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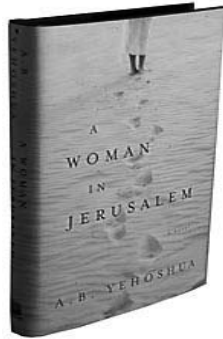
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UPCOMING EVENTS

**Women's Auxiliary:
Book Discussion Group**
Tuesday, January 30
12:30 p.m.

Rabbi Amy B. Ehrlich will lead us in a discussion of *A Woman in Jerusalem*, a novel by the award-winning Israeli author A. B. Yehoshua (translated from the Hebrew by Hillel Halkin, published by Harcourt Books). Feel free to bring your lunch. Coffee and cookies will be served. RSVP by Tuesday, January 23. We look forward to a provocative discussion! (212) 744-1400, ext. 235



SABBATH SERVICES

**Friday evening, December 29
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 30
Women's Auxiliary Lounge**

Torah Study—9:15 a.m.

Main Sanctuary

Service—10:30 a.m.

Torah Portion—Vayigash

Readings—Genesis 44:18-47:27

Ezekiel 37:15-28

Sermon: Rabbi David M. Posner

SHABBAT
SHALOM!

**SONG * PRAYER *
COMMUNITY**

December's inaugural
Shabbat Shalom!

session was a rousing success,
with more than 50 congregants
sharing in our worship celebration.

A new expression of faith at Emanu-El,
Shabbat Shalom! is a late worship serv-
ice held once a month at **6:30 p.m.**
Services currently are being held in
our Stettenheim Library. The next serv-
ice will be held on **Friday, January 5.**
Participants should enter at the Mar-
vin and Elisabeth Cassell Community
House, One East 65th Street.

Throughout the Shabbat Shalom! serv-
ice, we engage the meaning of prayer
and find ways to make it our own. Using
a newly designed prayer book, we con-
nect with familiar melodies from our
heritage as well as new ones that create
a dynamic and refreshing approach
to prayer. All congregants (adults and
youth) are encouraged to sing, pray and
learn with us. (212) 744-1400, ext. 215

REMAINING DATES

FOR 2007:

- February 2
- March 2
- April 13
- May 4



PULPIT FLOWERS

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

Rhoda Weiskopf Cohen
in loving memory of
my dearest husband and best friend,
Herbert George Cohen, M.D.
(January 31, 2004)

Mary Louise Fleur
in loving memory of her mother,
Mary Cisterna Schwartz

Dr. Gerald Leinwand
in loving memory of *Selma Leinwand*

UPCOMING EVENTS

**Men's Club: Breakfast
With Steven Emerson**
January 7, 2007 10 a.m.



An award-winning investigative journalist and one of the world's foremost experts on militant Islamic terrorism, Mr. Emerson is the author of *Jihad Incorporated: A Guide to Militant Islam in the U.S.* and producer of *Terrorists Among Us: Jihad in America*, the 1994 television documentary in which he successfully infiltrated key conferences and rallies with hidden cameras to track down people responsible for supporting and abetting terrorist activities on U.S. soil. In 1995 Mr. Emerson formed The Investigative Project on Terrorism, which has developed the nation's largest database on Islamic and Middle Eastern terrorist groups.

The cost for this event—which includes a hot breakfast—is \$25 for Men's Club members in advance, \$35 for all paying at the door (members and nonmembers). Make checks payable to the Men's Club. (212) 744-1400, ext. 250

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

TIKKUN
OLAM

Temple Emanu-El's
TIKKUN OLAM committee
is pleased to announce the
following upcoming "mitzvah"
opportunities for all congregants.
To register for these activities,
call (212) 744-1400, ext. 452 or
e-mail tetikkunolam@yahoo.com.

**HABITAT for
HUMANITY**
Sunday,
January 14



We will
build with
Habitat-NYC at a site on Halsey
Street in Bedford-Stuyvesant. Vol-
unteers must be 16 years or older.
Some heavy lifting and walking up
stairs is involved. Dress warmly—
We work rain or shine! Round trip
transportation will be provided
(departing Emanu-El at 8 a.m.,
returning by 4 p.m.) Space is ex-
tremely limited, sign up soon!

STITCH'N TIME
Sunday, January 21 11 a.m.

Calling all knitters and cro-
cheters! Attend our group ses-
sion in the Women's Auxiliary
lounge or work at home.

**SANDWICHES on SUNDAY
& COOKIES and MILK**
Sunday, January 28 12 p.m.

Volunteers are needed to make
sandwiches and bake cookies
to help feed the hungry. Partici-
pants are asked to contribute two
loaves of sliced bread.

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.

Emanu-El Reads!



EXAMINING MAIMONIDES: A READER'S GUIDE

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OSSES MAIMONIDES was a Renaissance man before there was a Renaissance. Eight hundred years after Maimonides' death, his ideas about God, belief, the afterlife and the Messiah still provoke debate, and the enigmas of his character continue to fascinate. The following questions are ways to begin exploring the life and work of the great physician and philosopher.

- 1 Should Maimonides be considered the first Jewish scholar? In what ways was Maimonides an original thinker? Were there other qualities that distinguish him as a great philosopher?
- 2 Maimonides insisted that pretending to convert to Islam is permitted by Jewish law. How can we reconcile his dismissal of the Muslim assertion of faith with his insistence on a Jewish one?
- 3 What made the *Mishneh Torah*, in which Maimonides compiled all Jewish law, so revolutionary? Why was Maimonides so intent on simplifying and codifying the law? Are there any contemporary parallels?
- 4 Maimonides is the archetype of the Jewish doctor, and his writings on Judaism and medicine still influence Jewish physicians today. Why was the maintenance of the body so important to Maimonides? How does he conceive the relationship of body and soul? How does this compare with traditional Christian beliefs?

UPCOMING LECTURES

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 16
6:30 PM**

*Making the
Irrational Rational:
Maimonides' Advice for
Living a Virtuous Life*



RABBI KERRY M. OLITZKY, D.H.L., is executive director of the Jewish Outreach Institute and a fellow at the Center for Jewish Studies, Graduate School and University Center, CUNY. He also is the author of commentaries on biblical texts and books on Jewish outreach and inter-faith families.

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 31
6:30 PM**

Maimonides and the Art of Giving



JULIE SALAMON is a culture writer and critic for *The New York Times*. She also is the author of *Rambam's Ladder: A Meditation on Generosity and Why It Is Necessary to Give*.

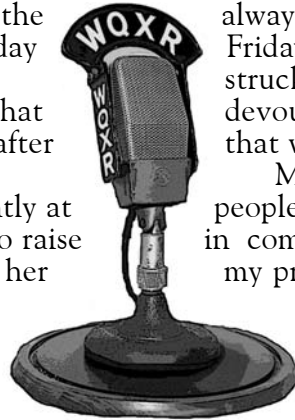
A NOTE OF THANKS

An appreciative listener of our Friday evening worship services sends the following message.

FOR MANY YEARS I have had the pleasure of listening to your Friday evening services over the radio at WQXR. I am Catholic, but I find that the service brings me much peace after a long work week.

My daughter was married recently at a Jewish ceremony, and she plans to raise her children in the Jewish faith for her husband. I am very happy that her husband is a wonderful man and that our families are so similar. We know that she always will be loved by her in-laws as well.

At the wedding, my dearest cousin remarked that she had never attended a Jewish wedding ceremony but that she



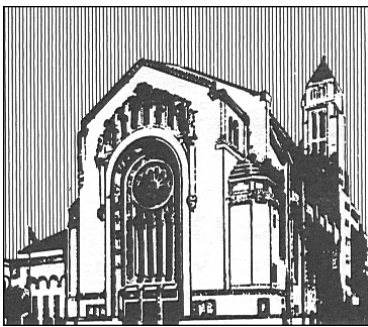
always loved listening to your service on Friday nights. We were both thunderstruck at the coincidence. She also is a devout Catholic, so I found it remarkable that we had this in common.

My point is this: Your service reaches people of all faiths. We share many beliefs in common, and I always have felt that my prayers during the service were heard by the God we also share. I consider this experience with my cousin to be a miraculous thing.

Please accept my sincerest thanks for your beautiful outreach through the radio. May God bless you and your congregation always.

— J. Richardson, Bellport, NY

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