

# Temple Emanu-El Bulletin



## IMPORTANT REMINDER

After nearly 65 years, the WQXR radio broadcast of Temple Emanu-El's Friday evening worship service ceased at the end of December. We are searching for an alternative radio home. Listeners who are interested in learning about a new radio broadcast when it becomes available should sign up through our Web site ([www.emanuelnyc.org](http://www.emanuelnyc.org)) to receive notification. Click "Worship" → "Broadcast of Services."

## WORSHIP SERVICES

### SUNDAY — THURSDAY

5:30 PM • Marvin & Elisabeth  
Cassell Community House  
(One East 65th Street)

### FRIDAY EVENING

Sanctuary (Fifth Avenue at  
65th Street)

Organ Recital—5 PM  
Service Begins—5:15 PM

### SATURDAY MORNING

Sixth Floor Lounge  
(One East 65th Street)

Torah Study—9:15 AM  
Sanctuary (Fifth Ave. at 65th)  
Organ Recital—10:15 AM  
Service Begins—10:30 AM

Services may be heard  
through the Temple Web site  
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.



## Synagogue Music: A Religious Experience

By Cantor Lori Corrsin

*Within the synagogue, music is not an end in itself but a means of religious experience. Its function is to help us to live through a moment of confrontation with the presence of God; to expose ourselves to Him in praise, in self-scrutiny and in hope.*

— RABBI ABRAHAM JOSHUA HESCHEL



**W**E ARE SO LUCKY here at Temple Emanu-El. The music of our professional choir—unique in the whole country—and our world-class organ lift us up out of ourselves, into the pure beauty of praising God. This music gives us the opportunity to reflect on who we are, on the nature of God, and on our connection to our loved ones and our people.

The Hebrew word for prayer, *lehit-paleil*, means “to reflect upon oneself.” We can open ourselves to the wonder and mystery both within and without through religious listening. Immersed in the music, we can meditate on our lives and our sense of the ineffable, our sense of the Divine. As we are carried along, swept into the music, our souls sing.

The texts of our prayers come alive as they are sung because our music elevates and illuminates the words on the page into something more than words. They become prayer, meaningful prayer that transforms our beings. Listening with an open

heart, we are doing holy work—*avodah*—baring our souls, presenting ourselves to God through prayer. The text and music are a conduit to the Divine but only if we are open to the possibilities and ready to be touched.

Liturgical music should soothe us, move us, challenge us, and show us different ways to look at our texts, our selves and the world around us. Composers through the ages have struggled to express these texts that sanctify time, joy, love and God. Through the prism of their music,

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## WEEKLY TORAH PORTION

### **Parashat Va-y'chi**

(Genesis 47:28-50:26)

Read Saturday, January 2

#### **Synopsis:**

Joseph promises to bury Jacob in Canaan; Jacob blesses Joseph's sons; Jacob speaks last words to his sons; Jacob dies and is buried; Joseph forgives his brothers; Joseph dies.

**Sermon: Rabbi Posner**

### **Parashat Sh'mot**

(Exodus 1:1-6:1)

Read Saturday, January 9

#### **Synopsis:**

Israelites enslaved by new Pharaoh; Moses is born; Moses flees to Midian; God calls Moses at burning bush; Moses discovers ability to do miracles; Moses returns to Egypt; Moses and Aaron ask Pharaoh to let people go pray in wilderness, in response, Pharaoh increases workload of Israelite slaves.

**Sermon: Rabbi Ehrlich**

### **Parashat Va-eira**

(Exodus 6:2-9:35)

Read Saturday, January 16

#### **Synopsis:**

God promises to redeem Israel; Moses and Aaron tell Pharaoh to "let my people go"; Pharaoh refuses; Plagues 1-7: water into blood, frogs, gnats, flies, livestock disease, boils, hail.

**Sermon: Rabbi Goldsmith**

### **Parashat Bo**

(Exodus 10:1-13:16)

Read Saturday, January 23

#### **Synopsis:**

Plagues 8-10: locusts, darkness, death of first-born; first Passover; 600,000 men leave Egypt with family

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## Worship & Spirituality



### RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

## Bar/Bat Mitzvah Mini-Retreats: A Journey of Celebration, Learning and Growth

**Sunday, January 24 and 31 • 2 PM • One East 65th Street**

TEMPLE EMANU-EL'S RELIGIOUS SCHOOL will host two events for families of prospective *b'nei mitzvah*: one for sixth grade families (January 24) and one for fifth grade families (January 31).

The **sixth grade mini-retreat** provides families with the tools to infuse every level of the bar/bat mitzvah experience with meaning. Members of the clergy and staff will facilitate a series of activities designed to guide parents and children toward a deeper understanding of becoming a bar or bat mitzvah. Through dynamic and interactive activities, your family will build relationships with fellow Emanu-El families who are in the midst of preparing to celebrate this milestone.

The **fifth grade mini-retreat** is the kick-off event in an ongoing partnership between clergy, staff and families to make the bar/bat mitzvah experience a meaningful and empowering one.

Join with other fifth grade families for dynamic and interactive activities that will unlock the transformative potential of this powerful life-cycle event. You will have the opportunity to share your hopes, expectations and concerns as you build a community of friends who also are preparing for this milestone occasion.



Families are strongly encouraged to attend. Babysitting for younger siblings will be available by request at both retreats. RSVP to the Department of Lifelong Learning at [school@emanuelnyc.org](mailto:school@emanuelnyc.org), or call (212) 744-1400, ext. 226.



**Learn more about becoming a bar or bat mitzvah at Emanu-El...** Click "Learning" → "Religious School" → "Bar & Bat Mitzvah Program." Listen to and learn blessings used in the ceremony. Learn about various mitzvot in which *b'nei mitzvah* students may participate.

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**Young Families: Tot Shabbat  
Friday, January 8 • 6:15 PM  
10 East 66th Street**

Come and learn how to bless your children using the ancient words from our tradition. Sing, dance and rejoice!

**Parents: Please feed your children dinner before you come. We'll have delicious desserts for them and light refreshments for adults.**

Also, we ask that you please be prompt so that the "service" can begin on time. There is ample opportunity to socialize before or after. Encourage your children to sit quietly, especially during the story.

RSVP by Thursday, January 7 to [youngfamilies@emanuelpnyc.org](mailto:youngfamilies@emanuelpnyc.org) or (212) 744-1400, ext. 242.

## Synagogue Music (continued)

the composers' interpretations of the holy texts help us feel the words in new ways. At Emanu-El, our choir's vast, ever-expanding repertoire always is granting new spiritual insights into the sacred texts.

This year's Sermon in Song, titled *Prayers and Song: the Power of the Human Voice*, will be delivered on the evening of Friday, January 29, and will explore some of the choir's very special unaccompanied pieces. Our phenomenal Temple Emanu-El Choir will sing to you from the bimah, performing some of the most beautiful, exciting choral music in the Jewish lexicon. This presentation for *Shabbat Shira*, the Sabbath of Song, begins at 6 PM immediately

**High School Confirmation  
Sunday, January 10 • 4:30 PM  
One East 65th Street**

Step 5 meets today. Our subject is "Developing our capacity to lead." Students will begin to assume responsibility for their own Jewish learning; the theme that dictates the rest of the study year will be chosen during this session. Questions? Call (212) 744-1400, ext. 329.

**Shabbat Shira  
Friday, January 29 • 6 PM  
Sanctuary (Fifth Avenue at  
65th Street)**

*Shabbat Shira* (the Sabbath of Song) is celebrated on the Sabbath of the Torah portion *B'shalach*. This year, the choir will perform unaccompanied pieces in a program titled *Prayers and Song: The Power of the Human Voice*.

following our 5:15 PM Sabbath worship service in the Sanctuary.

We end as we began, with the words of A.J. Heschel:

*Listening to great music is a shattering experience, throwing the soul into an encounter with an aspect of reality to which the mind can never relate itself adequately.*

Expand your musical world, be swept away by the power of the music and, in the process, glimpse something greater than you have known before. Experience the glorious music, sung with dedication, skill and passion; experience the Temple Emanu-El Choir.

**Parashat Bo** (continued) and livestock and Egyptian riches; laws of the Passover offering and festival.  
**Sermon: Rabbi Posner**

**Parashat B'shalach**  
(Exodus 13:17-17:16)  
*Read Saturday, January 30*

**Synopsis:**  
Israelites follow pillar of cloud and fire; Israelites cross Red Sea; Egyptians drown in Red Sea; Moses and Miriam lead victory celebration in song; Moses makes bitter water sweet; manna from Heaven; water from the rock; Amalek attacks and is defeated.  
**Cantor Corrsin will deliver a sermon in song after the evening service on Friday, January 29.**

**WEEKLY MUSIC**  
Music programs for Sabbath and holiday services are posted on the Emanu-El Web site. Click "Worship" → "Music at Emanu-El."

**WEEKLY TORAH STUDY**  
Our Sabbath morning Torah study explores the weekly *parashah* through thoughtful conversation and lively debate. Rabbinic student **Ariana Silverman** will lead our discussions on **Saturday, January 16** and **Saturday, January 30**. Sessions meet from 9:15 AM to 10:15 AM at the Marvin and Elisabeth Cassell Community House, One East 65th Street. No previous knowledge is required. Come regularly, or drop in when you can. Coffee and bagels are served; you contribute your questions and ideas.



**What do you think? Share your thoughts on our blog.  
Click "About Us" → "Publications."**

## Book Discussion



### ABOUT THE AUTHOR

David Plotz is editor of *Slate*, the online magazine. *Good Book* is based on "Blogging the Bible," a series he did for *Slate* in 2007. Before becoming editor in 2008, Plotz worked as a staff writer, political columnist, media columnist and Washington editor for the magazine.

Plotz also is the author of *The Genius Factory: The Curious History of the Nobel Prize Sperm Bank*, published in 2005. He edited *The Best of Slate: A Tenth Anniversary Anthology* and *Backstabbers, Crazy Geniuses, and Animals We Hate*, both published in 2006 by Atlas Books.

Plotz graduated from Harvard College in 1992. He grew up in Washington, D.C., and lives there now with his wife, journalist Hanna Rosin, and their three children.

### GOOD BOOK ON THE WEB

Log on to the Temple Web site to view *Good Book* links:



- Browse inside the book
- Read an author Q&A from *The New Yorker*
- Read a review from *The New York Times*
- Watch a book reading with David Plotz

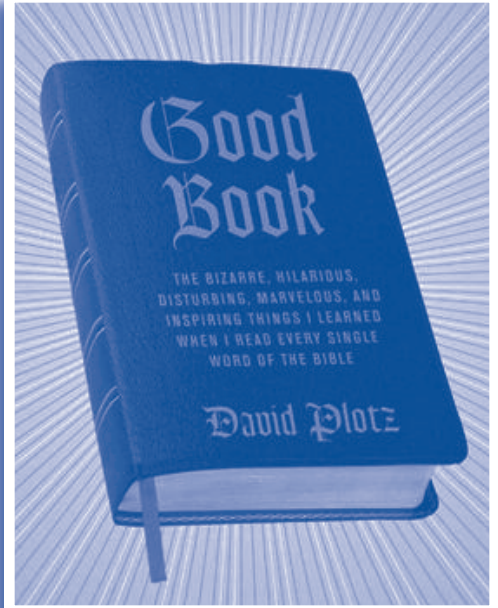
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"Stettenheim Library" →  
"Emanu-El Reads."

### GOOD BOOK by David Plotz

## Emanu-El Reads...

**E**MANU-EL READS is a community learning experience in which members of the congregation read and discuss one book, studying its meaning and significance. As part of our exploration of the book's themes, a series of lectures, activities and study sessions are organized to broaden our understanding and bring the book's ideas into sharper focus.

This year's Emanu-El Reads selection is *Good Book: The Bizarre, Hilarious, Disturbing, Marvelous, and Inspiring Things I Learned When I Read Every Single Word of the Bible* by David Plotz. Plotz' book is based on a blog in which he recorded his reaction to reading the Hebrew Bible from cover to cover.



Plotz' political acumen and respect for Judaism combine with a sharp wit and clear-eyed analytical interpretation. *Good Book* is what happens when an insightful, secular, well-educated Jew confronts his heritage head on. It promises to engage the reader.

During the month of our community reading of the novel, we will offer three opportunities at which you can meet with your fellow congregants to share your thoughts about the novel's themes:

- Men's Club  
Wednesday, January 13 • 9 AM
- Women's Auxiliary — Led by Temple Librarian Elizabeth Stabler  
Tuesday, January 26 • 12:30 PM
- Religious School Parents — Led by Rabbi Howard Goldsmith  
Sunday, February 7 • 10:30 AM

We hope, too, that readers of the novel will share their impressions and continue the dialogue in a special blog that will be created on the Temple's Web site.

## EMANU-EL READS LECTURES

**How Jews Read the Bible**  
**Wednesday, January 13**  
**6:30 PM • One East 65th St.**

**Rabbi Leon Morris** (*right*) will lead this lecture, organized as part of our Emanu-El Reads program. When the ancient Rabbis reshaped ancient Judaism as an expansive study-centered system, they established hermeneutical rules by which the Torah, and the rest of the Bible by extension, could be interpreted. Seeing the words themselves as being “written in the language of human beings,” the Rabbis set into motion ways of reading the Bible that found a place for imagination, poetry and wordplay and made “reading in” a valid approach to reading the Bible. In doing so, they changed



the notion of what we mean by “holy scriptures.”

**Good Talk: Good Book**  
**Wednesday, February 3**  
**6:30 PM • One East 65th St.**

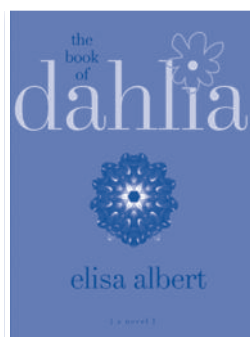
Meet author **David Plotz** (*left*) as he discusses and signs copies of his book. *Good Book* is based on “Blogging the Bible,” a series Plotz wrote for *Slate* magazine. When Plotz’ wife, Hanna Rosin, a well-known writer, gave him a copy of the Bible for a present, he decided to explore it to see what it was about. Not having read the Bible since attending Hebrew school and his Episcopalian high school, Plotz was astounded by what he found.



## Stettenheim Literary Circle

**Wednesday, January 20 • 6:30 PM • One East 65th Street**

**STETTENHEIM LITERARY CIRCLE** is a new opportunity for Temple members that focuses on reading novels. Sessions meet once a month and are led by Temple Librarian Elizabeth Stabler. Our January selection is ***The Book of Dahlia*** by Elisa Albert. “Dahlia Finger, the heroine of this debut novel, is a sarcastic, self-absorbed Jewish American Princess, 29 years old and living in a desirable bungalow in Venice, Calif., bought for her by her lawyer father.” (*The New Yorker*)



### BOOK DISCUSSION GROUPS

**MEN’S CLUB**  
**Wednesday,**  
**February 10 • 9 AM**  
*The Jewish War* by Josephus  
**Wednesday,**  
**March 10 • 9 AM**  
*A Woman in Jerusalem*  
by A.B. Yehoshua

**STETTENHEIM LITERARY CIRCLE**  
**Wednesday,**  
**February 24 • 6:30 PM**  
*Friendly Fire*  
by A.B. Yehoshua  
**Wednesday,**  
**March 24 • 6:30 PM**  
*Atmospheric Disturbances*  
by Rivka Galchen

**WOMEN’S AUXILIARY**  
**Wednesday,**  
**March 10 • 12:30 PM**  
*The Book Thief*  
by Markus Zusak



**LENS ON ISRAEL: CONTEMPORARY ISSUES IN ISRAELI SOCIETY**  
**Wednesday, January 27**  
**6:30 PM • One East 65th**

Jewish and Israeli film curator and consultant **Amy Kronish** leads this adult-education program for Temple Emanu-El. Attendance is free. This film program was made possible by a generous contribution from the Schwarzhaupt-Levite Video Fund of Congregation Emanu-El.

## **TZEDAKAH COLLECTION**

Each year, our Religious School raises funds for various charitable organizations through its weekly *tzedakah* collection. Our first recipient this year was **Yorkville Common Pantry**, New York City's largest community-based food pantry. During the weeks between the start of the school year and Thanksgiving, our students raised \$1,428.58, which will provide enough groceries for 14 families to prepare all of their meals for a week.

Our strongest fundraisers were our Monday third graders, who brought in more than \$200, and our Sunday third graders, who raised nearly \$170. Special mention also must be made of our small class of Monday kindergartners and first graders, whose five students raised an average of \$8 every week.

From the week after Thanksgiving through the end of January, contributions will go to **Ronald McDonald House**, an organization selected by our democratically elected Student Council. These third through seventh graders meet approximately once a month outside of school hours, under the supervision of sixth grade teacher Mark Willner, to represent the opinions of their classmates.

For more information about the *tzedakah* program or to make a donation, contact Saul Kaiserman, director of Lifelong Learning, at [skaiserman@emanuelnyc.org](mailto:skaiserman@emanuelnyc.org).

## **Community • Volunteering**



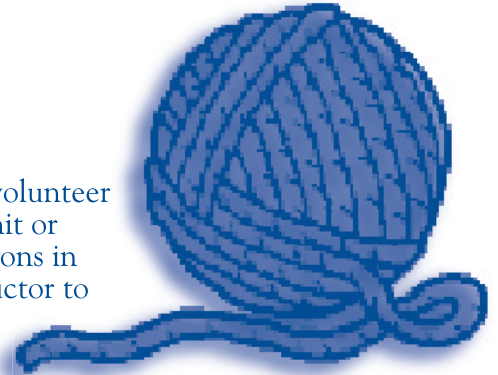
### **TIKKUN OLAM**

The following projects require preregistration with the Tikkun Olam Committee at [tikkunolam@emanuelnyc.org](mailto:tikkunolam@emanuelnyc.org) or (212) 744-1400, ext. 452. Emanu-El students may earn community-service hours.

### *Stitch'n Time*

**Sunday, January 17 • 11 AM**  
**One East 65th Street**

**S**TITCH'N TIME IS a monthly volunteer program at which individuals knit or crochet items for various organizations in need. We have a professional instructor to assist us; prior knitting experience is not required. Yarn and patterns are provided, but you must bring your own needles (#8). People of all ages are welcome to join us. However, participation is limited to members of the congregation. Light refreshments are served. If you are unable to join us at the Temple, we can arrange for you to be part of the Stitch'n Time team at home.



### *Yorkville Common Pantry: Dinner Program*

**Friday, January 22 • 4:15 PM • 8 East 109th St. (off Fifth Avenue)**

**E**MANU-EL RETURNS to **Yorkville Common Pantry** to serve dinner to more than 200 men, women and children. Volunteers together will welcome in the Sabbath with blessings over the candles, wine and challah before departing.

### *Association to Benefit Children*

**Saturday, January 23 • 11 AM • 1841 Park Ave. (at 126th Street)**

**I**F YOU LOVE working with children, then join us at the **Association to Benefit Children's Echo Park facility** for one, two or three hours, helping with children ranging in age from newborn to 16 years old. Volunteers will choose the age group with which they would like to work and assist with story time, music and dance, arts and crafts, lunch and snack time. This project is suitable for adults, high school students and "tweens" with an adult partner.



Learn about other opportunities to "repair the world."  
Click "Community" → "Volunteer Opportunities."

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# Martin Luther King Jr. Volunteer Weekend

Friday, January 15 through Monday, January 18

**A** REMINDER TO Emanu-El high school students who will be participating in our three-day volunteer program held over the Martin Luther King Jr. weekend in New York City... This program provides an extended, intense and meaningful experience that builds strong friendships and shared values like no other program can. Show how much you love New York by responding to one of its biggest problems: poverty. Community-service credit will be awarded. Direct questions to (212) 744-1400, ext. 329.

## Ronald McDonald House

Thursday, January 21 • 5 PM • 405 East 73rd Street



**O**NCE A MONTH, under sponsorship of the **Women's Auxiliary**, Emanu-El congregants serve dinner and organize art projects for the families residing at New York City's **Ronald McDonald House** on the Upper East Side. Temple members interested in volunteering must contact the Women's Auxiliary to sign up. This project is suitable only for adults over 18 who are in good health. All volunteers will receive a callback to confirm their volunteer dates.

(Please, no walk-ins!) If you cannot join us, then please consider making a donation of desserts, as well as all types of materials for arts and crafts. (212) 744-1400, ext. 235 or [womaux@emanuelnyc.org](mailto:womaux@emanuelnyc.org)

## Midnight Run: Helping the Homeless

Saturday, March 6 • 6 PM to 1:30 AM • One East 65th Street

**E**MANU-EL HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS are invited to participate in another exciting volunteer program. **Midnight Run** is a volunteer organization dedicated to finding common ground between the housed and the homeless. We will pack 100 lunch bags, make soup and coffee, and pack toiletry kits. Then we will get on a bus, go to delivery spots designated by the organization, deliver the prepared goods, and spend time speaking with homeless people who participate in this program.

**Midnight Run is completely safe and accredited. Teens from schools, youth groups, churches and synagogues participate every weekend.**

Register by calling (212) 744-1400, ext. 329.

### LETTERS OF THANKS

*The following letters were sent to Temple Emanu-El's Junior Choir after this year's Mitzvah Day in November. Keep up the good work!*

On behalf of the members of the Carter Burden Senior Program, thank you so much for your participation in the Bagels and Bingo Brunch. I cannot express enough how much the time you spend with our congregates means to them. While our members love bingo, I have heard numerous times that their favorite part of the event is the music. Your efforts are greatly appreciated!

Many thanks,  
*Christina Engle*  
Assistant Program Director

As project leader for the Brunch and Bingo event on Mitzvah Day, I wanted to thank each and every one of you for your participation. You are the highlight of the day for many of the seniors from Carter Burden Center. They light up when they know you will be performing, and when you arrive, they start to smile. By the end of your performance, they are beaming from ear to ear and leave the Temple humming! We hope to continue this marvelous tradition. THANK YOU! And, please give a hand to Cantor Corrsin for all her hard work!

*Jill Blauner*  
Project Leader,  
Brunch and Bingo

*Object of the Month*



**TIFFANY  
PRESENTATION VASE**

*Master: Edward C. Moore,  
Tiffany & Co.  
New York City, 1888  
Silver, embossed,  
chased, engraved;  
cutout appliqué work*

This large vase features an engraving of Temple Emanu-El at Fifth Avenue and 43rd Street that had been completed in 1868. The inscription in Hebrew and English translation praises Lewis May, president of the congregation from May 4, 1865, until his death on July 22, 1897, for 25 years of devotion to the synagogue.

*Gift of Winston Lewis May,  
Son of Lewis May, 1931*

View our magnificent collection of Judaica Monday through Thursday, 10 AM to 4:30 PM; enter at One East 65th Street. Admission is free and open to the public.



**SKIRBALL WINTER SEMESTER**

*Registration Now Open*

CLASSES FOR THE Skirball Winter Semester run from **January 25** to **March 17**. Early registration discounts will be accepted until **Thursday, January 7**. Temple members receive 15 percent off full-semester courses. Choose from daytime courses, full-semester evening courses, half-semester evening courses and Sunday Seminars. Register online through the Skirball Web site ([www.adultjewishlearning.org](http://www.adultjewishlearning.org)) or call (212) 507-9580. Limited scholarship assistance is available.

**The Oral Torah:  
Aggadah  
Wednesdays,  
January 13 through March 17  
6:30 PM to 9:30 PM  
10 East 66th Street**



What exactly is “oral Torah”? What is the classic division of Rabbinic literature into the categories of *halachah* (Jewish law) and *aggadah* (lore)? In both genres, what are the premises and assumptions that the ancient Rabbis bring to the Torah? What are the limits of interpretation for them and for us? Learn to appreciate the different modes of Rabbinic interpretation, including wordplay, parable, exegesis and homily.

**This 10-week, three-hour seminar is for those who have had a taste of Jewish learning and are ready for more intensive study.**

**Is Judaism (Just) Another Fundamentalism?  
Sunday, January 31  
10 AM to 2 PM • One East 65th**

Self-styled “New Atheists” claim all religious observance to be dogmatic, the religious personality primitive and unquestioningly attached to “irrational beliefs.” Is Judaism really just another a fundamentalism—with all of the baggage of Absolute Truth? Is there a place for an engaged yet skeptical faith, a Judaism of truth and pluralism? To answer these questions, join us as we travel the paths of truth from Plato to Spinoza to Einstein, from Exodus to Hillel to the Maharal of Prague.

**Skirball Sunday Seminars are open to the public. Cost is \$60 per person. Please register by calling (212) 507-9580.**

*Exploring the Exotic Jewish  
Heritage of Spain and Morocco*

**Wednesday, January 13 • 6 PM • One East 65th Street**

LUXURY TRAVEL EXPERTS **Abercrombie and Kent** will deliver a PowerPoint presentation; reception will follow. Call the Women’s Auxiliary for details. (212) 744-1400, ext. 235

# Life-Cycle Events



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

## Saturday, January 9

*Alex Simon Weinberger*, son of  
Diana Krasnow Weinberger and Greg Weinberger

## Saturday, January 23

*Nicholas Ganek*, son of Danielle and David Ganek

## Saturday, January 30

*William Zeitler*, son of Elizabeth and Max Zeitler

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

**PULPIT FLOWERS at worship services have been donated by the following congregants:**

### For the Sabbath of January 1 and 2

In commemoration of *Vivian Schulte's birthday*

Marne Obernauer Jr. and Matthew and Michael Obernauer  
in loving memory of *Marion Gislason Obernauer*

### For the Sabbath of January 8 and 9

Frances A. Hess in loving memory  
of her husband, *Robert L. Hess*

Susan and David Rahm in loving memory  
of Susan's father, *Allen H. Berkman*

Robin, Andrea and Michael Sluchan  
in loving memory of *Seymour Sluchan*

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## BAR/BAT MITZVAH PREPARATION

Children must be enrolled in Religious School in order to become a bar or bat mitzvah at Emanu-El. A date can be scheduled when a child is in fourth grade or is 10 years old. To register your child for Religious School, call (212) 744-1400, ext. 226. To schedule a date, call Sherry Nehmer at (212) 744-1400, ext. 312.

Families are encouraged to make use of bar/bat mitzvah resources available on the Temple Web site. Click "Learning" → "Religious School" → "Bar & Bat Mitzvah Program."

## A REMINDER ABOUT SPONSORSHIPS

Because the Emanu-El *Bulletin* is now a monthly publication, please be advised that we need one month's notice for Pulpit Flower dedications and *Oneg Shabbat* sponsorships. For more information, call Sherry Nehmer at (212) 744-1400, ext. 312.

## WOMEN'S AUXILIARY TRIBUTE FUND

Commemorate significant life-cycle events in a meaningful way and support the activities of the Women's Auxiliary at the same time. All contributions are listed in *Window on Emanu-El*, the quarterly publication prepared by Temple Emanu-El's Department of Development. Contact the Women's Auxiliary at (212) 744-1400, ext. 235 or [womaux@emanuelnyc.org](mailto:womaux@emanuelnyc.org).

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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.



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 Howard J. Goldsmith,  
*Assistant Rabbi*  
 Lori A. Corrsin, *Cantor*  
 Dr. Ronald B. Sobel,  
*Senior Rabbi Emeritus*

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## Life-Cycle Events



**PULPIT FLOWERS at worship services have been donated by the following congregants:**

### For the Sabbath of January 15 and 16

In loving memory of *George and Elsbeth Lust*

Eileen Milloy in loving memory of her aunt *Ida Broz*

Rosalind Pretzfelder in loving memory of her mother, *Tillie Pretzfelder*

### For the Sabbath of January 22 and 23

Sandra Gluck in loving memory of her father, *Irving Prusock*

### For the Sabbath of January 29 and 30

Elisabeth Cassell in loving memory of her cherished husband, *Marvin Cassell*

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## Letter From a Listener

**W**HEN I CAN'T make it home in time for Sabbath services, I try to get in the Sabbath mood by listening to the broadcast of [your] Friday evening service on WQXR that I access via AOL Radio. I love the beautiful music of your service, but tonight's arrangement of Steinberg's *Shalom Rav* [aired November 20, 2009] was magnificent. It brought tears to my eyes. It was so deeply moving and beautifully performed.

Thank you for making my Sabbath meaningful and for sharing your wonderful voices with Jews all over the world.

— Mark Neuman

**Please note: While services no longer will be aired on WQXR Radio, they are available in their entirety on the Temple Web site ([www.emanuelnyc.org](http://www.emanuelnyc.org)), generally within one hour of the completion of the live service. Click "Worship" → "Broadcast of Services." In the near future, we hope to make services available in real-time streaming audio mode in addition to finding a new radio home.**

# At a Glance: January 2010



**January 8**  
**Friday, 6:15 PM**  
*Young Families:  
Tot Shabbat*  
10 East 65th Street



**January 10**  
**Sunday, 4:30 PM**  
*High School  
Confirmation: Step 5*  
One East 65th Street



**January 13**  
**Wednesday, 9 AM**  
*Emanu-El Reads  
Book Discussion*  
One East 65th Street



**January 13**  
**Wednesday, 6 PM**  
*Exploring the Exotic  
Jewish Heritage of  
Spain and Morocco*  
One East 65th Street



**January 13**  
**Wednesday, 6:30 PM**  
*How Jews Read the Bible*  
One East 65th Street



**January 15 – 18**  
**Friday – Monday**  
*Martin Luther King Jr.  
Volunteer Weekend*



**January 17**  
**Sunday, 11 AM**  
*Tikkun Olam:  
Stitch'n Time*  
One East 65th Street



**January 20**  
**Wednesday, 6:30 PM**  
*Stettenheim  
Literary Circle*  
One East 65th Street



**January 21**  
**Thursday, 5 PM**  
*Ronald McDonald House*  
405 East 73rd Street



**January 22**  
**Friday, 4:15 PM**  
*Yorkville Common Pantry:  
Dinner Program*  
8 East 109th Street



**January 23**  
**Saturday, 11 AM**  
*Association to  
Benefit Children*  
1841 Park Avenue



**January 24**  
**Sunday, 2 PM**  
*Bar/Bat Mitzvah  
Mini-Retreat (6th Grade)*  
One East 65th Street



**January 24**  
**Sunday, 3 PM**  
*Young Artists Concert*  
One East 65th Street



**January 26**  
**Tuesday, 12:30 PM**  
*Emanu-El Reads  
Book Discussion*  
One East 65th Street



**January 27**  
**Wednesday, 6:30 PM**  
*Lens on Israel:  
Contemporary Issues  
in Israeli Society*  
One East 65th Street



**January 29**  
**Friday, 6 PM**  
*Shabbat Shira:  
Sermon in Song*  
Sanctuary (Fifth Avenue  
at 65th Street)



**January 30**  
**Sunday, 10 AM**  
*Skirball Sunday Seminar:  
Is Judaism (Just)  
Another Fundamentalism?*  
One East 65th Street



**January 31**  
**Sunday, 2 PM**  
*Bar/Bat Mitzvah  
Mini-Retreat (5th Grade)*  
One East 65th Street



**Book Discussion**



**Community • Volunteering**



**Film Screening**



**Lecture • Class • Tour**



**Meeting**



**Musical Program**



**Nursery School Event**



**Panel Discussion**



**Religious School Event**



**Worship & Spirituality**



**Young People's Program**



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## *Young Artists Concert*

**Sunday, January 24 • 3 PM • One East 65th Street**

**S**PONSORED WITH the **Stecher & Horowitz Foundation**, this annual series presents the prize winners of the biennial New York Piano Competition. Admission is free and open to the public. Our second performer of the year will be **Leann Nicole Osterkamp**, 18, of Boulder, Colo. Leann was named a 2009 Presidential Scholar of the Arts through the Obama administration, and she will play with the Colorado Symphony Orchestra on New Year's Eve. Her musical interest and experience has expanded into the areas of jazz piano, composition and orchestral conducting. She is a student at the Juilliard School, where she studies with Julian Martin.