



# TEMPLE EMANU-EL Bulletin

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## YOM KIPPUR

**Wednesday, October 12** 8 p.m.  
**Thursday, October 13** 9:45 a.m.  
Family Worship Service—1:30 p.m.  
Afternoon Service—2:20 p.m.  
Memorial/Conclusion—3:45 p.m.

### YOM KIPPUR BROADCASTS WQXR Radio (96.3 FM)

**Wednesday, October 12** 7 p.m.  
**Thursday, October 13** 4:05 p.m.

**Internet (www.emanuelnyc.org)**  
Abbreviated services repeated hourly,  
October 12, 12 p.m.—October 13, 12 p.m.

## SABBATH SERVICES

### Friday, October 14 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, October 15 Women's Auxiliary Lounge

Torah Study—9:15 a.m.  
**Main Sanctuary**  
Service—10:30 a.m.  
Torah Portion—Ha'azinu  
Readings—Deut. 32:1-52; II Samuel 22  
**Sermon: Rabbi Amy B. Ehrlich**

## SUCCOS

**Monday, October 17** 5:30 p.m.  
**Tuesday, October 18** 10:30 a.m.  
**Sermon: Rabbi Amy B. Ehrlich**

## YOUNG FAMILIES

**Sunday, October 16** 11 a.m.  
**Sunday, October 23** 11 a.m.

First, join Shira as she teaches  
us songs for the upcoming Succos  
holiday. The following week, we'll have  
a special Succos celebration—including  
pumpkin painting and making decorations  
for our succah—geared just for our  
youngest Temple members!  
*Attendees must preregister by calling  
(212) 744-1400, ext. 242.*

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@ EMANU-EL

## RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

**Friday, October 21**  
5:15 p.m.

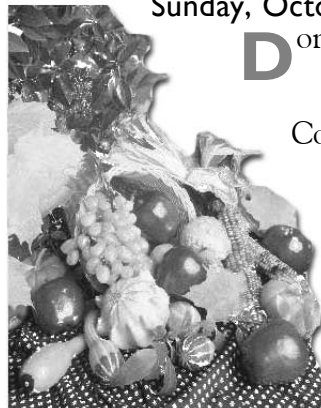
Religious School  
students and their  
families are invited to join us for  
Sabbath services in the Main Sanctuary,  
where we also will celebrate the  
Consecration of new students under  
the succah. A traditional Sabbath dinner  
will follow. *RSVP to (212) 744-1400,  
ext. 226 by Monday, October 17.*



## EMANU-EL LEAGUE

**Sunday, October 23** 12 p.m.

Don't miss our first event  
of the new season—  
a Succos luncheon!  
Cost is \$10 for members,  
\$15 for nonmembers.  
RSVP (212) 744-  
1400, ext. 501.  
*The Emanu-El League  
is for Jewish singles  
in their late 20s  
through early 40s.*



## 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*

Lillian and Robert Fabrikant  
in memory of their loving parents,  
*Claire and Max L. Kamiel*

Beth and Dale G. Frost in loving memory of  
*Bernard Schoengold and Anne and Irvin Frost*

David, Brian and Kenneth Halberg in loving  
memory of their grandmother, *Estelle Kessler*

Mr. Bruce Holman in loving memory  
of *Mildred and Morris Holman*

Rosalind Jacobs in loving memory  
of her husband, *Melvin Jacobs*

Mrs. Leonard Landis in loving memory  
of her husband, *Leonard Landis*

Mrs. Harold C. Mayer Jr. in loving memory  
of her mother, *Margaret M. Arnstein*

Peg Ogden in loving memory  
of her mother, *Margaret S. Ogden*

Mrs. Carl H. Pforzheimer Jr.  
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*

Dr. Robert and Anne Ross  
in loving memory of *Nathalie Nemeth*

Edythe Kurtzberg in loving memory of her husband, *Lawrence Kurtzberg*

### **Pulpit flowers at Sabbath worship services this weekend are the generous donation of our congregant:**

Robin M. Laden in loving memory of *Alice Laden*

## B'NEI MITZVAH

### **The following students of our Religious School will become B'nei Mitzvah this weekend:**

*Noah Benjamin Friedman*, son of  
Barbara and Leonard Friedman

*Samantha Griffin Michel*, daughter of  
Beverly and Marc Michel

*Evan Jacob Griffith*, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Griffith

**We are grateful for their sponsorship of Friday evening's Oneg Shabbat.**

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

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.

## DAY OF ATONEMENT

The following text has been excerpted from  
*A Book of Jewish Concepts* by Philip Birnbaum.

THE Day of Atonement is the climax of the 10-day period of repentance that begins with *Rosh Hashonah*, the Day of Judgment. These 10 days of reflection and inspiration bring us the eternal message that it is possible for human beings to improve their characters. They speak to us about our ethical conscience and moral responsibility, about self-examination and spiritual regeneration.

The idea of repentance is regarded as the brightest gem among the teachings of Judaism. Man would be the most unfortunate creature if he had no way to escape from sin. The optimistic spirit of Judaism does not tolerate the idea that a man need ever despair and lose faith in himself. No one can sink so low that he cannot find his way back to God by self-discipline.

The very concept of repentance and atonement has made the Jewish outlook on life one of cheerful confidence. The Hebrew term *teshuvah* for repentance signifies “return” and must not be taken to mean “penitence” or “penance.” These words refer to self-castigation. Judaism demands an inner change and opposes external forms of asceticism for purposes of expiating sin.

There is a midrashic statement that God modeled the world like an architect, and it would not stand until he created repentance. Defined by Maimonides, repentance means that the sinner casts his sins out of his mind and resolves in his heart to sin no more. The atonement prayers, articulating the ideals of human brotherhood and mutual forgiveness, make the worshiper intensely aware of human frailty, reminding him that there is no man who is absolutely free from sin and error. The confessions are recited repeatedly on *Yom Kippur* in the first person

plural to emphasize the collective responsibility of the whole community for offenses that can be prevented.

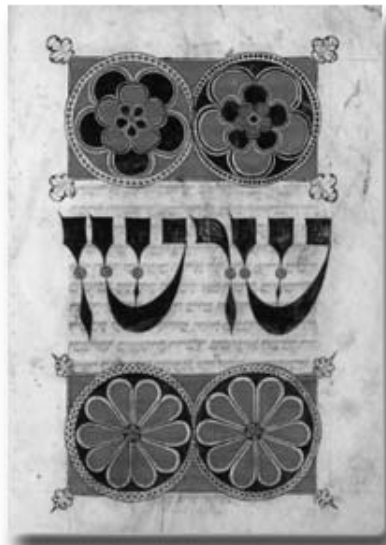
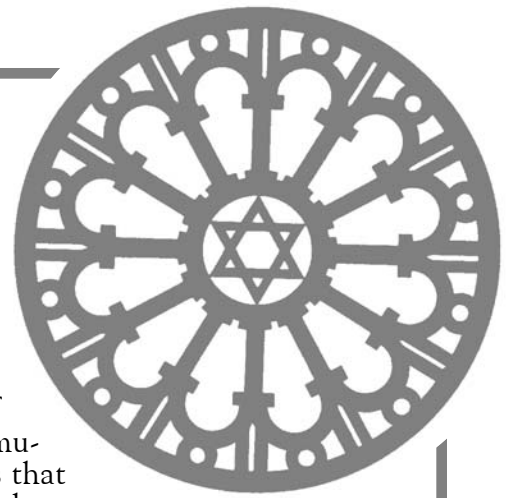
We are repeatedly reminded that *Yom Kippur* brings pardon for sins between man and God, and it cannot bring forgiveness as long as no attempt has been made to repair the injury inflicted upon one’s fellow man. God does not clear the guilty in matters touching human beings unless reparation precedes all else (*Yoma* 8:8). The wrongdoer must first win pardon from the person wronged—hence, the age-old custom of mending quarrels and begging forgiveness of one another for any wrong committed, intentionally or otherwise. This custom is particularly observed on *Erev Yom Kippur*. When the offender asks to be forgiven, he should be forgiven wholeheartedly, we are told.

Judaism believes in the ability of the worst sinners to improve their ways; without such possibility, man’s world could not continue. Nothing can withstand the power of sincere repentance, we are told:

*Even if a man has been a sinner all his days and he repents in his old age, when all opportunity for sin is gone, though it is by no means the highest form of repentance, it is a valid*

*atonement. Even if he has sinned all his life and repented only on his deathbed, his sins are pardoned. (Maimonides, Teshuvah 2:1)*

The everlasting theme of repentance occupies a very prominent position in all the ethical writings of the Jewish people.



*Fourteenth century ink drawing relating to the traditional Yom Kippur liturgy—  
“Rose of the valley, standing in awe”  
(shoshan emek ayumah)*

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, October 23 10 a.m.  
**Breakfast With Author Dan Burstein**

**M**r. Burstein is editor of the nonfiction best-seller *Secrets of the Code: The Unauthorized Guide to the Mysteries Behind the Dan Vinci Code* and co-editor of *Secrets of Angels & Demons*, another resource for helping readers think through the mysteries and history involved with these two popular novels.



Cost is \$20 per person, which includes a hot buffet breakfast. All Temple members are invited to attend. *RSVP to the Men's Club at (212) 744-1400, ext. 250 by Monday, October 17.*

Thursday, October 27 11 a.m.  
**Brunch With Carolyn Kunin: Critical Issues Facing Reform Jewish Women**

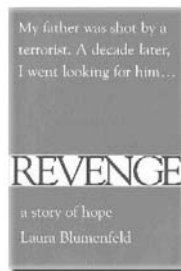
**D**r. Kunin, director of the department of programming and advocacy at Women of Reform Judaism, will discuss *vital* issues to be voted on at WRJ's 45<sup>th</sup> biennial meeting in Houston.



This program is open only to Women's Auxiliary members and WRJ members living in the New York metro area. Cost is \$25 per person. *Checks made payable to Women's Auxiliary of Temple Emanu-El must be received by Thursday, October 20.*

Tuesday, November 15 12:30 p.m.  
**Women's Auxiliary: Book Discussion Group**

**R**abbi Amy Ehrlich will lead discussion about the *New York Times* bestseller and notable book of the year *Revenge: A Story of Hope* by Laura Blumenfeld. In 1986, a Palestinian terrorist shot and wounded Blumenfeld's father. More than a decade later, Blumenfeld, a reporter



for *The Washington Post*, undergoes a journey to find the would-be assassin and in the process learns about vengeance. Feel free to bring your own lunch; coffee and dessert will be provided. *RSVP by Tuesday, November 8 to (212) 744-1400, ext. 235.*

## SUNDAY SEMINARS

All Sunday Seminars are held from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Enter at One East 65<sup>th</sup> Street. Coffee and bagels are served. Cost is \$50 per session. To register or for more information, call (212) 507-9580.

November 6  
**The Inner Lives of the Kabbalists**  
**DR. JOEL HECKER**



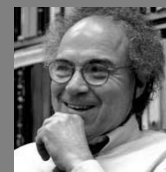
**S**tudy the *Zohar* and 16<sup>th</sup> century mystical texts to explore the emotions, anxieties and ecstasy of the kabbalists. Discover how these internal experiences reflected and inspired their mystical scholarship.

November 13  
**Genesis: Families in Conflict**  
**RABBI PERETZ RODMAN**



**T**he stories of the founding families of the Book of Genesis form a saga of swirling conflicts and raging passions. Through a close reading of three or four narratives, examine how resolutions are achieved. Extract principles that you can use to reduce the level of conflict in your own life and community.

November 20  
**Power, Morality and the State of Israel**  
**RABBI CHAIM SEIDLER-FELLER**



**E**xamine traditional sources on the nature of Israel's holiness and consider the ramifications for the notion of land for peace. Consider what a viable Jewish ethic of power might look like today.

## SKIRBALL



The Skirball Center for Adult Jewish Learning at Temple Emanu-El

## 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.*

Dorothy Ash  
Marjorie Baker Bachrach  
Joan Baron  
Sara Fruhauf Beekman  
Edward H. Benenson  
Mildred Merkin Berson  
Herbert George Cohen  
Shirley Cohen  
Elaine Turner Cooper  
Sally Eisenrod  
Hazel Elkan  
Howard J. Fatt  
Morris Fell  
Cornelius W. Friedman  
Isabelle Goldenson  
Dorothy S. Goodman  
Henry A. Grunwald  
Marvin Kosmin  
Lola Kramer  
Marshall L. Kreisler  
Florence Kriendler  
Miriam Landau  
Beatrice R. Leval  
Philip A. Levey  
Janice Levien  
Arnold A. Levin  
Wilbur A. Levin

Peter K. Loeb  
Alice Krass Loewenheim  
Gladys Claman Luria  
Claire Bloch Morris  
Mildred Hockstader Morse  
Helaine L. Newhouse  
Nancy W. Pierce  
Norma Hesse Raabin  
Catherine E. Riseman  
Melvin Lloyd Robbins  
Esther H. Rosenbaum  
Joan M. Rosenberg  
Jacqueline Rosenthal  
Eleanor M. Ross  
Madeleine R. Samuels  
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Stephen Sloan  
Samuel M. Sprafkin  
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Alice Hanauer Strauss  
Ronald C. Wiener  
Hilda Kugel Haberman Weinstein  
Miriam Zeiler

*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

## AROUND THE TEMPLE

### Temple Emanu-El's Adult B'nei Mitzvah Program

**T**aught by our rabbis and our cantor, this year-long study program meets Wednesdays at 7 p.m. from November 2, 2005, through May 31, 2006.

Learn the basic aspects of our tradition, such as the tenets of Reform Judaism, liturgy and prayer, life-cycle events, and the meaning and rituals of the Sabbath and holidays. Study the essential texts of our faith. Our course also includes intensive Hebrew instruction for beginners who have no prior Hebrew knowledge.

This year's study will conclude with the sacred ritual of becoming a Bar or Bas Mitzvah at a recognition ceremony held during Shavuot services on June 1, 2006.

**Don't delay...enrollment is limited.** For more information, call (212) 744-1400.



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