

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. **(Details on page 7 »)**

WORSHIP SERVICES

SUNDAY — THURSDAY

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

FRIDAY EVENING

Main Sanctuary (Fifth Avenue at 65th Street)

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

SATURDAY MORNING

Sixth Floor Lounge (One East 65th Street)

Torah Study—9:15 AM

Main Sanctuary (Fifth Avenue at 65th Street)

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

K. Scott Warren,

Organist/Choir Director

Services may be heard live or via podcast through the Temple website at www.emanuelnyc.org. Follow the "Listen to the Broadcast of Services" link from the Home Page.

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



Remembering the Wonderful

By Rabbi David M. Posner

I WON'T BEAT AROUND THE RITUAL BUSH. I've loved being a rabbi. No doubt about it. But there's a good reason why we Jews refer to the afterlife as the "Academy On High" (the *Yeshivah Shel Maalah*), and I can say it very quickly: I loved my years at Hebrew Union College, the yeshivah of the Reform Movement. I loved those years of study from 1965 to 1973. Being a rabbinic student at HUC was, for me, paradise.

May my teachers—the ones still with us—continue to enjoy good health and length of days, and may those who have gone to the beyond forever rest in everlasting peace.

All of us remember special and wonderful moments, such as when we stood under the chuppah as a bride or as a groom or when our children and grandchildren were born. I personally remember the first time I set foot in Temple Emanu-El. It was Shabbos morning November 7, 1964—the Shabbos right after Lyndon Johnson defeated Barry Goldwater. Remember that?

That morning, my parents of blessed memory and I made our way from the Brownsville section in

Brooklyn to Temple Emanu-El to attend the service and to have a meeting with Emanu-El's senior rabbi, Dr. Julius Mark of blessed memory. Our family rabbi, Max Schenk *zichrono livrachah*, arranged the meeting.

Three years prior to that meeting—in August of 1961, on the very day of the funeral of my paternal grandfather—I had told my family rabbi that I wanted to study for the



Rabbi Posner at his 1973 ordination

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WEEKLY TORAH PORTION

B'har-B'chukotai

(Leviticus 25:1-27:34)

Read Saturday, May 4

Synopsis: Laws of the sabbatical year and Jubilee; real-estate laws; command to provide for others; slavery laws. Rewards and punishments for following or spurning God's laws; providing for the Temple.

Sermon: Rabbi Ehrlich

B'midbar

(Numbers 1:1-4:20)

Read Saturday, May 11

Synopsis: Census of Israelite men; marching formation; genealogy of priests; responsibility for transporting the Mishkan; redemption of first born; transporting ritual objects.

Sermon: Rabbi Zeidman

Naso

(Numbers 4:21-7:89)

Read Saturday, May 18

Synopsis: More rules for transporting the Mishkan; laws of purity, accused adulterers and sacrifice.

Sermon: Rabbi Ehrlich

B'haalot'cha

(Numbers 8:1-12:16)

Read Saturday, May 25

Synopsis: Lighting of the menorah; inauguration of Levites for Temple service; celebration of second Passover since Egypt; Israelites leave Sinai desert, complain about desert conditions; Moses complains to God; God promises to send quail for food; Moses institutes Sanhedrin to govern people; Joshua's succession.

Sermon: Rabbi Zeidman

Worship & Spirituality



FROM OUR TEMPLE PRESIDENT

Board Nominates Senior Rabbi

DEAR FELLOW CONGREGANTS:

I AM PLEASED to report that after an exhaustive nine-month process, the Rabbinic Search Committee enthusiastically recommended and the Board of Trustees unanimously voted to nominate **RABBI JOSHUA M. DAVIDSON** to be the new senior rabbi of Temple Emanu-El. At the Annual Meeting of the Congregation on May 30, the board's recommendation for the new senior rabbi will be presented to the Congregation for its approval. Upon ratification, Rabbi Davidson will begin on July 1.



Having spent time with Rabbi Davidson, I know that we found the right person. He is a dynamic, engaged, compassionate and articulate leader who will embody the values and vision of Emanu-El. Rabbi Davidson is an ideal choice. He will both honor Emanu-El's long and distinguished heritage as well as lead us to an even greater future.

Finding the successor to our Rabbi Posner has been one of the most important undertakings in Emanu-El's recent history. Search Committee Chairperson Marcia Waxman called it "a sacred task." I want personally to thank Marcia and the Search Committee for all their efforts and long hours they devoted to this process.

Rabbi Posner is retiring on May 31, becoming Rabbi Emeritus. For four decades, Rabbi Posner has wholeheartedly and dynamically served our Congregation. He has always been a kind and wise pastor and a leader of the Jewish community. As he said in a recent Wall Street Journal profile, "I've always said 'yes,' and I never said 'no.'"

So, please join us on May 30 for the Annual Meeting to ratify Rabbi Davidson's appointment. It will take place in Greenwald Hall at the Marvin and Elisabeth Cassell Community House following the Sunset Service at 6 PM.

Over the next several months, there will be numerous opportunities to meet Rabbi Davidson. Please check the monthly bulletin and our email newsletter for dates and times. This is an exciting time for us.

With warmest wishes,

John Harrison Streicker
President

More About Rabbi Davidson...

RABBI JOSHUA M. DAVIDSON is currently the senior rabbi of Temple Beth El of Northern Westchester. He serves on the board of directors of the Kavod *Tzedakah* Collective. And, he is a member of the Hebrew Union College President's Rabbinic Council and the Clergy Advisory Board of Interfaith Impact of New York State.

Rabbi Davidson's work includes anti-death penalty advocacy, gay/lesbian inclusion and interfaith dialogue. In November 2009, Rabbi Davidson was honored for his interfaith efforts by the American Jewish Committee and the Westchester Jewish Council. His doctoral work will compare the story of Noah in Rabbinic, Christian and Muslim sources.

Prior to his arrival at Temple Beth El in 2002, Rabbi Davidson served for five years at Central Synagogue in New York City, advising that synagogue's award-winning Social Action Committee. He is a past president of both the Westchester Board of Rabbis and the Chappaqua Interfaith Council. From 2001 to 2006, he served as chair of the Central Conference of American Rabbis' Committee on Justice, Peace and Religious Liberties and vice-chair of the Commission on Social Action of Reform Judaism. He also has chaired the commission's task force on Israel and world affairs. He is a past board member of Rabbis for Human Rights-North America.



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RABBI DAVIDSON AT A GLANCE...

- Born in Great Neck, N.Y., and son of Rabbi Jerome K. Davidson
- Bachelor's degree in English language and literature, Princeton University (1990)
- Master of Arts in Hebrew Letters, Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion (Los Angeles, 1995)
- Rabbinical ordination, HUC-JIR (New York, 1997)
- Married to Cantor Mia Fram Davidson with two daughters

"I am thrilled and honored to be selected by the Search Committee and nominated by the Board of Trustees to serve as Temple Emanu-El's next senior rabbi.

It is truly humbling to follow in the footsteps of my beloved colleagues Rabbis David Posner and Ronald Sobel and all the giants of the rabbinate who preceded them at this extraordinary congregation.

In a very short time, I have grown so fond of the clergy, staff and the many Temple leaders I have met, and know that the years ahead will be full of joy for me, and, I hope, great excitement for the Emanu-El family."

— Rabbi Davidson



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."



Worship & Spirituality



Young Families: Tot Shabbat

Friday, May 3 • 4:30 PM - 6 PM • One East 65th Street

SING, DANCE AND ENJOY the magic of Shabbat. This month's gathering will include dinner. (Note our new start time!) Also, please return the *tzedakah* boxes we made at our April session, along with any *tzedakah* collected, which will support a shelter for women and children. Grandparents and guests are welcome to attend, too!



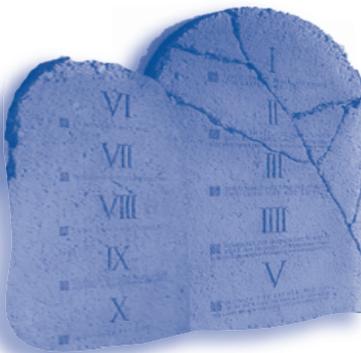
RSVP by May 2: youngfamilies@emanuelnyc.org or (212) 744-1400, ext. 242.

Saviv Shabbat

Friday, May 3 • 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! (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.



Shavuot Services

Tuesday, May 14 • 6 PM and Wednesday, May 15 • 10:30 AM Main Sanctuary (Fifth Avenue at 65th)

ALL ARE INVITED to join us for Eve of Shavuot and Shavuot services; no tickets are required. The Eve of Shavuot service will include a *D'var Torah* delivered by

Adrien Lesser, who independently has completed our **High School Confirmation Program**. In America, it became traditional for Reform congregations to hold confirmation on the festival of Shavuot as a renewal of the commitment by our people at Sinai. One of the earliest ceremonies was held on Shavuot 1847 at our own Temple Emanu-El. From that day to this, confirmation has become a major milestone.

NOTE: Wednesday's service is a Yizkor service; the memorial prayers will be recited.

Musical Programs



HONORING MUSICIANS OF THE HOLOCAUST

Paired With Bach: Concert of Duos

Sunday, May 19 • 5 PM • Beth-El Chapel (Fifth Avenue)

ON MAY 10, 1948, a young Leonard Bernstein, invited to conduct in Munich, traveled to the nearby Landsberg and Feldafing Displaced Persons camps to perform *Rhapsody in Blue* with an orchestra of 17 musicians. These musicians were all survivors of Nazi internment at St. Ottilien, and for three years—from 1945 through 1948—they traveled by bus all over Bavaria, wearing their striped concentration camp uniforms, and performed some 200 concerts at 100 Displaced Persons camps.



Sixty-five years later, Temple Emanu-El is pleased to offer a unique program organized in remembrance of these two performances as well as to honor all musicians of the Holocaust. The program is brought to Emanu-El by **Janet Horvath** (daughter of George Horvath, a member of the Jewish Holocaust Survivors' Orchestra, formerly the St. Ottilien Orchestra) and **Mairi Dorman-Phaneuf** (who happens to own the late Mr. Horvath's cello). Ms. Dorman-Phaneuf will be joined by fellow cellist **Deborah Assael-Migliore** (whose own father and two aunts survived the Holocaust as members of the orchestras of Auschwitz and Bergen-Belsen) and violinist **Suzy Perelman** in a performance of works by J.S. Bach, Gaspar Cassadó, François Couperin and Mark O'Connor.

MAIRI DORMAN-PHANEUF (cello) has established a busy career in New York City as a solo, chamber, Broadway and recording artist. For the last six years she has performed Max Bruch's *Kol Nidrei* as part of Yom Kippur services at Temple Emanu-El.

DEBORAH ASSAEL-MIGLIORE (cello) is a founding member of the award-winning Meridian String Quartet, and she has extensive chamber music studies with the Juilliard String Quartet at the Juilliard School, as well as other string quartets.

SUZY PERELMAN (violin) earned her bachelor's degree at the Cleveland Institute of Music and her master's degree from Carnegie Mellon University. She is now a freelance violinist and plays in many shows in New York City, currently *Jekyll and Hyde*.



BOOK DISCUSSIONS

MEN'S CLUB

Wednesday, May 8 •
8:30 AM • One East 65th
The House in Paris
by Elizabeth Bowen

"THIS 1935 NOVEL is considered among Bowen's best. Eleven-year-old Henrietta is visiting the Fisher family in Paris. The character of the city, however, has nothing on the characters inside the residence, including Leopold, a child; his unusual mother; a dead father who has as much presence as any of the living; and an old man dying in bed."

— *Library Journal*

STETTENHEIM LITERARY CIRCLE

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

Sequel to the Man Booker-winning *Wolf Hall*

Wednesday, June 12 •
10:30 AM* or 6:30 PM
• One East 65th Street
The Buddha in the Attic
by Julie Otsuka

"A GORGEOUS NOVEL that tells the story of a group of young women brought from Japan to San Francisco as 'picture brides' nearly a century ago." (Publisher's website)

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



**EMANU-EL
EATS**

OUR FORTHCOMING congregational cookbook is coming along. As one recipe contributor said, "It takes time to make something with love." This month, we are previewing a recipe for a light lemon dessert that is perfect for warm weather, submitted by Diane Zeidman, mother of Rabbi Benjamin Zeidman. She tells us, "This recipe is from my grandmother. It became a favorite in my family, especially for my son, Benjamin."

**NANA ANN'S LEMONADE
JELL-O MOLD** (Serves 6-8)

- One 6-ounce or two 3-ounce packages of lemon Jell-O
- One 6-ounce can of frozen lemonade, thawed
- One 4-ounce container of nondairy topping, such as Cool Whip, thawed

1. In a medium bowl, mix Jell-O with two cups very hot water and stir until completely dissolved. Place bowl in refrigerator and chill until liquid just begins to gel. It should have a "wiggly" consistency.

2. Place mixture in the bowl of a stand mixer and beat until it is frothy and the color changes to a light lemony-yellow. Continue beating at high speed until mixture has the thickness of meringue, about 10 minutes.

3. Add lemonade and non-dairy topping and beat until thoroughly combined. Pour mixture in a decorative mold and chill overnight.

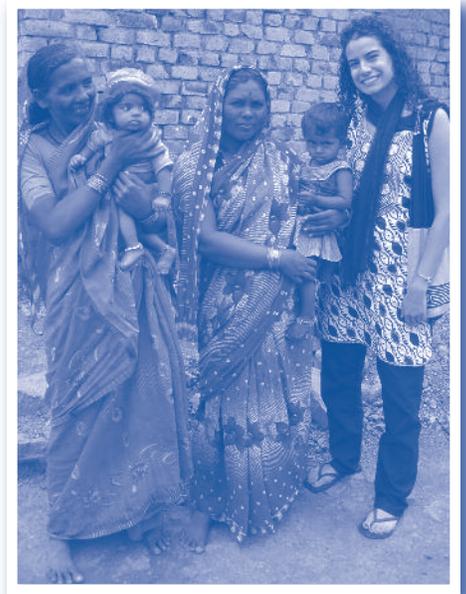
Community



**Women's Auxiliary Annual
Spring Meeting and Luncheon**

Thursday, May 9 • 12:30 PM • One East 65th Street

THE WOMEN'S AUXILIARY cordially invites all Temple members and guests to their annual spring meeting and luncheon, which includes the election of board members and officers. This year's guest speakers will be **DR. NATASHA ANUSHRI ANANDARAJA** and **DR. HOLLY ATKINSON**, directors at **Mount Sinai Global Health**, who will discuss **"Women's Health Around the World: Progress and Challenges."**



As part of the day's activities, we also will host a raffle of many wonderful prizes, including an antique cup from Chait Galleries, a plant from Fellan Florists, Fossil International his-and-her watches, a case of Patch Block sauvignon blanc 2008 and his-and-her robes. Raffle proceeds will benefit ongoing Women's Auxiliary projects. Price: \$10 per ticket or \$25 for three. Winners need not be present.

The charge is \$30 for Women's Auxiliary and Men's Club members, \$40 for nonmembers. Make checks payable to the Women's Auxiliary. RSVP by May 3: (212) 744-1400, ext. 235 or womaux@emanuelnyc.org.

Club 65: A Group for Seniors

Tuesday, May 14 • 11 AM • One East 65th Street

ARE THERE STILL timeless messages in the age of instant messaging? In an era of postmodern philosophy, religious pluralism and secular humanism, is it easier or harder to learn how to be good from our "Good Book"? **SAUL KAISERMAN**, director of Lifelong Learning, will show how our Religious School and family programs respond to these challenges by treating the classroom as a "laboratory" for the Jewish future. CLUB 65 welcomes back Saul for this revealing and stimulating discussion.

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

Men's Club Annual Meeting and Samuel Sacks Award Presentation

Thursday, May 16 • 6 PM • One East 65th Street

ALL TEMPLE MEMBERS are invited to the Men's Club annual meeting, which includes the installation of officers and board members, and presentation of the **Samuel Sacks Achievement Award**. This year's recipient is Temple Emanu-El's **TIKKUN OLAM COMMITTEE**, whose



activities have included: donating and delivering goods to victims of Hurricane Sandy and helping in their rebuilding efforts; creating gift bags for women undergoing chemotherapy; assembling and wrapping birthday gifts for senior citizens; providing holiday gifts to more than 125 low-income children; and hosting a Thanksgiving Dinner for senior citizens, cancer patients, and women and children from homeless and domestic violence shelters.

Wine and cheese will be served prior to the meeting, and a full reception will follow the award presentation. The charge is \$30 for Men's Club and Women's Auxiliary members, \$35 for all others; make checks payable to the Men's Club. RSVP by May 13. QUESTIONS? Call (212) 744-1400, ext. 250, or send an email to mensclub@emanuelnyc.org.

Annual Meeting of the Congregation

Thursday, May 30 • 6 PM • One East 65th Street

THE ANNUAL MEETING of Congregation Emanu-El will be held in Greenwald Hall, following the Sunset Service. Enter at the Marvin and Elisabeth Cassell Community House. Refreshments will follow. At the meeting, the Temple Board of Trustees' recommendation for a new senior rabbi—**RABBI JOSHUA M. DAVIDSON**—will be presented to the congregation for its approval. Upon ratification, Rabbi Davidson will begin on **July 1, 2013**.

In addition, the Finance Committee recommends that, effective **June 1, 2013**, the minimum annual membership dues be increased by \$40; the rate of taxes on pews and the rates of membership on pews in the Main Sanctuary and Leon Lowenstein Sanctuary be increased by \$25 to \$85, depending on location; and Associate Membership dues be increased by \$5 to \$30, depending on age and marital status. These increases are necessary in order to adequately sustain the diverse service of programs to our families. Our dues remain relatively low compared with those of other congregations.



ADULT
EDUCATION

SKIRBALL



Register for Skirball events
by calling (212) 507-9580.

**"TO BE OR NOT TO BE":
A TALE OF FIVE SISTERS**
Thursday, May 9 • 7 PM/
8 PM • One East 65th St.

THE FIVE DAUGHTERS of Zelofchad figure in a unique, brief narrative that throws them into a relation of some tension with Moses. Study this narrative, with the help of midrashic and Chasidic sources.

This special evening with
**DR. AVIVAH GOTTLIEB
ZORNBERG (8 PM)** features
a pre-lecture hour of text
preparation (7 PM) with
DR. DIANE M. SHARON.
Admission is open to the
public. Charge is \$20.

**THE SECRET LANGUAGE
OF JEWISH ART**
Sunday, May 19 •
10 AM - 2 PM • One East
65th Street

JEWISH ART generally is understood to illustrate scripture, evoke emotion and decorate ritual objects. But it is in fact a text, and like any other text elucidates wishes, dreams and aspirations of Jews.

*Skirball Sunday Seminars
are open to the public.
Charge is \$60 per person.
This week's lecturer is*
**DR. MARC MICHAEL
EPSTEIN.**



**YOUTH
AND YOUNG
ADULTS**

OUR TEEN PRAYER

EACH YEAR, the teen leaders of Temple Emanu-El gather to create a **Teen Community Prayer**, which then is recited at the beginning of every teen event, including Senior Youth Group board meetings and each morning on trips. This year, the teens wrote the following prayer:

Baruch atah adonai...

Blessed are You God, who has made us high school students from Temple Emanu-El in New York City who love being Jewish, are technologically savvy and enjoy great music.

B'yacahd...

Together, may we work as one to repair the world, making it a better place and helping those less fortunate. May we stay true to the legacy of Temple Emanu-El and our Jewish roots, while learning and growing together to strengthen our community.

Modim Anachnu Lach...

We thank you God for bringing us together and giving us the opportunity to help others.

Learn more about Temple Emanu-El's youth programs and view photos from our events on the Temple Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/emanuelnyc>).



Religious School



Family Dinner and Shabbat Kodesh Service

Friday, May 17 • 6 PM (Dinner) • One East 65th Street and 7 PM (Service) • Beth-El Chapel (Fifth Avenue)

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



This month's service will be **preceded** by a family dinner. A special *Oneg Shabbat* dessert reception honoring all students who have earned **Religious School With Honors** will **follow** our worship service. **(Learn more about this program on the Temple website. Click "Learning" → "Religious School" → "Religious School With Honors.")**



The charge for dinner is \$35 per family (including two adults) for reservations made by May 13, \$50 after May 13. 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.

Service Learning Awards Ceremony

Friday, May 17 • 8 PM • One East 65th Street



FOLLOWING TONIGHT'S family dinner and Shabbat Kodesh service, **Seventh Grade Mitzvah Corps** and **Eighth Grade Lirdof Tzedek** students, as well as **Eighth Grade New Orleans** participants, will be recognized for their outstanding accomplishments during the year and will celebrate the effect they have had on their local community. Families are invited to attend. Dessert will be served.

QUESTIONS? Contact Missy Bell, our program director of Youth Learning and Engagement: (212) 744-1400, ext. 329 or youthgroups@emanuelnyc.org.

PARENT EDUCATION

Talking to Your Child About God

Sunday, May 19 • 10:15 AM • 10 East 66th Street

Monday, May 20 • 4:15 PM • 10 East 66th Street



“**G**OD 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.

NOTE: This program has been rescheduled from February and will precede our Religious School End-of-Year Family Assembly on each day. RSVP to the Religious School Office: school@emanuelnyc.org.

End-of-Year Family Assemblies

Sunday, May 19 • 11 AM • 10 East 66th Street

Monday, May 20 • 5 PM • 10 East 66th Street

Wednesday, May 21 • 5 PM • 10 East 66th Street

OUR FINAL SESSIONS of Religious School will conclude with a family assembly on each day. Families are encouraged to join us to celebrate the achievements of our students and to view our annual end-of-the-year slide show.

End-of-Year Family Trip

Sunday, June 2 • 10 AM • Washington Square Park

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL FAMILIES are encouraged to save this date. This year, we will explore **Greenwich Village, starting from the Washington Square Park Arch**. Details will be forthcoming.

Let us know you’re coming! RSVP to school@emanuelnyc.org.



**RELIGIOUS
SCHOOL**

GOOD WORK!

TEMPLE EMANU-EL offers a hearty congratulations to the following individuals...

LIFELONG LEARNING DIRECTOR SAUL

KAISERMAN, who was recognized for his dedication to Jewish life and learning by **Hazon** and the **Isabella Freedman Jewish Retreat Center** at their joint April benefit in New York City.



MARK WILLNER, our longest-serving Religious School teacher (currently in his 48th year), who will be part of the USA tennis team competing at the **2013 Maccabiah Games** in Israel in July. Mark and his wife have been Temple members since 1965.





**YOUNG
FAMILIES**

TOT SHABBAT

Friday, May 3 • 4:30 PM

• **One East 65th Street**

Please return any *tzedakah* collected after our April session. Note our start time! (**« See details, page 4**)



DOTING DADS

Saturday, May 11 •

10 AM - 11:30 AM

• **One East 65th Street**

Calling all Young Families fathers... Help your children make cookies for Mother's Day. **RSVP to (212) 744-1400, ext. 242.**

ROOFTOP PARTY

Saturday, June 1 •

10 AM - 11:30 AM

• **10 East 66th Street**

Please note our new meeting date (originally June 9)! If it rains, then we'll play inside.

DO YOU LIKE reading with your children?

Through a partnership between **PJ Library** and **Kveller**, families with children 6 months to 8 years old are eligible to receive quality Jewish children's literature and music once a month... absolutely free.

To sign up for your free subscription, visit www.kveller.com/pj-library.

Early Childhood



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.

Parenting Programs at Emanu-El

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



- **Toddler Group** (for children ages 10 months to 20 months) meets **Mondays from 10:30 AM to noon.**
- **Parent/Child Group** (for children ages 24 months to 33 months) meets **Wednesdays from 9:15 AM to 10:30 AM.**
- **Preschool Parents** (for parents of preschool-aged children) meets **Mondays from 9:15 AM to 10:30 AM.**

Meeting dates, fees and our registration form will be forthcoming 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.**

ARTISTS IN THE MAKING



ON MARCH 13, the Herbert and Eileen Bernard Museum of Judaica had an opening of an exhibition featuring artwork from Jill Bernstein's Nursery School class. Teachers, students and parents gathered in the museum for a private viewing of the exhibition. The 18 works were inspired by artists the students have been learning about in class, such as Georges Seurat, Piet Mondrian, Jasper Johns, Andy Warhol and Romero Britto.

Museum Programs



Online Exhibition on View

A CONVERSATION WITH SACRED SPACE examines the emotional and artistic responses to the Main Sanctuary at Temple Emanu-El. Inspired by the interplay between the delicate imagery in the stained glass windows and the vast proportions of the space, **Sarah Davis**, a New York-based artist, created a series of paintings to convey her transformative experience within the Main Sanctuary. The online exhibition showcases Ms. Davis' delicate watercolors and also will include a rotating gallery of artwork produced by our own Religious School students and others inspired by our sacred space.



Join the conversation! Go to: www.emanuelnyc.org/Conversations.



VOLUNTEER PROGRAMS

NYC SCHLEP 2013
Sunday, June 9 • 8:30 AM - 12 PM • Robert F. Wagner Jr. Park Plaza, Battery Park

Join together with your friends from Temple Emanu-El to fight against breast and ovarian cancer through the third annual NYC Schlep, a 5K walk/run to benefit the important work being done to fight these diseases by Rabin Medical Center in Israel. For more information, call Rabbi Benjamin Zeidman at (212) 744-1400, ext. 304, or send an email to asstrabbi@emanuelnyc.org.

BAGEL AND BINGO BRUNCH
Sunday, May 19 • 10 AM - 1 PM • One East 65th St.

Temple volunteers are needed to host seniors from the **Carter Burden Center for the Aging**. Food set-up begins at 10 AM; brunch begins at 11 AM. **Volunteers must sign up with the Tikkun Olam Committee: tikkunolam@emanuelnyc.org or (212) 744-1400, ext. 452.**

STITCH'N TIME
Sunday, May 19 • 11 AM - 2 PM • One East 65th St.

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). Refreshments will be served.



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Remembering (continued from page 1)

rabbinate. I remember everything as though it were yesterday...even exactly where he was sitting in my grandparents' home. In the twinkling of an eye, he immediately announced and foretold what was going to be my life for the next 12 years. He told me I would choose Hebrew as my foreign language in high school—a choice I already had made—and that I would augment four years of high school Hebrew with intensive Hebrew courses during the summers at the Jewish Theological Seminary (JTS) up at Columbia University. (These were years when I spent as much time on the subway as I did at home. It was an hour and a half each way!)

My rabbi told me one more critical thing. He told me that, eventually, during my senior year in high school, he would arrange an appointment for me and my parents to meet Dr. Mark, and at that meeting, Dr. Mark hopefully would tell me that Temple Emanu-El was going to give me a scholarship for all eight years of study—undergraduate school at the University of Cincinnati, simultaneous with Hebrew Union College—a complete scholarship for tuition, room and board. (Remember, I'm going back more than 50 years.)

Fast-forward now eight years—to 1972. One year before ordination, the rabbis of Emanu-El told me it was expected upon ordination in Cincinnati that I would join the rabbinic staff here at the Temple. Ordination took place on June 3, 1973. June 18, 1973, was my first day at Emanu-El—a Monday. Ultimately, there were 37 graduates in my ordination class. I believe I'm the only one who has remained at his original pulpit.

And so it was that I had three critical epiphanies in my life—all at the

same age. At 13, I knew with certainty that I wanted to study for the rabbinate. The second was an academic epiphany; the five teachers I had in my freshman year of high school—each one of them inspired me academically in a way that I never before knew and which continued throughout my life.



And there was the third and the most important epiphany... At the same age, I knew that I wanted to marry Sylvia Smialy. (And I can assure you that this decision had nothing to do with the fact that she is a giant of the Jewish spirit, which all who know her are aware that she is.) When I saw Syl (Tzipi) for the first time in junior high school, my immediate reaction had nothing to do with spirituality. This was at the end of the ninth grade. I had graduated from junior high school, and I already had started my summer courses at JTS.

I had a vague idea of where Syl lived, and so one mid-summer afternoon, I started to comb the streets of East Flatbush in the hope that I would find her in the neighborhood. It happened...like a miracle.

She was sitting on her porch, and I remember how she called me. (She still uses the same intonation as then.) A few minutes later, her mother of blessed memory came walking down the street. (I had never met her before.) It was only at this very moment that I learned that Syl's parents had been survivors of the Holocaust. I learned that beneath Syl's outer appearance and beautiful English diction, for which she won that ninth grade poetry declamation contest I mentioned a few years ago on Yom Kippur, that it was Yiddish and not English that was her first language. And, I learned that she cared passionately not only about Jewish culture and history but most of all about the survival of Judaism and the Jewish people. May her parents and mine rest in peace.

Ultimately, Syl and I began our careers the very same day—she at Hebrew Union College here in New York, where she is the longest-serving staff member of the staff, and I at Temple Emanu-El, also the staff elder. Together we shared the same mission. Fundamentally, we knew that we had to take care of the Jews in a post-Holocaust age. Plain and simple. Jewish survival was our cause; it was our mission; it was our passion.

Now, if there were any fame or personal glory in doing this demanding task, I must confess to you that Tzipi and I never felt any such thing. We just knew intuitively that we had to take care of the Jews, singularly and collectively. That was all.

To the best of my limited gifts, I hope that I have done this task with one consistency in mind—and that was to let Temple Emanu-El use me. I tried passionately to let the Temple use me, and I tried equally and as passionately never to use the

Temple. This was my career, and this was my life. I never sought or even thought of doing anything else. Syl and I knew we had to take care of the Jewish people.



Now, back to Hebrew because I am a Hebrew teacher. There is a Hebrew word—*nachas*—that comes from the root meaning “to rest.” *Nachas* is the feeling you get when you can look back and remember and appreciate all the wonderful things you have seen and experienced. That’s “having *nachas*.”

Along with this is *nachas fun die kinder* (“*nachas* from the children”), a Yiddish expression for a sense of restful ease when you look at your children, take a breather and realize the joy and happiness of seeing them grown, happy and successful.

Dearest friends, Syl and I have plenty of *nachas* from our children, Rachie and Raphie, and Lionel and Courtney, and now our grandchildren, Chase and Simon. But, we have even more. We also have *nachas* from you, our congregants, our friends, our Temple family—the joy that you have given to us when you allowed us to enter your homes and your hearts and your lives.

Thank you all for letting us, Tzipi and me, to shepherd you all these wonderful years.



SHARE YOUR MEMORIES

“I WILL BE entering my 40th year of life this year. Rabbi David Posner said the blessing at my *bris* shortly after my arrival in September 1973. In fact, mine was the first *bris* that Rabbi Posner performed after he arrived at Temple Emanu-El.

I may not be able to recall the blessing that he gave that day, but I grew up and became a bar mitzvah in the synagogue and grew up along with that wonderful scholar, teacher and leader. At the time I may not have fully appreciated Rabbi Posner’s wisdom, warmth, tutelage and guidance, but through my life, many of the lessons he taught have remained and resonated.

He has inspired so many lifetimes in my lifetime, and I want to thank him for his 40 years of service. His blessings at the beginning of my life were auspicious, and I would like to send my blessings as he begins his new life.

Thank you, Rabbi Posner.
Mazal tov.”

— J. Burns

DO YOU HAVE a special memory with Rabbi Posner that you would like to share? Post brief reflections about Rabbi Posner on our online **Tribute Message Board**, or read what others have written. **Log on to www.emanuelnyc.org/shareyourmemories**. 

Text for this article was adapted from Rabbi Posner’s Nov. 9, 2012, address to the congregation.



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



FROM 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 May:

Saturday, May 4

Julia Koffman, daughter of Allison Bandier Koffman and Jeffrey Koffman

Claire M. Wilson, daughter of Rachel and Kirk Wilson

Gabriella Hetu, daughter of Patricia Lenkov and Robert Hetu

Saturday, May 11

Jonathan Katz, son of Gregory Katz

Saturday, May 18

William Louis Derzaw, son of Susan and Richard Derzaw

Chloe Asnes, daughter of Bridget R. Healey-Asnes and Anthony K. Asnes

Jeffrey Brett Leyton and *Caleigh Faye Leyton*, son and daughter of Jennifer and Mark Leyton

We are grateful for their sponsorship of each Friday evening's Oneg Shabbat.

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

For the Sabbath of May 3 and 4

Mrs. Burton Kossoff in loving memory of *Burton and Stephanie Lynn Kossoff*

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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.

PULPIT FLOWERS (continued)

For the Sabbath of May 17 and 18

Rabbi Stanley T. and Ivy R. Relkin
in loving memory of *Leonard Jay Reade*

William Fruhauf in loving memory of my parents,
Frankye and Henry Fruhauf, and my aunt, *Sara Fruhauf Beekman*

For the Sabbath of May 24 and 25

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

PULPIT FLOWERS at Shavuot worship services (May 14 and 15) are the generous donation of:

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

Elisabeth Cassell in loving memory of her brothers and sisters,
Emil, Eugene, Alice, Piri, Magda and Viola

There's Still Time...

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

If you have not yet made your gift to the **2012-2013 Annual Fund** or would like to make an additional contribution, then please don't miss the opportunity to do so before the end of May. 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.**



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."

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HERBERT & EILEEN BERNARD MUSEUM

On View at the Museum...

Rebus Wedding Poem

Made for the wedding of Meir Joseph Triesti
and Fanny Vivianti by Abraham Shalom, Padua, ca. 1825

A REBUS IS A KIND OF puzzle that uses pictures to represent words or parts of words. In a fascinating twist on the centuries-old tradition of Hebrew wedding poems in Italy, the author cleverly combined drawings and letters to provide the celebrants with the challenge of having to solve the rebus in order to read his poem.

Featured in our current exhibition

*The Writing on the Wall: Early Modern Broadside
from the Valmadonna Trust Library*

On View at the Herbert & Eileen Bernard Museum
through September 30, 2013. Visit the Temple
website at www.emanuelnyc.org/museum. 

