

TEMPLE EMANU-EL

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Wednesday, June 1

8 p.m. Seduced Into Eden: The Beginning of Desire



onsidered one of today's most compelling interpreters of biblical and rabbinic traditions, Dr. Avivah Gottlieb Zornberg will draw extensively on classical commentaries, Midrash, and modern insights from literature and philosophy as a basis for discussion at this special lecture sponsored by the Skirball Center for Adult Jewish Learning at Temple Emanu-El. Her books Genesis: The Beginning of Desire and The Particulars of Rapture have become classics among readers of all religions. The cost for this event is \$15 in advance, \$20 at the door. Enter at 10 East 66th Street.

SABBATH SERVICES

Friday evening, June 3 **Main Sanctuary**

To register, call (212) 507-9580.

Organ Recital—5 p.m. Sabbath Eve Service—5:15 p.m. WQXR Radio (96.3 FM) and Internet (www.wqxr.com) broadcasts—5:30 p.m.

Saturday morning, June 4 Women's Auxiliary Lounge

Torah Study—9:15 a.m.

Main Sanctuary

Service—10:30 a.m. Torah Portion—Bemidbar Readings—Numbers 1:1-4:20 Hosea 2:1-22

Sermon: Rabbi David M. Posner

Wednesday, June 1 6:30 p.m. An Evening of Russian and Jewish Music Featuring Alexander Kisselev

principal bass singer with Moscow's famed Bolshoi Opera, Alexander Kisselev will perform Russian

operatic arias and Eastern European Jewish folk music in a special concert at Temple Emanu-El. A young artist of considerable status. Mr. Kisselev has performed in Tchaikovsky's Eugene Onegin anď Mussorgsky's



Boris Godunov (in the role of Pimen at the Bolshoi Theater and in the title role at the Deutsche Opera Berlin). Having toured in Western Europe, Israel and Russia, Mr. Kisselev will be in the United States for a limited engagement.

The cost for this event is \$40 per person, which includes a champagne reception with Russian delicacies. All Temple members, their families and guests are welcome to attend. RSVP to the Men's Club by calling (212) 744-1400, ext. 250. Enter through the Marvin and Elisabeth Cassell Community House, One East 65th Street.

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Sunday, June 5 12:30 p.m.

Temple Emanu-El Youth Groups:
End-of-Year Meeting and Picnic

e will meet in Central Park, at the southeast section of Sheep Meadow (near 66th Street). If you're interested in running for a board position, e-mail a short paragraph to Rabbi Gold (nadiagold@emanuelnyc.org) stating why you want the position and what you hope to contribute. Following are the available elected positions: 2 presidents, 2 vice presidents, 1 publicity vice president, 1 grade representative for each grade, 4 general board members. RSVP to (212) 744-1400, ext. 244.

Wednesday, June 8 5:30 p.m. **Annual Meeting of the Congregation**

emple members should gather in the I.M. Wise Hall, One East 65th Street. Refreshments will be served. Call (212) 744-1400, ext. 215 for additional information.

B'NEI MITZVAH

The following students of our Religious School will become B'nei Mitzvah this weekend:

Jake Cremer Austin, son of Jody and David Austin

Elizabeth Marie Bendelac, daughter of Suzanne and Roger Bendelac

Nicholas Pinkwater Kohana and Jonathan Pinkwater Kohana, sons of Royce Pinkwater and Randy Kohana

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

Sunday, June 12
Shavuos Nosh and Drash

5:30 p.m.

emple members are encouraged to join us for Eve of Shavuos services in the Main Sanctuary, followed by a dairy dinner and discussion with our rabbis. The cost is \$18 per person. Reserve your seats by calling (212) 744-1400, ext. 215. Make your check payable to Congregation Emanu-El of the City of New York.

Saturday, June 18 11:30 a.m. Young Families: Rooftop Party

Don't miss our end-of-the-year celebration! Bring bathing suits, towels, hats, sunglasses, sunscreen and a change of clothes. In case of rain, the party moves inside. Enter at 10 East 66th Street. Young Families is for preschoolers and their families. All attendees must preregister by calling (212) 744-1400, ext. 242.

PULPIT FLOWERS

Pulpit flowers at Sabbath worship services this weekend are the generous donation of our congregants:

Edythe, William and John Heyman to honor the memory of our beloved husband and father,

George Heyman,
on the second anniversary of his death

Daniel S. Kampel in loving memory of his wife, *Clarisse B. Kampel*

Dr. Gerald Leinwand in loving memory of Brenda Rediker Leinwand

To sponsor Pulpit Flowers or an Oneg Shabbat, call Sherry Nehmer at (212) 744-1400, ext. 312.

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.

350 YEARS OF AMERICAN JEWISH THINKERS: A CELEBRATION OF JEWISH CREATIVITY (PART 9 OF 10)

By Rabbi Rachel Sabath-Beit Halachmi

rom his insights about Jewish thought and communal life in the Diaspora to the founding and leadership of the Shalom Hartman Institute in Jerusalem, the creative contributions of Rabbi Professor David Hartman have earned him a place in this series celebrating the intellectual achievements of 350 Years of Judaism in America.

Born in Brooklyn in 1931, Hartman received his rabbinical ordination from Yeshiva University in New York. After serving and

profoundly influencing congregations in both New York and Montreal, he made *aliyah* in 1971 with his wife and five children.

Hartman is one of the most important modern orthodox rabbis committed to pluralism, as well as to the vitality of a rich and varied expression of Judaism in the State of Israel. In describing the necessity of engaging in and debating Jewish ideas, especially those that relate to the questions of who is a Jew and the status of liberal Jews in Israel, Hartman writes: "Israel must be the home of all Jews. If you share in the destiny of the Jewish people, then you are a Jew. Come in and let's argue...."

That commitment to the destiny and collective spirit of the Jewish people led him in 1976 to create the Shalom Hartman Institute—named for his father. Hartman directs and inspires research scholars in the study and teaching of classical Jewish sources and contemporary issues of Israeli society and Jewish life.

Deeply concerned about the future of the relationship between Israelis and North American Jews and in building positive frameworks for Jewish life, Hartman describes the necessary choice of the model of Sinai over that of Auschwitz. He argues that



we must not view Israel *only* as a response to modern anti-Semitism but rather as "a modern expression of the eternal Sinai covenant that has shaped Jewish consciousness throughout the millennia." He goes on to say:

It was not Hitler who brought us back to Zion but rather belief in the eternal validity of the Sinai covenant.... Sinai calls us to action, to moral awakening, to living constantly with challenges of building a moral and just society which mirrors the

kingdom of God in history. Sinai creates humility and openness to the demands of self-transcendence.

While much of his work emphasizes the centrality of the rebirth of the State of Israel, Hartman continues his work in the area of Jewish thought, including that of Mordecai Kaplan, Abraham Joshua Heschel and Joseph B. Soloveitchik. Hartman's teachings in particular draw upon the tradition of Orthodox Judaism and emphasize religious pluralism, both among Jews and in interfaith relations.

For both laypeople and academics, David Hartman's works on Jewish thought have been very influential. He has written extensively on Maimonides and was awarded the National Jewish Book Award in 1977 for Maimonides: Torah and Philosophic Quest and in 1986 for the recently reissued A Living Covenant: The Innovative Spirit in Traditional Judaism. The Hebrew translation of A Living Covenant was awarded the prestigious Leah Goldberg Prize in 1993. His more recent books include Israelis and the Jewish Tradition: An Ancient People Debating Its Future (2000) and Love and Terror in the God Encounter: The Theological Legacy of Joseph B. Soloveitchik (2001).



DAVID HARTMAN (B. 1931)

FACES OF EMANU-EL

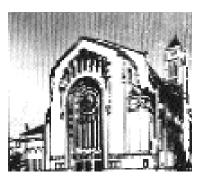
very time you read a Temple Bulletin, on paper or online, you're looking at the work of Kathryn Rospond, Temple Emanu-El's Bulletin Editor. Now in her third year here, Kathryn also designs and produces most of the flyers, posters, pamphlets and brochures for our auxiliaries and youth groups. Though technically a freelancer, Kathryn often is seen at Temple receptions and special events, where—camera in hand—she captures scenes of Temple life. A native of West Orange, N.J., Kathryn graduated from Northwestern University's Medill School of Journalism in Evanston, Ill., and began her career as a writer and editor. "My dad wanted me to be an engineer, and I always find it funny that my first job was for a magazine about heating and airconditioning," she says. Kathryn went on to work in communications for Chicago's largest

Latino-based community group, for whom she produced a bilingual newspaper—despite not speaking Spanish ("I depended on the Italian I learned from my relatives and in school," she says). Then, in 1998, she took the plunge into



entrepreneurship and started her own writing and editing business. "I love the flexibility of being my own boss," she says. As for her impressions of the Temple, Kathryn says, "I've been welcomed so warmly by everyone here. And, no other place I've worked ever gave me a *challah* before."

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