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WORSHIP SERVICES

EVE of THANKSGIVING Wednesday, November 21

The congregational Thanksgiving service will be held at 5:30 P.M. in Greenwald Hall as part of the Sunset Service, led by the Reader's Panel. Cantor Corrsin also will participate.

Sermon: Rabbi Amy B. Ehrlich

SABBATH SERVICES Friday evening, November 23 Temple 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, November 24 Women's Auxiliary Lounge

Torah Study—9:15 A.M.

Temple Sanctuary

Service—10:30 A.M.

Torah Portion—*Vayishlach*

Readings—Genesis 32:4-36:43

Obadiah 1:1-21

Sermon: Rabbi Howard J. Goldsmith

Read the Torah Commentary about *Vayishlach* by Rabbi Howard Goldsmith located on the Emanu-El Web site (www.emanuelnyc.org), as well as commentaries from previous weeks in our online archive. Click on "Lifelong Learning: Adult Education."



Hearing Loop installed in Temple Sanctuary and Beth-El Chapel; switch aid to T-coil. Headsets or neck loops also available for use.

UNIVERSITY CLUB

**Shabbat Lunch
at Emanu-El**
Saturday, November 24
1 P.M.

Members of Temple Emanu-El's University Club are invited to join us for Shabbat lunch during Thanksgiving break. The University Club is for members of our Emanu-El community who are now attending college. Our objective is simple: To enjoy good food while reconnecting with old friends. We also plan to discuss other ways to keep University Club members connected to Emanu-El while away at school.



Do you know other Emanu-El alums who may be interested in joining us but haven't heard about the University Club? Bring them along! But, please let us know how many people to expect by calling (212) 744-1400, ext. 329 or sending an e-mail to universityclub@emanuelnyc.org. Enter through the Marvin and Elisabeth Cassell Community House, One East 65th Street.

To become a member of the Emanu-El University Club, download our registration form from the Emanu-El Web site. Click "Lifelong Learning."

PULPIT FLOWERS

Pulpit flowers at Thanksgiving services are the generous donation of our congregants:

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

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

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

Pulpit flowers at Sabbath services this weekend have been donated by the following congregants:

Jim, Susan and Hannah Baumann
in loving memory of
Hannah Hirschhorn Baumann

Sally F. Broido in loving memory of
Anita S. Hochman

June H. Jones in loving memory of
Hannah Cohen and
Helen and I. Henry Hirsch

ONEG SHABBAT

Susan and Donald Newhouse
in loving memory of
Mitzi and Samuel Newhouse

To sponsor Pulpit Flowers or an Oneg Shabbat,
call (212) 744-1400, ext. 312.

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

ADULT EDUCATION: CHANTING OF THE TORAH

Monday, November 19 & 26

1 P.M.

Cantor Lori Corrsin teaches us how to read the musical and grammatical symbols that help us chant, punctuate and interpret the Torah. We primarily will study the Ten Commandments. Text and an audio recording will be provided. A basic reading knowledge of Hebrew is required. This class is open to Temple members only. Enter at One East 65th Street. Questions? Call (212) 744-1400, ext. 214.

WOMEN'S AUXILIARY: TOP OF THE ROCK

Tuesday, November 27

11 A.M.

Built at the start of the Great Depression, Rockefeller Center and its observation deck were John D. Rockefeller's gifts to Manhattan for locals and visitors alike. Women's Auxiliary members are invited to join us in touring the newly restored **Top of the Rock**, which offers some of the finest views in all of New York City. The cost for this event is \$100 per person, which includes lunch at the private Rock Center Club. Checks should be made payable to the Women's Auxiliary. Tour capacity is limited. Attendees should meet under the NBC marquis on 50th Street between Fifth and Sixth avenues. Questions? Call (212) 744-1400, ext. 235 or send an e-mail to womaux@emanuelnyc.org.

MEN'S CLUB READING GROUP

Tuesday, December 11

9 A.M.

Our December discussion will focus on *The Invisible Wall: A Love Story That Broke Barriers* by Harry Bernstein, a memoir of Bernstein's childhood in an English mill town prior to World War I and the effects of a love affair that is discovered between Bernstein's sister, Lily, and Arthur, a Christian boy who lives across the street.

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.

A TRIBUTE TO LIVING JUDAISM

The following was prepared by Rabbi Posner in honor of the 10th anniversary of our Herbert & Eileen Bernard Museum of Judaica, which is being celebrated this year.

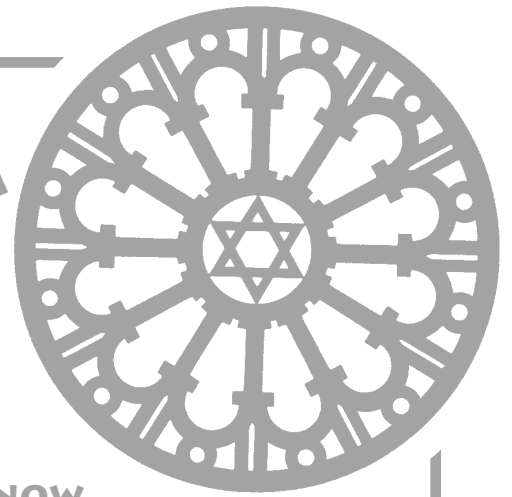
WHAT GIVES THE TRUEST and most authentic flavor to a Jewish home? Simply stated, it is our *sifrei kodesh* (holy books) and our *klei kodesh* (holy vessels). Just as a Jewish home must be a repository for Jewish literature, it also must be a repository for the Jewish objects that reflect the beauty of holiness.

This is the implicit lesson and challenge of a Jewish museum—really a novel institution in Jewish life. The objects of a Jewish museum are not artifacts. They are not mere antiquities, and they are not dead. Jewish museums are for living Judaism. They exist to inspire us to take the *klei kodesh* and to make them a part of the ritual of our lives.

Our *klei kodesh* were not meant to be reduced to the level of *objects d'art*. That was not their original design or intended use. Our *klei kodesh* are here to inspire us to the level of *hidur mitzvah* (the beautification of the mitzvah). We will know that we are successful when our children and our children's children enter our museum, see the *klei kodesh*, and then say, "It looks like the one in my house."

King Solomon wrote in Proverbs: *Shalom rav l'ohavay toratecha v'eyn lanu michshol* (Great peace have they that love Thy law O God, and there is no stumbling for them). We give thanks to the Almighty for the wonderful people who love and cherish His law. We admire the *klei kodesh*, and we love the people who take care of them.

TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THE EARLY HISTORY OF OUR TEMPLE MUSEUM AND ITEMS IN THE COLLECTION, LOG ON TO THE EMANU-EL WEB SITE (WWW.EMANUELNYC.ORG) AND CLICK "MUSEUM."



**ON VIEW NOW
AT THE HERBERT & EILEEN
BERNARD MUSEUM...**

Houses of Life JEWISH CEMETERIES OF EUROPE

Jewish cemeteries, called "Houses of Life" in Hebrew, remain a vital part of the tapestry of Jewish experience. In Europe, they testify to the changing circumstances, emerging rituals, intense persecution and endless revitalization that accompanied the Jewish migration. In this exhibition, the Bernard Museum offers a photographic view of immensely varied Jewish burial grounds across Europe, spanning more than 2,000 years.

This exhibit is free and open to the public. Museum hours are from 10 A.M. to 4:30 P.M., Sunday through Thursday. Enter at One East 65th Street.



Image: Budapest, Kozma utca cemetery, Hungary. Interior of the Schmidl family vault, designed by Béla Lajta in 1904.

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A NOTE OF THANKS

The following was sent by e-mail from Martin Granowitz of San Diego. We were happy to learn, after the fact, that Mr. Granowitz and his family safely survived the recent fires in California.

I am writing to you, after having listened, transfixed, to the Torah processional for the conclusion of Sukkot on the Internet. I am a 62-year-old retiree living in San Diego, but my connection to Temple Emanu-El goes back to 1960. Until five years ago, I lived in various parts of northern New Jersey. At the age of 15, I was listening to [WQXR] radio on a Friday afternoon, when I heard what sounded like a choir of angels singing in Hebrew. Hearing that service made me feel that I had found the Jewish faith for the first time. From that day forward, I have been in the habit of attending Reform Jewish services regularly both at home and when I travel. Whenever I was in New York on the Sabbath or a holiday, I would attend

services at Temple Emanu-El. This ended, however, when we moved to California. Over the years, I have had to adapt, but whenever the holy ark is opened, I still can hear in my mind's ear the sublime choral strains of the Classical tradition. One day before this year's High Holy Days I just so happened to click on to Temple Emanu-El's Web site and learned with great joy that I could have access to your services every week. After attending services at my own synagogue, I now enhance the experience by listening to the majesty of your service. I no longer need to feel that I will never again have access to the Reform Jewish tradition that had attracted me so many years ago. Thank you for this wonderful gift.
— Martin Granowitz

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