



TEMPLE EMANU-EL Bulletin

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Friday, December 16 7 p.m.
Sabbath Dinner With Rabbi Posner



The Men's Club of Congregation Emanu-El invites all Temple members to celebrate the Sabbath with merriment, fine dining and superb company! We will gather at Palm Too, 840 Second Avenue (between 44th and 45th streets). The cost for this event is \$135 per person. Checks made payable to Men's Club of Congregation Emanu-El must be received by Monday, December 12. Space is limited to the first 60 people—so sign up soon! Questions? Call (212) 744-1400, ext. 250.

SABBATH SERVICES

Friday evening, December 2
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, December 3
Women's Auxiliary Lounge
Torah Study—9:15 a.m.
Lowenstein Sanctuary
Service—10:30 a.m.
Torah Portion—Toledos
Readings—Genesis 25:19-28:9
Malachi 1:1-2:7
Sermon: Rabbi David M. Posner

Tuesday,
December 13 6 p.m.
King David & His Harp

Temple members are invited to an evening of music, song and discussion hosted by the Women's Auxiliary of Congregation Emanu-El. Our featured performers are Dr. Jasmin Cowin and Cantor Lori Corrsin. A trained German harpist, Dr. Cowin has served as principal harpist for several orchestras, including The New York Symphonic Arts Ensemble. A faculty member at Marymount Manhattan College, she teaches the history of opera and operetta, and music appreciation. She also is an active member of the Temple Emanu-El music committee.



In her 14 years as a cantor, Lori Corrsin has earned a national reputation for guiding and shaping the musical traditions and tastes of the American Jewish community. A seasoned musician who has performed across the United States, as well as in Canada, Europe and Israel, Cantor Corrsin joined the Temple Emanu-El family in May 2004.



A wine-and-cheese reception will precede the concert. Enter at the Marvin and Elisabeth Cassell Community House, One East 65th Street. For information about becoming a member of the Women's Auxiliary, call (212) 744-1400, ext. 235. RSVP for this event to the same number by Wednesday, December 7.

MUSICALE
& RECEPTION

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 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. For details, contact Youth Group Advisor Lori Jacobson at templeclub5678@yahoo.com.

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. 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., attendees should please arrive at least 10 minutes prior. Enter at Park Avenue (between 49th and 50th streets) and proceed to the top of the stairs.

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

**Illuminating
the Darkness**
Friday, December 2 —
Sunday, December 4

SKIRBALL
CORNER

The Skirball Center for Adult Jewish Learning at Temple Emanu-El and Hazon present a weekend winter retreat featuring Dr. Tova Hartman, the 2005-2006 Skirball Scholar-in-Residence, to be held at the Isabella Freedman Jewish Retreat Center in the Connecticut Berkshires. Just two hours from New York City, Camp Isabella Freedman offers deluxe lodging, gourmet dining, a glass-walled synagogue and a host of other amenities. Childcare also is available. For more information, log on to www.adultjewishlearning.com or call (860) 824-5991.



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

PULPIT FLOWERS

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

The Harteveldt Family
in loving memory of
Henry H. Harteveldt Jr. and
Lucile S. Harteveldt

Emily Fisher Landau
in loving memory of M. Anthony Fisher

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in loving memory of her father,
Fred Alcott

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 HARD ACT TO FOLLOW

Cantor Corrsin accompanies the children of the Junior Choir in a song during the day's opening festivities.



MAN OF THE HOUR

Rabbi Posner welcomes Mayor Michael Bloomberg, who praised congregants for their efforts in helping to make New York a better place.



MITZVAH DAY MAGIC!

ON NOVEMBER 13, Temple Emanu-El hosted its first-ever "Mitzvah Day"—a day dedicated to making a difference in individual lives. More than 200 congregants—adults and children—volunteered their time and talents for a variety of projects. From packing "comfort" baskets for chemotherapy patients to a musical/vocal performance by children at The Esplanade senior citizens' home, there was an activity of choice well-suited for every person and every level of ability. Many thanks to all who helped make the day such a resounding success. We look forward to doing it again next year!



PUMP IT UP!

Rabbi Leon Morris takes a few moments to donate a pint of blood at the Annual Blood Drive, which was incorporated into Mitzvah Day this year. Congregants also had the opportunity to register as organ donors or as potential bone marrow donors.



TZEDAKAH TIME

As part of learning about tzedakah, our youngest congregants first painted their personal tzedakah banks.

DYNAMIC DUO

Rabbi Amy Ehrlich and Mitzvah Day Chairwoman Lynda DeLott sport their Mitzvah Day T-shirts.



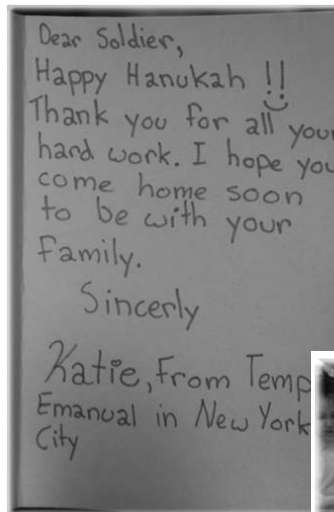
A BEAR-Y GOOD TIME

One-of-a-kind teddy bears are assembled for children affected by Hurricane Katrina and Hurricane Rita.



SANDWICH, ANYONE?

Men's Club President Ross Brady and his wife, Susan, have the peanut butter and jelly covered. As part of this mitzvah, congregants prepared sandwiches for delivery to soup kitchens and drop-in shelters in Manhattan.



FOR OUR TROOPS

Chanukah cards and gift packs were prepared for sending overseas.



Photos by Kathryn Rospond and Elizabeth Kahane

GET DOWN AND BOOGIE!

Women's Auxiliary member Ronni Rubin Bolger cuts a rug during a dance session with senior citizens in the Leventritt Room.



ALL THINGS CHANUKAH

Don't miss any of our wonderful Chanukah activities!

Sunday, December 4 11 a.m.
**Young Families:
 Music With Shira & Doting Dads**

Join us first as Shira leads us in songs for Chanukah. Immediately following (around 11:45 a.m.), we will host the first event organized by our new Doting Dads group. We'll have all kinds of games, including tug-of-war (parents vs. children!), relay races and Duck-Duck-Goose. A light lunch also will be served, as well as treats for all. Doting Dads is a special time for dads and children, but moms are welcome to join us, too.
 RSVP to (212) 744-1400, ext. 242. Let us know which event you will be attending or both.

Tuesday, December 6 9:30 a.m.
 Sunday, December 11 9:15 a.m.
**Young Families:
 Storytime in the Library**

Temple librarian Elizabeth Stabler will read stories about Chanukah from our wonderful collection of children's books. Storytime is for preschoolers from 2½ years. RSVP to (212) 744-1400, ext. 362.

Friday, December 9 5:15 p.m.
**Religious School:
 Shabbat Dinner & Chanukah Celebration**

All Religious School students and their families are invited to join us for Sabbath services in the Lowenstein Sanctuary (10 East 66th Street), followed by a traditional Sabbath dinner. Our celebration will include the lighting of the menorah and various festive activities for younger as well as older children. There is no cost for this event. RSVP by Monday, December 5.



Saturday, December 10 7 p.m.
CLUB 56: Our Name is Mud!

Fifth and sixth grade Youth Group members are invited to our third annual Chanukah party at Our Name Is Mud!, where we'll make hand-painted Chanukah gifts. Snacks will be served. Cost is \$35 per person (checks should be made payable to Temple Emanu-El). Drop off and pick up will be at Our Name is Mud!, 1566 Second Avenue (between 81st and 82nd streets). RSVP to Lori Jacobson by Thursday, December 8 at templeclub5678@yahoo.com or (516) 965-4736.

Sunday, December 11 12 p.m.
**Poppy Seed Players
 at Temple Emanu-El**

Temple Emanu-El is pleased to sponsor a special performance of "Judy and the Maccabees" by the Poppy Seed Players, the resident professional theater troupe at the Kaufman Center. "Judy and the Maccabees" tells the story of young Judy as she tries to help Judas Maccabeus defeat the Syrian army and restore the Temple. A fun and interactive retelling of the Chanukah story, this performance is recommended for children of Young Families and Religious School students through third grade. A light lunch will be served prior to the performance. Questions? Call (212) 744-1400, ext. 242.

Religious School: Chanukah Parties

Classroom parties are for students only.

- Monday, December 5—Grade 1
- Sunday, December 11—Grades K-7
- Monday, December 12—Grades K, 2-4
- Wednesday, December 14—Grades 5-7

For more information, call the Religious School office at (212) 744-1400, ext. 226.

AROUND THE TEMPLE

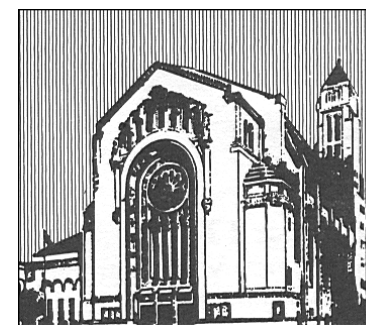


Readers Panel Chair Carl Bornstein with Mr. Herbert C. Bernard, who has been a member of the panel since its inception.

October 1, 2005, marked the 60th Anniversary of Temple Emanu-El's Readers Panel, overseen by the Men's Club to conduct the Daily Sunset Service held in Greenwald Hall. In recognition of this milestone date, members of the Readers Panel and their significant others were invited to attend Sabbath services on Friday, November 11, followed by a special Sabbath dinner. As part of the evening's festivities, Rabbi Posner presented a special plaque to Hadassa Mushinsky for her years of dedication as *shamm*s of the Readers Panel. In her reply to being honored, Ms. Mushinsky quoted from our *Union Prayer Book*:
Numberless gifts have been laid in our cradle as our birthright.... Teach us, then, O Father to speak with all our hearts, the words hallowed by centuries of faith.
 "We, of the Readers Panel, are blessed with the opportunity to do that," she concluded.



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