

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.



Making Prayer Meaningful: Empowering Sophisticated Prayer Communities Through School Worship

By Saul Kaiserman, Director of Lifelong Learning

AS REFORM JEWS, our beliefs pull us in two directions. On the one hand, we cherish our autonomy: our freedom to express ourselves as individuals and to make choices that are entirely our own. At the same time, we know the value of community: our sense of obligation to others with whom we share a history and a destiny. This dynamic tension can be creative and inspirational—or it can be exhausting and alienating. Perhaps nowhere in Jewish life is the challenge of finding equilibrium between these two forces felt as strongly as in synagogue worship. Prayer is an intensely personal experience, yet when we come together for worship as part of a congregation, we often use words written by someone we never have met and in a language we don't understand.



In our Religious School at Congregation Emanu-El, students learn to respond to this challenge by becoming sophisticated and empowered participants in prayer services. *Tefilah* (worship) is an integral part of our curriculum, comprising as much as 25 percent of the time that students are in school. Students not only learn the skills to pray as part of a Jewish community but also engage in a rich dialogue about the liturgy that helps them to find personal meaning in the words they say. The experience is transforming how our students see themselves, as they become equipped to grapple with their personal relationships with the Divine amidst a congregation of diverse individuals.

Our youngest students begin with only a few prayers, kept in a loose-leaf *siddur* (prayer book). Students learn to associate the melodies with the Hebrew texts even before they can read the letters. We teach the shorter prayers with catchy melodies that repeat the words; longer prayers are

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WEEKLY TORAH PORTION

M'TZORA

(Leviticus 14:1-15:33)

Read Saturday, April 5

SYNOPSIS: Purification for lepers and leprous houses; issues of bodily discharge.

FRIDAY D'VAR TORAH:

Rabbi Zeidman

SATURDAY SERMON:

Rabbi Michael Marmur

(See page 3. »)

ACHAREI MOT

(Leviticus 16:1-18:30)

Read Saturday, April 12

SYNOPSIS: Responsibilities on the Day of Atonement; scapegoats; sacrificial instructions; prohibition on drinking blood; rules for sexual relations.

FRIDAY D'VAR TORAH:

Alexis Pinsky

SATURDAY SERMON:

Rabbi Davidson

CHOL HaMO-EID PESACH

(Exodus 33:12-34:26)

Read Saturday, April 19

SYNOPSIS: God's presence passes before Moses; Moses carves the new Tablets; God renews the covenant.

FRIDAY D'VAR TORAH:

Rabbi Zeidman

SATURDAY SERMON:

Rabbi Ehrlich

K'DOSHIM

(Leviticus 19:1-20:27)

Read Saturday, April 26

SYNOPSIS: Holiness code concerning ritual and moral behaviors; penalties for violating various laws; love your fellow as yourself.

FRIDAY D'VAR TORAH:

Rabbi Davidson

SATURDAY SERMON:

Alexis Pinsky

Worship & Spirituality



April Music Program

Friday, April 4 • 6 PM • Main Sanctuary

ONCE A MONTH, Temple Emanu-El is pleased to welcome guest musicians as part of our Friday evening worship. This month's performer will be flutist **Sato Moughalian**. The Temple Emanu-El Choir will sing from the *bimah*. K. Scott Warren will conduct, and Dr. Andrew Henderson will accompany on the organ. Ms. Moughalian's lyrical flute-playing will enrich our Shabbat service with joy. All are welcome to attend!



Photo by Devon Cass

Shabbat Kodesh Service

Friday, April 4 • 7 PM • Beth-El Chapel

Photo by Elizabeth Wright Kahane



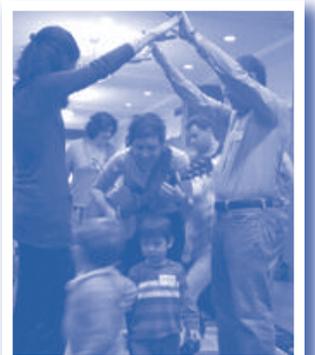
AT SHABBAT KODESH, we sing Hebrew prayers with lively melodies and experience the weekly Torah reading through interpretation and storytelling. All ages are welcome to attend. This month's service will honor **high school students who have taken on a leadership role within our congregational community**. An *Oneg Shabbat* follows. **(NOTE: A dinner for teens and their families will follow the service. See details on page 8. »)**

Young Families: Tot Shabbat

Saturday, April 5 • 10 AM to 11:30 AM • One East 65th Street

SING, DANCE AND ENJOY the magic of Shabbat. This month's celebration will feature a special program for Passover—**"How to Top Your Matzah!"** Learn about the holiday, and make delicious treats. Grandparents and guests are welcome to attend, too!

There is no charge for this event, but reservations are requested. RSVP by April 4: youngfamilies@emanuelnyc.org or (212) 744-1400, ext. 242.



Guest Sermon and Lunchtime Lecture

Saturday, April 5 • 10:30 AM • Main Sanctuary

RABBI MICHAEL MARMUR, PH.D., the Jack, Joseph and Morton Mandel Provost at HUC-JIR, will deliver our Saturday morning service. A special lunchtime lecture, **"Reform Judaism and Zionism in an Uncertain Age,"** will follow. What does it mean to be an American Reform Jew and a Zionist in the 21st century? How has Zionist ideology evolved, and is it relevant today?



This event is co-sponsored with the Association of Reform Zionists of America (ARZA), The Reform Israel Fund.

Havdalah Pajama Party

Saturday, April 26 • 4:30 PM to 6 PM • One East 65th Street

PRE-KINDERGARTEN THROUGH SECOND GRADE FAMILIES are invited to a special end-of-Sabbath service just for them. This event is open to Temple member and nonmember families. Wearing pajamas is encouraged but not required! (**Learn more on page 9.** »)

Annual Gathering of Remembrance

Sunday, April 27 • 2 PM • Main Sanctuary

AT THE ANNUAL GATHERING OF REMEMBRANCE, co-sponsored by the **Museum of Jewish Heritage – A Living Memorial to the Holocaust**, the **Warsaw Ghetto Resistance Organization** and the **American Gathering of Jewish Holocaust Survivors and Their Descendants**, Holocaust survivors participate with their children and grandchildren in a candle-lighting ceremony that demonstrates the importance of passing memories from one generation to the next. Other members of the community are invited to fulfill the sacred Jewish obligation to remember.



Tickets are required for entrance. **TEMPLE MEMBERS ONLY** should call Mark Heutlinger at (212) 744-1400, ext. 311. All others should call the Museum of Jewish Heritage at (646) 437-4227.



WORSHIP & SPIRITUALITY

TORAH COMMENTARY

GET MORE out of the Torah! Read the weekly 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. However, they may be heard at any other time through the Emanu-El audio player or by downloading the MP3 files.

WEEKLY MUSIC

PROGRAMS FOR Sabbath and holiday services can be found on the Temple website. (**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."** 



WORSHIP & SPIRITUALITY

PASSOVER CYBER SEDER & OTHER RESOURCES

TEMPLE EMANU-EL is pleased to offer visitors to our website access to our **Passover Cyber Seder**, which has been recorded by our clergy and members of the Temple. We hope that it will be a helpful resource in your own celebration.

We also encourage you to make use of other Passover resources on our website, including Passover songs, recipes and our guide to understanding the seder.

All Passover resources may be found on the Temple website (www.emanuelnyc.org). Click "Worship" → "Holy Days & Festivals" → "Passover."

HOMEBOUND DELIVERY & SECOND SEDER

REMINDER...Packing and delivery of Passover meals for homebound seniors will be held on **Sunday, April 6** beginning at **9 AM. (Drivers report at 9:45 AM.)** A continental breakfast will be provided. Enter at 10 East 66th Street.

Second Seder will be served on **Tuesday, April 15.** Volunteers must arrive at 10 East 66th Street or their senior center at the appropriate time, based on their assigned duties.

If you have not yet registered to volunteer, then call (212) 744-1400, ext. 215. Must be Temple members.

PASSOVER AT EMANU-EL

Women's Seder

Sunday, April 6 • 6 PM to 8 PM • One East 65th Street

ALL WOMEN OF THE TEMPLE are invited to celebrate Passover at this special seder led by women for women. Bring your mothers, sisters, daughters and friends!

Charge is \$60 per person. RSVP to (212) 744-1400, ext. 206, or email womensseder@emanuelnyc.org.

Passover Service Schedule

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

**Eve of Passover:
Monday, April 14 • 6 PM
Beth-El Chapel**

**Passover:
Tuesday, April 15 •
10:30 AM •
Beth-El Chapel
Sermon: Rabbi Davidson**

**Eve of Conclusion
of Passover:
Sunday, April 20 • 6 PM
Beth-El Chapel**

**Conclusion of Passover:
Monday, April 21 • 10:30 AM • Beth-El Chapel
Sermon: Rabbi Ehrlich (Includes a memorial service.
Learn more about *Yizkor* on page 14. »)**



Saviv 20s and 30s Passover Seder

Monday, April 14 • 7 PM to 9 PM • Katz's Deli (205 E. Houston St.)

JOIN WITH OTHER 20s and 30s to celebrate the first night of Passover at this landmark restaurant on the Lower East Side and enjoy one of the best Passover meals you'll ever eat!

 **Register online at www.emanuelnyc.org/savivpassover. Charge is \$60 per person for reservations made by April 10, \$80 after April 10. Reservations are required.**



On the Road Again... The Barnes Foundation

Friday, April 4 • Departure promptly at 7:45 AM from the One East 65th Street lobby



THE WOMEN'S AUXILIARY cordially invites all Temple members and their guests on a guided tour of the **Barnes Foundation** in Philadelphia, which features one of the world's leading collections of French impressionist and post-impressionist paintings. Lunch follows at **Buddakan**. Transportation provided.

The charge for this event is \$125 for Women's Auxiliary and Men's Club members, \$135 for all other Temple members and guests. Space is limited. QUESTIONS? Call the Women's Auxiliary at (212) 744-1400, ext. 235.

Club 65: A Group for Seniors

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

RICHARD VALCOURT, editor in chief of the *International Journal of Intelligence & Counterintelligence*, returns to Club 65 with a stimulating presentation, "**The Media, the Public and the Intelligence Community.**" The public's awareness of the American intelligence community tends to be shaped and distorted by television and the movies. What is the real community like, and what is its effect on American national security?

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



Annual Meeting of the Congregation

Thursday, May 29 • 6 PM • One East 65th Street

THE ANNUAL MEETING of Congregation Emanu-El will be held in Greenwald Hall, following the Sunset Service. Enter at the Marvin and Elisabeth Cassell Community House. Refreshments will follow.



BOOK GROUPS

MEN'S CLUB

Wednesday, April 2 •
8:30 AM • One East 65th
The Five: A Novel of Jewish Life in Turn-of-the-Century Odessa
by Vladimir Jabotinsky

Wednesday, May 7 •
8:30 AM • One East 65th
My Promised Land
by Ari Shavit
(Discussion to be led by Rabbi Joshua Davidson)

STETTENHEIM

LITERARY CIRCLE

Wednesday, April 2 •
6:30 PM • One East 65th
Out of Egypt: A Memoir
by André Aciman

Wednesday, May 14 •
6:30 PM • One East 65th
Half of a Yellow Sun by Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie

WOMEN'S AUXILIARY

Tuesday, April 8 •
12:30 PM • One East 65th
A Guide for the Perplexed by Dara Horn
(Discussion to be led by Rabbi Amy Ehrlich)

Wednesday*, May 7 •
1 PM* • One East 65th
My Promised Land
by Ari Shavit
(Discussion to be led by Rabbi Joshua Davidson)

Feel free to bring your lunch; coffee and cookies will be served.

* Note special day and start time.



**EMANU-EL
EATS**

THE EMANU-EL EATS COMMITTEE wishes you and your family a most enjoyable Passover. Here is a Passover favorite for you to try...

Associate Director of Lifelong Learning **Rachel Brumberg** notes that the smaller you cut these squares, the less crumbly they will be. But crumbly or not, they're a Passover favorite in her home.

CHOCOLATE CHIP SQUARES

(Makes about 24)

- 1 cup margarine
- 1 cup sugar
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- ¼ teaspoon salt
- 1 egg
- 1 cup matzo cake meal
- 1 cup chocolate chips
- 1 cup nuts

1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees F. Grease a 9-inch x 13-inch baking pan.

2. In a mixing bowl, cream margarine, sugar, vanilla and salt. Add egg and beat well.

3. Slowly add matzo cake meal; blend well. Stir in nuts and chips.

4. Spread dough evenly in pan and bake about 20 to 25 minutes. Squares are done when cake is just beginning to brown around the edges. Let cool somewhat, then cut into squares while cake is still warm.

Family Trip to Israel

THE TIME IS NOW to sign up for Congregation Emanu-El's next family trip to Israel...

**December 22, 2014,
through January 2, 2015**



To be led by **Rabbi Benjamin Zeidman** and **Lifelong Learning Director Saul Kaiserman**, our journey is designed to be equally appropriate for all members of the family—grandparents, parents and kids. We will explore Israel from the Negev Desert to the Golan Heights, from Jerusalem to Tel Aviv, and everywhere in between.

For more information, call Rabbi Zeidman at (212) 744-1400, ext. 304, or visit www.emanuelnyc.org/israeltrip.

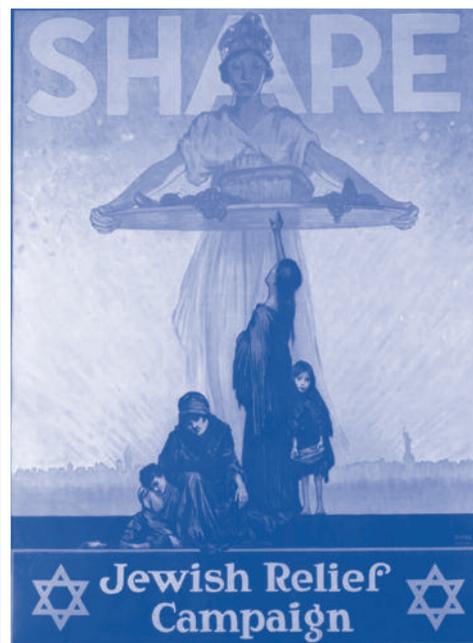
Museum Programs



Exhibition Opening

Monday, May 5 • 6 PM to 8 PM • One East 65th Street

ALL TEMPLE MEMBERS are invited to the opening of the Herbert & Eileen Bernard Museum of Judaica's spring exhibition, **"Justify Your Existence," Graphic Posters From the Moldovan Family Collection**. Opening remarks at 6:45 PM.



The exhibition will feature the graphic poster as a call to Jewish social action. Drawn primarily from the years between World War I and World War II, these posters address a specifically Jewish audience—one that was becoming increasingly aware of its responsibility to play an active role in the events which affected their lives.

For more information, contact Interim Curator Warren Klein at (212) 744-1400, ext. 259 or museum@emanuelnyc.org.

Image credit: Share, ca. 1915
Color lithograph published by the Jewish Relief Campaign, Moldovan Family Collection



WHO ARE WE?

Our Heritage, Our Future

TEMPLE EMANU-EL CELEBRATES this rabbinic installation year with a yearlong study of Reform Judaism that looks at its past as well as its future. All are invited to join us for the following thought-provoking lectures and programs and to take part in this important dialogue about the values and beliefs of Reform Judaism.

The Future of Jewish Denominations
Sunday, April 6 • 10 AM • One East 65th Street
(This event is sponsored by the Men's Club and moderated by Rabbi Joshua M. Davidson)

HAVE JEWISH DENOMINATIONS MERGED? What is the importance of a multi-denominational Jewish community? Do we live in a post-denominational time? Does denominational loyalty matter?

RABBI PETER J. RUBINSTEIN is senior rabbi of Central Synagogue. He graduated from Amherst College and was ordained by HUC-JIR in New York, where he received a Master of Hebrew Letters degree with honors. His writings have been included in several books, including *Our Rabbis Taught* (1990), *How Can I Find God* (1997) and *Restoring Faith* (2001).



RABBI ELLIOT J. COSGROVE is senior rabbi at Park Avenue Synagogue. Ordained at the Jewish Theological Seminary in 1999, Rabbi Cosgrove earned his doctorate at the University of Chicago Divinity School. He serves as rabbinical advisor on interfaith affairs for the Anti-Defamation League, and he is a member of the Council on Foreign Relations.

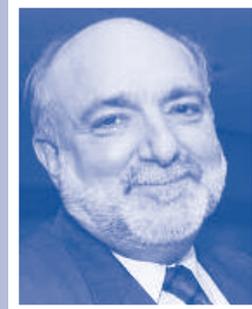


RABBI HASKEL LOOKSTEIN has been rabbi of Congregation Kehilath Jeshurun since 1959 and principal of the Ramaz School since 1966. He is a professor of homiletics at Yeshiva University, vice president of the Beth Din of America and a member of the board of directors of the Joint Distribution Committee. He received his bachelor's degree from Columbia College and earned his ordination, master's and doctorate from Yeshiva University.



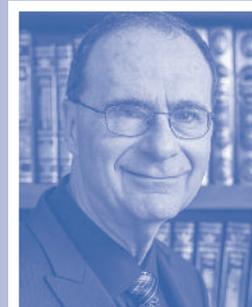
WHO ARE WE? *(continued)*

THE AMERICANIZATION OF REFORM JUDAISM IN THE 20TH CENTURY UNTO TODAY
Wednesday, April 9 •
6:30 PM • One East 65th



RABBI DAVID ELLENSON will examine how the great currents of the 20th century have influenced and transformed the Reform Movement.

HOW WE PRAY IS WHO WE ARE: THIS IS YOUR LIFE, AMERICAN JEWS
Thursday, May 1 • 7 PM
One East 65th Street



RABBI LAWRENCE A. HOFFMAN, Ph.D., delivers this year's **Charles Grossman Lecture in Jewish Intellectual History**, sponsored by the **Skirball Center**. This program also is part of our "Who Are We?" schedule of programming.



Listen to or watch previous lecture on the Temple website (www.emanuelnyc.org). Click "Learning" → "Adult Education" → "Who Are We? (2013-2014 Course Guide)."



**ADULT
EDUCATION**

SKIRBALL



SPRING SEMESTER 2014
FULL-SEMESTER CLASSES begin **April 23**. Early-bird discounts are available through **April 11**. Temple members receive 15 percent off tuition for full-semester and mini-semester classes.

JPS/SKIRBALL NEW AUTHOR SERIES:

The Bible Has Many Voices by Michael Carasik
Thursday, April 24 • 7 PM • One East 65th St.
THE BIBLE IS a human document full of history, poetry, politics, theology and spirituality. **Michael Carasik, Ph.D.**, helps us distinguish between the Jewish Bible's voices. In these contrasts we encounter the Bible anew, as a living work whose many voices tell us about the world out of which the Bible grew—and the world that it created. **Admission is free.**

ANTI-SEMITISM THROUGH THE LENS OF MATERIAL CULTURE
Sunday, April 27 • 10 AM to 2 PM • Temple Israel, 112 East 75th Street
(Lecturer: *Dr. Brigitte Sion*)
EXPLORE ANTI-SEMITIC IMAGERY in popular culture from three different time periods: the Dreyfus Affair of the late 19th century, the Nazi era and contemporary times. **Charge: \$65 per person (includes lunch).**

Religious School



Preview of Religious School

Friday, April 4, April 25 and May 16 • 12 PM to 1:30 PM • 10 East 66th Street (Kindergarten Class, Room 424)

EVER WONDER WHAT the Religious School program at Temple Emanu-El is like? Well, here's your chance! Come experience a "Preview of Religious School." Led by our kindergarten teachers, your child will have a fun time experiencing the liveliness and warmth of the school.



Every session includes a pizza lunch, art activities, music, a Shabbat celebration and a mini-mitzvah project. **Saul Kaiserman**, the director of Lifelong Learning, and current Religious School parents will be available to answer questions about the school and its programs. Parents may join their child for the final 30 minutes or pick them up at 1:30 PM from the classroom. There is no charge to attend, but registration is required. Discover what makes Temple Emanu-El a great place for families to learn and grow!



Register online at www.emanuelnyc.org/preview.
QUESTIONS? Contact Rabbi Rena Rifkin at (212) 744-1400, ext. 334 or family@emanuelnyc.org.

Shabbat Kodesh Service and High School Leadership Dinner

**Friday, April 4 • 7 PM (Service) • Beth-El Chapel
8 PM (Dinner) • One East 65th Street**

THIS MONTH'S SHABBAT KODESH SERVICE will honor **high school students** who have taken on a leadership role within our congregational community. Dinner for teens and their families will follow. Teens who have participated in the A-TEEM, Senior Youth Group Board, Teen Benefit Committee, Teen Philanthropic Committee and Civil Rights Trip will make presentations on what they have accomplished so far this year. **All are invited to attend the worship service.**

The charge for dinner is \$40 per family (including two adults) for reservations made by Monday, March 31 and \$60 per family after March 31. Additional adults are welcome at a charge of \$15 per person. Reservations are required, and payments MUST be received before the event.



Register online at www.emanuelnyc.org/hsdinner.
QUESTIONS? Call Missy Bell at (212) 744-1400, ext. 329.

Third Grade Parents Bar/Bat Mitzvah Meeting

**Sunday, April 6 • 11:15 AM and
Monday, April 7 • 5:15 PM • 10 East 66th Street**

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

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

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



If you're planning to attend, please register at school@emanuelnyc.org or by calling (212) 744-1400, ext. 226. Visit the Emanu-El website for useful information about our bar/bat mitzvah program. Click "Learning" → "Religious School" → "Bar & Bat Mitzvah Program."

Holocaust Remembrance Program

Sunday, April 27 • 9:30 AM (Tefilah) • Lowenstein Sanctuary (10 E. 66th St.)/10 AM to 12 PM (Speaker) • One E. 65th St. and Wednesday, April 30 • 4 PM to 6 PM • 10 East 66th Street

IN HONOR OF **Yom HaShoah** (Holocaust Memorial Day), child survivor **Sally Frishberg** will share her story with us. Born in Poland, she lived with German soldiers during the war and was hidden by Polish Catholics.



Photo by Jaimie Julia Winter

Please note: ALL Religious School parents are welcome to attend. Students in grades 5 through 7 will attend as part of their regular school day. The program will include break-out reflection sessions by grade with a separate session for parents to discuss how to talk to their children about the Holocaust. **Dismissal on Sunday, April 27 will be from One East 65th Street.**

QUESTIONS? Contact the Religious School Office at (212) 744-1400, ext. 226 or school@emanuelnyc.org.



**RELIGIOUS
SCHOOL**

**HAVDALAH
PAJAMA PARTY
Saturday, April 26 •
4:30 PM to 6 PM •**

One East 65th Street
PUT ON YOUR PAJAMAS, bring the family and join your friends as we say farewell to Shabbat through songs, stories and hands-on crafts activities. Experience a modern take on ancient Jewish rituals filled with joy, gratitude and love.

Our time together includes:

4:30 PM to 5:10 PM

A variety of fun activities for kids and families to do together

5:10 PM to 5:30 PM

Havdalah (spirited singing and story-telling to conclude the day)

5:30 PM to 6 PM

Family dinner with the blessings

This program is for students in Pre-Kindergarten through Second Grade, their siblings and those who delight in them. It is open to member and nonmember families. Pajamas are encouraged but not required!

QUESTIONS?

Call Rabbi Rena Rifkin at (212) 744-1400, ext. 334 or send an email to family@emanuelnyc.org.



Register online at www.emanuelnyc.org/pajama.



VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

AJWS TEEN BENEFIT

Saturday, April 26 • 9 PM

• 125 West 18th Street

TEMPLE EMANU-EL'S ANNUAL TEEN BENEFIT, raising money for

American Jewish World Service (AJWS), will be held at the **Metropolitan Pavilion**. The event, planned and run entirely by the members of the **Teen Benefit Committee** at Emanu-El, has raised more than \$80,000 over the last four years. Money raised this year will assist AJWS' efforts to relieve world hunger.

All teens, whether or not they are members of Emanu-El, are invited to attend. Invite your friends!

To purchase entrance or raffle tickets, log on to www.ajwsteenbenefitnyc.com.

(Raffle prizes include a spa day at Elizabeth Arden Red Door, an iPad Mini and a five-class pass at SoulCycle.)

The committee also is seeking in-kind donations for both the raffle and for the event in general. Companies that donate will be recognized by having their logo featured on the benefit website and on the backdrop where the teens take photos. Individual congregants who donate can be listed (if they wish) in our article about the benefit that will be in the June Bulletin.

Contact Missy Bell at (212) 744-1400, ext. 329 or youthgroups@emanuelnyc.org.

Volunteering



Project Prom

Sunday, April 27 • 1 PM to 4 PM • Monday, April 28 through Friday, May 2 • 10 AM to 4 PM • One East 65th Street

TEMPLE EMANU-EL'S TIKKUN OLAM COMMITTEE is pleased to announce that it will be running **Project Prom** in partnership with **Gala Gear**. More than 300 girls from 15 schools will be able to choose a full prom outfit, complete with shoes and other accessories. And, if they don't find a formal gown that they love, then they can choose a more casual dress for graduation.



Volunteers are needed for set-up on **Sunday, April 27** between **1 PM and 4 PM**. Volunteers also are needed to assist the girls with their dress selection each day during the **week of April 28 (Monday through Friday)** between **10 AM and 12 PM, 12 PM and 2 PM, and 2 PM and 4 PM**.

In addition to hosting this week-long event, we will be collecting:

- Ladies formal attire appropriate for a prom
- Accessories (evening bags, costume jewelry)
- Dress shoes (pumps)
- Unopened cosmetics

All items should be youthful and suitable for spring. Donations may be left in both the 65th Street and 66th Street lobbies.

INTERESTED IN VOLUNTEERING? Call the Tikkun Olam Committee at (212) 744-1400, ext. 452, or send an email to tikkunolam@emanuelnyc.org.

Spring Cleaning Coat Drive

AS THE WEATHER WARMS, please consider donating your gently used winter coats and jackets. All items should be cleaned, and they may be dropped off at both the 65th Street and 66th Street lobbies.

QUESTIONS? Call the Tikkun Olam Committee at (212) 744-1400, ext. 452, or send an email to tikkunolam@emanuelnyc.org.

Ronald McDonald House

OUR NEXT DINNER will be **Tuesday, April 29** at **5 PM**. Temple members (18 years and older), who are in good health and wish to volunteer, should call the **Women's Auxiliary** at **(212) 744-1400, ext. 235**.

Prayer (from page 1)

taught line-by-line. From grades three to five, the melodies used for each prayer are kept largely consistent from week to week, enabling students to develop a sense of routine and familiarity. They are expected to know when to sit, stand and bow without prompting. As students grow in fluency and self-confidence, additional pages are added, providing the students with a feeling of accomplishment as they gradually build their repertoire.

As students learn the prayers in Hebrew, they also deliberate about their meanings. At each prayer service, we pose a question to the students to help them think deeply about the words they are saying, like “What’s so great about having one God?” or “If we’ve been praying for peace for so many years, then why is there still war?” Before sharing their responses with the full group, students tackle these questions in *chevruta* (with a partner), a collaborative, traditional Jewish approach to learning. Discussion with a classmate helps each student to clarify and refine his or her thinking and ensures that each student’s opinion is heard by at least one other person.

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For our elementary school students, familiarity with the Hebrew liturgy and confidence in sharing one’s own interpretations of it are the primary goals. As our students approach adolescence—and the responsibilities associated with becoming a bar or bat mitzvah—our sixth grade curriculum empowers them to lead prayer services they find personally meaningful. In the first half of the year, we show our students the wonderful diversity of Reform Jewish worship. For example, they participate in the Emanu-El Sunset

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**EARLY
CHILDHOOD**

NURSERY SCHOOL SUMMER CAMP

LOOKING FOR a great first camp experience for your preschooler? Temple Emanu-El’s Nursery School Summer Camp provides:

- Activities tailored to the child not yet ready for a full day of camp
- Groups led by our Nursery School teachers
- Air-conditioned classrooms that provide a nurturing place for campers and include a building-block area, dramatic-play corner, arts-and-crafts center and library corner
- Two large, sunny outdoor play spaces with wading pools, bubble tables and sprinklers
- Weekly music and yoga

A typical day includes an art project, music and movement, free play in the classroom, and lots of outdoor play. Campers bring their own lunch from home.

SUMMER CAMP 2014 will run from June 10 through July 24. Hours are 9 AM to 1 PM, Monday through Thursday. **We still have spots available in our 4-year-old group.**

If you wish to enroll your child, please call us at (212) 744-1400, ext. 230, or send an email to sfischer@emanuelnyc.org. We will email you an application. Enrollment is first come, first served.



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Prayer (from page 11)

Service using the *Union Prayer Book*, they read Jewish and Israeli poetry aloud in English, and they engage in silent meditative reflection with no prayer book at all. After each of these services, we guide the students to compare it with other prayer services they have attended and to take note of which aesthetic choices resonate with them. By answering questions like “What did and didn’t work for you in this service?”, the students learn to articulate for themselves which elements of a service most enable them to have an inspirational and uplifting prayer experience. Further, they come to recognize many different styles of worship as legitimate and of value, even if not personally to their taste.

Watch a four-minute video of our school prayer service in action: Log on to www.emanuelnyc.org/tefilah. Also, join us for Shabbat Kodesh, our family worship each month. All ages welcome!

During the second half of the sixth grade year, students gather in small groups to plan a worship service for their peers. Students make use of all the skills learned in previous years as well as their own talents and creativity. Some play musical instruments, while others use visuals projected onto a screen. Services might be held in the Main Sanctuary or on the roof, seated in pews, chairs or in a circle on the floor. As the students work together to make the service engaging and meaningful, they develop an increasing awareness of their own worship preferences and

sensibilities. At the same time, they come to understand that they sometimes may need to compromise their own personal and aesthetic preferences in order to participate as part of a community. We always invite the parents of the students who are leading the service to attend, and they rarely miss the opportunity to sit with pride, watching their children lead their peers in prayer.

Through their participation in school worship, a new generation of Reform Jewish children is finding relevance in the ancient words of our tradition. The insights they express about the words of the prayers are at the same time creative, sincere and personal. By tapping into their natural sense of wonder and reason, of imagination and critical reflection, our children gain insight not just into the words of the prayers but also into the nature of the world. We believe these students will grow up prepared to participate in and lead diverse, empowered and engaged worship communities. □

WHAT DO YOU THINK?

Join the conversation and post your thoughts on the Temple website (www.emanuelnyc.org). Click “About Us” → “Publications” → “Bulletin Blog.”



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 April:

Saturday, April 5

Samantha Hope Winters, daughter of Nicole and Steven Frankel

Saturday, April 12

Bronwen Rebecca Brenner, daughter of David Brenner and Jamie Brenner

Zachary Leighton Weiner, son of Mara Leighton and Scott Weiner

Kate Leigh Golub and William Charles Golub, children of KarenLisa Finerman and Lawrence Eric Golub

Saturday, April 26

Alexandra Jane Matt, daughter of Erika and Gary H. Matt

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

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

For the Sabbath of April 4 and 5

In loving memory of *Clara Fisch*

Oneg Shabbat Sponsorship (April 4)

Jane, Arthur and Liliana Greyf in honor of the birth of *Abigail Dina Greyf*

For the Sabbath of April 11 and 12

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

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

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

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Charles S. Salomon
The Universal
Funeral Chapel
1076 Madison Avenue
(212) 753-5300
Our service is available in the
Temple, home or our Chapel.

The Cemeteries of Congregation Emanu-El
Salem Fields and Beth-El
A limited number of above-ground crypts are
available in our community mausoleum.
For information, please call Dr. Mark W. Weisstuch
at the Temple Office, (212) 744-1400.



LIFE-CYCLE EVENTS

**BAR/BAT MITZVAH
PREPARATION**

CHILDREN MUST BE enrolled in Religious School in order to celebrate bar or bat mitzvah at 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

OF BLESSED MEMORY

AT THE TIME of death, as well as during a period of illness, family members need the comfort, support and caring of a community. Temple Emanu-El's clergy and staff always are available to help soothe these difficult hours. Because there are many ways to honor a loved one, the rabbis and cantor can provide guidance that is suited to your family's personal philosophy. **Call (212) 744-1400.**

REMEMBERING LOVED ONES

NOW THAT EMANU-EL broadcasts its own services over the Internet, we are able to accommodate all congregants who wish to share Sabbath services and have the name of a loved one read during *Kaddish*. If you wish to have a name read, then please call one of the rabbis during the week of *yahrzeit* observance.

WEDDING MUSIC

PLANNING A WEDDING at Emanu-El? Well, don't forget about the music! Music can set a memorable tone at your wedding. Listen to musical selections performed by Temple organist **K. Scott Warren**. MP3 files may be downloaded from the Temple website (**www.emanuelnyc.org**) to a personal listening device. **Click "Life Cycles" → "Weddings" → "Wedding Music."**



PULPIT FLOWERS (continued)

For Passover (April 14 and 15)

Richard H. M. and Gail Lowe Maidman
in loving memory of Gail's father, *Edwin S. Lowe*

For the Sabbath of April 18 and 19

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

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

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

Suzanne Sloan in loving memory of *Peter Moore*

For the Sabbath of April 25 and 26

Ellen J. Weiss in Celebration of Life

Memorial Services: A Time to Mourn Together

WHILE WE RECITE *Kaddish* individually to honor the deceased yearly, we come together for the *Yizkor* service as a time for us to remember them communally. When a community of mourners gathers, we gain strength from one another.

Four times a year, the memorial prayers are recited as we mourn together. All are holy days when we remember those whom we have loved and lost.



Following are the upcoming dates for *Yizkor* services:

Conclusion of Passover

April 21, 2014 • 10:30 AM

Shavuot

June 4, 2014 • 10:30 AM

Let Us Know...

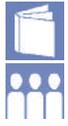
THROUGH GOOD TIMES AND BAD, the Temple Emanu-El clergy very much want to know about the important events happening in the lives of our community—the welcoming of a new child or grandchild, a graduation from school, the illness or death of a loved one.

Contact the Rabbinic Office at (212) 744-1400 or rabbis@emanuelnyc.org.

At a Glance: April 2014



April 2
Wednesday, 8:30 AM
Men's Club Book Group
 One East 65th Street



April 2
Wednesday, 6:30 PM
Stettenheim Circle
 One East 65th Street



April 4
Friday, 7:45 AM
On the Road Again...
The Barnes Foundation
 Departure from One E. 65th



April 4 and 25
Friday, 12 PM
Preview of
Religious School
 10 East 66th Street



April 4 • Friday, 6 PM
April Music Program
 Main Sanctuary



April 4 • Friday, 7 PM
Shabbat Kodesh
 Beth-El Chapel



April 4 • Friday, 8 PM
High School
Leadership Dinner
 One East 65th Street



April 5
Saturday, 10 AM
Young Families:
Tot Shabbat
 One East 65th Street



April 5
Saturday, 10:30 AM
Guest Sermon and
Lunchtime Lecture With
Rabbi Michael Marmur
 Main Sanctuary



April 6
Sunday, 9 AM/9:45 AM
Homebound Delivery
 10 East 66th Street



April 6 • Sunday, 10 AM
The Future of Jewish
Denominations
 One East 65th Street



April 6 and 7
Sunday, 11:15 AM
Monday, 5:15 PM
Third Grade Parents
Bar/Bat Mitzvah Meeting
 10 East 66th Street



April 6 • Sunday, 6 PM
Women's Seder
 One East 65th Street



April 8
Tuesday, 11 AM
Club 65
 One East 65th Street



April 8
Tuesday, 12:30 PM
Women's Auxiliary:
Book Group
 One East 65th Street



April 9
Wednesday, 6:30 PM
The Americanization of
Reform Judaism in the
20th Century Unto Today
 One East 65th Street



April 14 and 15
Monday, 6 PM
Tuesday, 10:30 AM
Passover Services
 Beth-El Chapel



April 14
Monday, 7 PM
Saviv Passover Seder
 Katz's Deli (205 E. Houston)



April 15
Tuesday, 1 PM to 7 PM
Second Seder
for the Elderly
 10 East 66th Street



April 20 and 21
Sunday, 6 PM
Monday, 10:30 AM
Conclusion of Passover
 Beth-El Chapel



April 26
Saturday, 4:30 PM
Havdalah Pajama Party
 One East 65th Street



April 26
Saturday, 9 PM
AJWS Teen Benefit
 Metropolitan Pavilion
 (125 East 18th Street)



April 27 to May 2
Sunday, 1 PM to 4 PM
Monday through
Friday, 10 AM to 4 PM
Project Prom
 One East 65th Street



April 27 • Sunday,
9:30 AM to 12 PM
April 30 • Wednesday,
4 PM to 6 PM
Holocaust Remembrance
 10 East 66th/One East 65th
 and 10 East 66th Street



April 27 • Sunday,
10 AM to 2 PM
Anti-Semitism Through
the Lens of Material
Culture (Skirball Seminar)
 Temple Israel
 (112 East 75th Street)



April 27
Sunday, 2 PM
Annual Gathering
of Remembrance
 Main Sanctuary



April 29
Tuesday, 5 PM
Ronald McDonald House
 405 East 73rd Street

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HERBERT & EILEEN BERNARD MUSEUM

Object of the Month...

Had Gadya Passover Plate

After a Zeev Raban design
Brass
Austria, 1928

INSCRIBED IN THE CENTER, “From Bezalel to Its Members,” this decorative plate—although not a seder plate—would have been hung in the home during the festival of Passover. Such plates were sent to supporters of the Bezalel School of Arts and Crafts in Jerusalem. Depicted in the center rondel is a man carrying a goat on his left shoulder; he holds a walking staff in his right hand, and a child walks besides him. Around the raised rim are cartouches with the text of *Had Gadya* (“One Kid”) and relief images illustrating each verse.

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GIFT OF MALVINA (VENIE) SINSHEIMER



Learn more on the Temple website: www.emanuelnyc.org/museum.

