

# Temple Emanu-El Bulletin



## UNTIL SEPTEMBER...

AS THIS IS our last Bulletin of the program year, we wish you a safe and happy summer. Be sure to check the Temple website ([www.emanuelnyc.org](http://www.emanuelnyc.org)) for content updates and announcements. Or, sign up for our weekly electronic newsletters, which get delivered directly to your inbox. Click "About Us" → "Publications" → "Electronic Mailing Lists."



## 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

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



## A Decade of 13,000 Reasons to Be Proud of Skirball

By Rabbi Alfredo F. Borodowski, Ph.D., Executive Director, Skirball Center for Adult Jewish Learning at Temple Emanu-El

**M**ARCH 23, 2013, WAS a day of celebration at the Skirball Center for Adult Jewish Learning at

Temple Emanu-El. That morning we reached 13,000 student registrations in just 10 short years! We did not have balloons falling from the ceiling or cameras capturing the moment, but we had a deep sense of joy for bringing Torah

to so many individuals thirsty for a deep, intellectual experience and yearning for a spiritual journey in an environment of sophistication and dialogue.

The path of education is paved with the bricks of renewal. We always must search for new ways to enlarge and deepen the learning experience. It is for this reason that we would like to share just one of the many innovative programs recently launched by Skirball.

### THE GROUNDBREAKING JUDAISM AND CHARACTER STRENGTHS WORKSHOP

This past April, a group of 16 curious minds engaged in the first of six workshop sessions marking a unique experience in Jewish learning. The goal of this workshop was to bridge the gap between innovation and tradition.



As per innovation, developed in the last two decades, a new psychological school of "Positive Psychology" has emerged, focusing on human strengths such as creativity, love of learning, courage and perspective. This school of psychology identifies those human strengths such as the ones above, thus cultivating and maximizing one's positive qualities. Unfortunately, because of the constant threat of anti-Semitism and anti-Zionism and as a reaction to the fear of assimilation, Judaism (enter tradition) largely has adopted a defensive stance. In the course of living within this defensive stance,

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## WEEKLY TORAH PORTION

### **Sh'lach L'cha**

(Numbers 13:1-15:41)

Read Saturday, June 1

**Synopsis:** Moses sends spies into the Land of Israel; spies return with outsized fruit and negative report; Moses defends people against God's wrath; God decrees that those who left Egypt over the age of 18 will die in the desert; various sacrificial laws; Sabbath transgressor punished; laws of *tzitzit*.

### **Korach**

(Numbers 16:1-18:32)

Read Saturday, June 8

**Synopsis:** Korach and his followers lead a rebellion against Moses and Aaron, accusing them of taking power for themselves that belongs to all the Israelites; God causes an earthquake that swallows Korach and his entourage alive; the people protest, so God causes a plague; Israelites are instructed to bring gifts to Aaron and the priests.

### **Chukat**

(Numbers 19:1-22:1)

Read Saturday, June 15

**Synopsis:** Laws of the red heifer; Miriam dies and well dries up; people complain of thirst; Moses hits rock for water; as punishment, Moses will not enter the Land; various battles with surrounding peoples; Aaron dies; Moses miraculously saves people bitten by snakes.

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## Worship & Spirituality



### CHORAL D'VAR TORAH

## Celebrating Israel at 65!

Friday, June 14 • 6 PM • Beth-El Chapel (Fifth Avenue at 65th)



**"The Land of Israel** was the birthplace of the Jewish people. Here their spiritual, religious and political identity was shaped. Here they first attained statehood, created cultural values of national and universal significance, and gave to the world the eternal Book of Books."

— Opening sentence of the Israel Declaration of Independence, 1948

**P**LEASE JOIN US as the **Temple Emanu-El Choir** sings songs of Israel from the Beth-El Chapel *bimah*. **K. Scott Warren** will conduct with **Dr. Andrew Henderson** on the organ.  
**Am Yisrael Chai! The people Israel live!**

## Summer Worship Services

**S**ABBATH SERVICES will be held in the **Beth-El Chapel** from **Friday, June 7 through Saturday, August 24**. We will return to the **Main Sanctuary** on **Friday, August 30**. Our Sunset Service, conducted Sunday through Thursday at 5:30 PM, will continue to be held in Greenwald Hall. Enter at the Marvin and Elisabeth Cassell Community House (One East 65th Street).

## A Note About Our Sanctuaries

**T**EMPLE EMANU-EL IS proud to provide an induction loop system in our Fifth Avenue sanctuaries to assist those members of our congregation as well as visitors who may be hard of hearing. Hearing aids must be switched to the "T" (telecoil) setting. Infrared assistance listening devices also are available for use in all of our sanctuaries, including Greenwald Hall and the Leon Lowenstein Auditorium. Portable receivers and headsets or neck loops are available from a lobby attendant or usher; picture ID is required.

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## Saying Farewell...

**M**AZAL TOV to our rabbinic intern, **Hannah Goldstein** (pictured far right), who was ordained in May by Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion in our own Main Sanctuary. Rabbi Goldstein, who has served as intern these last two years, brought us powerfully meaningful sermons, elevated Torah study with her insightful scholarship, engaged our students with holiday celebrations and worship in the Religious School, created reflective opportunities for our seventh grade girls in their Rosh Hodesh program, and so much more. As she completes her studies we wish her well in her position as assistant rabbi at Temple Sinai in Washington, D.C.



Thank you, Rabbi Goldstein, for all that you have given to us and for all of the ways in which you have helped us to grow.



**O**UR CANTORIAL INTERN, **David Mintz**, has been a vocal presence in our congregation for two fruitful years. On the *bimah*, his rich voice has brought a new dimension to the expanded repertoire of our Main Sanctuary service. Through his work in the Religious School, David has motivated our children to add their voices to his in learning the melodies of our tradition. The Parents' Blessing he wrote has become part of our monthly Shabbat Kodesh worship. We also treasure the words of Torah he has shared through his *Divrei Torah*, delivered at Friday evening services. Throughout the time he has spent with us, we have enjoyed having David as a teacher and as a friend.

We wish him *mazal tov* on the achievement of completing his master's in sacred music from HUC-JIR and wish him *b'hatzlacha* (Good Luck!)

as he continues his training toward ordination. May those who are lucky enough to become his students enjoy his gifts, as we certainly do!



### WEEKLY TORAH PORTION

#### **Balak**

(Numbers 22:2-25:9)

Read Saturday, June 22

**Synopsis:** Balak, the king of Moab, worried that the Israelites will defeat his kingdom, sends for the prophet Balaam to curse the Israelites. When Balaam tries, he finds he is only able to bless the Israelites.

#### **Pinchas**

(Numbers 25:10-30:1)

Read Saturday, June 29

**Synopsis:** Pinchas is appointed a *kohein* (priest); Moses is told to go into battle against the Midianites in retaliation for their trickery; Moses conducts a census of the Israelites and divides them into tribes; laws of inheritance are discussed; Moses is told to prepare for his death; Joshua is named Moses' successor; details about public sacrifices are discussed.

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#### **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.**



Previous commentaries can be read through the online archive.

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#### **WEEKLY TORAH STUDY**

PLEASE NOTE that the Weekly Torah Study Group will not meet during June, July or August. We will resume in the fall.





## WORSHIP & SPIRITUALITY

### 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 website Home Page ([www.emanuelnyc.org](http://www.emanuelnyc.org)).



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.

**NOTE: Services may be heard through Live365 ONLY at the time of broadcast.** However, they may be heard at any other time through the Emanu-El audio player or by downloading 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. Listeners also may subscribe to our **RSS Feed** or free **iTunes** listing. Services are updated automatically.

### WEEKLY MUSIC

MUSIC PROGRAMS for Sabbath and holiday services are posted on the Temple website.

([www.emanuelnyc.org](http://www.emanuelnyc.org): 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."



## High Holy Days Worship: Services and Seating

**Selichot\*—Saturday, August 31 • 8 PM \*No tickets required**  
**Eve of Rosh Hashanah—Wednesday, September 4 • 5:30 PM**  
**Rosh Hashanah—Thursday, September 5 • 10 AM**  
**Kol Nidrei—Friday, September 13 • 8 PM**  
**Yom Kippur—Saturday, September 14 • 9:45 AM and 3:45 PM**

**SPECIAL NOTICES ABOUT** reserving seats for the High Holy Days are being enclosed with the **2013-2014** membership dues statements. **Renewal of seating is not automatic; renewal forms MUST be returned to the Temple Office by the date specified.**

Members of the Temple with existing seating assignments will have the opportunity at that time to reserve the same seats or add, release or request to change their seats.

Additional seating reservations may be purchased and added to your membership account anytime after you receive the first seating renewal notice. We do our best to provide seats as close to your existing reservations as possible. Each member with a seating reservation will receive a set of tickets for all services. Tickets are mailed two weeks prior to the High Holy Days.

Tickets for the Family Worship services are available at no additional cost to all members with young children and to all our Nursery School and Religious School parents who wish to attend services with their children and extended families.

College students, both Temple members and nonmembers, who do not already have seats are invited to join us for High Holy Day Services in the Lowenstein Sanctuary. Simply present a current college ID at the Beth-El Chapel entrance on Fifth Avenue on the day of the service, and you will be given an entrance ticket for that service. The Beth-El entrance is open 30 minutes before each service.

### SEATING RECIPROCITY

Temple Emanu-El members in good standing who will be out of town during the High Holy Days may obtain a **Courtesy Seating Form** to present for admission to another Union for Reform Judaism member temple. Similarly, Emanu-El will provide complimentary tickets for out-of-town relatives of members or out-of-town visitors who arrange for courtesy seating.

If you are affiliated with another temple and wish to attend services at Temple Emanu-El, please call your home temple and ask them to forward a **Reciprocal Seating Request Form** to us. This process takes time to complete, so please plan ahead.

Reciprocal tickets to attend services at Temple Emanu-El are held for pick up at the Beth-El Garden Entrance door just prior to services.

**All questions regarding seating, tickets and reciprocity should be directed to the Temple Office: (212) 744-1400.**



## How to Become a Member

THE MINIMUM MEMBERSHIP CONTRIBUTION for the fiscal year beginning **June 2013** is **\$1,390**. We currently offer two exceptions to this: a reduced rate for **Associate Members** (individuals between age 21 and 29) and a **Full Family Membership**. Dues are billed in June each year and cover most aspects of membership in Temple Emanu-El, including services by the clergy, use of the facilities, access to member-only events and services, and special consideration at events open to the public. Dues also are a credit toward seating during the High Holy Days.

Small additional fees are required for membership in our Temple auxiliaries—the **Men's Club** and the **Women's Auxiliary**. Enrollment in Temple Emanu-El's **Religious School** is open to children of Temple members only. In addition to the fees for Temple membership, families will be charged tuition for each child enrolled. The tuition rate for the 2013 fiscal year is **\$1,075** per child (**\$50 discount for complete applications received before July 31**).

Temple membership applications may be downloaded from the Temple website. **Click "Membership" → "How to Become a Member."** Completed applications must be signed and returned with membership dues to the Temple Office. **Questions should be directed to the Temple Office: (212) 744-1400.**



## Club 65: A Group for Seniors

**Tuesday, June 11 • 11 AM • One East 65th Street**

CLUB 65 will meet this month at the Temple's **Herbert & Eileen Bernard Museum** for an intimate view of the current exhibition, **"The Writing on the Wall: Early Modern Broad­sides From the Valmadonna Trust Library,"** led by **Senior Curator Elka Deitsch**.

THE WRITING ON THE WALL presents five centuries of broadsides, or printed sheets, from Europe, India and Jerusalem that functioned as "the Internet before the Internet," providing Jewish communities with daily critical and practical information, including local-government edicts, health advisories, weddings and protective amulets. Don't miss this outstanding treasure!

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



**Learn more about the exhibition at [www.emanuelnyc.org/broadsides](http://www.emanuelnyc.org/broadsides).**



### SAVE THIS DATE...

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 27 for our Opening Sabbath Dinner sponsored by the Women's Auxiliary, Men's Club and Department of Lifelong Learning. **Special guest: Rabbi Joshua Davidson**

### 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!

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



### EMANU-EL EATS

OUR COOKBOOK COMMITTEE wishes everyone the best of summers. The work on **Emanu-El Eats** is progressing and will continue through the summer. We hope you will have a chance to try some of the recipes we have previewed in prior issues of the Bulletin and on the Temple website. ([www.emanuelnyc.org](http://www.emanuelnyc.org): Click "Community" → "Emanu-El Eats.")





## BOOK DISCUSSIONS

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

**MEN'S CLUB**  
**Wednesday, October 2 •**  
**8:30 AM • One East 65th**  
*The Prime Ministers*  
 by Yehuda Avner

**LIBRARY HOURS**  
 SUMMER HOURS generally  
 are from 10 AM to 6 PM,  
 Tuesday through Thursday,  
 and 10 AM to 2 PM on Friday.  
**Visitors are asked to call**  
**the library at (212) 744-**  
**1400, ext. 360 during the**  
**summer as hours may**  
**vary.** Regular hours resume  
 in the fall: 9:30 AM to 4 PM  
 on Sunday and 10 AM to  
 6 PM, Monday through  
 Thursday. The library is  
 closed on most holidays.

## SUGGESTED READING FOR PARENTS

- *The New Jerusalem Bible* (Doubleday)
- *A Guide to Jewish Religious Practice* by Isaac Klein
- *Liberal Judaism at Home* by Morrison Bial
- *God In Search of Man* by A. J. Heschel
- *The Essence of Judaism* by Leo Baeck
- *A History of the Jews* by Paul Johnson
- *Jewish People, Jewish Thought* by Robert Seltzer

## Early Childhood



### Young Families: Rooftop Party

**Saturday, June 1 • 10 AM • 10 East 66th Street**

**Y**OUNG FAMILIES and Nursery School families, come welcome **Rabbi Joshua Davidson** when he joins us for our end-of-the-year Rooftop Party. If the weather is nice, then we'll play in the pools. Bring sunscreen, bathing suits, towels, hats and a change of clothes. If it rains, then the party moves inside to Blumenthal Hall.

**RSVP to Young Families. Call (212) 744-1400, ext. 242, or send an email to [youngfamilies@emanuelnyc.org](mailto:youngfamilies@emanuelnyc.org).**

### Nursery School Registration

**A**PPPLICATIONS FOR THE **2014-2015** school year will be available on **Tuesday, September 3**, the day after Labor Day. **Parents should call the Nursery School at (212) 744-1400, ext. 230.** (Office hours are from 8 AM to 2 PM, Monday through Thursday and 8 AM to 12 PM, Friday.) Although it is Nursery School policy to give priority to congregation members and siblings, acceptance is not automatic. Applications are given out only one year before a child is eligible to start school. Limited scholarship money may be available.

### Parenting Programs at Emanu-El

**P**ARENT/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](mailto: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](http://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.****







**RELIGIOUS  
SCHOOL**

**SUMMER HOURS**

DURING THE SUMMER, the Religious School Office is open Monday through Friday, 9:30 AM to 5 PM.

Contact us at (212) 744-1400, ext. 226 or school@emanuelnyc.org.

**2013-2014  
APPLICATIONS**

PRE-POPULATED FORMS for Religious School registration have been mailed to currently registered families; please update the forms and return them to us. Families that wish to become part of the Religious School can download forms from the Temple website.

(www.emanuelnyc.org: Click "Learning" → "Religious School.") Or, call the Religious School Office at (212) 744-1400, ext. 226.

Tuition for the 2013 fiscal year is \$1,075 per student, which includes charges for books and other supplies. All applications received in full (registration form and payment) by July 31 will receive a \$50 discount.

**FAMILY HANDBOOK:  
A TO Z GUIDE**

DO YOU HAVE questions about the Religious School and how it operates? View our A to Z Guide on the Temple website. Click "Religious School" → "Family Handbook: A to Z Guide."

**Religious School**



*End-of-Year Family Trip*

**Sunday, June 2 • 10 AM - 12 PM • Fifth Avenue and Washington Square North (under the Washington Square Arch)**



**T**OUR GUIDE MARTY SHORE returns to introduce us to this historic neighborhood (at the other end of Fifth Avenue) with buildings from colonial times and connections to New York's Jewish history. The walking tour will feature artists' residences, the Triangle Shirtwaist Factory and more. It will be fun and educational for children, teens and adults!

On the day of the event, families should meet under the Washington Square Arch (Fifth Avenue and Washington Square North). The tour will be followed by an optional lunch at a nearby restaurant; contact the Religious School Office for details. Each family will cover its own lunch costs.

Participation is open to all Religious School families. Attendance is free, but reservations are required. RSVP to the Religious School Office: school@emanuelnyc.org or (212) 744-1400, ext. 226.

*Parents Meeting  
With Rabbi Davidson*

**Wednesday, July 10 •  
6:15 PM - 7:15 PM  
• One East 65th Street**

**R**ABBI JOSHUA DAVIDSON wants to meet our Religious School parents! Please join him for an informal get-together over wine and cheese.

Enter at the Marvin and Elisabeth Cassell Community House. RSVP to the Religious School Office: school@emanuelnyc.org or (212) 744-1400, ext. 226.



Photo: Will Star, Shooting Stars Pro



## YOUTH PROGRAMS

**MITZVAH MESSENGERS**  
CONGRATULATIONS TO THE 2012-2013 **Super Mitzvah Messengers** from our Seventh Grade Mitzvah Corps class, recognized for their excellent attendance and participation:

- Jae Lawrence Bratskeir
- Madeline Goldberg
- Emily Janover
- Caleigh Leyton
- Olivia Mitzner
- Max Radomisli
- Joelle Ramson
- Shaina Stein

**Learn more on the web:**  
[www.emanuelnyc.org](http://www.emanuelnyc.org)  
(Click "Learning" → "Youth & Young Adults.")

### MORE ABOUT EMANU-EL YOUTH PROGRAMS...

APPLICATION FORMS now are available on the Temple website for Emanu-El's high school programs (grades 9 through 12), including the A-TEEM, Senior Youth Group, High School Confirmation and our Teen Volunteer Weekends, as well as our programs for seventh and eighth graders (Mitzvah Corps, Tzedek League, Rosh Hodesh, eMANu-el and our Eighth Grade Trip to New Orleans).  
(Click "Learning" → "Youth & Young Adults.")

### RELIGIOUS SCHOOL WITH HONORS

FOR STUDENTS IN Kindergarten through Grade 6, this new program recognizes our younger students' commitment to our community.  
(Click "Learning" → "Religious School.")

## Youth & Young Adults



### Emanu-El Teen Blockbuster



**T**HE FOURTH ANNUAL **Emanu-El Teen Benefit** in support of **American Jewish World Service** was a huge success, raising more than **\$25,000** for HIV/AIDS prevention and relief. Led by seniors **Lindsey Spohler, Katie Hartman** and **Alyssa Kirschenbaum** (pictured), the committee of Emanu-El high school students planned a festive evening at the Prince George Ballroom. More than 200 teens attended.

**It's not too late!**  
**Learn more and make a donation at**  
[www.ajwsteenbenefitnyc.com](http://www.ajwsteenbenefitnyc.com). »



This annual program is planned entirely by the Emanu-El co-chairs and their committee. The teens develop a fundraising strategy and coordinate all details for the event, including selecting the venue, designing the invitations, and soliciting donors for raffle prizes and monetary donations. The teens show incredible commitment toward a cause that is important to them.

**Students interested in being on next year's committee should contact Missy Bell, our program director of Youth Learning and Engagement at (212) 744-1400, ext. 329 or [youthgroups@emanuelnyc.org](mailto:youthgroups@emanuelnyc.org).**





**ON VIEW  
NOW...**

## **A CONVERSATION WITH SACRED SPACE**

THIS ONLINE EXHIBITION showcases the work of New York-based artist **Sarah Davis** and her ongoing artistic dialogue with Temple Emanu-El's historic Main Sanctuary.

To engage a new generation in the beauty and meaning of the sanctuary, the Herbert & Eileen Bernard Museum, in partnership with Temple Emanu-El's Department of Lifelong Learning, works with student groups to facilitate an artistic exploration of the relationship between sacred space and meaningful spiritual experience. By giving the students a forum and the tools with which to explore this relationship, this program empowers youth to explore their personal connection to prayer, mitzvot and the role of beautiful sacred spaces.

**Join the conversation!**  
[www.emanuelnyc.org/  
Conversations](http://www.emanuelnyc.org/Conversations)



**Artwork by Leah K.,  
Grade 4, Religious School**

# WRITING WALL

ON THE

EARLY MODERN  
**BROADSIDES**  
FROM THE  
**VALMADONNA**  
TRUST LIBRARY

*On View May 1 – September 30, 2013*  
HERBERT & EILEEN BERNARD MUSEUM of JUDAICA  
*Congregation Emanu-El of the City of New York*



## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

### STITCH'N TIME

**Sunday, June 16 •**

**11 AM - 1:30 PM •**

**Sunday, July 14 •**

**11 AM - 1 PM •**

**Sunday, August 11 •**

**11 AM - 1 PM •**

**One East 65th Street**

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 served.

We have a professional instructor to assist us, so prior knitting experience is not required. People of all ages are welcome to join us. However, participation is limited to members of the congregation. If you are unable to join us at the Temple, we can arrange for you to be part of the Stitch'n Time team at home.

**QUESTIONS? Contact the Tikkun Olam Committee: (212) 744-1400, ext. 452 or [tikkunolam@emanuelnyc.org](mailto:tikkunolam@emanuelnyc.org).**

### RONALD McDONALD HOUSE DINNER

OUR FINAL DINNER of the program year will be **August 22**. All potential volunteers (Temple members only) must be at least 18 years old and in good health. **Preregistration with the Women's Auxiliary is required: (212) 744-1400, ext. 235.** We look forward to seeing you again in the fall when dates for 2013-2014 are set!

# Volunteering



## TIKKUN OLAM

THE TIKKUN OLAM COMMITTEE would like to thank the congregation for its generosity, kindness and helping hands in making all of our mitzvah programs from September through June enormously successful. Planing already is underway for 2013-2014, and we invite all congregants to send us their ideas for potential mitzvah projects by email to [TikkunOlam@emanuelnyc.org](mailto:TikkunOlam@emanuelnyc.org).

## Homes for the Homeless Rooftop Party



**Saturday, June 1 • 12:45 PM •**  
**10 East 66th Street**

TEMPLE EMANU-EL, through the Tikkun Olam Committee, will host women and children from **Homes for the Homeless**—a nonprofit organization that provides homeless families with the opportunities and support necessary to move out of shelter and live independently—for a rooftop picnic. Volunteers are needed for set-up and to host our guests.

**Volunteers must preregister with the Tikkun Olam Committee: Send an email to [tikkunolam@emanuelnyc.org](mailto:tikkunolam@emanuelnyc.org). (Please include the project name in your message subject.)**



## Save These Dates!

- **Mitzvah Day 2013 – Sunday, November 10**  
Temple members are invited to join us for our ninth annual event.
- **Thanksgiving Dinner – Wednesday, November 27**  
Once again we will be serving seniors, cancer patients, and women and children from domestic-violence and homeless shelters.

## A Word About Donating Goods...

PLEASE KEEP IN MIND that the Tikkun Olam Committee now accepts year-round donations of specific new and gently used items to support a number of programs run by our partnering organizations. Visit the Temple website ([www.emanuelnyc.org](http://www.emanuelnyc.org)) for a list of items and donation guidelines. **(Click "Volunteering" → "Mitzvah Projects" → "Mitzvah Donations.")**



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# NYC Schlep 2013

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

**J**OIN 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.



**Register to be part of the team at [www.emanuelnyc.org/schlep2013](http://www.emanuelnyc.org/schlep2013).  
If you can't walk or run with us, then you still can support  
the endeavor by making a donation through the same link.**

## Sunday Lunch Summer Angels

**T**HE SUNDAY LUNCH PROGRAM is compiling a list of volunteers who can be called on short notice to help out in the kitchen during the months of **July** and **August**. Volunteers must be Temple members.

**Call (212) 744-1400, ext. 215 to have your name added to the list.**

## 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 June:**

### **Saturday, June 1**

*Zachary Harris Gronfein, son of Lauren Lesser and James Gronfein*

### **Saturday, June 8**

*William H. Weinstein, son of Liz and Steve Weinstein*

### **Saturday, June 15**

*Ella Joy Fuchsberg, daughter of Gil Fuchsberg and Debbie Halperin*

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

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## LIFE-CYCLE EVENTS

### **BAR/BAT MITZVAH PREPARATION**

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

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

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

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

**([www.emanuelnyc.org](http://www.emanuelnyc.org):  
Click "Learning" →  
"Religious School" →  
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## PULPIT FLOWERS at worship services have been donated by the following congregants:

### For the Sabbath of May 31 and June 1

Ruth Koeppel in honor of my granddaughter  
*Claire Koeppel* becoming a bat mitzvah

Edythe, William and John Heyman  
in loving memory of *George H. Heyman, Jr.*

### For the Sabbath of June 7 and 8

Dr. Sandra Gluck in loving memory of my aunt, *Mildred Hammer*

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Mrs. A. Coleman Poll in loving memory of her parents,  
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Mrs. Barbara W. Kummel and Family  
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his mother, *Marguerite G. Strong*

### For the Sabbath of June 28 and 29

Ellen M. Iseman and Frederick J. Iseman  
in loving memory of their mother, *Marjorie Frankenthaler Iseman*

## Remembering Loved Ones

**N**OW THAT 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.

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## Reasons to Be Proud (from page 1)

questions of individual fulfillment have been shelved. Ultimately, for many, Judaism has ceased to affect their lives as a source of strength and meaning. In this first workshop of its kind, the participants were encouraged to explore and develop a Judaism that uses the tools of Positive Psychology to match their strengths within Jewish meaning and practice.

*Is there a correlation between our personal strengths and our Jewish journey?*

How were we planning to bridge this gap between innovation and tradition? With the help of VIA. Established in 2001 and led by Drs. Donna and Neal Mayerson, the VIA Institute on Character has as its core mission to advance both the science and practice of character. To that end, Donna and Neal gathered the leading scholars and practitioners in the field of Positive Psychology who, for three years, studied how cultures across centuries understood what was best about human beings and how we could put to use those positive characteristics in order to build optimal lives for ourselves. The work resulted in a landmark publication, *Character Strengths and Virtues* by Christopher Peterson and Martin Seligman, and the *VIA Inventory of Strengths Survey*. Since then, the VIA Institute has perfected the VIA Inventory Survey instruments

used by leadership institutes, corporations and coaches across the globe. More than 2 million people in 193 countries and 17 languages have taken these surveys.

Each one of the participants in the Judaism and Character Strengths Workshop took the VIA inventory and worked individually and within the group to match their VIA results with their Jewish experience. We addressed important questions such as: Is there a correlation between our personal strengths and our Jewish journey? Has our personal Jewish experience and education maximized our personal strengths or not? What ritual and practices can we adopt and develop within Judaism to reinforce and expand our personal strengths? What would a Jewish community look like that gathers people with different strengths? Is there a correlation between our vision of the Divine and our personal strengths?

We had faith that this cutting-edge experience would regenerate Judaism, offering paths that will welcome those in search of personal fulfillment and meaning. We were not wrong. The response from the participants has been overwhelmingly enthusiastic, but perhaps we shouldn't be surprised. Judaism always has learned from the best of its surrounding cultures. Positive Psychology is becoming one of the most effective and recognized tools for personal and communal fulfillment. We are proud that Skirball and Emanu-El are leading the path in connecting the latest scientific research on human development and Judaism.

**The workshop, led by Dr. Donna Mayerson, Dr. Neal Mayerson and Rabbi Alfredo Borodowski, Ph.D., is being underwritten by the Mayerson Family Foundations.**



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**ARTISTS AND WRITERS  
EXHIBITION/RECEPTION**  
**Tuesday, June 4 through**  
**Thursday, June 13 •**

**6 PM/7 PM • One East 65th**  
THE SIX-WEEK COURSES offered as part of Skirball's *beit midrash* for artists and writers culminate with the annual presentation of students' work. Students of the Writers' Beit Midrash will read their works at 6 PM. An exhibition of artwork from students of the Artists' Beit Midrash begins at 7 PM. A reception follows. **The art show will remain open through June 13.**

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### TORAH AND LEMONADE

SKIRBALL'S SUMMER SEMESTER will meet on four Wednesdays: August 7, 14, 21 and 28.

- 12:30 PM - 2 PM:  
Rabbi Alfredo Borodowski
- 2:30 PM - 4 PM:  
Dr. Brigitte Sion
- 6:30 PM - 8 PM:  
Diane Cole

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**SKIRBALL'S  
FALL SEMESTER**  
MARK YOUR CALENDARS...  
**Monday** classes begin  
**October 7. Wednesday**  
classes begin **October 9.**  
**Temple members**  
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**full-semester courses.**

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## HERBERT & EILEEN BERNARD MUSEUM

### On View at the Museum...

#### Wedding Riddle

Zerah Yaakov Ben Raphael Naftali Katz  
*Venice (Italy), ca. 1780*

**W**EDDING RIDDLES, known in Hebrew as *hiddot*, were an extremely popular form of Hebrew poetry. The riddles customarily were handed out several days before the marriage ceremony in order to provide guests with the necessary time to solve them. The riddling contest took place during the wedding feast as part of the entertainment in honor of the newlyweds. Judges were appointed to supervise the competition, which had the potential, if left unregulated, to become raucous and unruly.

This and other fascinating vignettes of Jewish history and culture are on display in our current exhibition *The Writing on the Wall: Early Modern Broadsides From the Valmadonna Trust Library*. On View at the Herbert & Eileen Bernard Museum through September 30, 2013. Visit the website at [emanuelnyc.org/museum](http://emanuelnyc.org/museum).

