



TEMPLE EMANU-EL Bulletin

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ROSH HASHONAH SERVICES

A NOTE ABOUT HIGH HOLY DAYS...

Worship services are conducted simultaneously in our Main Sanctuary and in our Leon Lowenstein Sanctuary (10 East 66th Street). The rabbis alternate between the services. In order to share her gifts with all our congregants, Cantor Lori Corrsin will officiate at the evening service in the Main Sanctuary and at the morning service in the Lowenstein Sanctuary. Soloist Judith Pannill, who has so ably assisted us in the past, once again will return for High Holy Day services.

ROSH HASHONAH EVE

Friday, September 22 5:30 p.m.
Main Sanctuary—Rabbi David Posner
Lowenstein Sanctuary—Rabbi Nadia Gold

ROSH HASHONAH DAY

Saturday, September 23 10 a.m.
Main Sanctuary—Rabbi Amy Ehrlich
Lowenstein Sanctuary—Rabbi Posner

The **Rosh Hashonah Family Worship Service** will be held at **2:30 p.m.** on Saturday with a sermon by Rabbi Ehrlich. A reception for families attending will follow.

PLEASE NOTE:

Infrared assistive listening devices (headset or neck loop) are available for use in our sanctuaries. Please approach a lobby attendant or usher. Picture ID is required.



ADULT
EDUCATION

Weekly Torah Study With Rabbi Philip Hiat



Rabbi Philip Hiat's weekly *Talmud* class begins again on **Wednesday, September 20**. Meeting for one hour per week on Wednesdays at 6 p.m., this class is co-sponsored by the Men's Club of Congregation Emanu-El and the Brotherhood of Central Synagogue. The group will be studying *Pirke Avot*. Open to members of both congregations, the class and study materials are free. Come when you can!

WQXR RADIO (96.3 FM) will air a recording of Rosh Hashonah Eve services from **5:30 p.m. to 6 p.m.** on **Friday, September 22**.

TEMPLE EMANU-EL'S WEB BROADCAST (www.emanuelnyc.org)

will be available from **noon** on **September 22** through **noon** on **September 23**; abbreviated services are repeated hourly.

HEAR THE SHOFAR SOUNDED

Temple members who cannot leave their homes to attend Rosh Hashonah services but would like to hear the shofar should call (212) 744-1400, ext. 202. Rabbi Posner gladly will make home visits during the afternoon of Rosh Hashonah—shofar in hand.

PULPIT FLOWERS

Pulpit flowers at Rosh Hashonah services have been generously donated by our congregants:

Rabbi and Mrs. Ronald B. Sobel
in loving memory of *Ethel B.* and *Peter P. Sobel*

Mrs. Constance A. Austin
in loving memory of *Anita K. Agate*

Mr. and Mrs. Barry M. Berkule
in loving memory of *Jack Berkule*

Rhoda Weiskopf Cohen
in loving memory of my dearest parents,
Dr. Samuel and *Esther Altman Weiskopf*,
and my beloved grandmother,
Gussie W. Altman

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Norma K. and *Jerome Friedman*

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in loving memory of their parents,
Norma H. and *Lewis D. Raabin*
and *Harry Scheurer*

Mr. and Mrs. Seymour Schneiderman
in loving memory of *Shelly Taylor*

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.

A NEW YEAR'S

Beloved Members of Temple Emanu-El:

TOGETHER, the president of our congregation, Mrs. Marcia Waxman, along with our board of trustees, our clergy and our Temple administrators all join in wishing you a New Year of health, joy and peace. We also look forward to another year of service in the causes of God, Torah and the Jewish people.

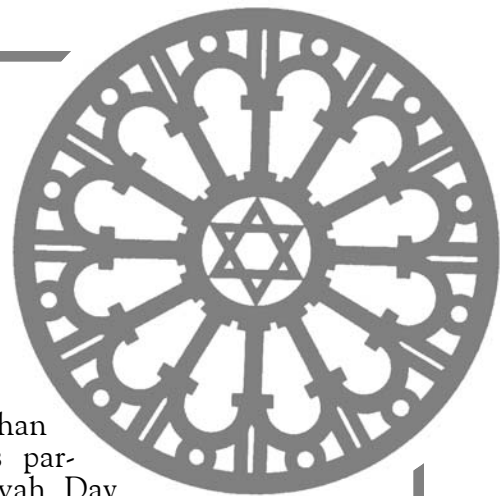
The successful completion of the restoration of the Main Sanctuary is for us the symbol of the restoration and reinvigoration of our greater spiritual structure. Here we are together—the congregation of Temple Emanu-El. We are afforded in our synagogue opportunities for study, for community service and for divine worship that are a privilege and a gift far beyond the dreams of most Jewish communities the world over. Our sanctuary is a symbol of our devotion and our commitment.

And now we want you all to be a part of this. We want you to study with us, to learn with us, to talk to us, and to learn and talk to each other about Jewish life and the mission of the Jewish people. We want you to read Jewish books and think Jewish thoughts and sing Jewish prayers. Now is the time for us to be restored together—restored in commitment, restored in obligation and restored to our birthright to be a kingdom of priests and a holy people.

Radical changes in Jewish life, both in America and abroad, as well as shifting currents in the secular world have brought us to the conclusion that the time is both necessary and ripe for an instauration of the spirit in Temple Emanu-El. Our board of trustees has taken its first steps toward the development of a new strategic plan for the congregation.

In the coming months, members of the Temple will be called upon to consider carefully the meaning of Jewish life at the Temple and to work with our leadership as we envision a mission statement that will unify our community in thought and in deed. A dedicated group of Temple members is deep into the process of re-imagining and re-visioning the nature of our Religious School program. Temple Emanu-El is more than an edifice at Fifth Avenue and

WISH FROM OUR CLERGY



65th Street. It is the home and repository of an entire culture and civilization. This is the place in which we want you to grow.

The Skirball Center for Adult Jewish Learning, housed in Temple Emanu-El, is among the most ambitious and successful venues for adult Jewish education in America. Each semester, more than 30 courses are offered in fields as diverse as Jewish history, philosophy, theology, sociology, literature and language. More than 400 students attend each semester, taking courses that last for eight weeks. Your presence in these classes would add the blessing of Jewish meaning in your lives.

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FOR AN INSTAURATION
OF THE SPIRIT IN
TEMPLE EMANU-EL.**

To further enhance the goal of Jewish learning and living, the Temple, along with our Ivan M. Stettenheim Library, is sponsoring a congregationwide “book read.” The chosen text is the biography *Maimonides*, by Sherwin B. Nuland. Following an opening and introductory lecture given by Rabbi Posner on the world of Jewish medieval philosophy, a series of classes and discussions relating to this very accessible book will be scheduled. The year will culminate with a lecture on April 19, 2007, by Dr. Nuland himself. This program will give us a wonderful opportunity to study together as a community.

“Shabbat Shalom Sabbath” is the name given to a new opportunity for family and community worship here at Temple Emanu-El. This will be a monthly Shabbos service of creative music and liturgy—suitable for children and adults—and designed to enhance learning and participation.

It will be held monthly at 6:30 p.m., starting after the conclusion of the fall holidays.

Last year, more than 200 Temple members participated in our Mitzvah Day program, which offered dozens of opportunities to aid our community, near and abroad, far and wide. The date for Mitzvah Day this year is Sunday, November 12.

A special service of dedication for our Main Sanctuary will be held on Friday evening, December 15—the first night of Chanukah. The next morning’s Shabbos service will be a concert/service of a very special nature. We want you to be with us on both these occasions.

One need not take giant steps in order to grow in Jewish learning and Jewish living. We can do many things of a seemingly small nature that have a large impact.

It is for this reason that we would like to inaugurate at this time, for our Temple members, what we would like to call “Operation: Good Shabbos.” It is nothing more than a mere act of speech, but it could have meaning for the entire community. Any time on any Friday, when concluding a conversation with a relative, a Jewish friend or a Jewish business associate, simply end with the words, “Have a good Shabbos.”

This has nothing to do with being a Reform Jew, a Conservative Jew or an Orthodox Jew. This is simply the appropriate manner of speech for our people on Friday, erev Shabbos. Once begun, this ultimately could have a profound impact on an entire community. And it makes no difference whether we will be at Shabbos services, whether we will be in the city or in the country.

Let us all begin to learn to articulate the words and thoughts of our spiritual heritage so that we may grow further in knowledge and in deeds of lovingkindness.

Torah blessings to you all.

Your Temple Family

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OUR NEW RABBINIC INTERN

GREETINGS TO Adam Nathan Rosenwasser, who joins Temple Emanu-El as our rabbinic intern for the academic year 2006-2007.

Adam is a third-year rabbinical student at Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion (HUC-JIR) here in New York. His undergraduate study was at the University of Michigan, where he earned a bachelor's degree in history. Adam also has studied abroad in Hungary, Italy and Israel.



Adam brings to Temple Emanu-El extensive experience working with children and teens—from teaching Hebrew reading and writing skills to third graders, to teaching basic prayer skills to fourth graders,

to being a counselor for 14- to 17-year-olds at the URJ Kutz Camp. Adam's community experience includes serving as a program participant in the HUC Passover Project to the Former Soviet Union—where he led seders in the Moscow region—and as a volunteer with The Jerusalem Open House—where he led monthly Kabbalat Shabbat services and translated mailings, newsletters and e-mails from Hebrew to English. Welcome, Adam! We look forward to a great year.

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