



TEMPLE EMANU-EL Bulletin

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Tuesday, December 7 7 p.m.
Emanu-El League Chanukah Party

Make new friends and have some fun! Don't miss our special attraction—tarot card readings by Marion Hedger, our resident professional psychic. Cost is \$10 for members, \$15 for nonmembers. Enter at One East 65th Street. This event is for singles in their 20s and 30s. RSVP to (212) 744-1400, ext. 241.

Friday, December 10 5:15 p.m.
Candle Lighting and Oneg

Temple members and their friends are invited to join us in the Main Sanctuary as we celebrate the Sabbath and kindle the Chanukah lights. Following the service, an Oneg Shabbat with traditional holiday food and songs will be held in the Isaac Mayer Wise Hall. RSVP to (212) 744-1400, ext. 235.

Saturday, December 11 6 p.m.
Senior Youth Group Night

Students in grades 9 through 12 are invited to our annual outing with Shaary Tefila. Members from both youth groups will meet at Temple Emanu-El (One East 65th Street) for Havdalah and dinner before heading to Chicago City Limits (53rd Street and Eighth Avenue) for an evening of great comedy. Cost is \$30 per person. RSVP to (212) 744-1400, ext. 501.

Sunday, December 12 10 a.m.
Young Families: Chanukah Party

Join us for treats, games, songs and lots of fun! Bring a gift for our toy drive. Enter at 10 East 66th Street. RSVP to (212) 744-1400, ext. 242.

Tuesday, December 14 8:30 a.m.
Men's Club Reading Group

We will discuss *The Final Solution* by Michael Chabon. For our January 11 meeting: *The Plot Against America* by Philip Roth.

Saturday, December 11
10:30 a.m.
**Worship Service
for Families**

Student Rabbi Howard Goldsmith continues to lead our participatory family Sabbath service, which takes place in a relaxed atmosphere with youth-friendly prayers and music. Dress is casual. A light brunch is served afterwards. We also will have a special Chanukah celebration.

This service is appropriate for children in first grade and higher, accompanied by their families. It also is a great opportunity for grandparents to spend the Sabbath with their grandchildren.



Please enter through the Cas-sell Community House, One East 65th Street. RSVP to (212) 744-1400, ext. 501.

JUNIOR
CONGREGATION

SABBATH SERVICES

Friday evening, December 10
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, December 11
Women's Auxiliary Lounge

Torah Study—9:15 a.m.

Main Sanctuary

Service—10:30 a.m.
Torah Portion—Miketz
Readings—Genesis 41:1-44:17
I Kings 7:40-50

Rabbi Amy B. Ehrlich preaching

PULPIT FLOWERS

**The following congregants
generously donated pulpit flowers for
Thanksgiving worship services:**

Donald Newhouse and
Susan Marley Newhouse
in loving memory of
Lillian and Harry Marley

Peg Ogden in loving memory of
her parents, *Margaret and Stephen Ogden*,
her brother, *Stephen Ogden, Jr.*,
her grandmother, *Tilda W. Stern*,
and her aunt, *Katherine Oppenheimer*

Mr. Harold Prince
in loving memory of his mother,
Blanche Prince

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

Bonnie, David, Richard, Nancy and
Gail Maidman in loving memory of
William Maidman and Lea Maidman

Monte Wolfson
in loving memory of his wife,
Doris Wolfson

BAR MITZVAH

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

Andrew Edward Silverman,
son of
Laurie and Carl Silverman

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

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

Why Is This Day
Different From All Others?
Jews at Christmas

DR. JOSHUA ELI PLAUT
Sunday, Dec. 12 10 AM – 2 PM

For many 19th century European Jews, Christmas Eve was known as Nittel Nakhkt, an occasion to refrain from Torah study and public Jewish activities. At the same time, in America, some Jews were attending social balls and engaging in acts of goodwill—such as Christmas gift drives. This seminar will look at key texts, oral history testimonies, sermons and reports from popular culture about Jewish behavior on Christmas Eve and Day in the late 19th and early 20th centuries and will contextualize this behavior in reference to today.

To register, call (212) 507-9580.

SKIRBALL
CORNER

TO BE NOTED

Chanukah Mitzvot

Temple Emanu-El's annual winter clothing drive and Chanukah toy drive will be held through Tuesday, December 14. We are collecting coats, scarves, hats and gloves for children and adults, as well as toys (not wrapped, please!) for boys and girls from age 3 through 13. Donations should be brought to the lobby of One East 65th Street between 9 a.m. and 6 p.m. or to the lobby of 10 East 66th Street during Nursery School and Religious School hours. Thanks for your support!

Family Candle Lighting With DOROT

Fulfill the mitzvot of lighting the Chanukah candles and of giving *tzedakah* by setting aside one of your Chanukah nights to celebrate in the home of a DOROT senior. DOROT provides a *chanukiah*, candles, chocolate gelt, a dreidel, and helpful guidelines for Chanukah blessings, songs and dreidel playing. Each family is asked to donate \$50 per visit. If your family is unable to make a visit, DOROT will send a teen volunteer in your place. To register, call the DOROT office at (917) 441-5051.

This program is underwritten in part by our Temple members Joanna and David Silver.

The Cemeteries of Congregation Emanu-El Salem Fields and Beth-El

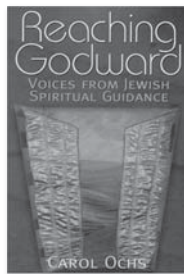
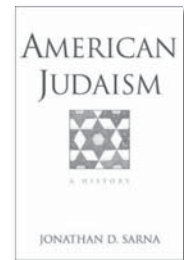
A limited number of above-ground crypts are available in our community mausoleum. For information, please call Dr. Mark W. Weisstuch at the Temple Office, (212) 744-1400.

NEW BOOKS AT THE STETTENHEIM LIBRARY

Following is a highlighted list of new acquisitions available through the Ivan M. Stettenheim Library, located on the fifth floor of the Marvin and Elisabeth Cassell Community House (One E. 65th Street). For information about library hours or how to obtain a library card, call (212) 744-1400, ext. 361.

FICTION FOR ADULT READERS

- Oracle Night by Paul Auster
- Feathers by Haim Be'er
- A Faker's Dozen: Stories
by Melvin Jules Bukiet
- The Persistence of Memory
by Tony Eprile
- Kill Two Birds and Get Stoned
by Kinky Friedman
- Loot: And Other Stories
by Nadine Gordimer
- Someone to Run With
by David Grossman
- The Making of Henry
by Howard Jacobson
- An Almost Perfect Moment
by Binnie Kirshenbaum
- Bliss: A Novel by Ronit Matalon
- The Outside World by Tova Mirvis
- The Plot Against America
by Philip Roth
- Portrait of My Mother, Who Posed
Nude in Wartime: Stories
by Marjorie Sandor
- Uncle Peretz Takes Off: Short Stories
by Yaakov Shabtai
- A Death in Vienna by Daniel Silva
- Murder Plays House
by Ayelet Waldman
- A Hole in Texas by Herman Wouk



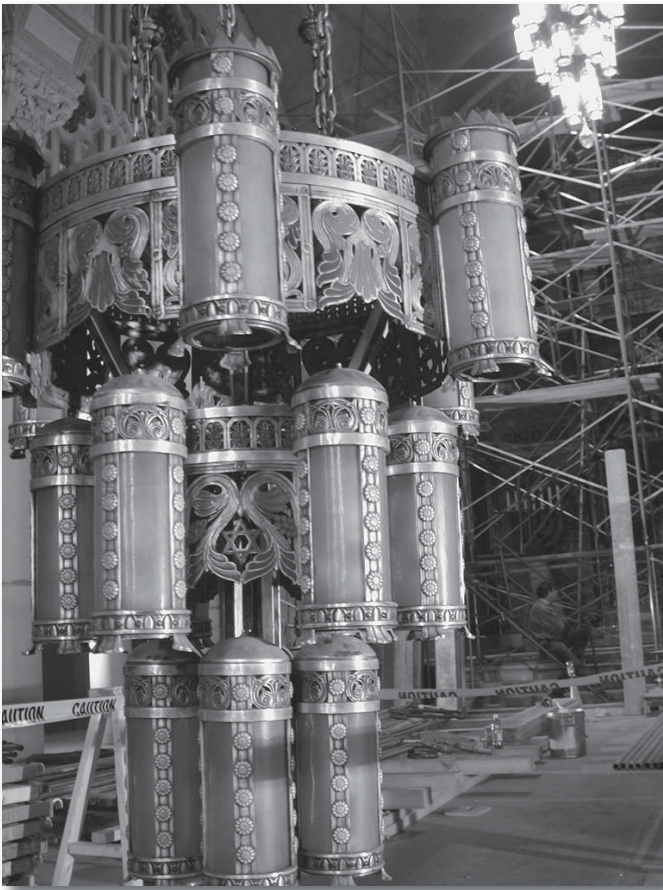
NONFICTION FOR ADULT READERS

- Ecclesiastes: The Traditional Hebrew
Text With the New JPS Translation,
commentary by Michael V. Fox
- Introducing My Faith and
Community: The Jewish Outreach
Institute Guide for the Christian in a
Jewish Interfaith Relationship
by Kerry M. Olitzky
- American Judaism: A History
by Jonathan D. Sarna
- The Many Faces of God:
A Reader of Modern Jewish Theologies,
edited by Rifat Sonsino
- Wrestling With God and Men:
Homosexuality in the Jewish Tradition
by Steven Greenberg
- Reading Godward: Voices From Jewish
Spiritual Guidance by Carol Ochs
- Consolation: The Spiritual Journey
Beyond Grief by Maurice Lamm
- God in Our Relationships: Spirituality
Between People From the Teachings of
Martin Buber by Dennis S. Ross
- Hasidic Tales: Annotated and
Explained, translation and annotation
by Rami M. Shapiro
- The Creative Jewish Wedding Book:
A Hands-On Guide to New and Old
Traditions, Ceremonies and Celebrations
by Gabrielle Kaplan-Mayer
- Make Your Own Jewish Wedding by
Ana Schwartzman and Zoë Francesca
- Yiddish With Dick and Jane by
Ellis Weiner and Barbara Davilman

RESTORATION UPDATE

Phase I in restoring our sanctuaries has begun, starting with the removal of pews for refinishing and reupholstering. Chandeliers in the Beth-El Chapel (left) are being lowered and removed for metal restoration and electrical rewiring. Included in this phase is the removal for cleaning of the three major windows on the western end of the Chapel and our Tiffany window on the eastern end. Reinstallation will occur by the end of Phase I, just prior to the High Holy Days of 2005. Upon completion, we not only will be able to better capture natural sunlight in the Chapel, but illumination at night will be augmented with new backlighting behind the Tiffany window.

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