



## Saviv Shabbat

Friday, December 5 • 7:15 PM • One East 65th Street

**O**PEN TO MEMBERS AND NONMEMBERS IN THEIR 20s AND 30s, **Saviv Shabbat** is a unique prayer experience that combines experimental liturgy and incredible music with meaningful ritual and learning. Our goal is to push our understanding of what it means to pray and what can be called worship. Dinner follows the service. Attendance is free, but reservations to [info@saviv.org](mailto:info@saviv.org) are required.

## IMPORTANT REMINDERS/UPCOMING EVENTS

**A Dramatic Way Into Torah**  
Monday, December 1 & 8  
6:30 PM • One East 65th St.

Explore the possibilities of using drama as a pathway to a personal relationship with Torah. **David Wolkin**, our new coordinator of elementary and family learning, will lead two evenings of study that will have you moving, playing, writing and speaking in the voices of some of the most prominent figures in the Bible. Classes may be taken independently but are best when taken together.

**Men's Club Book Group**  
Tuesday, December 2 • 9 AM  
One East 65th Street

We will discuss *Cain's Field: Faith, Fratricide and Fear in the Middle East* by Matt Rees. All Temple members are invited to join us. (212) 744-1400, ext. 250

**Women's Auxiliary Book Group**  
Thursday, December 4  
12:30 PM • One East 65th St.

**Rabbi Leon Morris** will lead our discussion of *A Pigeon and a Boy* by Meir Shalev. Feel free to bring your lunch; coffee and dessert will be served. (212) 744-1400, ext. 235

**Pantry Sort**  
Saturday, December 6 &  
January 10 • 9:30 AM – 1:30 PM  
Yorkville Common Pantry  
(8 E. 109th St., off Fifth Ave.)

Volunteers are needed to sort and package groceries to help feed more than 300 New York City families. This project is suitable for adults, high school students and "tweens" with an adult partner. Preregistration with our **Tikkun Olam Committee** is required. (212) 744-1400, ext. 452

**DAILY SUNSET SERVICE**  
SUNDAY – THURSDAY  
5:30 PM • One E. 65th St.

**SABBATH WORSHIP**  
FRIDAY EVENING  
Sanctuary (Fifth Avenue  
at 65th Street)  
Organ Recital—5 PM  
Service Begins—5:15 PM  
WQXR Radio (96.3 FM) and  
Internet ([www.wqxr.com](http://www.wqxr.com))  
broadcasts—5:30 PM

**SATURDAY MORNING**  
Sixth Floor Lounge  
Torah Study—9:15 AM  
Sanctuary (Fifth at 65th)  
Organ Recital—10:15 AM  
Service Begins—10:30 AM

**Services also may be heard  
at [www.emanuelnyc.org](http://www.emanuelnyc.org).**



Hearing loop in Sanctuary and Beth-El Chapel; switch aid to T-coil. Headsets or neck loops also available.

## WEEKLY PARASHAH

### Saturday, December 6

Torah Portion—*Vayetztei*  
Readings—Genesis 28:10-32:3; Hosea 12:13-14:10  
**Sermon: Rabbi Ehrlich**

### Saturday, December 13

Torah Portion—*Vayishlach*  
Readings—Genesis 32:4-36:43; Obadiah 1:1-21  
**Sermon: Rabbi Goldsmith**

View our weekly Torah commentary on the Emanu-El Web site: [www.emanuelnyc.org](http://www.emanuelnyc.org). Follow the link from the Home Page. View previous commentaries through the archive.

## ADDITIONAL WORSHIP

### Saviv Shabbat

**Friday, December 5**  
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### Shabbat Kodesh

**Friday, December 12**  
**6:30 PM • Beth-El Chapel**

### Tot Shabbat

**Saturday, December 13**  
**10 AM • One East 65th**

### Shabbat Shalom

**Friday, December 19**  
**6:30 PM • One East 65th**  
This month's service will honor members of the Men's Club for their service.

### Congregational Chanukah Service

**Friday, December 26**  
**5:15 PM • Sanctuary (Fifth Ave. at 65th St.)**  
Candles will be lit for the sixth night of Chanukah. A festive *Oneg Shabbat* will follow.

## IMPORTANT REMINDERS/EVENTS (CONTINUED)

### Ronald McDonald House

#### Monthly Dinner

**Thursday, December 11**  
**5 PM • 405 East 73rd Street**

Persons interested in volunteering **MUST** contact the **Women's Auxiliary**, which organizes and funds this program. (Please, no walk-ins!) **This project is for adults over 18 only.** (212) 744-1400, ext. 235

### Stitch'n Time

**Sunday, December 14**  
**11 AM – 2 PM • One East 65th**

Participants must bring their own needles (#8). Yarn and patterns will be provided. We also have a professional knitting instructor to assist us. Light refreshments will be served. People of all ages are welcome to attend. (212) 744-1400, ext. 452

**For more information about all Emanu-El events, log on to [www.emanuelnyc.org](http://www.emanuelnyc.org). Click "Calendar."**

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## Sundays at Skirball...

Sunday Seminars sponsored by the Skirball Center for Adult Jewish Learning at Temple Emanu-El are open to the public. Sessions are held in the Marvin and Elisabeth Cassell Community House (One East 65th Street) from 10 AM to 2 PM. Cost is \$60 per person. Coffee and bagels are served. For more information, call Skirball at (212) 507-9580.

### Rivalry and Redemption in the Bible

**Sunday, December 7**  
**Lecturer: Dr. Diane M. Sharon**

Explore biblical stories of rivalry and chosenness, favoritism and competition, and the surprising messages they tell us about ourselves, about what God wants of us and about the nature of humankind. In the process, discover insights into our own, modern dilemmas.

### "What's Wrong With Our Children?"

**Parents and Children in Jewish Short Stories**  
**Sunday, December 14**  
**Lecturer: Anne Roiphe**

Private problems and cultural skirmishes often are reflected in Jewish short stories. Old or new, there always seems to be something wrong with the children. What do our writers tell us about the generational ache?

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.

The following students of our Religious School will become **B'NEI MITZVAH**:

**Saturday, December 6**

*Max Macnow*, son of Sue Macnow and Devin Macnow

*Lara Beatrice Nisonoff*, daughter of Judith Levy and Donald Nisonoff

**Saturday, December 13**

*Caroline Rose Hoffman*, daughter of Valerie and James Hoffman

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

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**PULPIT FLOWERS at Sabbath services have been donated generously by our congregants:**

**For the Sabbath of December 5 and 6**

Emily Fisher Landau in memory of my beloved sons *M. Anthony Fisher* and *Richard L. Fisher*

**For the Sabbath of December 12 and 13**

Karel, Frank, Danielle and Alix Greenberg in loving memory of *Lillian* and *Marvin Greenberg*

Bonnie, David, Richard, Nancy and Gail Maidman in loving memory of *William Maidman* and *Lea Maidman*

Monte Wolfson in loving memory of his wife, *Doris Wolfson*



## Events for Temple youth

**Midnight Run**

**Saturday, December 13**

**6 PM – 1:30 AM**

**One East 65th Street**



**MidnightRun.org**

**Temple Emanu-El's Senior Temple Youth Group**

invites students in grades 9 through 12 to help the homeless.

**Midnight Run** is a volunteer organization dedicated to finding common ground between the housed and the homeless. We will be packing 100 lunch bags, making soup and coffee, and organizing toiletry kits. Then we'll get on a bus, go to designated delivery spots, deliver the items and spend time speaking with the homeless people who are part of this program. **NOTE: This program is completely safe and accredited. Teens from schools, youth groups, churches and synagogues perform this activity every weekend.**

View photos from last year's Senior Youth Group event on the Temple Web site; click "Learning" → "Youth & Young Adults" → "Senior Youth Group." Register to participate by calling (212) 744-1400, ext. 329 or sending an e-mail to [senioryouthgroup@emanuelnyc.org](mailto:senioryouthgroup@emanuelnyc.org).



**Dreidel Disco**

**Saturday, December 13 • 7 PM – 9 PM**

**Temple Shaaray Tefila (250 East 79th St.)**

Spin, spin, spin and dance the night away at the Dreidel Disco! **Junior Youth Group 56ers** are invited to meet students from other NYC synagogues, including Congregation Rodeph Shalom, Stephen Wise Free Synagogue and Temple Shaaray Tefila, for dancing, pizza, snacks and raffles. Cost is \$15 per person at the door, \$10 in advance. (Receive two free raffle tickets with your advance purchase. Make checks payable to Temple Shaaray Tefila.) Proceeds will benefit **One Family Fund ([www.onefamilyfund.org](http://www.onefamilyfund.org))**, an organization that provides money, time and support for victims of terror in Israel. Emanu-El students must submit signed permission slips in advance or on the day of the event. Questions? Call (212) 744-1400, ext. 334 or send an e-mail to [junioryouth56ers@emanuelnyc.org](mailto:junioryouth56ers@emanuelnyc.org).

**Carving Up the Ice II**

**Sunday, December 14 • 12:30 PM – 3:30 PM**

**One East 65th Street**



**Junior Youth 78s** once again will be trekking to **Okamoto Studio** in Long Island City (departure from and return to One E. 65th Street) to learn how to carve giant mugs out of blocks of ice. (Smashing them is the best! View photos from last year's event on the Temple Web site; click "Learning" → "Youth & Young Adults" → "Junior Youth Groups.") Signed permission slips must be returned to our Junior Youth 78s coordinator. Cost is \$35 per person. Lunch will be served. Students are advised to wear warm clothes. Questions? Call (212) 744-1400, ext. 329 or send an e-mail to [junioryouth78s@emanuelnyc.org](mailto:junioryouth78s@emanuelnyc.org).

# Rewarding gifts, far-reaching benefits

By **Robyn W. Cimbol**, Senior Director,  
Development and Philanthropy

Nowhere is the confluence of American and Jewish values more evident than in philanthropy. In our faith, *tzedakah* is an obligation. At tax time, *tzedakah* is rewarded because our nation's laws continue to provide tangible incentives for charitable gifts.

Even in these challenging times, year-end remains a time for reflection and looking to the future. It also is a time when many of us are prompted to make important decisions about our charitable contributions. Through our donations, we seek to make a meaningful difference for institutions and organizations that matter to us. We at Temple Emanu-El urge you to make your gift to the 2008-2009 Annual Fund if you have not already done so and to add to your current gift if possible.

## TAX-WISE GIFTS

**Gifts of Cash:** Writing a check remains the most popular and simplest way to make a donation. The Temple will benefit from the full value of your gift, and the government assists you, through a tax deduction, so that the cost to you is less than the value of the gift to the Temple. Your actual tax benefit will depend on the specifics of your tax situation. Don't forget that your membership dues also qualify for a charitable deduction!

**Gifts of Stock:** It is surprisingly simple to make a gift of securities. In most instances, stocks can be transferred electronically from your account into one maintained by Temple Emanu-El. Instead of selling investments that have increased in value, consider contributing them

to pay your Temple membership dues or to make your Annual Fund gift. In order to enjoy the maximum deduction for gifts of stock, you must have owned the stocks for at least one year and one day. Such gifts qualify for a tax deduction for the



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full current fair market value of the donated stock and do *not* incur tax on the capital gains. Be sure to contact your legal and tax advisors regarding how this can apply to your situation. If your stock has *declined* in value, then it is more beneficial to sell the stock, take the loss against your tax liability and write a check for your donation.

**Gifts from IRAs:** Several federal tax deductions, such as medical expenses, are linked to income. Keeping income down by making charitable donations from an IRA may benefit those looking to qualify for other tax deductions.

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## BROADCAST OF SERVICES

Worship services can be downloaded from the Emanu-El Web site or listened to through the Emanu-El Audio Player. Click "Worship" → "Broadcast of Services."

## WEEKLY MUSIC

Music programs for Sabbath and holiday services, complete with song titles and composer names, are posted on the Emanu-El Web site. Click "Worship" → "Music at Emanu-El."

## EMANU-EL eNEWS

Keep up-to-date on all of your Temple news. Sign up for our new electronic newsletter, which gets delivered directly to your e-mail in-box every Friday. Click "About Us" → "Publications" → "Electronic Mailing Lists."

## What people are saying about our Web site:

"I am in Seattle, a former NYer, housebound over the holidays and so grateful to have been able to listen to services over the Internet! So beautiful and such a blessing. My thanks for making it possible."

— Carol R.

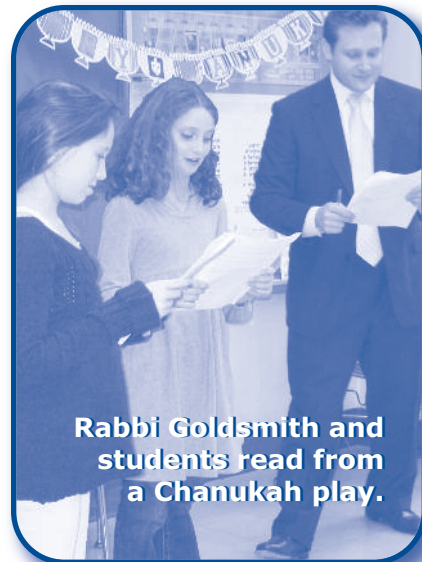
"When I listened to the Rameau rendition of *Etz Chayim* for the Sabbath morning worship [May 3, 2008], I felt the presence of the *Shechinah* in a profound way. It was so beautiful that I had to listen to it over and over as I meditated and focused on the Divine Consciousness. Thank you for making your services available to the world."

— Martin G.

# Chanukah University

Sunday, December 14 • 9:30 AM • 10 East 66th Street

Religious School families are invited to join us for a day of Chanukah learning and fun! From 9:30 AM until 11:30 AM, while students are in class, the Religious School will offer a series of adult-education options exclusively for Religious School parents. Courses will include serious adult study about the history and meaning of the holiday, as well as concrete ideas to help your family make the most of the Chanukah experience. At 11:30 AM, we all will gather for a schoolwide family program celebrating the upcoming "holiday of light." We hope to see you there! Questions? Call (212) 744-1400, ext. 226.



Rabbi Goldsmith and students read from a Chanukah play.

## Rewarding gifts (continued)

Again in 2008 and 2009, the Charitable IRA Rollover is an option. This permits donors age 70½ and older, who are required to make annual distributions from their retirement accounts, to make direct contributions to charitable organizations without counting the distributions as taxable income—and, thus, avoid paying taxes on them. Such a charitable giving strategy is useful particularly for taxpayers who do not depend on their required minimum distributions for income and who also are interested in supporting meaningful charitable organizations. In addition, the rollover option also can benefit donors who have reached the charitable giving limit as a percentage of their adjusted gross income and those whose tax deductions decrease as their income increases.

## BENEFICIAL GIFTS

Ultimately, charitable giving is much more than tax brackets and deduc-

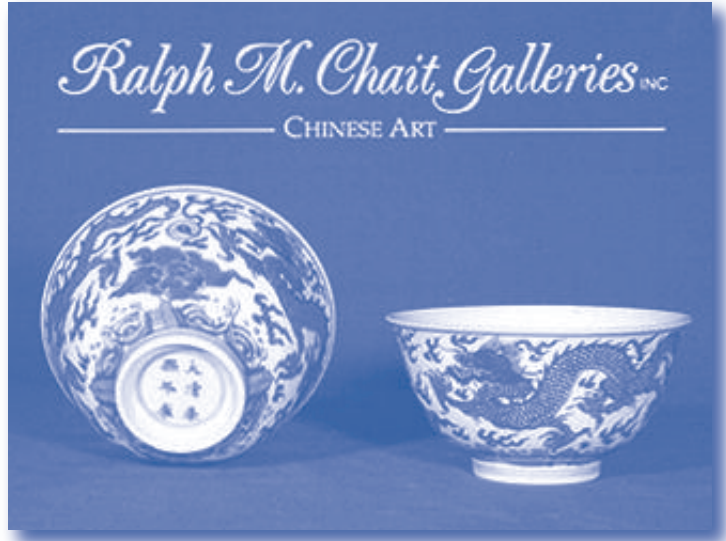
tions. Through our philanthropy, we make powerful statements about what matters to us while simultaneously helping to strengthen those values. Gifts to The Annual Fund make a meaningful difference. By supplementing membership dues and providing essential operating funds, The Annual Fund enables Emanu-El to build for the future by responding to present needs. (Learn more about The Annual Fund on the Emanu-El Web site. Click "Membership" → "Charitable Donations.")

As a donor, you can expect to derive personal satisfaction from your giving. There are even some ways to make a gift that will return a guaranteed income to you for life, at rates greater than you may have thought possible. For more detailed information and suggestions on how to maximize your philanthropy, call the Office of Development and Philanthropy at (212) 507-9524 or visit the Temple Web site.

## Chinese art tour and reception

Tuesday, December 16 • 3 PM • Ralph M. Chait Galleries • 724 Fifth Avenue, 10th Floor  
(between 56th and 57th streets)

The Women's Auxiliary cordially invites Temple members to a private tour of ancient Chinese art on display at the **Ralph M. Chait Galleries**, led by the gallery president, Allan S. Chait. Established in 1910, the gallery specializes in rare and important ancient works and has a worldwide reputation as experts and consultants to museums, collectors and connoisseurs. A reception hosted by Allan and Jocelyn Chait will follow the tour.



The cost for this event is \$60 for Women's Auxiliary members, \$70 for nonmembers. (Make checks payable to the Women's Auxiliary.) Space is limited, so reserve early. (212) 744-1400, ext. 235

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