

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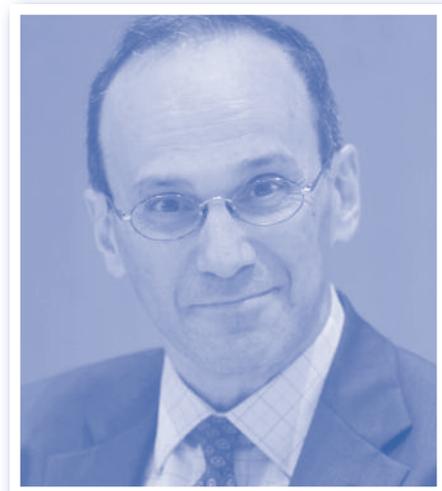
Hearing loop in Sanctuary and Beth-El Chapel; switch aid to T-coil. Headsets or neck loops also available.



## Giving "Ear" to Some Final Thoughts...

By Dr. Mark W. Weisstuch, Administrative Vice President

CALL IT THE Mount Nebo syndrome. Mount Nebo, as you will recall, is the mountain from which Moses sighted the Land of Israel; the people he led went on, he stayed behind. The syndrome I am referring to is the inevitable valedictory impulse retirees are subject to on the threshold of their departure after a long, rewarding tenure with their institution.



*"Give ear,  
 O heavens, let  
 me speak; Let the  
 earth hear the  
 words I utter!"*

— DEUTERONOMY 32:1

It bespeaks an urge to reflect on the past, assess accomplishments and impart some insights gained over the years of one's tenure. I would like to use this opportunity not so much to look back but rather to share with you my vision for Temple Emanu-El's future.

At this moment, Emanu-El is at a critical juncture in its long and storied history. We have a new senior rabbi at a time when the conventional assumptions about the purpose and function of the synagogue are changing, when the profile of liberal, Reform Judaism is undergoing adjustment, and when the demographics of the Jewish community—the definition of the family, increased intermarriage, a millennial generation that is searching for Jewish meaning and relevance outside the traditional institutions of Judaism—are undergoing unprecedented changes.

Of course, Emanu-El will need to engage in a process of introspection, seeking to define and understand its identity and purpose given the

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## WEEKLY TORAH PORTION

### EMOR

(Leviticus 21:1-24:23)

Read Saturday, May 3

**SYNOPSIS:** Marriage, sexuality, disability, dietary and mourning laws for priests; acceptability of various sacrifices; establishment of holy days and festivals; eternal light; penalty for blasphemy.

#### FRIDAY D'VAR TORAH:

**Rabbi Zeidman in**

**Main Sanctuary;**

**Rabbi Davidson in**

**Lowenstein Sanctuary**

(See "Israel Independence Day Shabbat Service" »)

#### SATURDAY SERMON:

**Rabbi Ehrlich**

### B'HAR

(Leviticus 25:1-26:2)

Read Saturday, May 10

**SYNOPSIS:** Laws of the sabbatical year; laws of the Jubilee; real-estate laws; command to provide for others; slavery laws.

#### FRIDAY D'VAR TORAH:

**Rabbi Davidson**

#### SATURDAY SERMON:

**Rabbi Zeidman**

### B'CHUKOTAI

(Leviticus 26:3-27:34)

Read Saturday, May 17

**SYNOPSIS:** Rewards and punishments for following or spurning God's laws; providing for the Temple.

#### FRIDAY D'VAR TORAH:

**Rabbi Ehrlich**

#### SATURDAY SERMON:

**Rabbinic Intern**

**Alexis Pinsky**

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## Worship & Spirituality



# Israel Independence Day Shabbat Service

Friday, May 2 • 6 PM • Lowenstein Sanctuary (10 East 66th St.)



**I**N HONOR OF **Yom HaAtzma-ut (Israel Independence Day)**, Temple Emanu-El will be holding an alternative service in the Lowenstein Sanctuary, in addition to the regular scheduled service in the Main Sanctuary. The service will include a performance by **Mattan Klein** and the **Seeds of Sun**, an Israeli jazz ensemble.

**Seeds of Sun** has performed at the 92nd Street Y in New York City and the Kennedy Center in Washington, DC, as well as at various venues of the American Jewish world, including URJ Biennials and Jewish festivals. Learn more about the group at [www.seedsofsun.com](http://www.seedsofsun.com).



## May Music Program

Friday, May 9 • 6 PM • Main Sanctuary

**O**NCE A MONTH, Temple Emanu-El is pleased to welcome guest musicians as part of our Friday evening worship. This month's performers will be flutist **Sato Moughalian** and harpist **Victoria Drake**. The **Temple Emanu-El Choir** will sing from the *bimah*. **K. Scott Warren** will conduct, and **Andrew Henderson** will play the organ.

**Ms. Moughalian** is artistic director of **Perspectives Ensemble**, presented at the 92nd Street Y, Carnegie Hall and Lincoln Center Great Performers' Series. **Ms. Drake** performs in several New York orchestras, including the American Symphony Orchestra, New York City Ballet, New York City Opera, Orchestra of St. Luke's and American Ballet Theatre.



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## Family Dinner & Shabbat Kodesh

Friday, May 9 • 6 PM (Dinner) • 10 East 66th Street\*  
and 7 PM (Service) • Beth-El Chapel (\*Note special location)

AT SHABBAT KODESH, Hebrew prayers are sung with lively melodies, and the weekly Torah reading is made meaningful through creative storytelling. Shabbat Kodesh this month is preceded by a **family dinner**, for which a reservation is required. A delicious *Oneg Shabbat* dessert reception **honoring all students who have earned Religious School With Honors** will follow our worship service. And, after the service, families of students who participated in our **seventh and eighth grade learning programs** are invited to an awards ceremony honoring these students.



The charge for dinner is \$40 per family (up to two adults) for reservations made by Monday, May 5, \$60 per family after May 5; additional adults are welcome for the charge of \$15 per adult. All payments must be received before the event. Reservations may be made with a credit card on our secure website; log on to [www.emanuelnyc.org/familydinner](http://www.emanuelnyc.org/familydinner).

## Saviv Shabbat

Friday, May 16 • 7:30 PM • One East 65th Street

JOIN US FOR a chance to celebrate Shabbat and wind down from the week. Wine and a little nosh will be served at 7 PM, so come early. Then we'll enjoy Shabbat services together, followed by appetizers, wine, and the chance to shmooze with both new people and old friends! 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 May 14 to help us plan. Log on to [www.saviv.org](http://www.saviv.org).  
NOTE: Saviv is for 20s and 30s only.

## Young Families: Tot Shabbat

Saturday, May 17 • 10 AM TO 11:30 AM • One East 65th Street

FOR OUR PRESCHOOL THROUGH KINDERGARTEN FAMILIES we offer a creative and age-appropriate service that incorporates singing, movement and storytelling. Guests are welcome; reservations requested.

RSVP to Young Families by Friday, May 16: Call (212) 744-1400, ext. 242, or email [youngfamilies@emanuelnyc.org](mailto:youngfamilies@emanuelnyc.org).



**TORAH PORTION**  
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### B'MIDBAR

(Numbers 1:1-4:20)

Read Saturday, May 24

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

**FRIDAY D'VAR TORAH:**

**Rabbi Davidson**

**SATURDAY SERMON:**

**Rabbi Zeidman**

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### NASO

(Numbers 4:21-7:89)

Read Saturday, May 31

**SYNOPSIS:** More about transporting the Mishkan; laws of purity; laws about accused adulterers; laws about sacrifice.

**FRIDAY D'VAR TORAH:**

**Cantor Corrsin**

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**SATURDAY SERMON:**

**Rabbi Davidson**

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### TORAH COMMENTARY

GET MORE out of the Torah! Read the weekly commentary written by our clergy and Temple staff.



Follow the link from the website Home Page: [www.emanuelnyc.org](http://www.emanuelnyc.org).

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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.

Follow the "Listen to the Broadcast of Services" link from



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



## WORSHIP & SPIRITUALITY

### TORAH LEARNING COALITION: THE *PIRKEI AVOT* DIALOGUES

THE TORAH LEARNING COALITION (TLC) is a partnership of synagogues who create unity—*achdut*—through engaging Torah study. Be part of this advancement of our Jewish community by meeting others in the neighborhood.

All Temple members are invited to a lecture to be led by our own **Rabbi Rena Rifkin**, of the **Department of Lifelong Learning**, and **Rabbi Eve Rudin** of **Park Avenue Synagogue**, based on ***Pirkei Avot* Chapter 2:**

**Why Do we Learn? Funny You Should Ask... Thursday, May 1 • 1 PM Park Avenue Synagogue (50 East 87th Street)**

Attendance is free. Additional classes—one per week—will be held throughout the month of May. **Learn more on the Temple website: [www.emanuelnyc.org/torahlearning](http://www.emanuelnyc.org/torahlearning).**

**QUESTIONS ABOUT THE MAY 1 LECTURE? Call Park Avenue Synagogue at (212) 369-2600.**



## CHORAL D'VAR TORAH

### *Under His Sovereignty*

Friday, May 30 • 6 PM • Main Sanctuary (Fifth Avenue at 65th)



AT THE FINAL OF FOUR *Choral Divrei Torah* scheduled for this year, **Cantor Lori Corrsin** will offer commentary on the many masterworks for our choir and organ commissioned by our board of trustees and music committee through the leadership of **Music Director Lazare Saminsky**.

The program will feature music by Joseph Achron, Leon Algazi, Herman Berlinski, Gottfried Federlein and Frederick Jacobi. **K. Scott Warren** will conduct the **Temple Emanu-El Choir** on the *bimah*, and **Andrew Henderson** will accompany on the organ.

Learn more about Lazare Saminsky and other composers whose works often are featured at Sabbath and holiday services at Temple Emanu-El. We are indebted to their creativity for helping to make Emanu-El an acclaimed musical institution. Log on to [www.emanuelnyc.org](http://www.emanuelnyc.org) and click "Worship" → "Music at Emanu-El" → "Composers."

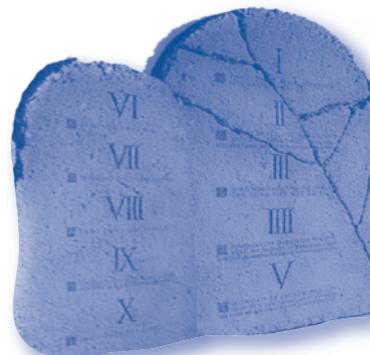


Listen to previous sermons in this series on the Temple website ([www.emanuelnyc.org](http://www.emanuelnyc.org)). Click "Worship" → "Music at Emanu-El" → "Musical Events" → "Music of Reform, Music of Emanu-El."

## Shavuot Services

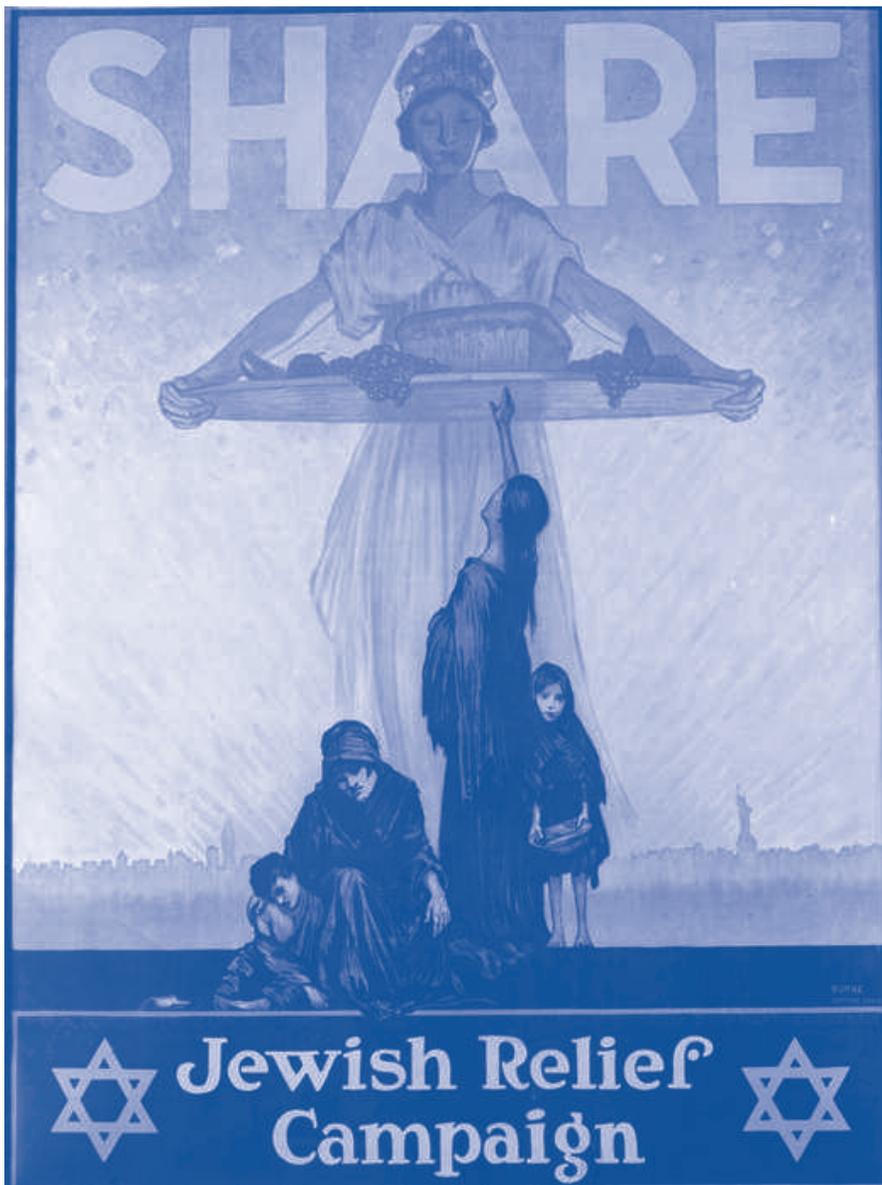
Tuesday, June 3 • 6 PM and Wednesday, June 4 • 10:30 AM Main Sanctuary (Fifth Avenue at 65th Street)

ALL ARE INVITED to join us for Eve of Shavuot and Shavuot services; no tickets are required. The Eve of Shavuot service will include **confirmation of our high school students**. In America, it became traditional for Reform congregations to hold confirmation on the festival of Shavuot as a renewal of the commitment by our people at Sinai. One of the earliest ceremonies was held on Shavuot 1847 at our own Temple Emanu-El. From that day to this, confirmation has become a major milestone.



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

## Museum Programs



Share  
Alfred Burke, Johnstone Studios  
United States, ca. 1915  
Published by The Jewish Relief Fund

THE HERBERT & EILEEN BERNARD MUSEUM OF JUDAICA  
is pleased to announce the opening of its spring exhibition...

### "Justify Your Existence," Graphic Posters From the Moldovan Family Collection

**Monday, May 5, 2014 • 6 PM to 8 PM**  
**Opening remarks at 6:45 pm**

RSVP to [museum@emanuelnyc.org](mailto:museum@emanuelnyc.org) or (212) 744-1400, ext. 215.



### SPRING EXHIBITION

**EXHIBITION LECTURE**  
**Sunday, June 8 • 10 AM**  
**One East 65th Street**  
INTERIM CURATOR of the  
Bernard Museum of Judaica  
**Warren Klein** will discuss  
**"Justify Your Existence,"**  
**Graphic Posters From**  
**the Moldovan Family**  
**Collection.** The talk will be  
followed by a guided tour  
of the exhibition.

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.

*This event is co-sponsored  
by the Harry G. Friedman  
Society of Judaica Collectors.*



### MUSIC PROGRAMS

**ORGAN RECITAL**  
**Sunday, June 1 • 5 PM •**  
**Main Sanctuary (Fifth**  
**Avenue at 65th Street)**  
TEMPLE EMANU-EL  
ASSOCIATE ORGANIST  
**Dr. Andrew Henderson**  
will perform works by Bach,  
Mendelssohn, Widor and  
Mulet, as well as works  
by past organists of  
Temple Emanu-El, Will C.  
Macfarlane and Gottfried  
Federlein. Following the  
recital, attendees are  
invited to the choir loft for  
a brief demonstration of  
the instrument, followed  
by a Q&A.



## COMMUNITY

### ASK THE EXPERTS Tuesday, May 13 •

5:30 PM to 7 PM •

One East 65th Street

TEMPLE EMANU-EL IS

pleased to host this "Ask the Experts" program for Temple members and their guests who are seeking employment counseling. Get the answers you want about your career-related questions. Join professional career counselors from **FEGS Health & Human Services** and have the chance to ask ANY job-search related questions. This workshop will be an open forum for any topics/questions you want to address. No question is a silly question. Let's talk about resumés, interviews, outreach, networking and thank-you notes.

### WOMEN'S AUXILIARY MEMBERSHIP APPEAL

PLEASE WON'T YOU join our Women's Auxiliary and become a part of this vibrant organization? By joining, you are ensuring the legacy of the Reform Jewish women of Congregation Emanu-El. Your membership dues support our many programs, charities and projects. Help us to reach out to more people and to expand our wonderful programs. We look forward to welcoming you!

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



## Community



### Club 65: A Group for Seniors

Tuesday, May 13 • 11 AM • One East 65th Street

CLUB 65 WELCOMES **Dr. Mark Weisstuch**, administrative vice president, who will discuss "**The Role of the Synagogue in the 21st Century**," revealing how today's general Jewish community—and Reform Judaism in particular—is changing in ways undreamt of by previous generations, facing unprecedented challenges in terms of membership, programming, finance and education. Dr. Weisstuch will lend his personal perspective on how Temple Emanu-El, as well as other synagogues, might adapt to an increasingly changing and demanding future.



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 be on the monthly mailing list for news of current and future programs, then please call (212) 744-1400.

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

Thursday, May 15 • 12 PM • One East 65th Street



THE WOMEN'S AUXILIARY cordially invites all Temple members and guests to their annual spring meeting and luncheon, which includes the election of board members and officers. This year's guest speaker will be **Dr. Will Recant**, assistant executive vice president of the **American Joint Distribution Committee's (JDC) International Development Program**. Dr. Recant will discuss "**Around the Globe With JDC: The International Impact on Jewish Women**."

As part of the day's activities, we will host a raffle of many wonderful prizes: gifts from Fellan Florists, his-and-her watches and more. Raffle proceeds will benefit ongoing Women's Auxiliary projects. Price: \$10 per ticket or \$25 for three. Winners need not be present.

The charge for lunch is \$30 for Women's Auxiliary and Men's Club members, \$40 for nonmembers. Make checks payable to the Women's Auxiliary. RSVP by May 9: (212) 744-1400, ext. 235 or [womaux@emanuelnyc.org](mailto:womaux@emanuelnyc.org).

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# Men's Club Annual Meeting and Samuel Sacks Award Presentation

Thursday, May 22 • 6 PM • One East 65th Street

ALL TEMPLE MEMBERS are invited to the Men's Club Annual meeting, which includes the installation of officers and board members, and presentation of the **Samuel Sacks Achievement Award**. This year's recipients are **Hadassa Mushinsky** and **Ross Brady**. In her 24 years at Temple Emanu-El, Hadassa has served as our Tour Guide in Residence and as *shamas* of the Sunset Service (held Sunday through Thursday at 5:30 PM in Greenwald Hall). Since 2009, Ross has been chair of the Sunset Service Readers Panel, which leads the service under the auspices of the Men's Club. He also is a past Men's Club president (2004 through 2007).



Wine and cheese will be served prior to the meeting, and a full reception will follow the award presentation. The charge is \$30 for Men's Club and Women's Auxiliary members, \$35 for all others; make checks payable to the Men's Club. RSVP by May 19. QUESTIONS? Call (212) 744-1400, ext. 250, or send an email to mensclub@emanuelnyc.org.

## 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. As part of this year's meeting, we will pay tribute to **Dr. Mark W. Weisstuch**, for his 29 years of service as administrative vice president. A festive reception will follow.

Effective **June 1, 2014**, the Finance Committee recommends that the minimum annual membership dues be increased by \$40; the rate of taxes on pews and the rates of membership on pews in the Main Sanctuary and Leon Lowenstein Sanctuary be increased by between \$25 and \$90, depending on location; and Associate Membership dues be increased by \$5 to \$30, depending on age and marital status. In addition, the recommended rate increase for a Full Family Membership is \$90 for two-parent families and \$50 for single-parent families. These increases are necessary in order to adequately sustain the diverse services and programs offered to our members.

 Learn more on the Temple website: [www.emanuelnyc.org/membership](http://www.emanuelnyc.org/membership).

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### COMMUNITY

#### MEN'S CLUB MEMBERSHIP

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.

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



### BOOK GROUPS

#### MEN'S CLUB

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

#### WOMEN'S AUXILIARY

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

\* Note special day and start time.

#### STETTENHEIM LITERARY CIRCLE

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



**AVAILABLE  
AT THE LIBRARY**

LOOKING FOR SOMETHING TO READ? Look no further. The following books are now available at the Ivan M. Stettenheim Library. Call **Temple Librarian Elizabeth Stabler** at **(212) 744-1400, ext. 360** for information about borrowing books and other materials.

#### **NONFICTION**

- *American Jews and America's Game: Voices of a Growing Legacy in Baseball* by Larry Ruttman
- *The Collaboration: Hollywood's Pact With Hitler* by Ben Urwand
- *Jews and Words* by Amos Oz
- *My Promised Land: The Triumph and Tragedy of Israel* by Ari Shavit
- *The New Reform Judaism: Challenges and Reflections* by Dana Evan Kaplan
- *Nosh on This: Gluten-free Baking From a Jewish-American Kitchen* by Lisa Stander-Horel

#### **FICTION**

- *Between Friends* by Amos Oz
- *The English Girl* by Daniel Silva
- *Four Meals* by Mei Shalev
- *Harvard Square* by André Aciman
- *Is This Tomorrow* by Caroline Leavitt
- *The Remains of Love* by Tseruyah Shalev
- *The Sisters Weiss* by Naomi Ragen
- *The UnAmericans* by Molly Antopol

## Lectures • Classes • Tours



### WHO ARE WE?

## Our Heritage, Our Future

TEMPLE EMANU-EL CONCLUDES its yearlong study of Reform Judaism with the following two programs:

### **How We Pray Is Who We Are: This Is Your Life, American Jews**

**Thursday, May 1 • 7 PM • One East 65th Street**  
*The Charles Grossman Lecture in Jewish Intellectual History, sponsored by the Skirball Center for Adult Jewish Learning*

MORE THAN WHAT we say to God, prayer is what we say to one another. It is the prime symbolic vehicle by which we play out the changing nature of Jewish identity. The Conservative Movement, reflecting the Jewish ethos of Eastern Europe, reached fruition only with its prayer book following World War II. As for Reform, the *Union Prayer Book* already had provided a standard around which Reform Jews, mostly from Western Europe, could rally. But the message of prayer is more complex than just a book. The book is a script for worship, the symbolic act by which we stake out who we are. Sometimes funny, sometimes tragic but never dull and always fascinating, the story of America's worship is the story of American Judaism in the making.



**LAWRENCE A. HOFFMAN** was ordained as a rabbi in 1969, received his doctorate in 1973 and has taught since then at Hebrew Union College–Jewish Institute of Religion in New York. From 1984 to 1987, he directed its School of Sacred Music as well. In 2003, he was named the first **Barbara and Stephen Friedman Professor of Liturgy, Worship and Ritual.**

### **The Future of Reform in the Synagogue** **Monday, May 12 • 6:30 PM • One East 65th Street**

THE COMPLEXION OF religious practice today is changing, especially in the arena of liberal religions. Conventional assumptions about synagogue affiliation are being challenged. What was reflexive in the past is a matter of choice today, and recent generations may be willing to “purchase” certain services. However, sustained affiliation has come to depend on how individuals deem the meaning and relevance of the synagogue to their lives. Recent shifts in demographics—the composition of the family unit and dual-faith marriages—along with greater secularization and weak Jewish literacy also have had a significant effect on the synagogue. Our panel will explore these and other questions about how tomorrow's synagogue will respond to these social, demographic and spiritual trends.

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**ADULT  
EDUCATION**

## SKIRBALL



### SUNDAY SEMINARS

**The American  
Jew and Cinema**  
Sunday, May 4 • 10 AM to  
2 PM • One East 65th St.

*(Lecturer: Dr. Eric Goldman)*  
IN AN INDUSTRY strongly  
influenced by Jewish  
filmmakers, the evolving  
nature of the American  
Jewish condition has had a  
considerable effect on  
American cinema and on  
how Jews are reflected  
on the screen.

**Biblical Perspectives on  
Human Transformation**  
Sunday, May 18 • 10 AM  
to 2 PM • One E. 65th St.

*(Lecturer: Judy Klitsner)*  
CAN HUMAN BEINGS  
CHANGE? Explore the  
Bible's complex treatment  
of this questions while  
examining the narratives  
of Noah and Jonah.

**The charge for Sunday  
Seminars is \$65 per  
person (includes lunch).  
Register at (212) 507-  
9580.**

**JPS/SKIRBALL  
NEW AUTHOR SERIES**  
*A Bride for One Night:  
Talmud Tales*

by Ruth Calderon  
**Tuesday, May 27 • 7 PM**  
• One East 65th Street  
RUTH CALDERON offers a  
fascinating window into some  
of the liveliest and most  
colorful stories in the Talmud.  
**Admission is free.**



**RABBI RICK JACOBS, Ph.D.,** is president of the Union for Reform Judaism, the congregational arm of the Reform Jewish Movement in North America. Rabbi Jacobs spent 20 years as the spiritual leader of Westchester Reform Temple in Scarsdale, N.Y.



**RABBI AARON D. PANKEN, Ph.D.,** has succeeded Rabbi David Ellenson as president of Hebrew Union College–Jewish Institute of Religion, effective January 1, 2014. Rabbi Panken has served as a member of the faculty and as vice president for strategic initiatives, dean of the New York campus and dean of students.



**PROFESSOR AMY L. SALES, Ph.D.,** is the associate director of the Cohen Center for Modern Jewish Studies at Brandeis University, the director of the Institute for Jewish Philanthropy and Leadership, and associate professor in the Hornstein Program in Jewish Professional Leadership. Trained as a social psychologist, she conducts research on Jewish institutions and their role in creating Jewish life and community.

**NOTE: This discussion will be moderated by  
RABBI JOSHUA M. DAVIDSON.**



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

## SKIRBALL SPRING LECTURE

### "Sing–Now!–to God": Miriam and Moses

**Thursday, May 8 • 7 PM (Pre-Lecture Text Study)/8 PM (Lecture)**  
**One East 65th Street • Admission: \$30 per person**

**T**HE HISTORY OF MIRIAM, the prophetess who speaks enviously of her brother, Moses, offers an intimate glimpse into the tensions between brother and sister—both leaders, both prophets. Study Midrashic material that will illuminate this mysterious relationship.

This special lecture features **DR. AVIVAH GOTTLIEB ZORNBERG**, an internationally renowned Bible interpreter and teacher, who draws extensively on classical commentaries, Midrash, and modern insights from literature and philosophy. Her widely read and studied books, *Genesis: The Beginning of Desire*, *The Particulars of Rapture* and *The Murmuring Deep: Reflections on the Biblical Unconscious*, have become classics among readers of all religions. (NOTE: A pre-lecture hour of text study with **DR. DIANE M. SHARON** precedes Dr. Zornberg.)





**EARLY  
CHILDHOOD**

**NURSERY SCHOOL  
SUMMER GROUP**

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 GROUP 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](mailto:sfischer@emanuelnyc.org). We will email you an application. Space is limited. Enrollment is first come, first served.**

**Early Childhood**



**Rabbi Joshua Davidson celebrates Purim with Temple Emanu-El's Nursery School students...**



***Young Families: Rooftop Party***

**Sunday, June 1 • 10 AM to 12 PM • 10 East 66th Street**

**D**ON'T MISS OUR end-of-the-year celebration! As this year's event coincides with the **Israeli Day Parade**, we ask everyone to wear blue and white. If the weather is nice, then we'll play in the pools. Bring sunscreen, bathing suits, towels, hats and a change of clothes. If it rains, then the party moves inside to Blumenthal Hall.

**RSVP to Young Families by Friday, May 30. Call (212) 744-1400, ext. 242, or send an email to [youngfamilies@emanuelnyc.org](mailto:youngfamilies@emanuelnyc.org).**

## Religious School



### Tefilah Boot Camp (Part 3)

Sunday, May 4 • 11:15 AM to 12 PM • 10 East 66th Street

**H**EBREW PRAYER IS fundamental to our children's Jewish education. Don't let your kids out-do you! **Lifelong Learning Director Saul Kaiserman** will lead Religious School parents in a quick jolt of prayer book skill so that you can participate side-by-side with your children at family services. All parents are welcome, even if you did not attend a previous session.

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

### Preview of Religious School

Friday, May 16 • 12 PM to 1:30 PM • 10 East 66th Street

**D**ON'T MISS OUR final preview day. Discover what makes Temple Emanu-El a great place for families to learn and grow. 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.

"Preview of Religious School" is open to member and nonmember families, whether or not they are enrolled currently in the Nursery School. There is no charge to attend, but registration is required: [www.emanuelnyc.org/preview](http://www.emanuelnyc.org/preview). **QUESTIONS?** Call Rabbi Rena Rifkin at (212) 744-1400, ext. 334.

### End-of-Year Family Trip

Saturday, May 31 • 9 AM to 12 PM • Bus departs promptly from One East 65th Street at 9 AM; Tour starts at 10 AM

**S**UMMER IS COMING, so join us on a trip to the beach...**Brighton Beach!** Led by Brooklyn native **Norman Oder**, we will explore this neighborhood known for its Russian culture, including an important piece of New York's Jewish history. An optional lunch at **Tatiana** follows the tour; each family will cover its own food costs. Come be a part of something fun and educational for children, teens and adults.



Register online by May 22: [www.emanuelnyc.org/rsfamilytrip](http://www.emanuelnyc.org/rsfamilytrip).

Lunch payments can be made when registering: \$30 per adult, \$15 per child. The bus will return to Emanu-El after lunch. **QUESTIONS?** Contact Rachel Brumberg at (212) 744-1400, ext. 326 or [rbrumberg@emanuelnyc.org](mailto:rbrumberg@emanuelnyc.org).



## RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

**FAMILY DINNER & SHABBAT KODESH**  
Friday, May 9 • 6 PM (Dinner) • 10 East 66th Street • 7 PM (Service) • **Beth-El Chapel**

ALL AGES AND all families are invited to attend. Dinner precedes the service; a delicious dessert *oneg* follows. **The charge for dinner is \$40 per family for reservations made by May 5, \$60 after May 5. Payments must be received before the event. Pay online with your credit card:** [www.emanuelnyc.org/familydinner](http://www.emanuelnyc.org/familydinner). 

**SERVICE LEARNING AWARDS CEREMONY**

Friday, May 9 • 8 PM • **One East 65th Street**  
FOLLOWING THE family dinner and Shabbat Kodesh service, our seventh and eighth grade Mitzvah Corps, Tzedek League and New Orleans Trip participants will be recognized for their accomplishments during the year and will celebrate the effect they have had on their local community. Families are invited. Dessert will be served.

**END-OF-YEAR FAMILY ASSEMBLIES**

Sunday, May 18 • 11 AM • Monday, May 19 and Wednesday, May 21 • 5:15 PM • 10 East 66th  
FAMILIES ARE ENCOURAGED to join us in celebrating the accomplishments of our students and view our end-of-the year slide show.



## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

### SPRING CLEANING COAT DRIVE

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

**QUESTIONS? Call the Tikkun Olam Committee at (212) 744-1400, ext. 452.**

### STITCH'N TIME

**Sunday, May 18 • 11:30 AM to 1:30 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). We have a professional instructor to assist us. So, prior knitting experience is not required. Refreshments are served. **QUESTIONS? Call (212) 744-1400, ext. 452.**

### 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 will be Tuesday, May 27.**

# Volunteering



## Project Prom

**Through Friday, May 2 • 10 AM to 4 PM • One East 65th Street**



**P**ROJECT PROM WILL CONTINUE through **Friday, May 2** in partnership with **Gala Gear**. More than 300 girls will be able to choose a full prom outfit. And, if they don't find a formal gown that they love, then they can choose a casual dress for graduation. Volunteers 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**.

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

## Final Thoughts (from page 1)

matrix of these forces, internal and external, active at present. This will be a crucial exercise in communal discourse wherein our members and leadership will examine our institutional priorities and balance those against the exigencies of those in the community who are not yet part of the Emanu-El family.

But I am going to take the liberty of leap-frogging this process by giving you my personal vision for Emanu-El's future.

I have a vision of an Emanu-El where every Shabbat is special, where our members and guests from the community fill the pews because the worship experience nurtures and sustains our spiritual yearning. There has been, and there will be, much debate about our *Union Prayer Book* to be sure. But the spirit and vigor of our service is not tied exclusively to the prayer book we use. There also have been expressions of allegiance to Classical Reform. Such orthodoxy, however, denies the essence of Reform Judaism, where Reform is seen as a verb, where Reform admits the changes derived from informed choices, where meaning, purpose and relevance serve to reshape Jewish living. The challenge for Emanu-El is not to jettison the majesty, dignity and nobility of its heritage but to forge a "Neo-Classical Reform" that will ignite the soul and inspire the intellect.

I have a vision of an Emanu-El that is a community of learners. Where people seek to enrich and deepen their Jewish identity by [re-]reading the sacred texts of our tradition and learning more about the values and ideas that make Judaism such a compelling way of life. Emanu-El is the place where people are given the essential tools—fundamental knowledge of

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prayer and the prayer book, the elements of the holidays and festivals, the basics of theology and Jewish thought—that enable them to re-engage with customs and beliefs and find the pathways to the kind of “observance” that corresponds to the contemporary liberal ethos of modern Reform Jews. And, here comes the real dream—it is all done with such enthralling creativity and provocative imagination that people flock to the learning experiences and clamor for more!

I have a vision of an Emanu-El where its Religious School and Nursery School are not just the effective programs they are today for our students but are also the launch pad for parents to learn with their children. Our schools will convey the critical importance of creating a Jewish-centered home because only by complementing and reinforcing the lessons learned at school will students develop a lifelong enthusiasm for Jewish living.

I have a vision of an Emanu-El that totally embraces social action as a way of life for the individual and the community. Building on a venerable tradition of social engagement, Emanu-El today—through its Mitzvah Day, Second Seder, Sunday Lunch program, Tikkun Olam Committee and Philanthropic Fund—has a multifaceted and influential array of programs to help people in need. But the task of repairing the world is ever-present and ever-pressing. There is more that needs to be done through volunteering and direct hands-on involvement, as well as through financial support. Emanu-El, because of its prominence and historical distinction, also will apply its formidable voice to the compelling issues of the time to guide and lead others to actions that will actualize the noble, universalist exhortations of the prophets to “observe what is right and do what is just.”

I have a vision of an Emanu-El where “dual faith” married couples find a nurturing, supportive Jewish environment. Interfaith households face a unique set of challenges and questions when they choose a Jewish way of life by joining the Emanu-El family. We have the responsibility to assist, coach and guide them as they learn what Jewish life holds for their family and as they make fundamental life-changing decisions.

I have a vision of an Emanu-El that is identified widely as the home for ALL Jews, whether they are members of the congregation or not. This is an Emanu-El committed to the enterprise of helping Jews forge a deeper, more robust sense of their Jewish identity. It is an Emanu-El that recognizes that Jews in today’s world, particularly but not exclusively young Jews, do not seek out Temple affiliation as members in the traditional sense. It is an Emanu-El that takes seriously the mission of “creating Jews” and has therefore invested its resources in efforts—through worship, education and social engagement—to connect to people where they are, to offer them relevant, Jewishly-oriented avenues of expression and self-fulfillment.

I have a vision of an Emanu-El that touches people, changes them, connects them to others, and brings them to moments of joy, solace, spiritual comfort, wonder and awe. It is an Emanu-El that is indispensable in the lives it touches. □

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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.”



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## LIFE-CYCLE EVENTS

### BAR/BAT MITZVAH PREPARATION

CHILDREN MUST BE enrolled in Religious School in order to celebrate bar or bat mitzvah at 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](http://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](mailto:womaux@emanuelnyc.org) or (212) 744-1400, ext. 235.**

## Life-Cycle Events



FROM BIRTH TO DEATH, the act of consciously marking the major milestones in one's life is an important element of both personal and religious development. Similarly important are the rituals associated with these life-cycle events.

### The following students of our Religious School will become **B'NEI MITZVAH** in May:

#### Saturday, May 3

*Sydney E. Phlegar*, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jeffrey Phlegar

#### Saturday, May 17

*Maxine Meyer Jamison*, daughter of Janice Meyer and Michael Jamison

*Lila Selin*, daughter of Doug and Pam Selin

#### Saturday, May 31

*Harold Edward Kahane*, son of Elizabeth and William Kahane

*Jacqueline Morgan Segal*, daughter of Wendy and Danny Segal

**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 May 2 and 3

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

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

#### For the Sabbath of May 16 and 17

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

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

#### For the Sabbath of May 30 and 31

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

Wendy, Danny and Jacqueline Segal in loving memory of *Joan Tuby Weinsier, Philip Weinsier, Marvin Segal, Dr. Robert Tuby and Evelyn Tuby*

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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: May 2014



**May 1**  
**Thursday, 7 PM**  
*How We Pray Is  
Who We Are (Charles  
Grossman Lecture)*  
One East 65th Street



**May 2**  
**Friday, 6 PM**  
*Yom HaAtzma-ut Service*  
10 East 66th Street  
(Lowenstein Sanctuary)



**May 4**  
**Sunday, 10 AM to 2 PM**  
*The American Jew  
and Cinema*  
One East 65th Street



**May 4**  
**Sunday, 11 AM**  
*Tefilah Boot Camp (Part 3)*  
10 East 66th Street



**May 5**  
**Monday, 6 PM to 8 PM**  
*"Justify Your Existence"  
Exhibition Opening*  
One East 65th Street



**May 7**  
**Wednesday, 8:30 AM**  
*Men's Club Book Group*  
One East 65th Street



**May 7**  
**Wednesday, 1 PM**  
*Women's Auxiliary  
Book Group*  
One East 65th Street



**May 8**  
**Thursday, 7 PM (Text  
Study)/8 PM (Lecture)**  
*"Sing-Now!-to God:"  
Miriam and Moses*  
One East 65th Street



**May 9**  
**Friday, 6 PM**  
*May Music Program*  
Main Sanctuary



**May 9**  
**Friday, 6 PM**  
*Family Dinner*  
10 East 66th Street  
**Friday, 7 PM**  
*Shabbat Kodesh Service*  
Beth-El Chapel



**May 9**  
**Friday, 8 PM**  
*Service Learning  
Awards Ceremony*  
One East 65th Street



**May 12**  
**Monday, 6:30 PM**  
*The Future of Reform  
in the Synagogue*  
One East 65th Street



**May 13**  
**Tuesday, 11 AM**  
*Club 65*  
One East 65th Street



**May 13**  
**Tuesday, 5:30 PM to 7 PM**  
*Ask the Experts*  
One East 65th Street



**May 14**  
**Wednesday, 6:30 PM**  
*Stettenheim Literary Circle*  
One East 65th Street



**May 15**  
**Thursday, 12 PM**  
*Women's Auxiliary  
Annual Meeting & Lunch*  
One East 65th Street



**May 16**  
**Friday, 12 PM to 1:30 PM**  
*Religious School Preview*  
One East 65th Street



**May 16**  
**Friday, 7:30 PM**  
*Saviv Shabbat*  
One East 65th Street



**May 17**  
**Saturday, 10 AM**  
*Tot Shabbat*  
One East 65th Street



**May 18**  
**Sunday, 10 AM to 2 PM**  
*Biblical Perspectives on  
Human Transformation*  
One East 65th Street



**May 18, 19, 21**  
**Sunday, 11 AM**  
**Monday, 5:15 PM**  
**Wednesday, 5:15 PM**  
*RS Family Assemblies*  
One East 65th Street



**May 18**  
**Sunday, 11:30 AM**  
*Stitch'n Time*  
One East 65th Street



**May 22**  
**Thursday, 6 PM to 9 PM**  
*Men's Club Annual  
Meeting & Sacks Award*  
One East 65th Street



**May 27**  
**Tuesday, 5 PM**  
*Ronald McDonald House*  
405 East 73rd Street



**May 27**  
**Tuesday, 7 PM to 9 PM**  
*JPS/Skirball Author Series*  
One East 65th Street



**May 29**  
**Thursday, 6 PM**  
*Annual Meeting  
of the Congregation*  
One East 65th Street



**May 30**  
**Friday, 6 PM**  
*Choral D'var Torah*  
Main Sanctuary



**May 31**  
**Saturday, 9 AM to 12 PM**  
*RS Family Trip*  
Departs from One East 65th St.

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## HERBERT & EILEEN BERNARD MUSEUM

### *On View at the Museum...*

#### Poster for the Second Maccabiah Games

Franz Krausz

*Palestine, 1935*

Published by The Maccabi World Union

**I**N 1921, the Maccabi World Union was founded with the goal of fostering increased participation of Palestinian Jews in international athletic competitions. The Maccabiah Games, often referred to as the Jewish Olympics, first were held in 1932 with the approval of British authorities. Following the success of the first games, the second Maccabiah was held in April 1935 in Tel Aviv and Haifa. Despite official opposition by the British Mandatory government, more than 1,300 athletes from 28 nations participated.

IMAGE ON LOAN FROM THE MOLDOVAN FAMILY COLLECTION

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

