

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

Services may be heard live or by 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.



Meaningful Gifts at Year End

By Robyn Weinstein Cimbol,
Senior Director of
Development and Philanthropy

“**Y**EAR END” CAN HAVE a variety of different meanings depending on context. According to the Jewish calendar, “year end” is just before Rosh Hashanah, in the fall. To a student, it is the conclusion of the academic year, generally in May or June. This corresponds with the “year end” for the Emanu-El fiscal year, which concludes May 31. And, of course, the calendar “year end” is December 31, which also corresponds to the end of the tax year.



The concepts of tzedakah and tikkun olam have been the core values guiding this congregation, beginning with our founding in 1845.

As we count down the days remaining in the calendar year, charities frequently ramp up their solicitations. Worthy institutions and organizations compete for our attention and our contributions. We are presented with seemingly endless opportunities to support the arts and education, preserve our environment, or alleviate disease and hunger. Each appeal offers a compelling opportunity to make a difference.

Many caring Emanu-El members traditionally make their donations to the Annual Fund in December. Others of us intended to express our support earlier but simply forgot or delayed. The IRS income tax code continues to offer what amounts to a

matching gift on charitable donations for those who itemize deductions. But philanthropy is much more than another deduction on our tax returns. Indeed, it is an expression of two core values of Judaism: *tzedakah* and *tikkun olam*.

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WEEKLY TORAH PORTION

VAYIGASH

(Genesis 44:18-47:27)

Read Saturday, December 7

SYNOPSIS: Judah pleads for Benjamin's freedom; Joseph reveals himself to his brothers; Jacob brings family to Egypt, settles in Goshen; Joseph governs during famine in Egypt.

SATURDAY SERMON:
Rabbi Ehrlich

VA-Y'CHI

(Genesis 47:28-50:26)

Read Saturday, December 14

SYNOPSIS: Joseph promises to bury Jacob in Canaan; Jacob blesses Joseph's sons; Jacob speaks last words to his sons; Jacob dies and is buried; Joseph forgives his brothers; Joseph dies.

FRIDAY D'VAR TORAH:

Rabbi Ehrlich

SATURDAY SERMON:

Rabbinic Intern

Alexis Pinsky

SH'MOT

(Exodus 1:1-6:1)

Read Saturday, December 21

SYNOPSIS: Israelites enslaved by new Pharaoh; Moses is born; Moses flees to Midian; God calls Moses at the burning bush; Moses discovers ability to do miracles; Moses returns to Egypt; Moses and Aaron ask Pharaoh to let people go pray in the wilderness; in response, Pharaoh increases workload of Israelite slaves.

FRIDAY D'VAR TORAH:

Rabbi Zeidman

SATURDAY SERMON:

Rabbi Davidson

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Worship & Spirituality



Chanukah 5774

NAMED FOR THE Hebrew word for "dedication," Chanukah commemorates the Maccabees' defeat of the Syrians, which led to liberation of the Jews and the rededication of the Temple in Jerusalem in 165 B.C.E. Chanukah also is known as the "Festival of Lights" because of the custom of lighting bright lights in celebration for eight days.



Temple Emanu-El's 18th century Chanukah menorah (*pictured left*) will be used for candle lighting in the Main Sanctuary throughout the festival. Measuring more than 4 feet high, this imposing and highly decorative synagogue lamp originated in Poland.

Chanukah continues through Thursday, December 5.

Like many Jewish holidays, some of the most important aspects of Chanukah happen in the home. It is a time of great joy and light, a time when we celebrate our identity as a holy nation.

To help make the most of your holiday celebration, Temple Emanu-El is pleased to offer "**Chanukah at Home**" on our

Temple website. Read the Chanukah story; listen to and learn the Chanukah blessings; download recipes for making latkes; learn how to play dreidel; make Chanukah decorations; sing songs; and add meaning



to your holiday celebration by discovering ways to give to others.

Log on to www.emanuelnyc.org/chanukahathome.

Family Chanukah Service

Monday, December 2 • 5:15 PM to 6 PM • Main Sanctuary

FOR ALL TEMPLE FAMILIES with children age 2 and up, including our Religious School families, we will host a special Chanukah worship service. Join us as we celebrate, pray, hear a story and light the Chanukah candles!

NOTE: Monday Religious School students will participate in this program as part of their regular schedule, beginning at 4 PM. Dismissal for all students will be from Fifth Avenue at 6 PM.

QUESTIONS? Call the Religious School at (212) 744-1400, ext. 226.

Saviv Chanukah Party and Saviv Shabbat

**Wednesday, December 4 • 7 PM to 9 PM • Molly Pitcher's
Ale House, 1641 Second Ave. (at the corner of 85th Street)
Friday, December 13 • 7:30 PM • One East 65th Street**

SAVIV, a program for Temple members and nonmembers in their 20s and 30s, will meet in December for two events.

First, join us on **Wednesday, December 4** for our annual **Chanukah party**. Together we'll celebrate the Festival of Lights with dreidels, latkes, appetizers and libations. Bring your own menorah; we'll light them together. (Saviv will supply the candles.) Then join us on **Friday, December 13** for our next **Saviv Shabbat**, when we'll celebrate the Sabbath and wind down from the week. Shabbat services will be followed by appetizers, wine, and a 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 for 20s and 30s only. There is no charge for these events, but reservations are required. Log on to www.saviv.org.



Installation of Our Senior Rabbi

Friday, December 6 • 6 PM • Main Sanctuary

THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES of Congregation Emanu-El cordially invites all Temple members to a special Sabbath service honoring **Rabbi Joshua M. Davidson** on the occasion of his installation as senior rabbi. A festive *oneg* will follow.

In honor of Rabbi Davidson's installation and in keeping with the spirit of our congregation's ongoing commitment to *tikkun olam*, we will be collecting **NEW** children's books for distribution to low-income New York City families. Please bring your donated books to the Fifth Avenue lobby, where members of the **Tikkun Olam Committee** will greet you on your way to this special Sabbath service.



View a list of book titles for children and young people on the Temple website: www.emanuelnyc.org/dec6.



RSVP with the number of your guests to (212) 744-1400, ext. 215, or send an email to dec6@emanuelnyc.org.



TORAH PORTION
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VA-EIRA

(Exodus 6:2-9:35)

Read Saturday, December 28

SYNOPSIS: God promises to redeem Israel; Moses and Aaron tell Pharaoh to "let my people go"; Pharaoh refuses; Plagues 1-7: water into blood, frogs, gnats, flies, livestock disease, boils, hail.

FRIDAY D'VAR TORAH:

Rabbi Zeidman

SATURDAY SERMON:

Rabbi Ehrlich

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



(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.



**EMANU-EL
EATS**

**WORLD'S BEST
BROWNIES**

(Courtesy of Fran Hess)
Makes 20 to 24

- 4 squares unsweetened chocolate
 - ½ pound (2 sticks) butter
 - 4 eggs
 - 2 cups sugar
 - 1 teaspoon vanilla
 - 1 cup flour
 - 12 ounces chocolate or mint chips, preferably Ghirardelli 60 Percent Cacao Bittersweet Chocolate Chips
1. Preheat oven to 350°F. Grease and flour a 9-inch by 13-inch baking pan.
 2. In the top of a double boiler, melt unsweetened chocolate and butter together over hot water; cool to room temperature.
 3. In large mixing bowl, beat eggs and sugar until lemon colored. Beat in vanilla.
 4. Fold room-temperature chocolate mixture into egg mixture; mix thoroughly. Fold in flour until just mixed. Stir in chocolate or mint chips.
 5. Bake brownies in preheated oven until top springs back, about 20 to 25 minutes. Be careful not to overbake them. Cool in pan; cut into squares.

NOTE: To make these brownies for Passover, substitute 1 cup matzah cake meal for the flour.

Community



*To Have and to Hold:
An Illustrated History of Decorated
Jewish Marriage Contracts*

Tuesday, December 3 • 11 AM* • One East 65th Street

THE WOMEN'S AUXILIARY will host sisterhoods from several area synagogues for a tour of the **Main Sanctuary** by **Temple Administrator Mark Heutlinger**, followed by a **Chanukah lunch** and then a lecture by **Bernard Museum Consulting Curator Elka Deitsch**, who will take us on a journey through the artistic styles of Europe and Asia from the 16th century to the present.

Jewish marriage contracts, known in Hebrew as *ketubbot*, originally were established to protect the legal rights of women. While the text of the contracts remained the same for centuries, the artistic embellishments flourished from the 16th century onward.

Their decoration and illumination convey a wealth of visual commentary on the cultures from where they originated.



There is no charge for this event, but reservations help us plan. Call (212) 744-1400, ext. 235, or send an email to womaux@emanuelnyc.org. *Please note event time change.

Emanu-El Eats

DECEMBER THIS YEAR is a bit unusual: Chanukah starts the day before Thanksgiving. The Jewish Museum is offering a “Menurkey” menorah, a special design for the 2013/5774 “Thanksgivukkah.”

Your *Emanu-El Eats* Committee thinks a special dessert, delicious and easy to make, is in order for this December. It is sure to be a hit at any late-breaking Chanukah parties and certainly a special treat for school break play dates. This month’s recipe, another preview from our forthcoming congregational cookbook, *Emanu-El Eats*, for “World’s Best Brownies” comes from **Fran Hess**, past president of the Women’s Auxiliary and former Temple trustee. (**« See recipe at left.»**)

Club 65: A Group for Seniors

CLUB 65 IS A MONTHLY social group/educational program for senior members of the Temple, both men and women. The name is a reference to our street location and the age of membership eligibility.

Tuesday, December 10 • 11 AM

Mark Feldman, vice president of **American Friends of the Weizmann Institute of Science**, will present **"How (Almost) Everyone Has Been Touched by the Weizmann Institute of Science."** Located in Rehovot, Israel, the Weizmann Institute is one of the world's leading multidisciplinary research institutions. Don't miss this exceptional opportunity!
NOTE: All Temple members—regardless of age—are invited to attend. Also, this meeting will take place on the fourth floor.



Tuesday, January 14 • 11 AM

In January, Club 65 will host a special celebration of **Tu BiSh'vat**, the **Festival of the Trees**, with **Rabbi Ben Zeidman**. The 15th day of the Hebrew month Sh'vat, Tu BiSh'vat, long has been considered the "new year" for trees, allowing our ancient ancestors to count the age of the trees for the purposes of tithing and harvesting. In the Middle Ages, the tradition of eating fruit and reciting psalms on this day was embraced and expanded to create a seder (somewhat similar to the celebration of Passover). Together we will learn about this special day and enjoy a seder of our own.



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.

Something to Wine About

Thursday, January 16 • 6:30 PM • One East 65th Street

THE WOMEN'S AUXILIARY cordially invites all Temple members and their guests to an evening with **New York Times Chief Wine Critic Eric Asimov**, which will include wine and hors d'oeuvres. Before becoming chief critic in 2004, Mr. Asimov covered wine in his "Tastings" column. He also created the "\$25 and Under" reviews.

Charge is \$30 for Women's Auxiliary and Men's Club members, \$35 for all other Temple members and guests.



BOOK DISCUSSIONS

MEN'S CLUB

Wednesday, December 4 • 8:30 AM • One East 65th
The Free World
by David Bezmozgis
NOTABLE BOOK of the Year (2011), *The New York Times*; *Globe and Mail* Best Books of the Year (2011)

Wednesday, January 8 • 8:30 AM • One East 65th
The Jump Artist
by Austin Ratner
WINNER OF THE Rohr Prize for Jewish Literature (2011)

STETTENHEIM LITERARY CIRCLE

Wednesday, December 11 • 6:30 PM • One East 65th
The Innocents
by Francesca Segal
SET IN THE MODERN DAY but inspired by Edith Wharton's *The Age of Innocence*

Wednesday, January 15 • 6:30 PM • One East 65th
My Beloved World
by Sonia Sotomayor
AUTOBIOGRAPHY of the first Hispanic and third woman appointed to the U.S. Supreme Court

WOMEN'S AUXILIARY

Tuesday, January 21 • 12:30 PM • One East 65th
What We Talk About When We Talk About Anne Frank
by Nathan Englander
A *NEW YORK TIMES* Notable Book; NPR Best Book of 2012 (Discussion to be led by Cantor Lori Corrsin.)



Mini Mitzvah Day

Sunday, December 8 • 12 PM • 10 East 66th Street

TEMPLE MEMBERS and their families are invited to participate in a new volunteer event offering three meaningful projects...

OTHER WAYS TO VOLUNTEER...

STITCH'N TIME

Sunday, December 15 •

11 AM to 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.

RONALD McDONALD HOUSE DINNER

ONCE A MONTH, Temple Emanu-El congregants serve dinner and organize art projects and entertainment for families residing at NYC's **Ronald McDonald House**.

All potential volunteers (Temple members only) must preregister with the **Women's Auxiliary**; call **(212) 744-1400, ext. 235**. Must be at least 18 years old and in good health. Our next dinner is **Thursday, December 26**.

TOUR GUIDES

EVERY SATURDAY, after services, a member of our congregation leads a tour of the Temple for visitors.

Learn more about volunteering by calling (212) 744-1400, ext. 312.

WINTER WISHES GIFT-WRAPPING PARTY

Wrap holiday gifts for 125 children and teens of low-income families in partnership with the **Association to Benefit Children**.

CHEMO CARE KITS FOR TEENS

Fill sports sacks with assorted items to help the teens staying at **Ronald McDonald House** to cope with some of the effects of chemotherapy. (This project is organized in partnership with the **Women's Auxiliary**.)



MILK AND COOKIES

Bake and package cookies with small milk boxes that will be distributed to children living in a residential shelter operated by **Homes for the Homeless**.

Those wishing to bake at home (no nuts, please) may bring their goodies to the Temple that morning.

QUESTIONS? Contact the Tikkun Olam Committee: (212) 744-1400, ext. 452 or tikkunolam@emanuelnyc.org. Women's Auxiliary members who wish to participate in these projects should sign up at (212) 744-1400, ext. 235 or womaux@emanuelnyc.org.

TIKKUN OLAM OF
TEMPLE EMANU-EL

...repairing the world, mitzvah by mitzvah



Early Childhood



Artist in Residence Program



THE JULLIARD SCHOOL OF MUSIC has returned to our Nursery School for another incredible year of instructional presentations and performances. This year's program focuses on ballet and once again is coordinated by our artist in residence, **Chelsea Smith**.

The first program of the year featured selections from **Swan Lake**, performed by a dancer from the school and accompanied by a Juilliard pianist. The children danced and swayed to the beautiful music while following the graceful steps of the dancer.

Again, we thank **Beth and Chris Kojima**, Nursery School parents, for bringing this wonderful program to our children.

WATCH YOUR MAIL...

Young Families is planning a "Doting Dads" event for December. Details will be forthcoming.

Religious School



The Story of Prayer

Sunday, December 15 • 9:30 AM • 10 East 66th Street
Monday, December 16 • 4 PM • 10 East 66th Street

TEFILAH (PRAYER) PLAYS an important role within the Religious School and the Emanu-El community as a whole. This program will enable **Fourth Grade families** to think and talk about what it means to participate in regular Jewish prayer, to ask big questions, to engage in some "God Talk" and to get connected to worship at Emanu-El.

Let us know you will be attending! RSVP to family@emanuelnyc.org.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS...

Lifelong Learning Director Saul Kaiserman will lead Religious School parents in a discussion of the ways our school is making ancient wisdom relevant to our lives today. **(January 5, 6 and 8)**



**ADULT
EDUCATION**

SKIRBALL

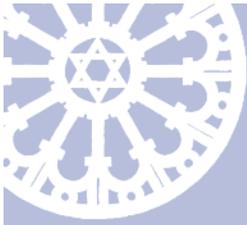


**JPS/SKIRBALL
NEW AUTHOR SERIES
Thursday, December 5 •
7 PM • One East 65th St.**
LAWRENCE H. SCHIFFMAN,
Ph.D., will discuss
"Messages From the
Dead Sea Scrolls" and
introduce *Outside the Bible:
Ancient Jewish Writings
Related to Scripture*
(Three-Volume Set).
**Admission is free and
open to the public.**

**WINE, WOMEN AND
PSALMS: THE MANY
LIVES OF KING DAVID
Sunday, December 8 •
10 AM to 2 PM •
One East 65th Street**
*Lecturer: Rabbi Daniel
C. Goldfarb*
MEET, LARGELY THROUGH
TEXT, David the man
and King David, perhaps
the most colorful and
controversial character in
the Bible. **Charge: \$65 per
person (includes lunch)**

**SKIRBALL'S
WINTER SEMESTER
MARK YOUR CALENDARS...**
Classes begin on
Monday, January 13.
Temple members
receive 15 percent off
full-semester courses.

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



CLERGY

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Amy B. Ehrlich, *Associate Rabbi*
Benjamin J. Zeidman,
Assistant Rabbi
Lori A. Corrsin, *Cantor*
Dr. Ronald B. Sobel,
Senior Rabbi Emeritus
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Meaningful Gifts (from page 1)

The concepts of *tzedakah* and *tikkun olam* have been the core values guiding this congregation, beginning with our founding in 1845. Few charitable gifts offer the opportunity to express and invest in these values as strongly as donations to Temple Emanu-El's Annual Fund. Every contribution to the Annual Fund reflects an appreciation of Emanu-El's proud history of openness and inclusion, the creation of enduring Jewish memories, and the timeless values that continue to inform our lives.

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These values resonated profoundly for Elisabeth Cassell, who passed away in mid-October at the age of 101. Her love for her husband and the love they shared for their temple were reflected in her extraordinary donations to Emanu-El in excess of 10 million dollars. Her name, together with the name of her beloved husband, Marvin, who passed away in 1995, adorns our Community House and Fifth Avenue Lobby. She also dedicated two pulpit medallions within our Main Sanctuary: one in memory of Marvin and one in memory of Marvin's son, Richard Cassell. And, the list of donors who supported the capital campaign to construct the Goldsmith Religious School Building in the mid-1960s includes the names of Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Cassell.

While not all of us have the capacity to make donations to Emanu-El at this level, each of us can make our own personally meaningful gift. If you have not already done so, then please consider making the most generous gift you comfortably can make to the 2013-2014 Annual Fund.

For some, a donation of appreciated securities you have owned for at least a year and a day may be especially beneficial. You may deduct the full fair-market value on the date of your gift, and sale by Emanu-El is not subject to capital gains tax. For others, a donation directly from an IRA account may be particularly advantageous as a distribution to a charity is not taxed to you as income. If you would like additional information about how to make a gift of securities or a gift from an IRA, please contact me at **(212) 507-9524** or **rcimbol@emanuelnyc.org**. □



To facilitate contribution, you may charge your gift on our secure website: www.emanuelnyc.org/annualfund.

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 December:

Saturday, December 7

Shaina Bailey Stein, daughter of Ester and David Stein

Glynis Skye Reede, daughter of Elizabeth and Ronald Reede

We are grateful for their sponsorship of the Friday evening Oneg Shabbat.

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

For the Sabbath of December 6 and 7

Karel, Frank, Danielle and Alix Greenberg
in loving memory of *Lillian and Marvin Greenberg*

The Harteveldt Family in loving memory of
Henry H. Harteveldt Jr., Lucile S. Harteveldt and Irvin Gomprecht

Emily Fisher Landau in memory of my beloved sons
M. Anthony Fisher and Richard L. Fisher

For the Sabbath of December 13 and 14

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

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

For the Sabbath of December 20 and 21

Mary Louise Fleur in loving memory of
her mother, *Mary Cisterma Schwartz*

Denny and Alex Rein and Nicki Rein Shalette
in loving memory of *Mark Alan Rein*

Barbara Slifka in loving memory of her mother, *Sylvia Slifka*

For the Sabbath of December 27 and 28

In commemoration of *Vivian Schulte's birthday*

Howard Kleinman in loving memory of my father, *Gerald Kleinman*



LIFE-CYCLE EVENTS

BAR/BAT MITZVAH PREPARATION

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

LET US KNOW

THROUGH GOOD TIMES AND BAD, the Temple Emanu-El clergy very much want to know about the important events happening in your lives: the welcoming of a new child or grandchild, a graduation from school, the illness or death of a loved one. **Contact the Rabbinic Office at (212) 744-1400 or rabbis@emanuelnyc.org.**

TORAH BLESSINGS

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!

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."**



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

FOR 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 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 overseen by 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.



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.

Hosting a Reception at Emanu-El

TEMPLE EMANU-EL IS pleased to be able to offer our magnificent spaces to Temple members, not only for religious services and life-cycle events but also for the celebrations associated with them. We want to help you and your guests enjoy the experience free of stress or worry. To that end, and to provide first-class catering for your special occasion, we work hand-in-hand with **Great Performances**, one of the foremost catering companies in New York City.

Once a reception date and time are agreed upon through the **Temple Administrative Office**, you will work with the professionals of Great Performances to develop a menu and to address other catering and decorating issues.

For more information, please contact Sherry Nehmer, our events coordinator, at (212) 744-1400, ext. 312 or events@emanuelnyc.org.

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.

At a Glance: December 2013



November 27 through December 5
Chanukah 5774



December 2 Monday, 5:15 PM
Family Chanukah Service
Main Sanctuary



December 3 Tuesday, 11 AM*
An Illustrated History of Decorated Jewish Marriage Contracts



One East 65th Street
***Note time change**



December 4 Wednesday, 8:30 AM
Men's Club Book Group
One East 65th Street



December 4 Wednesday, Time TBD
Saviv Chanukah Party
Location to be determined



December 5 Thursday, 7 PM
Messages From the Dead Sea Scrolls
One East 65th Street



December 6 Friday, 6 PM
Installation of Our Senior Rabbi
Main Sanctuary



December 8 Sunday, 10 AM TO 12 PM
Wine, Women and Psalms: The Many Lives of King David
One East 65th Street



December 8 Sunday, 12 PM
Mini Mitzvah Day
10 East 66th Street
(Blumenthal Hall)



December 10 Tuesday, 11 AM
Club 65: A Group for Seniors

One East 65th Street
(Room 402)*
***Note special location**



December 11 Wednesday, 6:30 PM
Stettenheim Literary Circle
One East 65th Street



December 13 Friday, 7:30 PM
Saviv Shabbat
One East 65th Street



December 15 and 16 Sunday, 9:30 AM
Monday, 4 PM
The Story of Prayer
10 East 66th Street



December 15 Sunday, 11 AM TO 1 PM*
Stitch'n Time
One East 65th Street
***Note time change**



December 26 Thursday, 5 PM
Ronald McDonald House
405 East 73rd Street



Book Discussion



Community



Early Childhood



Film Screening



Lecture • Class • Tour



Museum



Musical Program



Panel Discussion



Religious School Event



Volunteering



Worship & Spirituality



Young People's Program

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HERBERT & EILEEN BERNARD MUSEUM

Object of the Month

Amulet Case With Temple Implements

Italy, 19th century
Silver, partial gilt; embossed, chased, castings

AMULET CASES often were hung around the bed of a woman in childbirth or around an infant's crib for protection. The case would have held a prayer or biblical verse written on parchment that could be changed according to the need of the user. This case is decorated with implements from the Temple, including a menorah and an incense burner. A heart-shaped cartouche in the center carries the word *Shaddai* (Almighty).

(CEE 45-22)

BEQUEST OF JUDGE IRVING LEHMAN, 1945

 Learn more on the Temple website:
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