



TEMPLE EMANU-EL Bulletin

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Wednesday, January 26 6:30 p.m.

Looking for Our Roots: An Introduction to Jewish Genealogy

Guest speaker Dr. Robert Friedman is director of the Genealogy Institute at the Center for Jewish History in New York City. He is a graduate of the Bronx High School of Science, Columbia and Hunter colleges, and Long Island University's Palmer School of Library and Information Science. His family history research, begun 10 years ago, focuses on Hungary, Transylvania, eastern Slovakia and the former Suwalki Gubernia in Russian Poland. Active in Hungarian and Romanian special interest groups, Dr. Friedman also participated in the International Association of Jewish Genealogical Societies (IAJGS) Cemetery Project and the JewishGen Yizkor Book Project, served on the Executive Council of JGSNY, and volunteered at the Museum of Jewish Heritage library.

This program is part of a free lecture series open to the public. It is co-sponsored by the Herbert and Eileen Bernard Museum of Judaica and the Ivan M. Stettenheim Library in honor of the 350th anniversary of Jews in America. On the day of the event, please enter through the Marvin and Elisabeth Cassell Community House, One East 65th Street. For more information, call (212) 744-1400, ext. 361.

Friday, January 28 6:30 p.m.

Emanu-El League: Sabbath Dinner and Game Night

Don't sit at home—join us for a great night of food and your favorite board games. Marion Hedger, our resident professional psychic, will perform tarot card readings (for entertainment purposes only). Cost is \$7 for members, \$12 for nonmembers. RSVP to tesevents@aol.com or (212) 744-1400, ext. 303 by Monday, January 24 and save \$2! Enter at One East 65th Street. *Emanu-El League is a social group for singles in their late 20s through early 40s.*

LECTURE
AND
RECEPTION

Tuesday, February 8
6 p.m.

Our Sanctuary: History, Restoration and Renewal

The Women's Auxiliary invites all Temple members to this special lecture and slide show led by Temple Administrator Mark H. Heutlinger.

A wine-and-cheese reception will precede the presentation. RSVP to (212) 744-1400, ext. 235 by Friday, February 4.

Mark Heutlinger in restoration garb explores the "dance floor" atop the sanctuary scaffolding

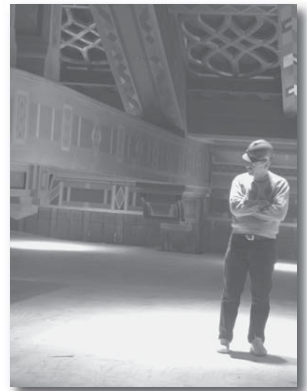


Photo by James Rhodes

SABBATH SERVICES

Friday evening, January 28 Main Sanctuary

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, January 29 Women's Auxiliary Lounge

Torah Study—9:15 a.m.

Main Sanctuary

Service—10:30 a.m.
Torah Portion—Yisro
Readings—Exodus 18:1-20:23
Isaiah 6:1-7:6; 9:5-6

Rabbi David M. Posner preaching

EVENTS (CONTINUED)

Saturday, January 29 2:15 p.m.
**Fifth and Sixth Grade Youth Group:
Ice Skating at Rockefeller Center**



We will meet at the rink entrance (Fifth Avenue between 49th and 50th streets). Cost is \$21 per person, which includes admission and skate rental.

Snacks will be served.

Dress warmly!

RSVP to Arin Frome at (917) 886-2722 or fromearin@hotmail.com.

Tuesday, February 15 12:30 p.m.
Women's Auxiliary: Book Discussion Group

Rabbi Leon A. Morris will discuss with us *Natasha and Other Stories*, a work of

"autobiographical fiction" by David Bezmozgis.

Natasha depicts the experiences of a family of

Russian Jews who settle in Toronto, as told through the perspective of the son, Mark, over a

23-year period. *Natasha* and Bezmozgis

catapulted to the literary scene last May when segments of the book appeared in

The New Yorker, *Harper's* and *Zoetrope*.

Please feel free to bring your lunch. Coffee and cookies will be served. RSVP by Tuesday, February 8 to (212) 744-1400, ext. 235.

PULPIT FLOWERS

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

Barry, Patricia and Elizabeth Berkule
in loving memory of *Lloyd Berkule*

Sandra Gluck in loving memory of
her father, *Irving Prusock*

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

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Our service is available in the Temple, home, or our Chapel.

TO BE NOTED

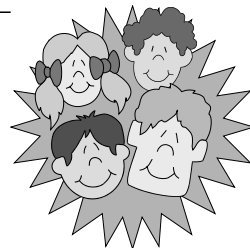
Religious School: Parents' Visiting Day

Religious School parents are invited to join students and teachers in classroom activities on the following days:

- Wednesday, January 26 — 4 p.m. to 6 p.m.
- Sunday, January 30 — 9:30 a.m. to 12 p.m.
- Monday, January 31 — 4 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Refreshments will be served.

Call (212) 744-1400, ext. 226 for more information.



Senior Youth Group Deadline

Attention Senior Youth Groupers—the deadline for the trip to Washington, D.C., and the Religious Action Center is Saturday, January 29. Get your forms to Rabbi Gold ASAP!

Last Call for Volunteers

The Women's Auxiliary is adding a new session for its English in Action project to be held Thursdays from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. An orientation session will be given by a member of The English-Speaking Union of the United States on Thursday, March 3 in the Women's Auxiliary Lounge (Room 602). If you would like to participate, please call the Women's Auxiliary office at (212) 744-1400, ext. 235. Leave your name and telephone number. We will return your call and answer your questions.

BAR MITZVAH

The following student of our Religious School will become a Bar Mitzvah this weekend:

Jonathan Phillips Desnick,
son of
Julie and Robert Desnick

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

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.

HOLY SPACES, HOLY LAND — LEARNING IN ISRAEL WITH SKIRBALL

From December 15 through 26, 2004, 22 students from the Skirball Center for Adult Jewish Learning at Temple Emanu-El traveled throughout Israel in the Center's first Israel Study Trip. During their travels, participants explored the theme of "Space in Jewish History and Thought." Rabbi Leon A. Morris, director of the Skirball Center, led the trip along with Ophir Yarden, a noted educator and guide who has lived in Israel for more than 25 years. Among the group were five members of the Temple. Participants ranged in age from their 40s through their 80s. For seven of the participants, this was their very first time in Israel.

Sitting in the sun in the ancient core of Jerusalem, "The City of David," with sounds of the *muezzin* calling Muslims to prayer, participants read the biblical account of King David's liaison with Bathsheba, the prophet Nathan's condemnation of his behavior and David's admission of guilt. In one of the medieval synagogues of Safed, participants deepened their understanding of Jewish mysticism and the concepts of *tzim-tzum*—how God had to contract Himself in order to make room for the creation of the universe. Standing on the shores of the Sea of Galilee, they read the poetry of Rachel and recalled her Zionist dreams and hopes. In a gallery of contemporary art in Tel

Learning how to slice a pomelo— Temple member Jane Oppenheim (third from left) and other program participants



Aviv, they witnessed the subtle connections between Israel's present and the Jewish past.

Using the Land of Israel as a classroom, the group explored issues such as: What is the meaning of sacred space? If God can be found everywhere, what exactly makes a particular land holy? Can places lose a sense of holiness? What are ways in which contemporary Israelis—religious and secular—are redefining what it means to live in the Land of Israel?

The group spent five nights at Beit Shmuel, the Reform Movement's international guest house in Jerusalem, and three nights at Kibbutz Yahel, the Reform Kibbutz in the Arava Desert. They also dined in some of Israel's best restaurants.

The Skirball Center will plan on offering an Israel Study Trip each year. Next year's trip is being planned for late December.



Temple members Jane Oppenheim and Eve Haberman at the top of Massada

Temple members Dorothy Wigod (far left), Robert Wigod (third from left) and Rona Weinstein (front) in the fields of Kibbutz Yahel



For more information about the Skirball Center for Adult Jewish Learning at Temple Emanu-El and its programs, including the Spring Semester of classes that begins Tuesday, February 22, call (212) 507-9508 or log on to the Skirball Web site at www.adultjewishlearning.org.

AROUND THE TEMPLE

Friday, February 4
6 p.m.

Dinner and Concert: Shabbos With Song

Temple members are invited to this special Shabbos dinner and concert following worship services in the Main Sanctuary at 5:15 p.m. Cantor Lori Corrsin will be featured in *Jewish Music Through the Ages*.

The cost for this event is \$75 per person.* Reserve your seats by Friday, January 28. Call (212) 744-1400, ext. 215 for more information.

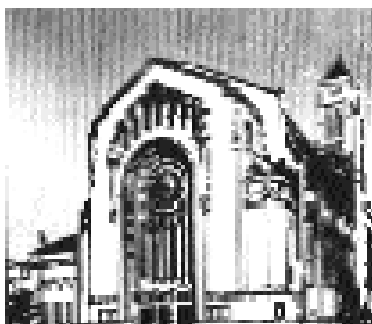
**The covert represents the value of the event and is not tax deductible.*



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Shabbos with Song

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