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UPCOMING EVENTS

Emanu-El League: Chanukah Party!
Friday, December 22 6:30 p.m.

Join us first for Sabbath services at 5:15 p.m. in the Main Sanctuary. Afterwards, the festivities move to I. M. Wise Hall for a celebration complete with dinner, candles and games. Admission is free for Temple members; \$10 for nonmembers. Please bring a new, unwrapped gift for either a child or teen (value: \$10–\$15) that will be donated to Ronald McDonald House. *The Emanu-El League is for Jewish singles in their 30s and 40s.* RSVP: tesevents@aol.com



SABBATH SERVICES

LAST NIGHT OF CHANUKAH
Friday evening, December 22
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 23
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
Numbers 7:54-8:4
I Kings 7:40-50

Sermon: Rabbi Amy B. Ehrlich

CHANUKAH
MITZVAH

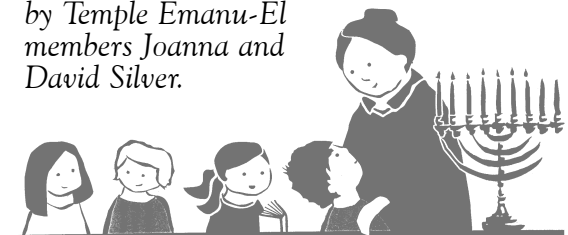
CANDLE LIGHTING WITH A SENIOR

Fulfill the mitzvot of lighting the Chanukah candles and of giving *tzedakah* by setting aside one of your Chanukah nights to help light the Chanukah menorah in the home of a DOROT senior citizen.

DOROT provides the *chanukiah* and candles, as well as chocolate gelt, a dreidel, and helpful guidelines for Chanukah blessings, songs and dreidel playing. All you need to bring is your family. By visiting a DOROT senior, you can create a memorable and meaningful Chanukah tradition. Visits should last between 20 and 30 minutes and will be arranged at a time that is convenient for your family.

Each family is asked to contribute \$50 per visit. If you are unable to make an actual visit, DOROT will send a teen volunteer in your place for every \$50 collected. To register, call DOROT at (917) 441-5051. Make checks payable to DOROT and mail them to: DOROT, 171 West 85th Street, NY, NY 10024.

This program is underwritten in part by Temple Emanu-El members Joanna and David Silver.



PULPIT FLOWERS

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

Denny, Nicki and Alex Rein
in loving memory of *Mark Alan Rein*

Barbara Slifka in remembrance of
the birthday of *Sylvia Slifka*

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

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.

Charles S. Salomon

The Universal Funeral Chapel

1076 Madison Avenue (212) 753-5300
Our service is available in the Temple, home, or our Chapel.



SANCTUARY REVEALED

THE RESTORATION OF AN
ARCHITECTURAL ICON

**On view at the Bernard Museum
of Judaica: December 17, 2006
through April 16, 2007
Museum hours: Sunday through
Thursday, 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
(212) 744-1400, ext. 259**



SEVERAL HUNDRED Temple members volunteered to help make Emanu-El's second annual Mitzvah Day a huge success! Congregants were responsible for donating 34 bags of winter coats, 12 boxes of toys and candy, and 60 boxes of canned goods and other packaged foods. Recipient organizations included New York Cares, the Jewish Board of Family and Children's Services, Yorkville Common Pantry and the DOROT Homelessness Prevention Program. Congregants also were responsible for donating and packaging items for 100 Chanukah gift packs already received by our troops overseas. Thank you to all!



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AROUND THE TEMPLE

Author Sherwin Nuland worried about tackling the subject of Maimonides, who wrote about profound issues of religion, science and medicine in a very different era than ours. The following questions are ways to begin exploring the life and work of the great physician and philosopher.

As an adult, Maimonides had several disciples: his brother David, Joseph ibn Aknin, his son Abraham. How might teaching have prepared him for the types of books he would later write as a scholar of theology and medicine? What does his role as teacher reveal about education in the medieval world?

Nuland writes that Maimonides' goal, influenced by

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Aristotle, was to "observe and interpret the world as it really is and find a place for his conclusions within the realm of received Law." How does Maimonides try to reconcile religion and science? Do his loyalties ultimately lie with one over the other?

How did people share information before the printing press? For what audience was Maimonides writing?

What was the status of Jews in Cordoba in the 12th century? What led Maimonides' family to leave their ancestral home?



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