

# Temple Emanu-El Bulletin



## 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  
**Andrew Henderson,**  
 Associate Organist  
**Daniel Beckwith,**  
 Assistant Organist

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 by podcast through the Temple  
 website at [www.emanuelnyc.org](http://www.emanuelnyc.org).  
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 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.



## An Invitation to Take Your Place at the Torah

By Rabbi Amy B. Ehrlich

**O**NE SHABBAT AFTERNOON last month, in anticipation of the year that is to come, Cantor Lori Corrsin and I enjoyed one of the pleasures of the season: We rolled the Torah. It's an act of love that I look forward to each year. And happily, we take our time, carefully making sure that each turn is as perfect and symmetrical as possible, given the limitations of our hand-crafted gem. After all, our work has to last 12 months!



Our favorite Torah (as we like to call it) has letters that are inked beautifully, large and legible, which act like an invitation to holiness day after day, week after week. At the same time, it is heavy and awkward, and the rolling takes a long while. Not as long as it takes to write a Torah—that's something else entirely—but long enough to allow for conversation and in the most heartening way for some nostalgic review. As we went back to the beginning, we reminisced about outstanding students, interesting sermons, and unusual events associated with music and worship.

Our sacred task celebrated the wisdom within the text and the countless ways we find our modern experiences mirrored in age-old stories:

Like many couples, Adam and Eve had different ways of looking at the world. Like so many, the Matriarchs (Sarah, Rebekah and Rachel) struggled with infertility...and yet, each ultimately was blessed with the joy of parenthood. Like us, Abraham's "work" dominated his life, although he never did achieve work/life balance. Like us, biblical families paid a price for choosing favorites that had enduring consequences. Like so many, Moses is given a job that has the potential to change the course of history, yet he feels singularly ill-equipped for the task. It takes no great leap of faith to see our own struggles in theirs.

Each turn of the scroll felt as though we lovingly were turning the pages of an album, beginning with the Israelites' chronicles of maturity, moving back in time to earlier days of adolescence and then childhood, and concluding

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## WEEKLY TORAH PORTION

### **NOACH**

(Genesis 6:9-11:32)

*Read Saturday, October 5*

**SYNOPSIS:** God saves Noah and two of each animal; Noah builds ark; God floods the world; world is repopulated; Tower of Babel results in people scattered across the earth with many languages.

**FRIDAY D'VAR TORAH:**

**Rabbi Davidson**

**SATURDAY SERMON:**

**Rabbi Zeidman**

### **LECH L'CHA**

(Genesis 12:1-17:27)

*Read Saturday, October 12*

**SYNOPSIS:** God calls Abram; promises him Canaan; Abram goes to Canaan, but famine drives him to Egypt; returns to Canaan; Abram rescues Lot; Ishmael born; circumcision commanded as symbol of covenant.

**FRIDAY D'VAR TORAH:**

**Rabbinic Intern**

**Alexis Pinsky**

**SATURDAY SERMON:**

**Rabbi Ehrlich**

### **VAYEIRA**

(Genesis 18:1-22:24)

*Read Saturday, October 19*

**SYNOPSIS:** God promises a son to Abraham and Sarah; Abraham argues for Sodom and Gomorrah; cities are destroyed; birth of Isaac; Hagar banished; binding of Isaac.

**FRIDAY D'VAR TORAH:**

**Rabbi Davidson**

**SATURDAY SERMON:**

**Rabbi Zeidman**

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# Worship & Spirituality



## WHO ARE WE?

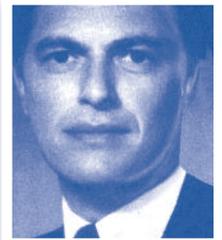
# Reform Judaism: A Historical Perspective

TEMPLE EMANU-EL IS PLEASED to open its new year of programming with three dynamic speakers who will offer us a historical perspective on Reform Judaism.

**In Praise of Change and Diversity:  
The Essence of Reform Judaism**

**Friday, October 25 • 6 PM • Main Sanctuary**

**Dr. Ronald B. Sobel**, senior rabbi emeritus, will deliver a sermon that addresses the nature of liberal Jewish thought within the historic evolution of our people's search for God and the meaning of life.



**RABBI RONALD SOBEL** is a highly regarded scholar of classic philosophy, biblical tradition and contemporary social issues. In 2012, he was named president of the Leo Baeck Institute, having served as a trustee for many years. An influential figure in New York City religious life, Rabbi Sobel in 1973 was the youngest senior rabbi elected by Temple Emanu-El and served in that role for 28 years. Among the numerous accomplishments during his tenure was creation of the Skirball Center for Adult Jewish Learning at Temple Emanu-El.

**Two Types of 19th Century American Reform Judaism:  
Isaac Mayer Wise, David Einhorn and  
Their Significance for Reform Judaism Today**

**Wednesday, October 30 • 6:30 PM • One East 65th Street**



**Dr. David Ellenson** offers an examination of the divergent approaches the two great leaders of 19th century American Reform Judaism—**Rabbi I.M. Wise** and **Rabbi David Einhorn**—took toward Jewish religious reform. In presenting the contrasting attitudes of these two great men, we can appreciate how both their viewpoints can inform our approach to Reform Judaism in the 21st century.

**RABBI DAVID ELLENSON**, president of Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion (HUC-JIR), is internationally recognized for his publications and research in the areas of Jewish religious thought, ethics and modern Jewish history. He was ordained by HUC-JIR in 1977 and received his doctorate from Columbia University in 1981. He is a fellow at the Shalom Hartman Institute of Jerusalem and a fellow and lecturer at the Institute of Advanced Studies at Hebrew University in Jerusalem.

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**The Reform Movement Comes to America**  
**Thursday, November 7 • 6:30 PM • One East 65th Street**

**Professor Gary P. Zola** will discuss how in 1847 **Isaac Harby** of Charleston, S.C., led the **Reformed Society of Israelites** to develop a liturgy accessible and congenial to American Jews of his era. Harby petitioned **Beth Elohim**, Charleston's only synagogue (which was of Sephardic heritage), to include English translations of the prayers—knowing that his contemporaries knew little Hebrew and were unfamiliar with Spanish or Portuguese. In addition, Harby and his fellow reformers asked for sermons to reflect contemporary concerns and for services to be shorter.



**GARY ZOLA** is executive director of the Jacob Rader Marcus Center of the American Jewish Archives (AJA) and professor of the American Jewish Experience at Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion (HUC-JIR) in Cincinnati. The AJA is the world's largest free-standing research center dedicated solely to the study of the American Jewish experience. His much anticipated book *We Called Him Rabbi Abraham: Lincoln and American Jewry, a Documentary History* will be published in February 2014.

## Shabbat Kodesh Worship Service

**Friday, October 4 • 7 PM • Beth-El Chapel**

Photo by Elizabeth Wright Kahane



**J**JOIN OUR clergy, Lifelong Learning Director Saul Kaiserman and members of our Religious School faculty for an inspirational and uplifting prayer service. **All are welcome at this service**, which builds upon the curriculum and community of the Religious School. Afterward, we will celebrate with a festive *Oneg Shabbat*.

## SAVE THIS DATE... FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 1

**Family Dinner at 6 PM / Shabbat Kodesh Service at 7 PM**

**T**HE CHARGE FOR DINNER is \$35 per family (including two adults) for reservations made by **October 28**; \$50 per family after October 28. Additional adults are welcome at \$10 per person. All Temple families are invited to attend. Reservations for dinner are required; payments **MUST** be received before the event.

Pay online with your credit card: [www.emanuelnyc.org/familydinner](http://www.emanuelnyc.org/familydinner).



## TORAH PORTION (continued)

### CHAYEI SARAH

(Genesis 23:1-25:18)

Read Saturday, October 26

**SYNOPSIS:** Sarah dies; Abraham buys a burial plot; Isaac and Rebecca marry; Abraham takes a new wife; Abraham dies.

**FRIDAY D'VAR TORAH:**  
**Senior Rabbi Emeritus  
Ronald Sobel**

**SATURDAY SERMON:**  
**Rabbinic Intern Pinsky**

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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.



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### 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.

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([www.emanuelnyc.org](http://www.emanuelnyc.org)). **NOTE: Services may be heard through Live365 ONLY at the time of broadcast.**

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### WEEKLY TORAH STUDY

OUR SABBATH MORNING Torah study meets from **9:15 AM to 10:15 AM**. Enter at One E. 65th Street. Sessions are led by **Rabbinic Intern Alexis Pinsky**. All may attend. (Coffee and bagels served.)



## COMMUNITY

### MEN'S CLUB

AS PART OF Temple life at Emanu-El for more than 90 years, the Men's Club encourages attendance at all Temple religious events. It promotes interest in social, humanitarian, educational and civic affairs. It engages in cultural and religious discussions and activities, and it participates in such activities that support good citizenship and interfaith dialogue. Please support our programs and participate on our committees; membership is open to all male members of the congregation. **Dues are \$100 per year.**

**Become a Men's Club member by calling (212) 744-1400, ext. 250 or emailing mensclub@emanuelnyc.org.**

### COLLEGE STUDENTS...

KEEP IN TOUCH through **College Connection!** Sign up to receive our monthly email message that features Jewish opportunities all over the country specifically for college students, what's happening at the Temple, Israel information and resources, and even invitations to low-key events in New York held during breaks from school.

**Click "Community" → "College Connection" from the Temple website (www.emanuelnyc.org).** Even if you've registered with us before, please register yearly so we have your most current address.

## Community



### LOOT: Mad About Jewelry

**Thursday, October 3 • 11 AM TO 1 PM •  
Museum of Arts and Design, 2 Columbus Circle**



**T**HE WOMEN'S AUXILIARY cordially invites all Temple members and their guests to view "LOOT 2013: MAD About Jewelry," the **Museum of Arts and Design's** annual curated exhibition and sale of one-of-a-kind, artist-made jewelry. More than 50 jewelers from 20 countries are represented in this year's exhibition.

**Michele Cohen**, LOOT chair, and **Bryna Pomp**, LOOT curator and Temple Emanu-El member, will offer an insider's tour with commentary about the jewelry and the artists.

**We shall meet at the museum at 10:45 AM sharp. Lunch will follow at Robert, in the museum. The charge for this event is \$55 for Women's Auxiliary members, \$65 for all other Temple members and their guests. QUESTIONS? Call (212) 744-1400, ext. 235, or email the Women's Auxiliary at womaux@emanuelnyc.org.**

### Saviv Shabbat

**Friday, October 18 • 7:30 PM • One East 65th Street**

**J**OIN US FOR a chance to celebrate Shabbat and wind down from the week. We'll enjoy Shabbat services together followed by appetizers, wine, and the chance to shmooze with both new people and old friends! Wine and a little nosh also will be served at 7 PM, so come early. Saviv is a program for Temple members and nonmembers in their 20s and 30s.



**There is no charge for this event, but reservations are requested by October 16 to help us plan. Log on to www.saviv.org. Saviv is for 20s and 30s only.**

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## Club 65: A Group for Seniors

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

CLUB 65 WILL COMMENCE its new season in October with **"The Way We Age: Thinking Makes It So,"** presented by **Dr. Austen Hayes**, a clinical instructor at **Mt. Sinai School of Medicine**. For 25 years, Dr. Hayes' special area of interest has been the effect of thinking, behavior and emotion on health. She will discuss the influence age stereotypes have on health, longevity and quality of life, and how to discover the best in who we are. Dr. Hayes says the "later years" can be a decline or an extraordinary period of development. It's our choice!



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

CLUB 65 IS VERY PLEASED to welcome **Senior Rabbi Joshua Davidson**. Join what promises to be a stimulating forum as Rabbi Davidson and Club 65 members discuss ways Temple life can enhance mutual goals and interests.



Photo: Will Star, Shooting Stars Pro

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Tuesday, December 10 • 11 AM • One East 65th Street

CLUB 65 IS OPENING UP its December event to all Temple members, regardless of age. **Mark Feldman**, senior vice president for Financial Resource Development at the **Weizmann Institute of Science**, will discuss **"How (Almost) Everyone Has Been Touched by the Weizmann Institute of Science."** The Weizmann Institute of Science is one of the world's leading multidisciplinary research institutions. Hundreds of scientists, laboratory technicians and research students working on the campus located in Rehovot, Israel, embark daily on fascinating journeys into the unknown, seeking to improve our understanding of nature and our place within it.



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Participation in CLUB 65 is open to all Temple members (men and women) age 65 and over; attendance is free of charge. If you would like to join CLUB 65 and be on the mailing list for news of past and future programs, then please contact Dionne Gorbea: (212) 744-1400, ext. 250 or [dgorbea@emanuelnyc.org](mailto:dgorbea@emanuelnyc.org).

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BOOK  
DISCUSSIONS

**MEN'S CLUB**  
**Wednesday, October 2 •**  
**8:30 AM • One East 65th**  
***The Prime Ministers***  
by Yehuda Avner  
THE FIRST AND ONLY  
insider account of Israeli  
politics from the founding of  
the Jewish State to the  
near-present day

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**Wednesday, Nov. 6 •**  
**8:30 AM • One East 65th**  
***In the Image***  
by Dara Horn  
WINNER OF THE National  
Jewish Book Award (2003)  
and Reform Judaism Prize  
for Jewish Fiction (2003)

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**STETTENHEIM**  
**LITERARY CIRCLE**  
**Wednesday, October 9 •**  
**6:30 PM • One East 65th**  
***My Brilliant Friend***  
by Elena Ferrante  
A MODERN MASTERPIECE  
from one of Italy's most  
acclaimed authors

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**Wednesday, Nov. 13 •**  
**6:30 PM • One East 65th**  
***Behind the Beautiful***  
***Forevers: Life, Death***  
***and Hope in a***  
***Mumbai Undercity***  
by Katherine Boo  
WINNER OF THE National  
Book Award for Nonfiction

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**WOMEN'S AUXILIARY**  
**Tuesday, October 22**  
**12:30 PM • One East 65th**  
***Being Esther***  
by Miriam Karmel  
DEBUT NOVEL by this  
journalist and freelance  
writer (*Discussion to be led*  
*by Rabbi Ben Zeidman*)



**EMANU-EL  
EATS**

**SALT & PEPPER  
EGG NOODLE KUGEL**

*Serves 4 entree or  
8 side portions*

½ pound package of  
medium-width egg noodles  
½ stick butter  
(or margarine), melted  
3 extra large eggs, beaten  
salt, to taste  
pepper, to taste  
paprika for sprinkled topping

1. Preheat oven to 375°F.
2. Parboil noodles to al dente; then drain.
3. Add melted butter to drained noodles and stir to coat noodles.
4. Stir the beaten eggs and the salt and/or pepper to taste, into the buttered noodles.
5. Pour the buttered noodles, egg, salt and pepper mixture into a greased (approximately 8-inch x 12-inch) pan. Place on a mid-level oven rack.
6. Sprinkle top with paprika for color and bake for 40 to 45 minutes, depending on desired crispness of the top noodles.

**Note: This kugel is best served warm, if possible, and can be reheated easily in a microwave.**



**COMMUNITY (continued)**

*Heritage Society Annual Dinner*

**Friday, October 25 • 6 PM (Service) • Main Sanctuary  
and 7 PM (Dinner) • One East 65th Street**

**M**EMBERS OF THE **Heritage Society** will gather for their annual Sabbath dinner following our 6 PM worship service. Membership in the Heritage Society is extended to all who have chosen to remember Temple Emanu-El through estate plans and have advised us of their action. These testamentary gifts are the sacred bond linking generation to generation.

**Please contact Robyn Cimbol at (212) 744-1400, ext. 324 or rcimbol@emanuelnyc.org for information about how to include Temple Emanu-El in your estate plan and how to become a member of the Heritage Society. Participation in the dinner is by invitation only.**

*Breakfast With Jack Devine*

**Sunday, October 27 • 10 AM TO 12 PM • One East 65th Street**

**T**HE MEN'S CLUB cordially invites all Temple members and their guests to participate in our October event: breakfast with **former CIA Deputy Director for Operations Jack Devine**.

A 32-year veteran of the CIA, Mr. Devine is the president of a private-sector intelligence firm and has written extensively on intelligence matters. He will speak on "The Art of Spying and Intelligence in the World Today."



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

*Emanu-El Eats*

**W**HETHER THEY ARE CALLED noodle puddings or noodle kugels, many Emanu-El families have their own favorites, judging by the many **Emanu-El Eats** recipe submissions in this category. Last month, we gave you a classic noodle pudding recipe, well-suited to holidays and entertaining. This month, we have a simple variation, suitable for serving as a brunch or light lunch entree with a side salad or vegetable. (**« See sidebar at left.**) Congregant, and Emanu-El Eats committee member, **Sharon Oberman**, was given this recipe by her late mother-in-law, **Gert Oberman**, who always was delighted to host a meal and always was a gracious hostess.



## Weekly Talmud Study

**R**ABBI PHILIP HIAT, professor of religious studies and campus ministries at Marymount Manhattan College and scholar in residence at Central Synagogue, once again is offering a weekly seminar on Talmud at Emanu-El. This year the group will study **Mo-eid Katan**, which ostensibly deals with the intermediate days of Passover and Sukkot. It also discusses mourning, and with the sanctity of the human being, both during one's lifetime and after. This will be the seventh tractate that Rabbi Hiatt will teach at Emanu-El.

The group will examine the text in English translation, with informal yet spirited discussion. No background in Talmud or Hebrew is required. All are welcome to join at any time—both newcomers to Judaic studies and those who have long been studying.

**Classes meet Wednesdays from 6 PM to 7 PM, starting October 2 and continuing through June 25. Participants should enter at One E. 65th Street. For more information, contact the Temple Office: (212) 744-1400 or templeoffice@emanuelnyc.org.**

## Are We Still Worshiping Idols?

**Thursday, October 10 • 7 PM TO 9 PM • One East 65th Street**

**A**S PART OF the **JPS/Skirball New Author Series**, Rabbi Jeffrey K. Salkin will introduce his new book, **The Gods Are Broken! The Hidden Legacy of Abraham**.

The story of Abraham smashing his father's idols might be the most important Jewish story ever told and the key to how Jews define themselves. In a work at once deeply erudite and wonderfully accessible, Rabbi Salkin conducts readers through the life and legacy of this powerful story and explains how it has shaped Jewish consciousness.



Offering a radical view of Jewish existence, *The Gods Are Broken!* views the story of the young Abraham as the "primal trauma" of Jewish history, one critical to the development of a certain Jewish comfort with rebelliousness and one that, happening in every generation, has helped Jews develop a unique identity. Salkin shows how the story continues to reverberate through the ages, even in its connection to the phenomenon of anti-Semitism.

**Attendance at this event is free of charge. However, reservations with the Skirball Center are appreciated: <https://adultjewishlearning.org/events/are-we-still-worshiping-idols>. QUESTIONS? Call Skirball at (212) 507-9580.**



ADULT  
EDUCATION

SKIRBALL



**FALL SEMESTER 2013**  
FULL-SEMESTER CLASSES  
begin **Monday, October 7**.

Temple members receive  
15 percent off tuition for  
full-semester classes.

**Learn more on the**   
**Skirball website:**  
**adultjewishlearning.org.**  
**Or, call (212) 507-9580.**

**A HEBREW "MARATHON"**  
**Sunday, November 3 •**  
**10 AM TO 2 PM •**

**One East 65th Street**  
WANT TO FEEL more  
comfortable in the prayer  
service but feel inhibited  
because you can't read  
Hebrew? Come for an  
intensive session that will  
leave you wanting more.

**CHARGE: \$65 per person**  
**(Lunch included)**

**JPS NEW AUTHOR SERIES**  
JOIN SKIRBALL and the  
**Jewish Publication**  
**Society** for the following  
opportunities to learn with  
world-renowned scholars:

**Thursday, November 21 •**  
**7 PM • James L. Kugel**

**Thursday, Dec. 5 • 7 PM**  
**Lawrence H. Schiffman**

**Sessions take place at**  
**One East 65th Street.**  
**Admission is free and**  
**open to the public.**  
**Register at:**  
**adultjewishlearning.org/**  
**the-jps-skirball-new-**  
**author-series** 



## MUSIC NOTES

### WEEKLY MUSIC

PROGRAMS FOR Sabbath and holiday services can be found 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."

### MUSIC FOR SABBATH SERVICES

AS A "CLASSICAL REFORM SYNAGOGUE," Emanu-El follows the musical tradition of what is called the "Vienna Rite"—a tradition started by the great cantor (and friend of Franz Schubert) Solomon Sulzer of Vienna. Become familiar with the music of this great tradition by listening to recordings on the Temple website

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

Click "Worship" →

"Music at Emanu-El" →

"Music for Sabbath Services."

### COMPOSERS ON EMANUELNYP.ORG

LEARN ABOUT COMPOSERS whose works often are featured at Sabbath and holiday services at Temple Emanu-El. It is to their creativity that we are indebted for helping make Emanu-El an acclaimed musical institution.

From the Temple website ([www.emanuelnyc.org](http://www.emanuelnyc.org)), click "Worship" → "Music at Emanu-El" → "Composers."

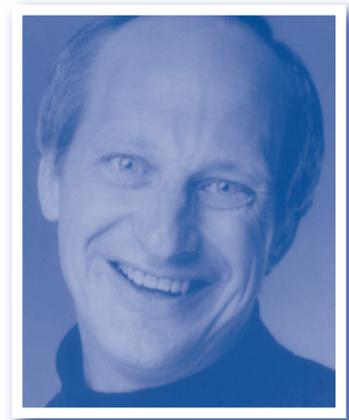
## Music Programs



### Organ Recital

Sunday, October 6 • 5 PM TO 6 PM • Main Sanctuary

ALL ARE INVITED to hear Temple Emanu-El's assistant organist, **Daniel Beckwith**, perform an hour-long recital on the Main Sanctuary organ. The program will feature works by Leo Sowerby, Jean-Jules Roger-Ducasse, Johann Sebastian Bach, Percy Whitlock, Camille Saint-Saëns and Louis Vierne.



In addition to performing as an organist, Daniel has conducted in many of the major opera houses throughout North America and Europe. His conducting career began in 1991 with an all-Mozart concert with Virginia's Norfolk Symphony. For six seasons he served as assistant to James Levine at New York's Metropolitan Opera and was given his conducting debut with *Don Giovanni* in 1995 after Mr. Levine observed his conducting of a stage rehearsal.

### Young Artists Concert Series

Sunday, October 13 • 3 PM • Greenwald Hall (One E. 65th St.)

SPONSORED WITH THE **Stecher & Horowitz Foundation**, this concert series presents prize winners of the New York International Piano Competition. Admission is free and open to the public.



Our first performer of the year will be **Michael Brown** (2004 prize winner), who will present works by Franz Schubert, George Perle, Frederico Mompou, Ludwig van Beethoven and one of his own creation. A native New Yorker, Michael began his piano studies at age 6 with Herbert Rothgarber and then Adam Kent. He earned dual bachelor's and master's degrees in piano and composition from the Juilliard School, where he studied with pianists Jerome Lowenthal and Robert McDonald and composers Samuel Adler and Robert Beaser.

*The New York Times* has declared Michael "a young piano visionary," and his compositions have been described as "striking" (*The New York Times*) and "intriguing" (*The Washington Post*). His debut solo CD was released in fall 2012; other CD projects are underway.

## Volunteering



### MITZVAH DAY 2013

## *Pikuach Nefesh—Save a Life!*

**Sunday, November 10 • One East 65th Street**

**T**HE COMMANDMENT TO save a life in jeopardy is an imperative of the greatest importance in our tradition and a mitzvah that takes precedence above all others. At this year's Mitzvah Day, congregants will have the opportunity to **donate blood**, be swabbed for inclusion in the **bone marrow registry** and to learn more about how to become an **organ donor**. Your help is needed to make this a success!

Please note, the **blood drive** will be held from **9:30 AM to 1:30 PM**. Blood donors must be at least 16 years old, weigh at least 110 pounds and not have donated blood within the prior 56 days. **Sixteen-year-olds must present a signed parental permission form; visit "Can I Donate Blood?" ([www.nybloodcenter.org/16](http://www.nybloodcenter.org/16)) for more information and to obtain the permission form.** People age 76 and older can donate blood if they meet all criteria and present a physician's letter.



Before coming to donate, please be sure to eat at your regular mealtimes and drink plenty of fluids. Also, bring a form of identification with your signature or photo. Donating blood does not take long (10 to 12 minutes). **However, to ensure that the donation process runs smoothly, we ask that volunteers register in advance. Please send an email to [blooddrive@emanuelnyc.org](mailto:blooddrive@emanuelnyc.org), or call (212) 744-1400, ext. 452 and leave your name and contact information. Someone will contact you with an appointment time.**

**Bone marrow swabbing** will be held from **10:30 AM to noon**. **Walk-ins allowed; no appointments necessary.**

Learn more on the Temple website ([www.emanuelnyc.org](http://www.emanuelnyc.org)).  
Click "Volunteering" → "Blood/Marrow/Kidney Donation."



### VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

#### **TOUR GUIDES NEEDED!**

EVERY SATURDAY, following worship services, a member of our congregation leads a tour of the Temple for interested visitors. Guides discuss the important architectural features of our magnificent Fifth Avenue building, the history of Temple Emanu-El as one of the great Reform temples of the world, and the programs we offer today to members of the congregation and to the community at large. Each volunteer receives training from our Temple staff and generally is needed only once every two months. **Volunteer by calling (212) 744-1400, ext. 312 or sending an email to [tourguides@emanuelnyc.org](mailto:tourguides@emanuelnyc.org).**

#### **RONALD McDONALD HOUSE DINNER**

OUR FIRST DINNER of the program year will be **Thursday, October 24**. 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.**

#### **STITCH'N TIME**

**Sunday, October 27 • 11 AM - 2 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.



## RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

### SHABBAT KODESH WORSHIP SERVICE

Friday, October 4 • 7 PM

One East 65th Street

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. Afterward, we will celebrate with a festive *Oneg Shabbat*. Learn prayers and blessings on the Temple website

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

Click "Learning" →

"Religious School" →

"Shabbat Kodesh."



### SCHOOL CLOSINGS

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

will be closed **Sunday,**

**October 13** and **Monday,**

**October 14** for the

Columbus Day holiday.

### BAR/BAT MITZVAH PREPARATION

YOUTH MUST BE enrolled in Religious School in order to celebrate bar or bat mitzvah at Emanu-El.

Families are encouraged

to make use of bar/bat mitzvah resources available

on the Temple website.

Click "Learning" →

"Religious School" →

"Bar & Bat Mitzvah

Program."



### SAVE THIS DATE...

**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 1**

• Family Dinner at 6 PM

• Shabbat Kodesh at 7 PM

« See page 3 for details.

# Religious School



## PARENT EDUCATION

### Tefilah Boot Camp

Sunday, October 6 • 11:30 AM • 10 East 66th Street

Monday, October 7 and Wednesday, October 9 • 5:30 PM

10 East 66th Street

**H**EBREW PRAYER IS fundamental to our children's Jewish education. Don't let your kids out-do you! Get a quick jolt of prayerbook skill so that you can participate side-by-side with your children at family services.

RSVP to Rabbi Rena Rifkin, our coordinator of faculty and family engagement, at [family@emanuelnyc.org](mailto:family@emanuelnyc.org) or (212) 744-1400, ext. 334.

### K-2 Pajama Havdalah

Saturday, October 19 • 4:30 PM • One East 65th Street

**A**S SHABBAT COMES to an end, take a moment to create some sacred family time. Join together with other kindergarten, first grade and second grade families as we say farewell to another week and another holy Shabbat with blessings, stories and singing.

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

## THIRD GRADE FAMILY PROGRAM

### Why Do We Give?

Sunday, October 20 • 9:30 AM • 10 East 66th Street

Monday, October 21 • 4 PM • 10 East 66th Street

**W**HAT IS SO special about *tzedakah*? How do we teach *tzedakah* in our Religious School? Third grade families are invited to explore the responsibility and importance of giving *tzedakah*.

Adults will have the opportunity to connect with fellow parents and engage in thoughtful learning with their children. Come discover one of our most important mitzvot!

Attendance is free, but reservations are required. RSVP to [family@emanuelnyc.org](mailto:family@emanuelnyc.org) or (212) 744-1400, ext. 334.

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## Bar/Bat Mitzvah Meetings

THE FOLLOWING PROGRAMS are  
for *b'nei mitzvah* families.

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



### SEVENTH GRADE MINI-RETREAT

**Sunday, October 6 • 12:30 PM • 10 East 66th Street**

THE SEVENTH GRADE MINI-RETREAT is an integral part of the collaboration between clergy, families and staff to make the bar or bat mitzvah experience a meaningful and empowering one. Through dynamic and interactive activities, students and their parents will deepen their connection to the tradition, explore the values underlying the ceremony and connect with other Emanu-El families who are experiencing this same life-cycle process. The program includes personalized study of each student's Torah portion.

This program is appropriate for all families of seventh graders, and all are encouraged strongly to attend. Babysitting for younger siblings will be available by request. An optional lunch will precede the session at noon.

### SIXTH GRADE PARENT MEETING

**Wednesday, October 23 • 5 PM • One East 65th Street**  
**Sunday, October 27 • 11 AM • One East 65th Street**

DISCUSSION WILL INCLUDE liturgy and ceremonial practices, tutoring, online learning programs, rehearsals and practice time with the rabbis and cantor, mitzvah projects, the Friday evening *Oneg Shabbat*, choice of sanctuaries, and catering and private receptions at the Temple. Our program will conclude with a Q&A session so that parents may discuss their concerns.

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## K-2 Family Challah Baking

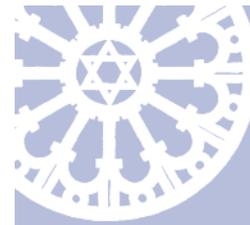
**Sunday, October 27 • 9:30 AM • 10 East 66th Street**  
**Monday, October 28 • 4:30 PM • 10 East 66th Street**

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL STUDENTS in kindergarten, first grade and second grade and their families will learn about the history and traditions involved in making and braiding our special Sabbath bread. Each family will partake in the delicious custom of making challah and be able to enjoy their freshly baked challah together as a family.

RSVP to [school@emanuelnyc.org](mailto:school@emanuelnyc.org) or (212) 744-1400, ext. 226.

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## EARLY CHILDHOOD

### NURSERY SCHOOL REGISTRATION

TEMPLE EMANU-EL'S NURSERY SCHOOL provides a warm, comfortable environment in which children can develop emotionally, cognitively and physically. Our goal is for each child to have a positive first school experience. We support and work with our families for the benefit of the child.

Applications for the **2014-2015** school year will be available **through October 31**. **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.

New children admitted to our school will begin a program designed to capture and enhance their eagerness to relate to new adults and children as well as to learn. We make a great effort to meet both the special needs and individual talents of each child. Our goals are to foster in each child his or her ability to socialize, to promote growth in intellectual power and to develop self-esteem.

## Early Childhood



### Young Families: Tot Shabbat

**Saturday, October 19 • 10 AM TO 11:30 AM • One East 65th St.**

**F**OR OUR PRESCHOOL through kindergarten families we offer a creative and age-appropriate service that incorporates singing, movement and storytelling. Guests are welcome; reservations required.

**RSVP to Young Families by Friday, October 18; send an email to [youngfamilies@emanuelnyc.org](mailto:youngfamilies@emanuelnyc.org), or call (212) 744-1400, ext. 242.**



### Parenting @ Emanu-El

**P**ARENT/CHILD PROGRAMS led by child psychologist **Dr. Juliet Cooper** and **Rabbi Amy Ehrlich** reconvene this fall. Please contact us through [parenting@emanuelnyc.org](mailto:parenting@emanuelnyc.org) to discuss participation in these programs:

- **Toddler Group** (for children ages 10 months to 20 months)  
Sessions will meet on Mondays, October 7 through December 2 (except October 14), from 10:30 AM to noon.  
Fee is \$650 for Temple members, \$725 for nonmembers.
- **Parent/Child Group** (for children ages 24 months to 33 months)  
Sessions meet Wednesdays, October 2 through December 4 (except November 27), from 9:15 AM to 10:30 AM. Fee is \$650 for Temple members, \$725 for nonmembers.
- **Preschool Parents** (for parents of preschool-aged children)  
Sessions are expected to begin on or around October 21.

**Program specifics and our registration form can be found 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.**



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## Place at the Torah (from page 1)

with the kind of stories that we like to tell our own children, whose message approximates: I loved you even before you were born! Even before we were a nation, God loved the idea of us.

It's a relationship we renew when we are called to take our place at the Torah, to recite the Torah blessings (an *aliyah*; plural, *aliyot*). And those who have attended services recently surely will have noticed that Temple Emanu-El happily is reintroducing this age-old tradition into our worship.

**We invite you to mark your special occasions with an aliyah.** You might choose to read from the Torah and reprise your bar/bat mitzvah portion, recapturing the feeling of accomplishment it still evokes. Or, perhaps you will hone your Hebrew skills to learn a new portion.

While the Torah is read and blessed on Shabbat morning, we also would be delighted to honor a couple with a wedding blessing (often called an *aufruf*) and, as your family grows, to welcome your child and give him or her a Hebrew name during a worship service.

As Emanu-El develops deeper bonds of caring and community, celebrate your *simchah* with us, as you **take your place at the Torah.** □

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**In Hebrew,** the word *aliyah* means "to go up." One physically ascends the *bimah* (pulpit) to recite the Torah Blessings, but the heights to which one soars spiritually has no limit.

To be called for an *aliyah* (Torah blessing), to have an *aufruf* (wedding blessing), to celebrate a baby naming as part of a worship service or to volunteer to read Torah on Shabbat morning, please call Rabbi Davidson's assistant, **Elizabeth Fevrin**, at **(212) 744-1400, ext. 209**. Be sure to specify what you are celebrating!

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**Links to the Torah blessings,** chanted by the cantor, are available on the Temple website ([www.emanuelnyc.org](http://www.emanuelnyc.org)).

- **Before the Torah reading:**  
<http://emanuelnyc.org/blessingbeforethetorah>
  - **After the Torah reading:**  
<http://emanuelnyc.org/blessingafterthetorah>
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### WHAT DO YOU THINK?

Join the conversation and post your thoughts on the Temple website ([www.emanuelnyc.org](http://www.emanuelnyc.org)). Click "About Us" → "Publications" → "Bulletin Blog."



### WHAT PEOPLE ARE SAYING ABOUT MAKING AN ALIYAH...

"IT WAS WONDERFUL to feel a part of the Emanu-El community in a way that I hadn't before."

— Richard Bram, member of the 2012-2013 Adult *B'nei Mitzvah* class, reflecting on his *aliyah* to the Torah on Shabbat *Shof'tim*

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"WE ALL KNOW people who freeze up at the idea of doing anything before a group, large or small. We Jews have a built-in remedy for this: the Torah *aliyah*. From an early age we learn the routine, whether it's reciting/chanting the blessings, helping out with lifting the scroll or arranging its vestments. This is part of our DNA. It teaches us the basic skills needed to walk into any synagogue, anywhere in the world with confidence in our ability to answer the invitation with an unabashed 'Yes.'

With this in mind, you can imagine how delighted I was to be called to the *bimah* early in July as we reintroduced this custom to our services at Temple Emanu-El, under the leadership of our new senior rabbi, Joshua Davidson. For me it was a very special honor and pleasure. For all it's a signal to be ready. Be ready to say, 'Yes.' *Lichvod Hatorah*, for the honor of Torah. *V'lichvod Hakahal*, for the honor of the congregation."

— Cantor Fred Herman



## LIFE-CYCLE EVENTS

### 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. **Call (212) 744-1400, ext. 235.**

### BIRTH (WELCOMING CEREMONIES)

WELCOMING A CHILD into your world (whether by birth or adoption) is one of life's greatest joys, and Temple Emanu-El is ready to help you celebrate the transition to family life in a Jewish way. For more information, visit the Temple website ([www.emanuelnyc.org](http://www.emanuelnyc.org)). **Click "Life Cycles" → "Birth."** Or, call **(212) 744-1400, ext. 303.**

### HOSTING AN EVENT

TEMPLE EMANU-EL IS PLEASED to offer our magnificent spaces to Temple members, not only for religious services and life-cycle events but also for the associated celebrations. **Call Sherry Nehmer at (212) 744-1400, ext. 312.**

# 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 October:

#### Saturday, October 5

*Jae Lawrence Bratskeir*, son of Susan Hochman and Robert Bratskeir

*Juliette Phinley Cohen*, daughter of Cori and Jonathan Cohen

*Ruby Tallulah Wertheimer*, daughter of Elizabeth Adler Wertheimer and Lawrence Wertheimer

#### Saturday, October 12

*Ashley Skylar Aizenstein*, daughter of Deborah and Jack Aizenstein

*Henry I. Kronenberg*, son of Emily and James L. Kronenberg

#### Saturday, October 19

*Hope Millner*, daughter of Beth and Steven Millner

#### Saturday, October 26

*Stone Abramson*, son of Erika and Jay Abramson

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

*(continued)*

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.

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## LIFE-CYCLE EVENTS *(continued)*

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

### **For the Sabbath of October 4 and 5**

In honor of *Ruby Wertheimer becoming a bat mitzvah*,  
from her grandparents

In loving memory of *Hyman Fisch*

Diane and David Koplik in loving memory of *Kenneth E. Koplik*

Roberta S. Lazar and Kathryn S. Pershan in loving memory of  
*Nat Lazar and Gertrude and Leon Schaefer*

Mrs. Sandy Pessin in loving memory of her mother, *Edith R. Ploss*

Jane G. Rittmaster in loving memory of her mother, *Hilda K. Goldstone*

Dan K. Wassong in loving memory of *Maria Czudnowski*

### **For the Sabbath of October 11 and 12**

The Kronenberg and Sidorsky families  
in honor of *Henry Kronenberg becoming a bar mitzvah*

Robin M. Laden in loving memory of *Alice Laden*

### **For the Sabbath of October 18 and 19**

Ann and Robert Freedman in loving memory of *Hilda Fertig*

## *All Who Come to Us in Peace Are Welcomed With Love...*

**F**OR THOSE WHO would like a moment of prayer during the week, Congregation Emanu-El offers a **Sunset Service**, held Sunday through Thursday at 5:30 PM in Greenwald Hall. (Enter at the Marvin and Elisabeth Cassell Community House, One East 65th Street.) It is a prized Temple tradition that, for more than 60 years, the Readers Panel—a group of 30 to 35 dedicated men and women operating under the auspices of the Men's Club—has led us in prayer and in reciting *Kaddish*. When a community of mourners gathers, strength comes in knowing that others are remembering their loved ones too.



### 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.

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#### **REMEMBERING LOVED ONES**

NOW 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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#### **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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## HERBERT & EILEEN BERNARD MUSEUM

### Object of the Month

#### Ketubah (Jewish Marriage Contract)

Marriage of Louis Ballin and Mary Neustädter by  
Rabbi Samuel Adler, Temple Emanu-El (September 2, 1866)

OUR MOST RECENT DONATION to the museum is a *Ketubah* (Jewish marriage contract) from 1866, recording the marriage of Mr. Louis Ballin of Hestia and Miss Mary Neustädter of Bavaria. The wedding took place at Temple Emanu-El's 12th Street location on the 22nd of Elul 5626 (September 2, 1866). Rabbi Samuel Adler officiated the ceremony and signed the *ketubah*. Through investigation of the Temple archives, we discovered that their wedding was number 798 in the Emanu-El Marriage Book, and the ceremony was witnessed by Jacob Ballin and N. Neustädter. This is among the earliest *ketubot* we have in our collection.

GIFT OF MINNA NOVICK, A DESCENDANT OF THE BRIDE AND GROOM

View a larger version of this and other objects from  
the Temple collection at [www.emanuelnyc.org/museum](http://www.emanuelnyc.org/museum).

