Religious School. Discover what makes our congregation a great place for Jewish families to learn and grow. Both current and prospective members are welcome.

**RSVP to the Religious School or arrange a school visit at an alternate time: (212) 744-1400, ext. 226 or [school@emanuelnyc.org](mailto:school@emanuelnyc.org).**

## Early Childhood



### Nursery School Summer Group

**L**OOKING 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.**



**Temple Emanu-El Nursery School students in the 4- and 5-year-old class perform a Purim play for their parents and classmates.**



### VOLUNTEER PROGRAMS

#### **STITCH'N TIME** **Sunday, April 14**

**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 **Tuesday, April 30**.

#### **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** to volunteer: (212) 744-1400, ext. 452 or [tikkunolam@emanuelnyc.org](mailto:tikkunolam@emanuelnyc.org).



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Kathryn M. Roberts,  
*Bulletin Editor/Webmaster*

## Jewish Education (continued)

commitment to Jewish life. As our teachers guide their students to make meaning of our Jewish heritage, the students learn how Jewish practice and participation in Jewish community offer unique ways of engaging the world.

Our school *tzedakah* program exemplifies this dynamic. We teach that the Hebrew word *tzedakah* literally means “justice” and not “charity.” We explain that sharing our good fortune equitably with others is not only an act of compassion but also a responsibility. Over the course of the fall, our democratically elected student council debates the relative merits of different causes and selects two organizations to be the recipients of the funds we raise. Members of the A-TEEM then teach the students about the work of these organizations. Through our weekly collection of *tzedakah*, students become advocates for those causes and philanthropists on their behalf.

Yet, there are also times when we, as the school leadership, decide where the funds we raise should go. Our collection throughout the fall always supports Yorkville Common Pantry so that we may respond to hunger in our immediate neighborhood. Thanks to the suggestion of a Religious School parent, during the week of Yom HaShoah (Holocaust Remembrance Day, April 8) our collection will support The Blue Card, an organization that provides financial assistance to destitute Holocaust survivors.

Our students not only raise funds, but they also provide direct assistance to those in need, particularly in our Seventh Grade Mitzvah Corps, where students volunteer at different organizations throughout the year. Through the Tikkun Olam Committee, we run “Mini-Mitzvah” projects prior to the start

of school every Monday and during school hours over the course of the year. In addition, our high school students volunteer with our youth group on Staten Island every month to assist with the recovery from Superstorm Sandy. Our young people understand that it is their responsibility, as Jews, not only to study but also to act upon their beliefs.

As Jews, we are *B’nei Yisrael*, the “children of those who have wrestled with God and prevailed.” We have inherited the right to be a part of a community that struggles with the profound and with the sacred. We do this by building support networks of friends and families who experience a sense of obligation to one another, guided by the decisions of previous generations, while being empowered to take responsibility for arriving at our own conclusions. With confidence in our children’s ability to shape their own destinies, it is our task as Jewish adults to pass along this communal struggle to the next generation.

#### INTERESTED IN HEARING MORE ABOUT THIS TOPIC?

Want to express your opinion, ask questions or share your thoughts with others?

Join Saul Kaiserman for a live conversation about the ideas raised in this article:  
Sunday, April 21 • 11:30 AM  
\*Monday, April 22 • 5:30 PM  
(\*also by teleconference)

To RSVP or obtain the dial-in number, please contact the school office at (212) 744-1400, ext. 226 or school@emanuelnyc.org.

# Life-Cycle Events



**F**ROM BIRTH TO DEATH, the act of consciously marking the major milestones in one's life is an important element of 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 April:**

## **Saturday, April 6**

*Emily Weiser*, daughter of Martin Weiser and Kimberley Bloomfield

*Jonathan Cohen*, son of Peter J. Cohen and Elizabeth Schneider-Cohen

## **Saturday, April 13**

*Catherine Beck*, daughter of Cynthia Lewis Beck and Ronald N. Beck

*Olivia Rose Swarzman*, daughter of Howard and Michelle Swarzman

## **Saturday, April 20**

*Margot Kleinman*, daughter of Elizabeth Albert and Howard Kleinman

*Heather Megan Berman*, daughter of Todd and Amy Berman

*Aurora Grutman*, daughter of Bridget Crawford and Sasha Grutman

## **Saturday, April 27**

*Julia Eve Hoffman*, daughter of Valerie and Jim Hoffman

***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 April 5 and 6**

In loving memory of *Clara Fisch*

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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](http://www.emanuelnyc.org)) to a personal listening device.

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



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## PULPIT FLOWERS (continued)

### For the Sabbath of April 12 and 13

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

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

Judie and Howard Ganek in loving memory of our dear mother, *Elizabeth Goldstein*

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

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

### For the Sabbath of April 19 and 20

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

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

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

Suzanne Sloan in loving memory of *Peter Moore*

### For the Sabbath of April 26 and 27

Ellen J. Weiss *In Celebration of Life*

## Memorial Services: A Time to Mourn Together

**W**HILE WE RECITE *Kaddish* individually to honor the deceased yearly, we come together for the *Yizkor* service as a time for us to remember them communally. When a community of mourners gathers, we gain strength from one another. Four times a year, the memorial prayers are recited as we mourn together. All are holy days when we remember those whom we have loved and lost.



**Following are the next dates for *Yizkor* services:**  
**Conclusion of Passover • April 1, 2013 • 10:30 AM**  
**Shavuot • May 15, 2013 • 10:30 AM**

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# At a Glance: April/May 2013



**April 1**  
**Monday, 10:30 AM**  
*Conclusion of Passover*  
 Main Sanctuary



**April 5**  
**Friday, 7:30 PM**  
*Saviv Shabbat*  
 One East 65th Street



**April 6**  
**Saturday, 10 AM**  
*Young Families:  
 Tot Shabbat*  
 One East 65th Street



**April 7**  
**Sunday, 9:30 AM/10 AM**  
*Religious School  
 Holocaust Remembrance*  
 10 East 66th Street/  
 One East 65th Street\*  
 (\*Dismissal from One E. 65th)



**April 7**  
**Sunday, 2 PM**  
*Annual Gathering  
 of Remembrance*  
 Main Sanctuary



**April 9**  
**Tuesday, 11 AM**  
*CLUB 65*  
 One East 65th Street



**April 10**  
**Wednesday, 10:30 AM  
 or 6:30 PM**  
*Stettenheim  
 Literary Circle*  
 One East 65th Street



**April 10**  
**Wednesday, 4 PM**  
*Religious School  
 Holocaust Remembrance*  
 10 East 66th Street



**April 11**  
**Thursday, 7:30 PM**  
*Kabbalah, Science  
 and Loving Neighbors*  
 One East 65th Street



**April 14**  
**Sunday, 11 AM**  
*Stitch'n Time*  
 One East 65th Street



**April 14**  
**Sunday, 11:15 AM**  
**April 15**  
**Monday, 5:15 PM**  
*Third Grade Parents  
 Bar/Bat Mitzvah Meeting*  
 10 East 66th Street



**April 16**  
**Tuesday, 12:30 PM**  
*Women's Auxiliary  
 Book Group*  
 One East 65th Street



**April 17**  
**Wednesday, 6:30 PM**  
*Cocktail Reception  
 in Honor of Rabbi Posner*  
 Mandarin Oriental  
 (Columbus Circle at 60th Street)



**April 19**  
**Friday, 7 PM/8 PM**  
*Shabbat Kodesh  
 and High School  
 Leadership Dinner*  
 Beth-El Chapel/One East 65th



**April 21**  
**Sunday, 10 AM**  
*Men's Club Brunch  
 With New York State  
 Attorney General  
 Eric Schneiderman*  
 One East 65th Street



**April 21**  
**Sunday, 10 AM**  
*A Hebrew "Marathon"*  
 One East 65th Street



**April 23**  
**Tuesday, 8:45 AM**  
*Grounds for Sculpture*  
 Departure from One East 65th



**April 26**  
**Friday, 6 PM**  
*Choral D'Var Torah:  
 Pirkei Avot*  
 Main Sanctuary



**April 27**  
**Saturday, 9 PM**  
*AJWS Teen Benefit*  
 Prince George Ballroom  
 (15 East 27th Street)



**April 28**  
**Sunday, 9:30 AM**



**April 29**  
**Monday, 4 PM**  
*Religious School  
 Bring-a-Friend Days*  
 10 East 66th Street



**April 28**  
**Sunday, 10 AM**  
*Finding God:  
 A Workshop*  
 One East 65th Street



**April 28**  
**Sunday, 12 PM**  
*Tribes Lag Ba-Omer  
 Luncheon*  
 10 East 66th Street



**April 30**  
**Tuesday, 5 PM**  
*Ronald McDonald House*  
 405 East 73rd Street



**April 30**  
**Tuesday, 6 PM**  
*The Writing on the Wall  
 Exhibition Opening*  
 One East 65th Street



**May 3**  
**Friday, 4:30 PM**  
*Young Families:  
 Tot Shabbat*  
 One East 65th Street



**May 3**  
**Friday, 7:30 PM**  
*Saviv Shabbat*  
 One East 65th Street



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