



# TEMPLE EMANU-EL Bulletin

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## YOM KIPPUR SERVICES

### KOL NIDRE

**Friday, September 24 8 p.m.**  
Main Sanctuary—Dr. Posner preaching  
Leon Lowenstein—Rabbi Ehrlich preaching

### YOM KIPPUR DAY

**Saturday, September 25 9:45 a.m.**  
Main Sanctuary—Dr. Sobel preaching  
Leon Lowenstein—Dr. Posner preaching  
Torah Portion—Deuteronomy 29:9-14;  
30:11-20  
Readings—Isaiah 58:1-14

**Family Worship Service 1:30 p.m.**  
Main Sanctuary—Rabbi Gold preaching

**Afternoon Service 2:20 p.m.**

**Memorial and Concluding Service 3:45 p.m.**  
Main Sanctuary—Dr. Posner preaching  
Leon Lowenstein—Rabbi Ehrlich preaching  
Torah Portion—Leviticus 19:1-4, 9-18,  
32-37  
Readings—Jonah 1:1-4:11

### WQXR HOLIDAY BROADCASTS (96.3 FM)

Friday, September 24 5:30 p.m.  
Saturday, September 25 4:05 p.m.

### INTERNET BROADCASTS

Those who cannot attend High Holy Day services may connect to our Web site at [www.emanuelnyc.org](http://www.emanuelnyc.org) for abbreviated services that are repeated on an hourly basis. Yom Kippur services run from noon on September 24 through noon on September 25.

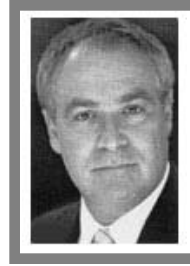
*(Internet broadcasts are made possible through a contribution from Jeffrey S. Gould.)*

Monday, September 27  
6:30 p.m.

### American Counterterrorism: Reception and Discussion

MEN'S CLUB

Members of the Temple are invited to this special evening with award-winning journalist Murray Weiss, who will discuss his new book, *The Man Who Warned America: The Life and Death of John O'Neill, the FBI's Embattled Counterterrorism Warrior*. The cost for this event is \$30 for Men's Club members and their guests, \$35 for nonmembers. Call the Men's Club at (212) 744-1400, ext. 250 for details.



## UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, September 26 9:15 a.m.  
Wednesday, September 29 9:30 a.m.

### Young Families: Storytime

Temple Emanu-El Librarian Elizabeth Stabler will read about Succos and Simchas Torah from our wonderful collection of children's books. Storytime is for preschoolers from age 2½. Children should be accompanied by a parent or guardian. Attendees must preregister by calling (212) 744-1400, ext. 242.

Friday, October 1 5:15 p.m.  
**Religious School: Consecration of New Students**

All new students (grades K through 7) and their parents will be blessed under our beautiful Succah in the Main Sanctuary. The service will be followed by an Oneg and an all-school Shabbat dinner. Call the Religious School office at (212) 744-1400, ext. 226 for details.

## PULPIT FLOWERS

### Pulpit flowers at Yom Kippur services have been generously donated by our congregants:

Herbert C. Bernard  
in loving memory of *Eileen Bernard*

Elisabeth Cassell  
in loving memory of  
her cherished husband,  
*Marvin Cassell*

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in memory of their loving parents,  
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in loving memory of *Anne Frost*

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in loving memory of their grandmother  
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*Mildred and Morris Holman*

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in loving memory of her mother,  
*Margaret M. Arnstein*

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in loving memory of her mother,  
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in loving memory of  
*Carl H. Pforzheimer Jr.*

Jane and Arthur Rosenbloom  
in loving memory of our daughter,  
*Jordana Ivy Rosenbloom*;  
Arthur's parents, *Flo and Sol Rosenbloom*;  
and Jane's father, *Mortimer S. Edelstein*

Robert and Anne Ross  
in loving memory of  
*Minnie Rosen, Fay Robiner*  
and *Ida Waldman*

## TO BE NOTED

Attention all eighth and ninth grade students: Following are the dates for our Leadership Academy programs. Meetings will be held in Room 602 at One East 65<sup>th</sup> Street unless notified otherwise. If you have **NOT** yet signed up officially, **CALL** Rabbi Gold at (212) 744-1400, ext. 204 as soon as possible.

### **Eighth Grade Program**

*Mondays from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m.*  
October 4, November 8,  
December 6, January 10, February 7,  
March 7, April 4

### **Ninth Grade Program**

*Wednesdays from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m.*  
October 13, November 17, December 8,  
January 19, February 11-14 (RAC trip),  
March 9, April 6

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

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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.

## THE MEMORY OF THE RIGHTEOUS IS A BLESSING

*Since last Yom Kippur, the following members of Congregation Emanu-El have passed away. To their families, we express our heartfelt sympathy:*

Jesse August	Julia Pollack
Beatrice Bader	Edwin Polsky
Merwin Bayer	Charles Rachelson
Hazel Bernstein	Alan H. Raphael
Rhoda Boyko	Hester Levy Rosenblum
Lewis Braff	John P. Rosenthal
Celestine Doctor	Marvin A. Ross
Janice Dorfman	Marcia Saperstein
Ruth R. Ellins	Emanuel M. Schloss
Andrew M. Fisher	Maurine K. Schreiber
Allegra Benveniste Honigman	Irving M. Schuyler
Jack Kaplan	Eleanor Seskis
Steven N. Kaufmann	Roger W. Straus
Hortense Ciner Klein	Marji Strauss
Selma Borden Kornberg	Irwin K. Styles
Zelda K. LeVine-Levitan	Blanche Waldman
Susan Loewenheim	Sidney L. Weinberg
Eugene Morgenthau	Joan H. Weisl
Esther Panitz	Lillian R. Weiss
Bettina Pearl	Morton Leonard Weitzner
Julia Moselle Pollack	Marianne Winkler
Honorable Milton Pollack	Rose Wolfe

*Almighty God, we thank Thee for the gift of memory which unites generation to generation. This season of memorial bids us be mindful of the supreme hour which will call us to the realm of eternal rest and gather us to our fathers, to all the unnumbered generations that have gone before us. We remember all our beloved who have already reached the goal whither we are tending. We think of the days when they were with us and we rejoiced in the blessing of their companionship and affection. They are near us, even now.*

**— From the Memorial Service, Union Prayer Book, Vol. II**

# 350 YEARS OF AMERICAN JEWISH THINKERS: A CELEBRATION OF JEWISH CREATIVITY (PART 1 OF 10)

By Rabbi Rachel Sabath-Beit Halachmi

Three hundred and fifty years ago, the first Jewish refugees arrived in what was then New Amsterdam. These 23 Portuguese Jews from Brazil, and the millions of Jewish refugees to follow them over several centuries, found in this new world—for the most part—rich soil for new ways of living and thinking as Jews, even as they became increasingly American.

From the time of Spain during the Golden Age through the creation of the State of Israel, no other country would provide the context for such creative Jewish thinking. The increasing pluralism of American society, and the largely faithful guarantees of public leaders to protect religious freedom, allowed for an increasingly tolerant and pluralistic form of Jewish life. Jewish leadership from a variety of cultural backgrounds developed new prayer books, new institutions and new customs for the increasing Jewish population seeking new life in the new world.

By the 19<sup>th</sup> century, America's Jewish population was of proportions that allowed its leadership to create rabbinic seminaries, institutions and unions of synagogues, many of which have remained influential in our time. Isaac Mayer Wise, (1819–1900), a European immigrant originally from Bohemia, was perhaps the greatest pioneer of Reform Judaism in America. Wise was a dynamic and passionate leader and worked to establish the institutions that continue to sustain Reform Judaism today.

Wise, who was influenced by the ideas of the French Enlightenment in his younger days, found in the free atmosphere of America an openness to liberal reforms in

Jewish religious life. Arriving in New York in 1846, Wise became one of the first American rabbis to introduce such reforms as mixed pews, choral singing and confirmation, as well as dramatic changes in the prayer book. One of Wise's greatest achievements was the publication in 1856 of *Minhag America*, a decidedly American prayer book that sought

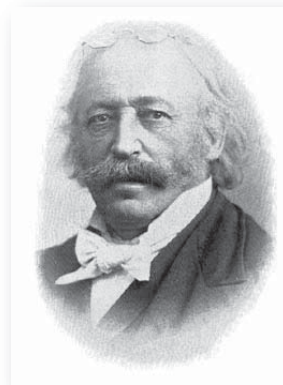
to unify American Jewish worship while making significant changes in the traditional Hebrew ritual *siddur*. When asked in his early career if he was a reformer, Wise explained that he was only a reformer “if the people long for it, but then I seek to direct the public mind on the path of the *din* [Jewish law]; but I never urge my principles upon another....”

While he sought throughout his life to unify the prayer ritual of American Jewish life, he was much more successful in creating institutions that would organize synagogues and train their rabbinic leadership. In

1848 he issued a call for a meeting to establish a union of congregations. While the Union of American Congregations was not established until several decades later, Wise focused by then on the creation of the rabbinic seminary to train American rabbis. Not able to predict the massive Jewish immigration from Eastern Europe that would later flood America, Wise believed that orthodoxy would not be able to survive on American soil.

In 1875, when Hebrew Union College was established in Cincinnati to train the rabbis of Reform Judaism, Wise was appointed its founding president. Wise ordained

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**ISAAC MAYER WISE  
(1819-1900)**

## NOTES ABOUT HIGH HOLY DAYS

### ADMISSION TICKETS

Cards of admission for High Holy Day services were mailed to members having seats assigned to them in the sanctuaries. If you have not received your tickets, call the Temple office immediately at (212) 744-1400, ext. 210.

If you will not be using your tickets for Yom Kippur services, please return them to the Temple office as soon as possible so that seats may be reassigned to others.

### SPECIAL PRAYER BOOKS

Large-print volumes of the Union Prayer Book can be obtained from one of our ushers or lobby attendants for use during Sabbath and High Holy Day services. Braille editions also are available.

### HEARING-ENHANCEMENT SYSTEM

Both the Main Sanctuary and the Leon Lowenstein Sanctuary are equipped with an infrared sound system. Headsets or neck loops may be obtained from an usher or lobby attendant.

### USHERS NEEDED

Members interested in assisting with High Holy Day services—or throughout the year—should call the Temple office at (212) 744-1400, ext. 212.

### SANCTUARY RESTORATION

A reminder to Temple members that Phase I of our Sanctuary restoration project will begin October 12, 2004, following the end of the High Holy Day season. Please be aware that the Beth-El Chapel and the rear half of the Main Sanctuary will be closed during Phase I; the front half will remain open for worship services. Work during this period will include the removal, refinishing and reupholstering of pews. They will then be replaced in time for High Holy Days next year so that the congregation may worship together. Phase II of the work is scheduled to begin October 31, 2005. Services



at this time will move to Leon Lowenstein, although the Beth-El Chapel will be reopened for private life-cycle events.

### JEWISH THINKERS (cont'd.)

more than 60 rabbis and was appointed president of the Central Conference of American Rabbis (1889 until his death). Wise edited two weekly journals for many years seeking to advance the ideas of Reform Judaism: *The American Israelite* published in English and *Die Deborah* in German. Throughout his life he wrote and created educational materials and traveled and spoke throughout North America, seeking in all his work to achieve his two-fold goal: “to reconcile Judaism with the age and its needs” and “to endear and preserve our religion.”

In his recent book *American Judaism* [Yale, 2004], historian Jonathan Sarna writes: [Wise] embodied the complementary and contradictory desires of many American Jews of his day, seeking simultaneously to sustain Judaism and to change it.

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# FIGHTING ANTI-SEMITISM

Sunday, October 3 10 a.m.  
**Champagne Brunch  
and Discussion With David A. Harris**

**T**he Women's Auxiliary, Men's Club and Religious School Parents Organization cordially invite Temple members to attend this special event with David A. Harris, executive director of the American Jewish Committee (AJC), who will discuss "Anti-Semitism Today." For nearly 100 years, the AJC has been working to safeguard and strengthen Jewish life; to promote human rights, pluralism and shared civic values; and to combat anti-Semitic abuses, as well as other forms of bigotry.

This program includes a champagne brunch and question-and-answer period following Mr. Harris' talk. The cost is \$25 per person.

For more information about this event with David Harris, call the Women's Auxiliary office at (212) 744-1400, ext. 235.



**Reservations should be made by Monday, September 27. On the day of the event, please enter through the Marvin and Elisabeth Cassell Community House, One East 65<sup>th</sup> Street.**

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