

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.



A Time for Reflection and Renewal

By Rabbi Joshua M. Davidson

DEAR FRIENDS,

I WANT YOU TO KNOW what a thrilling beginning these last 11 months have been for me and how happy I am to have come to this extraordinary congregation that is now my home. My family and I truly are grateful for the warmth of your embrace.

Temple Emanu-El is so busy... so much happens here every day, rarely do we have time to consider the many wonderful and important things we do. But, to be thoughtful about where we are going, it is important to reflect on where we have been.

To list all of the milestone moments in our temple life these past months would be impossible, for they include all of the *b'nei mitzvah*, the weddings, namings and funerals. Each one of them was, for the families involved, the most important event in the world. Coming to know our members, to enter your lives in such moments of joy...and moments of sorrow too...is what being a congregational rabbi is all about.

For me, it indeed has been a year of meeting people: our Nursery School and Religious School children in their classrooms and our sanctuary and as they pulse through the halls of our building giving it life, and members of every generation. I have had the occasion now to sit down with some 600 congregants, many in groups of 20 to 30 and many one-on-one, to learn from them their aspirations for our temple. And these conversations will continue next fall. If the dates we offered this past year did not work for you, then please keep your eye out for another set of opportunities; call and let us know what does work. Hearing your thoughts about our future, and those areas where you would like to become involved in shaping it, is so important to me.

As I think back on the year, there were certain moments that touched many of us quite powerfully, such as having both our rabbis emeriti, **Drs. Posner and Sobel**, join us on the *bimah* during the Days of Awe



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WEEKLY TORAH PORTION

B'HAALOT'CHA

(Numbers 8:1-12:16)

Read Saturday, June 7

SYNOPSIS: Lighting of menorah; Levites inaugurated for Temple service; celebration of second Passover since Egypt; pillar of cloud directs Israelites after they break camp; silver trumpets used to herald movement of Israelites; Israelites leave Sinai desert; Israelites complain about desert travel conditions; Moses complains to God; God promises to send quail for food; Moses institutes Sanhedrin to govern people; prophesy that Joshua will succeed Moses as leader.

FRIDAY D'VAR TORAH:

Rabbi Ehrlich

SATURDAY SERMON:

Rabbi Davidson

SH'LACH L'CHA

(Numbers 13:1-15:41)

Read Saturday, June 14

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

FRIDAY D'VAR TORAH:

Rabbi Zeidman

SATURDAY SERMON:

Rabbi Ehrlich

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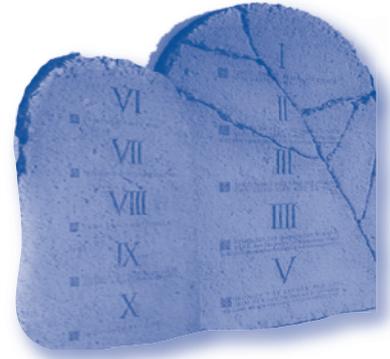
Worship & Spirituality



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.

Shir Chadash ("A New Song")

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



Photo by Gary K. Deane

TEMPLE EMANU-EL IS PLEASED to offer a new style of worship service to be held once a month on Friday night. The liturgy of **Shir Chadash** will be interspersed with Chasidic tales and other teachings. The prayer book will be more contemporary in its language. The music, led by a vocalist and supported by instrumentalists, will be less formal and more participatory. All are welcome!

After the High Holy Days, Shir Chadash will be scheduled once a month starting in October 2014. We look forward to seeing you there.

June Music Program

Friday, June 13 • 6 PM • Main Sanctuary

ONCE A MONTH, Temple Emanu-El is pleased to welcome guest musicians as part of our Friday evening worship. Violinist **Elena Nisonoff** returns in June to perform selections of joyous music. The **Temple Emanu-El Choir** will sing from the *bimah*. **K. Scott Warren** will conduct, and **Daniel Beckwith** will play the organ.



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Summer Worship Services

SABBATH SERVICES will be held in the **Beth-El Chapel** from **Friday, July 4 through Saturday, August 30**. We will return to the **Main Sanctuary** on **Friday, September 5**. Our Sunset Service, conducted Sunday through Thursday at 5:30 PM, will continue to be held in Greenwald Hall. Enter at the Marvin and Elisabeth Cassell Community House (One East 65th Street).

High Holy Days 5775

- **SELICHOT—Saturday, September 20 (No tickets required)**
- **ROSH HASHANAH—Wednesday, September 24 and Thursday, September 25**
- **YOM KIPPUR—Friday, October 3 and Saturday, October 4**

AS PART OF High Holy Days services in the new year, we will be adding two services—one in the evening, one in the morning—to each holiday. At 8 PM on Rosh Hashanah (September 25) and at 5:30 PM on Yom Kippur (October 4)—when no services currently are scheduled—we will hold in our Lowenstein Sanctuary a new style of service that is less formal and more participatory. (**« See Shir Chadash, page 2.»**) We also expect the services to be somewhat shorter than our formal services are. All are invited to attend, and seating is open. Members will receive tickets along with their tickets for our regularly scheduled services. Bring friends! (Simply let us know how many additional seats you will need.)

At 9 AM on Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur, we will add a service for pre-readers. Short and filled with song, this service will engage children of Nursery School age in a meaningful, age-appropriate holiday experience. Our regular family service, geared more toward elementary schoolers and their parents, will continue in the afternoon of each holiday.

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TORAH PORTION (continued)

KORACH

(Numbers 16:1-18:32)

Read Saturday, June 21

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

FRIDAY D'VAR TORAH:

Rabbi Davidson

SATURDAY SERMON:

**Rabbi Kinneret Shiryon
of Kehillat YOZMA in
Modi'in, Israel**

CHUKAT

(Numbers 19:1-22:1)

Read Saturday, June 28

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

FRIDAY D'VAR TORAH:

Rabbi Ehrlich

SATURDAY SERMON:

Rabbi Zeidman

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.**





WORSHIP & SPIRITUALITY

A NOTE ABOUT OUR SANCTUARIES

TEMPLE EMANU-EL IS proud to provide an induction loop system in our Fifth Avenue sanctuaries to assist those members of our congregation as well as visitors who may be hard of hearing. Hearing aids must be switched to the "T" (telecoil) setting.

Infrared assistance listening devices also are available for use in all of our sanctuaries, including Greenwald Hall and the Leon Lowenstein Auditorium. Portable receivers and headsets or neck loops are available from a lobby attendant or usher; picture ID is required.

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 Temple website Home Page  **(www.emanuelpc.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.

High Holy Days (continued)

HOW TO RESERVE SEATS

Special notices about reserving seats for the High Holy Days will be enclosed with each member's **2014-2015** dues statements. **Renewal of seating is not automatic; renewal forms MUST be returned to the Temple Office by the date specified.** Temple members with existing seating assignments will have the opportunity at that time to reserve the same seats or add, release or request to change their seats.

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

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

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

SEATING RECIPROCITY

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

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

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

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



Celebrate Israel Parade

Sunday, June 1 • 11:15 AM • Fifth Avenue entrance

ALL TEMPLE MEMBERS are invited to stand with our clergy on the steps of Emanu-El in support of Israel as the **Celebrate Israel Parade** passes along Fifth Avenue. This year's theme is **"50 Reasons to Celebrate Israel,"** in honor of the parade's 50th anniversary.

The parade is scheduled to kick off from 57th Street and Fifth Avenue at 11 AM and is scheduled to pass by Emanu-El around 11:30 AM, and continue up to 74th Street. We will gather at the Emanu-El Fifth Avenue entrance at roughly 11:15 AM. **All are asked to wear blue and white as a sign of support.**



Richard Lobell Photography for HUC-JIR

IN RECOGNITION...

CONGRATULATIONS TO **Rabi David M. Posner**, recipient of the **2014 Dr. Bernard Heller Prize in Arts, Literature, the Humanities and Religion** from **Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion**. Rabbi Aaron D. Panken, Ph.D., president of HUC-JIR (pictured above with Ruth O. Freedlander, co-trustee of the Dr. Bernard Heller Foundation), presented the award to Rabbi Posner on May 8 at the HUC-JIR/New York graduation, held at Emanu-El.

Past recipients of the award include Special Middle East Coordinator Dennis B. Ross, U.S. Department of State; Ambassador Richard C. Holbrooke, chief negotiator of the Dayton Peace Accords; Count Folke Bernadotte, posthumously, for rescuing thousands in the concentration camps during the Holocaust; and Israeli President Shimon Peres.



SAVE THESE DATES...

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 10 for our Opening Sabbath Dinner sponsored by the Women's Auxiliary and Men's Club.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 17 for the Heritage Society Sabbath Dinner.

WOMEN'S AUXILIARY MEMBERSHIP APPEAL

PLEASE WON'T YOU join our Women's Auxiliary and become a part of this vibrant organization? By joining, you are ensuring the legacy of Reform Jewish women of Congregation Emanu-El. Your membership dues support our many programs, charities and projects.

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



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). Click "Community" → "Men's Club."





VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

SUNDAY LUNCH SUMMER ANGELS

THE SUNDAY LUNCH PROGRAM is compiling a list of volunteers who can be called on short notice to help out in the kitchen during the months of **July** and **August**. Volunteers must be Temple members. **Call (212) 744-1400, ext. 215 to have your name added to the list.**

RONALD McDONALD HOUSE DINNER

OUR FINAL TWO DINNERS of the program year will be held **Thursday, June 26** and **Thursday, August 28**. 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.

STITCH'N TIME

**Sunday, July 13 •
11:30 AM to 1:30 PM •
One East 65th Street**
DON'T MISS OUR FINAL session of the program year. Refreshments are served. We will resume in the fall.

USHERS/GREETERS

TEMPLE MEMBERS ARE NEEDED to assist with Sabbath and holiday worship services. **Call Sherry Nehmer at (212) 744-1400, ext. 312 if you are interested in volunteering or if you have questions about what is required.**

How to Become a Temple Member

THE MINIMUM MEMBERSHIP CONTRIBUTION for the fiscal year beginning June 1, 2014, is **\$1,430**. We currently offer two exceptions to this: a reduced rate for **Associate Members** (individuals between age 21 and 29) and a **Full Family Membership**. Dues are billed in June each year and cover most aspects of membership in Temple Emanu-El, including services by the clergy, use of the facilities, access to member-only events and services, and special consideration at events open to the public. Dues also are a credit toward seating during the High Holy Days.

AUXILIARIES: Small additional fees are required for membership in our Temple auxiliaries, the **Men's Club** and the **Women's Auxiliary**.

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL: Enrollment in Temple Emanu-El's Religious School is open to children of Temple members only. In addition to the fees for Temple membership, families will be charged tuition for each child enrolled. The tuition rate for the 2014 fiscal year is **\$1,125** per child (**\$50 discount per student if registration forms and payments are received by July 31, 2014**), which includes books and supplies.

Temple membership applications may be downloaded from the Temple website (www.emanuelnyc.org/membership). Completed applications must be signed and returned with membership dues to the Temple Office. **Questions should be directed to the Temple Office: (212) 744-1400.** 

Club 65: A Group for Seniors

CLUB 65 WILL TAKE its annual hiatus during June, July and August. We wish our loyal members, speakers and supporters a wonderful summer, and we look forward to seeing everyone in the fall. Upcoming programs will feature **Rabbi Joshua Davidson, Austen Hayes, Cantor Lori Corrsin** and **Interim Curator of the Bernard Museum Warren Klein**. A very special "thank you" to all the Temple Emanu-El staff who helped make Club 65 run so smoothly this year.

Family Israel Trip

LED BY RABBI BEN ZEIDMAN AND SAUL KAISERMAN, our director of Lifelong Learning, we will explore Israel from the Negev Desert to the Golan Heights, from Jerusalem to Tel Aviv, and everywhere in-between. Whether you are a first-time Israel traveler or one well acquainted with the Jewish state, this is a trip not to be missed.

Our next trip is scheduled for December 22, 2014, through January 2, 2015.



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

Music Programs



Organ Recital

Sunday, June 1 • 5 PM • Main Sanctuary



TEMPLE EMANU-EL'S ASSISTANT ORGANIST, **Dr. Andrew Henderson**, will perform works by Bach, Mendelssohn, Widor and Mulet. He also will play colorful works by past organists of Temple Emanu-El: Will C. Macfarlane (organist from 1898 to 1912) and Gottfried Federlein (organist from 1915 to 1945).

Because the organ console is hidden from view, an image of Andrew will be projected onto a large screen on the *bimah*. Following the recital, attendees are invited to join Andrew and **Organist/Choir Director K. Scott Warren** in the choir loft for a brief demonstration of the instrument, followed by a Q&A.

Museum Programs



“Justify Your Existence” 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. Attendance is free and open to all Temple members and guests. View the online exhibition: www.emanuelnyc.org/graphicposters.



EMANU-EL EATS

YOUR EMANU-EL EATS COMMITTEE wishes you a safe summer of fun and happy occasions. For your summer enjoyment, we preview a recipe for a lighter, healthier version of noodle pudding, from congregant **Maureen Rosenkrantz**.

SPINACH NOODLE KUGEL (Serves 16-20)

1 pound fine noodles*
2 tablespoons plus
½ cup oil, divided
2 large onions, diced
1 pound mushrooms, sliced
1 generous tablespoon
garlic, minced
6 eggs
1 tablespoon salt
¼ to ½ teaspoon pepper
Three 10-ounce packages
frozen chopped spinach,
defrosted and drained

1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees F. Grease a 9-inch by 13-inch baking dish.
2. Cook noodles according to package directions; drain; set aside to cool.
3. Heat the 2 tablespoons oil in a large skillet. Cook onions slowly until they caramelize. Add mushrooms and garlic and sauté.
4. In a large mixing bowl, beat eggs lightly together with the ½ cup oil, salt and pepper. Add drained spinach and mix well. Add mushroom mixture and drained noodles and mix well. Pour kugel into prepared pan and bake in preheated oven for 40 minutes. Serve.

* *May be substituted with 12 ounces of farfalle.*



ADULT EDUCATION

AT-HOME JEWISH STUDY

TEMPLE EMANU-EL IS looking for hosts for at-home Jewish study next year. Interested in being part of a rotating group of Temple friends and willing to host a session of study in your home? Please let us know! We will be organizing groups that meet every six to eight weeks to help bring Jewish learning into our busy lives.

Call the rabbis' study at (212) 744-1400.

ADULT B'NEI MITZVAH

TEMPLE EMANU-EL'S ADULT B'NEI MITZVAH PROGRAM is for those who celebrated becoming *b'nei mitzvah* as youth but who wish to reaffirm their place in Jewish tradition as adults, as well as for those who never had the opportunity to do so. Our year of study culminates in a ceremony in the spring, at which each student has the opportunity to read from the Torah in Hebrew. Temple members who are interested in pursuing this course of study should call **Johnny Maldonado**, assistant to our clergy, at **(212) 744-1400, ext. 303**.

WEEKLY TORAH STUDY

PLEASE NOTE that the Weekly Torah Study Group will not meet during June, July or August. We will resume on **Saturday, September 6**. Rabbinic Intern Alexis Pinsky will return to lead our group. All are welcome to attend.

Lectures • Classes • Tours



FROM THE SKIRBALL CENTER

Sons of Abraham

Tuesday, June 10 • 7 PM • One East 65th Street



ALL ARE INVITED TO a candid conversation about the issues that divide and unite Jews and Muslims with **Rabbi Marc Schneier** and **Imam Shamsi Ali**. Hear how each overcame the temptations of fundamentalism and religious triumphalism to embrace a pluralistic vision of faith and a joint commitment to build a global movement of Muslims and Jews committed to communication, reconciliation and cooperation.

This event will feature a lively moderated dialogue. Admission is free and open to the public.

Artists Exhibition and Reception

Monday, June 16 • 6 PM to 8 PM • One East 65th Street

AN ARTISTIC, CULTURAL EXHIBITION of works by students of the **Artists' Beit Midrash** blends modern art with the life of the spirit. The year-long theme, "**Crossing Over: The Importance of Be(com)ing Hebrew**," explores Jewish sources, inspiring creative new visual commentaries on the ancient texts of our tradition.

Attendance is free and open to the public. Light refreshments will be served. Please note, the art show will remain open through Monday, June 23. (Docent-led tours will be available from 11 AM to 4 PM on Tuesday, June 17 through Friday, June 20, as well as Sunday, June 22 and Monday, June 23.)

SAVE THESE DATES!

SKIRBALL SIZZLES IN AUGUST with four different month-long classes scheduled throughout the day. **(Wednesdays, August 6, 13, 20, 27)**

FALL SEMESTER CLASSES begin **Monday, October 20**. Day-long Sunday seminars, evening lectures, seven-week courses and three-week mini-semester classes will be available. The Skirball Center offers opportunities for in-depth study of the great Jewish texts and ideas in a warm and open environment. **Temple members receive 15 percent off the cost of full-semester courses.**

QUESTIONS? Call the Skirball Center at (212) 507-9580, or log on to www.adultjewishlearning.org.

Summer Reading List

LOOKING FOR SOMETHING to read this summer? The following books are available from the **Ivan M. Stettenheim Library** for your reading pleasure and enlightenment. (In order to borrow library materials, Temple members first must obtain a library card. Application forms are available at the library.) Please note: Summer library hours generally are from 10 AM to 6 PM (Tuesday through Thursday) and 10 AM to 2 PM (Friday). **Visitors are asked to call the library at (212) 744-1400, ext. 360 during the summer as hours may vary.**

FICTION

Fire Year: Stories by Jason K. Friedman
Winner of the 2012 Mary McCarthy Prize in Short Fiction, selected by Salvatore Scibona

Homesick: A Novel by Eshkol Nevo;
translated by Sondra Silverston

The Imposter Bride
by Nancy Richler

*Love and Treasure:
A Novel*
by Ayelet Waldman

*An Officer and a Spy:
A Novel*
by Robert Harris

*Styx & Stone:
An Ellie Stone Mystery*
by James W. Ziskin



NONFICTION

Arik: The Life of Ariel Sharon by David Landau

Little Failure: A Memoir by Gary Shteyngart

My Promised Land: The Triumph and Tragedy of Israel by Ari Shavit

*The Pope's Last Crusade: How an American Jesuit
Helped Pope Pius XI's Campaign to Stop Hitler* by Peter Eisner

*Swastika Nation: Fritz Kuhn and the
Rise and Fall of the German-American Bund*
by Arnie Bernstein

*The Story of the Jews: Finding the Words,
1000 BC – 1492 AD* by Simon Schama

Get a head start on the 2015 Emanu-El Reads selection!



BOOK GROUPS

**STETTENHEIM
LITERARY CIRCLE**
**Wednesday, June 11 •
6:30 PM • One East 65th
The Cider House Rules**

by John Irving
FIRST PUBLISHED IN 1985,
The Cider House Rules is
John Irving's sixth novel.
Set in rural Maine in the
first half of the 20th
century, it tells the story of
Dr. Wilbur Larch—saint and
obstetrician, founder and
director of the orphanage
in the town of St. Cloud's,
ether addict and abortionist.
It is also the story of
Dr. Larch's favorite orphan,
Homer Wells, who is
never adopted.

PLEASE NOTE:

The Stettenheim Literary
Circle will reconvene in the
fall (**September 19**).
Our first selection will be
The Goldfinch by Donna
Tarrt, winner of the 2014
Pulitzer Prize for Fiction.
It is a long book...good for
a summer read!

TEMPLE MEMBERS AND
SKIRBALL STUDENTS are
invited to join this friendly
and welcoming group of
avid readers. Commit to the
season, or drop in when a
book is of particular
interest. Sessions meet
Wednesdays from 6:30 PM
to 8 PM. Discussions are
facilitated by Temple
Librarian Elizabeth Stabler.
**For more information,
please call (212) 744-
1400, ext. 360.**



RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

SUMMER HOURS

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

2014-2015 APPLICATIONS

REGISTRATION FOR THE 2014-2015 school year now is open!

Forms may be downloaded at 

www.emanuelnyc.org/school. Returning students should receive their pre-populated forms in the mail. **There is a \$50 discount per student for complete registration forms received by July 31.**

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

FIRST DAYS OF SCHOOL

THE FIRST SESSIONS of school for 2014-2015 are as follows:

Sunday, September 14
(Pre-K through 7th Grade)

Monday, September 15
(Pre-K through 4th Grade)

Wednesday, Sept. 17
(5th Grade through 7th Grade)

Note: The first day for Seventh Grade Mitzvah Corps is Wednesday, September 10.

(Learn more about Mitzvah Corps on the Temple website: www.emanuelnyc.org/mitzvahcorps.) 

Early Childhood



Young Families: Rooftop Party

Sunday, June 1 • 10 AM • 10 East 66th Street

YOUNG FAMILIES ends its program year with an annual rooftop party. If the weather is nice, then we'll play in the pools. Bring sunscreen, bathing suits, towels, hats and a change of clothes. If it rains, then the party moves inside to Blumenthal Hall. As this year's event coincides with the **Celebrate Israel Parade**, we ask everyone to wear blue and white in support of Israel.

RSVP to Young Families at (212) 744-1400, ext. 242.

Nursery School Registration

APPPLICATIONS FOR THE **2015-2016** school year will be available on **Tuesday, September 2**, the day after Labor Day. **Parents should call the Nursery School at (212) 744-1400, ext. 230.** (Office hours are from 8 AM to 2 PM, Monday through Thursday, and 8 AM to 12 PM, Friday.) Although it is Nursery School policy to give priority to congregation members and siblings, acceptance is not automatic. Applications are given out only one year before a child is eligible to start school. Limited scholarship money may be available.

Parenting Programs at Emanu-El

PARENT/CHILD PROGRAMS led by child psychologist **Dr. Juliet Cooper** and **Rabbi Amy Ehrlich** will reconvene in the fall. Please contact us through **parenting@emanuelnyc.org** to discuss participation.

In addition to our **Toddler Group** (for children ages 10 months to 20 months), **Parent/Child Group** (for children ages 24 months to 33 months) and **Preschool Parents** (for parents of preschool-aged children), we will be starting a new group. **Mommy and Me** offers a 45-minute musical experience for a parent and child. Join music educator **Hadar Orshalimy** in an engaging Jewish experience, exploring Jewish themes and holidays through song, movement and free play.



Meeting dates, fees and our registration form will be forthcoming on the Temple website (www.emanuelnyc.org). Click "Learning" → "Early Childhood" → "Parenting @ Emanu-El." Preregistration required for all groups. 
NOTE: Parents with twins/triplets pay half price for each additional child.

Youth & Young Adults



AJWS Teen Benefit



THE FIFTH ANNUAL **Emanu-El Teen Benefit** in support of **American Jewish World Service (AJWS)** was a huge success, raising more than **\$24,000** for AJWS' efforts to combat global hunger. Led by senior **Elizabeth Cooper** and juniors **Andrew Fischer** and **Greer Manning** (pictured left to right), the committee planned an evening of desserts and dancing at Metropolitan Pavilion on April 26. They are very grateful to their parents, other congregants, and the Emanu-El staff and clergy for supporting their event.

It's not too late!
Learn more and make a donation at
www.ajwsteenbenefitnyc.com. »

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

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



YOUTH PROGRAMS

MITZVAH MESSENGERS
CONGRATULATIONS TO THE 2013-2014 **Super Mitzvah Messengers** from our Seventh Grade Mitzvah Corps class, recognized for their excellent attendance and participation:

- Bridget Curwin
- Julian Fuchsberg
- Kate Golub
- William Golub
- Anne Isman
- Maxine Jamison
- Meredith Silfen
- Aleyna Singer
- Zachary Weiner

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

TEEN TRIPS FOR 2014-2015

WE ARE OFFERING four different trips for eighth through 12th graders at Emanu-El next year, and registration already is open!

- **High School Trip to Religious Action Center**
December 5-8, 2014
(with Senior Rabbi Joshua Davidson)
- **Eighth Grade Trip to New Orleans**
January 16-19, 2015
- **Ninth Grade Civil Rights Trip**
January 22-25, 2015
- **High School Trip to New Orleans**
February 13-17, 2015

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Renewal and Growth (continued)



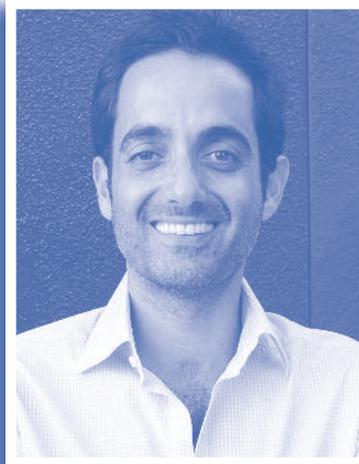
and our programs on the history and future of Reform Judaism, which Dr. Sobel kicked off with a stirring sermon last October—a series of evenings that brought to us leading thinkers of our movement including the president of the **Union for Reform Judaism, Rabbi Rick Jacobs**, and the current and past presidents of the **Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion, Drs. Aaron Panken and David Ellenson**. And I think back to our Martin Luther King Jr. Shabbat service, when we welcomed the **Reverend Dr. Calvin Butts**, the **Abyssinian Baptist Church Choir** and so many of their members. May this be the beginning of a long and meaningful relationship between our two historic congregations. And I think of **Mitzvah Day**, the annual **Thanksgiving Dinner** and **Second Seder**, and the myriad other *tikkun olam* activities; Temple Emanu-El's first **Women's Seder**; and of course, an installation service for which I remain truly grateful.

None of these moments would have been possible without an extraordinary cadre of lay leaders and volunteers guided so skillfully and so tirelessly by our **President John Streicker**, my great friend and partner in this exciting venture. His wisdom, and that of the board of trustees he leads, ensures our congregation's stability, vitality, and creative wrestling with the challenges of capturing and captivating today's Jews.

In that regard, this has been a year of important visioning for us, which will continue into next year and hopefully never stop. The most significant step we have taken is engaging as a consultant for a period of 18 to 24 months, **Rabbi Dr. Lawrence Hoffman**, founder of Synagogue 3000 and the liberal Jewish community's great luminary of synagogue renewal. He will work with a group of lay leaders representing the many constituencies of our congregation, our board and our extraordinary staff—a team of professionals second to none. Together in partnership, with opportunities for your involvement, too, we will chart our congregation's bright future.

But even now, we are acting on important ideas that emerged out of the conversations I had with many of you this year: community groups for members who share similar life experiences or interests; sermons addressing contemporary topics; and monthly worship services with a more contemporary prayer book and more participatory music led by a vocalist and instrumentalists. In response to parents of 20- and 30-year-olds concerned about their children's Jewish futures, we have hired a rabbinic intern to engage them in new and creative ways at the temple and in the city neighborhoods where they live. And, in answer to the dozen requests we receive each month from those interested in becoming Jewish, we are devoting part of a second intern's time to nurturing them along their paths to Judaism. Jewish continuity, so important to us, depends on reaching out to these populations. We are proud and excited to be doing so.

As you know, there will be some significant changes to our professional team come this summer. We have seized each of these transitions as an opportunity to assess how we utilize our resources in fulfillment of our needs. Before hiring a new executive director for our Skirball Center, a think tank examined the ways in which the Skirball Center serves Temple Emanu-El's members and the wider community and how it might engage both those constituencies even more effectively. Last fall's Pew study suggested that the greater the number and variety of portals we open into synagogue life, the better we will serve and engage the Jewish world. Therefore, we have chosen to broaden Skirball's scope to encompass cultural and contemporary themes alongside more traditional forms of Jewish learning to excite more of our own members and more individuals from the wider community. And, we will enrich the extraordinary academy Skirball currently offers.



With this new vision in mind, we have hired **Dr. Gady Levi**, from 2001-2013 vice president of the American Jewish University in Los Angeles and dean of its Whizin Center for Continuing Education, where he envisioned, created and oversaw Jewish experiences that touched people of all backgrounds and stages of life and literacy with offerings ranging from biblical archeology and fine arts to ethics and public policy. The search committee believed him to be exactly right for what we hope to accomplish, and his unique creativity will only broaden and deepen our vision.

Of course, there is another significant transition underway, one which we all feel most deeply. This month we say goodbye to **Dr. Mark Weisstuch** after his nearly 30 years of service as Temple Emanu-El's administrative vice president. Mark's leadership has been nothing short of brilliant. He has served us with love and devotion, giving of his passion and his innermost strength.

With a steady hand and a willing heart Mark has guided Temple Emanu-El

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ON THE TEMPLE WEBSITE

UNTIL SEPTEMBER...

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

UPDATE YOUR EMAIL

TEMPLE EMANU-EL WILL continue to rely increasingly on e-communications. So, we encourage Temple members to call the Temple Office at **(212) 744-1400, ext. 215** and provide us with a current email address.

PLAY IT AGAIN!

DID YOU MISS any of our events from the 2013-2014 program year? Or, did you want to experience a lecture for another time? Video and audio files are accessible through the Temple website: www.emanuelnyc.org. **(Click "Learning" → "Adult Education" → "Lectures/Sermons.")** 

EMANU-EL IN THE NEWS

VIEW OUR ONLINE archive of articles and commentaries in which Emanu-El is featured: www.emanuelnyc.org. **(Click "About Us" → "In the News.")** 



FOR OUR MEMBERSHIP

MAKE AN ALIYAH

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

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

Be sure to specify what you are celebrating!

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 *yahrzeit* observance. Please call one of the rabbis during the week of *yahrzeit* observance.

HOSTING A RECEPTION

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. **For more information, call Sherry Nehmer at (212) 744-1400, ext. 312.**

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through rabbinic and staff transitions, financial downturns and program expansion. Even in the most challenging circumstances, he always finds a way to make things work. With *mentchlekeit* and great humility he has labored behind the scenes, making it possible for the rest of us to do our thing. He never seeks accolades or thanks, though he deserves more than we ever could give. And along with all this he brings a tremendous devotion to Jewish learning; he was one of the builders and this year, too, the director of our Skirball Center, where he will continue on the faculty as one of its great teachers.

The love the temple's staff feels toward Mark is simply beyond words to express. He has been a terrific partner for me as I assume Emanu-El's pulpit, doing everything in his power to support my aspirations for our future. And I know that for so many in this congregation of thousands about whom he cares so deeply, he and his beloved Deedee are cherished friends. We will miss them.

While his shoes will be impossible to fill, to succeed him we have hired someone who will bring new vision and energy in her own pair of shoes. Once again our search committee has found another great match. **Cara Unowsky** has served as a senior director and corporate manager at Jewish Home Lifecare of New York since 2007. A devoted synagogue-goer with master's degrees in Jewish communal service and Near Eastern and Judaic studies from Brandeis University, and business administration from Baruch College, Cara brings the Jewish commitment, the not-for-profit experience, and the business and administrative expertise to guide and strengthen our financial, human resources and facility-management efforts.



Transitions are a part of congregational life. Some we seek; others find us. All are opportunities for renewal and growth. And we have approached them as such. While the summer months will be a bit quieter programmatically at Temple Emanu-El, know that we already are gearing up for the High Holy Days and the next program year. Like the one now ending, may it too be one of new and exciting beginnings for all.

Very truly yours,

Rabbi Joshua M. Davidson

WHAT DO YOU THINK?

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Life-Cycle Events



LIFE-CYCLE EVENTS

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

Saturday, June 7

Zoe Esther Mikhelzon, daughter of Bela Sojina and Gennady Terry Mikhelzon

Saturday, June 14

Evan Covey, son of Dana and Joseph Covey

Julia Radomisli, daughter of Robin and Gregory Radomisli

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 Shavuot (June 3 and 4)

Gilbert, Linda and Jennifer Snyder
in loving memory of *Stephanie Lynn Snyder*

For the Sabbath of June 6 and 7

Pat and Barry Berkule in honor of the first wedding anniversary of *Elizabeth and John Barber*

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

Jerome Tarnoff in loving memory of his mother, *Anna Tarnoff*

For the Sabbath of June 20 and 21

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

Susan and David Rahm in loving memory of David's brother, *Carl Michael Rahm*

Lee and Roger Strong and Family in loving memory of his mother, *Marguerite G. Strong*

For the Sabbath of June 27 and 28

Barbara W. Kummel and Family
in loving memory of *Eugene H. Kummel*

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.

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.**

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HERBERT & EILEEN BERNARD MUSEUM

On View at the Museum...

Sign the Petition for the Jewish People

Albert Hahn Jr., signed Poussin
Netherlands, ca. 1918

WITH THE END OF THE First World War, minority rights became one of the major topics of discussion at the Paris Peace Conference. Jews and sympathetic gentiles in many European nations signed petitions urging both the extension of minority rights to Jews and support for the creation of a British Mandate for Palestine, a move they hoped would lead to the repatriation of the Jewish people to their ancestral home. This poster captures that sentiment by depicting a Jewish refugee looking hopefully toward the horizon at a rising sun over Zion.

TRANSLATION FROM DUTCH: SIGN THE PETITION FOR THE JEWISH PEOPLE.

“Justify Your Existence,” Graphic Posters From the Moldovan Family Collection on view through October 30, 2014.
www.emanuelnyc.org/graphicposters

