



TEMPLE EMANU-EL Bulletin

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THANKSGIVING

FAMILY WORSHIP SERVICES

Wednesday evening, November 16

Lowenstein Sanctuary—5:30 p.m.

Sunday morning, November 20

Lowenstein Sanctuary—11:30 a.m.

Monday evening, November 21

Lowenstein Sanctuary—5:30 p.m.

Religious School dismissal will be from
10 East 66th Street after each service.

Classes will not be held Wednesday,

November 23 and Sunday, November 27.

CONGREGATIONAL SERVICE

Wednesday evening, November 23

Greenwald Hall—5:30 p.m.

Rabbi Amy B. Ehrlich will officiate.

Please enter at the Marvin and

Elisabeth Cassell Community House,

One East 65th Street.

SABBATH SERVICES

Friday evening, November 25

Lowenstein 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 26

Women's Auxiliary Lounge

Torah Study—9:15 a.m.

Lowenstein Sanctuary

Service—10:30 a.m.

Torah Portion—Chaye Sarah

Readings—Genesis 23:1-25:18

1 Kings 1:1-31

Sermon: Rabbi Nadia E. Gold

WOMEN'S
AUXILIARY

Tuesday,
December 6 11 a.m.
**Tour and Lunch:
The Waldorf=Astoria**

All Temple members are invited to a special “behind-the-scenes” tour of one of the nation’s most luxurious hotels, featuring a look at the Presidential Suite, main rooms and kitchen.



Waldorf Astoria

Afterwards, lunch will be served at the hotel’s Bull and Bear Steakhouse. During lunch, two raffles will

be held—each awarding dinner for two at the Bull and Bear. Tickets are one for \$10, three for \$25 (a portion of which is tax deductible).

The cost for the tour and lunch is \$60 for Women’s Auxiliary members, \$70 for nonmembers. Proceeds will benefit the Ronald McDonald House program sponsored by the Women’s Auxiliary. (Donations also are being accepted.) Space is limited; checks—made payable to Women’s Auxiliary of Congregation Emanu-El—must be received by Thursday, December 1 to reserve your spot.

As the tour begins promptly at 11 a.m., we ask attendees to gather 10 minutes prior. Enter at Park Avenue (between 49th and 50th streets) and proceed to the top of the stairs. Questions? Call (212) 744-1400, ext. 235.

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 and Stephen Ogden*;
her brother, *Stephen Ogden Jr.*;
her grandmother, *Tilda W. Stern*;
and her aunt, *Katherine Oppenheimer*

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

Pulpit flowers for Sabbath services this weekend are the generous donation of our congregants:

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

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

Susan and David Rahm
in loving memory of
Selma Wiener Berkman

ONEG SHABBAT

We are grateful to the following congregants for their sponsorship of Friday evening's Oneg Shabbat:

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

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

Saturday, December 3 10 a.m.
**Senior Youth Group:
Visit to The Esplanade**

Celebrate the mitzvah of *kibbud z'keanim* (honoring our elders) at The Esplanade, an assisted-living facility on the Upper West Side. We'll sing songs and have a chance to talk with residents. Bus transportation will be provided for participants from One East 65th Street. For additional information, call Rabbinic Intern David Young at (212) 744-1400, ext. 501.

Saturday, December 3 5 p.m.
CLUB 78: Night at the Improv

Seventh and eighth grade Youth Group members are invited to an evening of fun and laughs at National Comedy Theatre New York (located at 347 West 36th Street, between Eighth and Ninth avenues). For details, contact Youth Group Advisor Lori Jacobson at Templeclub5678@yahoo.com.

Monday, December 5 6 p.m.
Short Story Discussion Group

We continue our discussion focusing on *The Complete Works of Bernard Malamud*, edited by Robert Giroux.

Tuesday, December 13 8:30 a.m.
Men's Club Reading Group

For our December session, we will discuss *History on Trial: My Day in Court With David Irving* by Deborah E. Lipstadt. Mr. Irving—an English author of books about World War II and the Third Reich—sued Emory University historian Ms. Lipstadt and her British publisher for libel after calling him a Holocaust denier in her 1994 book *Denying the Holocaust*. Under English law, the burden of proof in proving the veracity of the charge lies with the defendant. *History on Trial* offers a gripping account of the court proceedings.

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.

SEASON OF BLESSINGS: THANKSGIVING AT EMANU-EL

By Rabbi David M. Posner

WE READ in the book of the prophet Jeremiah, Chapter 29:

The Lord of Hosts, the God of Israel, says this to all the exiles deported from Jerusalem to Babylonia: Build houses, settle down; plant gardens and eat what they produce; marry and have sons and daughters; choose wives for your sons, find husbands for your daughters so that these can bear sons and daughters in their turn; you must increase there and not decrease. Work for the good of the city to which I have exiled you; pray to the Lord on its behalf, since on its welfare yours depends.

These words of Jeremiah, written in 586 BCE, are a fitting prelude to our thoughts and feelings as we, American Jews, are about to celebrate the Thanksgiving holiday. From Jeremiah we learn that, even in exile to the territory of an enemy which had just destroyed Jerusalem, our people were urged to take a sympathetic and even generous view of their new home and to pray to God for its welfare. Talk about good citizenship!

How much the more are we to invoke God's blessing on our country, the United States of America.

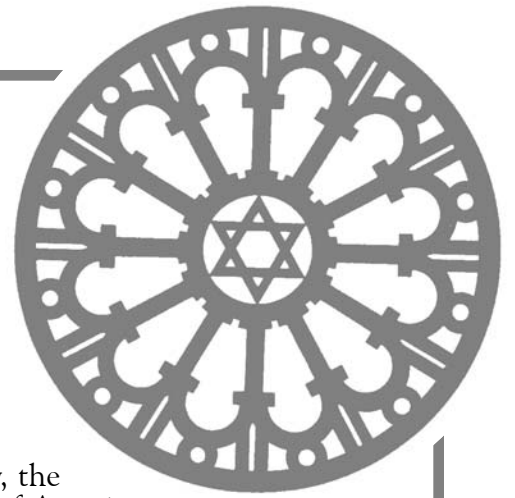
This is the only country where our people have lived and never been expelled. We have been Jews for 4,000 years and Americans for 227 years, but the confluence of Americanism with Judaism has been for us as a people a unique chapter.

It seems to be the republican form of government (a popularly elected representative government), with a liberal orientation that gives greater importance to individual rights than state authority, coupled with the mixed system of checks and balances, and a separation of church and state that has provided our people with an essentially blessed and safe haven. True, Jews prospered in other places and at other times. But then, they were subject to the whims of state authority and the passions of mob cruelty. America is, thank God, different.

So, it is a God-given privilege to be able to mark the holiday of Thanksgiving at Temple Emanu-El in several ways. First, I think it appropriate that we hosted our first-ever Mitzvah Day on Sunday, November 13. From creating Thanksgiving Dinner packages for less fortunate families...to sending Chanukah cards to our servicemen and women overseas...to spending quality time talking and visiting with senior citizens... the congregants of Temple Emanu-El truly came together in the spirit of Jeremiah's words, "for the good of the city." Thank you to all who made that happen.

I also remind you that our Congregational Service will be held as part of the Daily Evening Service on Wednesday, November 23 at 5:30 p.m. in Greenwald Hall. And, the Religious School will conduct three separate Family Worship Services that bring special meaning to the season.

In closing, I wish you all a happy Thanksgiving. May all in the Temple be Blessed.



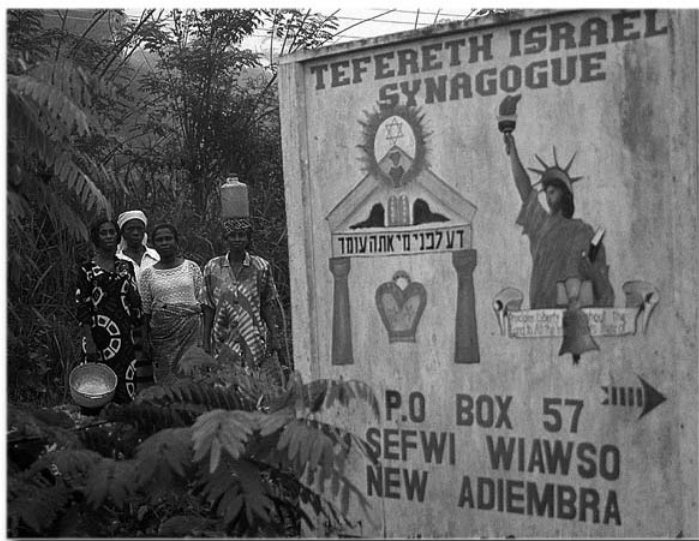
AROUND THE TEMPLE

Scattered Among the Nations: Jewish Communities of India, Ghana, Zimbabwe, Peru and Uzbekistan

An exhibition of photographs and stories of the world's most isolated Jewish Communities, *Scattered Among the Nations* showcases the faces and places that comprise a dynamic component of today's multicultural Jewish world. The exhibit runs from November 21 through March 16, 2006, at the Herbert & Eileen Bernard Museum of Judaica. Hours are Sunday through Thursday from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.; admission is free. Enter at One East 65th Street.



A special lecture with photographer Bryan Schwartz will be held Sunday, December 11 at 2 p.m.



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