



# TEMPLE EMANU-EL Bulletin

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, January 8 3 p.m.  
**Gilbert & Sullivan's 'The Mikado'**  
at New York City Center

Those who are participating in the Women's Auxiliary trip to see "The Mikado" are reminded to meet at New York City Center, located on West 55<sup>th</sup>



Street between Sixth and Seventh avenues. Tickets are to be mailed to attendees prior to the performance. *Questions? Call the Women's Auxiliary at (212) 744-1400, ext. 235.*

## SABBATH SERVICES

**Friday evening, January 6**  
**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, January 7**  
**Women's Auxiliary Lounge**  
Torah Study—9:15 a.m.  
**Lowenstein Sanctuary**  
Service—10:30 a.m.  
Torah Portion—Vayigash  
Readings—Genesis 44:18-47:27  
Ezekiel 37:15-28  
**Sermon: Rabbi David M. Posner**

MEN'S CLUB

Sunday, January 8  
10 a.m.

**Spies vs. Analysts:  
U.S. Intelligence and  
Counterintelligence**

Gain an insider's perspective on critical issues of national and international importance. The Men's Club is pleased to host guest speaker David P. Hunt, a 32-year veteran with the Central Intelligence Agency's Clandestine Service. Mr. Hunt is a recipient of the Donovan Award for Excellence and the Distinguished Intelligence Medal, the agency's highest level of recognition.



Cost (which includes a hot buffet breakfast) is \$20 for Men's Club members, \$25 for nonmembers and those paying at the door. Enter at the Marvin and Elisabeth Cassell Community House, One East 65<sup>th</sup> Street. Checks should be made payable to "Men's Club of Congregation Emanu-El." RSVP to (212) 744-1400, ext. 250 by Wednesday, January 4.

Tuesday, January 10  
8:30 a.m.

**Reading Group**



For January, we will discuss *A Thread of Grace* by Mary Doria Russell, a novel based on the true-life efforts of a group of Italian citizens who sheltered more than 40,000 Jews from the work camps of World War II.

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Monday, January 9 6 p.m.  
**Short Story Discussion Group**

**W**e will continue discussing works from  
*The Complete Stories of Bernard Malamud.*

Friday, January 20 6:15 p.m.  
**Family Shabbat:  
Worship Service and Dinner**

**Y**oungsters through early school age will celebrate Shabbat as part of our **Young Families** group. Youth who can read (through B'nei Mitzvah age) will celebrate with our **Junior Congregation**, led by Rabbinic Intern David Young with a unique, hands-on approach to the service. Afterwards, we'll all gather for dinner and an art project.  
RSVP to (212) 744-1400, ext. 242 for *Young Families*, ext. 501 for *Junior Congregation*.

**NEW  
PROGRAM**

## BEREAVEMENT GROUP FOR TEMPLE MEMBERS

**A**ccepting the death of a loved one can be one of the most difficult challenges with which we are faced. In an effort to help individuals better deal with their recent loss, Temple Emanu-El is starting a bereavement group led by our fellow Temple member Dr. Benjamin Sadock, a skilled clinician. The group will meet on Wednesday nights for eight weeks, starting January 11. Sessions will run from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. To participate in this program, call Rabbi Amy B. Ehrlich at (212) 744-1400, ext. 206 or e-mail [aehrlich@emanuelnyc.org](mailto:aehrlich@emanuelnyc.org).

## PULPIT FLOWERS

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

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

Andrea and Michael Sluchan in loving memory of their father, *Seymour Sluchan*

Robin Sluchan in loving memory of her husband, *Seymour Sluchan*

## BAR MITZVAH

**The following student of our Religious School will become a Bar Mitzvah this weekend:**

*Peter Zachary Hess*, son of Carol and Carl A. Hess

**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.

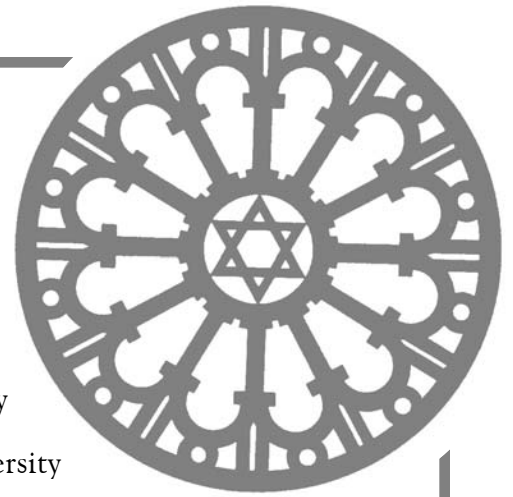
The Cemeteries of Congregation Emanu-El  
Salem Fields and Beth-El  
A limited number of above-ground crypts are available in our community mausoleum. For information, please call Dr. Mark W. Weisstuch at the Temple Office, (212) 744-1400.

## 2005-2006 LECTURE SERIES: THE ARTS AND [JEWISH] IDENTITY

THE Herbert & Eileen Bernard Museum of Judaica and the Ivan M. Stettenheim Library welcome Bryan Mark Rigg as the second speaker in their 2005-2006 lecture series, "The Arts and [Jewish] Identity." Raised as a Protestant in the Texas Bible Belt, Dr. Rigg was surprised to learn of his own Jewish ancestry while researching his family tree in Germany. A decade of research while a student at Yale and Cambridge universities resulted in his first book, *Hitler's Jewish Soldiers: The Untold Story of Nazi Racial Laws and Men of Jewish Descent in the German Military*. His second book, *Rescued From the Reich: How One of Hitler's Soldiers Saved the Lubavitcher Rebbe* (published in 2004), tells the true story of the rescue and of the secret collaboration between American officials and German military intelligence that made it possible. He currently is working on a new book, *Stories of Hitler's Jewish Soldiers*.

In addition to writing, Dr. Rigg teaches history at American Military University and Southern Methodist University.

His work has been featured in *The New York Times* and on programs including "NBC Dateline" and "Fox News." Dr. Rigg has served as a volunteer in the Israeli Army and as an officer in the U.S. Marine Corps. He lives in Dallas.

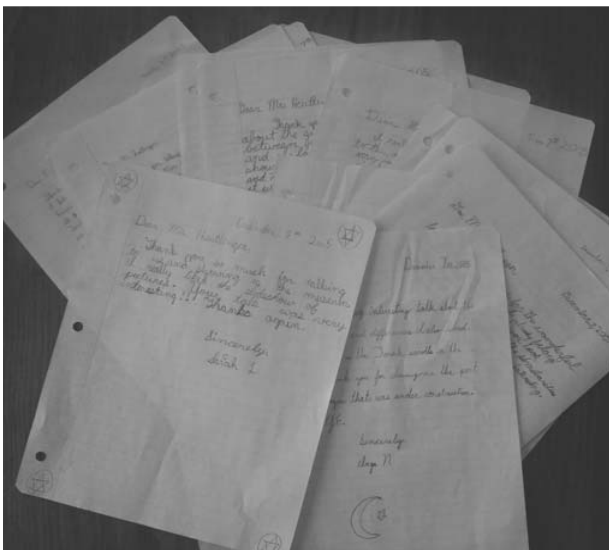


**"War and Jewish Identity: A Discussion With Author Bryan Mark Rigg" will be held Monday, January 23 at 6:30 p.m. Attendance at this and other lectures in the series is free and open to the public. Enter through the Marvin and Elisabeth Cassell Community House, located at One East 65<sup>th</sup> Street.**

## ALSO HAPPENING AT THE BERNARD MUSEUM...

IN EARLY DECEMBER, Temple Administrator Mark Heutlinger led students from New York's Brearley School on a tour of the Temple and the Museum. In appreciation, each student in the class wrote a thank-you letter, stating their impressions with that wonderful perspective children have...

"Thank you for letting us come to the Temple and see all the interesting things about the Jewish religion. I never knew there were so many things alike in the different religions"... "The temple is really big, I can't believe 100 feet tall and 170 wide"...and "I thought it was interesting how there are so many Jews all over the world and the menorahs were pretty and so were the covers of the Torah scrolls."



## AROUND THE TEMPLE

**O**n December 11, writer and photographer Bryan Schwartz presented a fascinating slide lecture at Temple Emanu-El in conjunction with the Herbert & Eileen Bernard Museum's current exhibition, *Scattered Among the Nations*. Mr. Schwartz described his experiences in traveling to more than 28 countries and 100 towns and villages to photograph and interview some of the most isolated Jewish communities in the world. The audience of more than 110 people was able to hear more about the communities featured in the exhibition as well as his experiences with the communities in Morocco, Portugal, Ghana and the Jewish gauchos of Argentina.



***Scattered Among the Nations* is on view through March 16. The Museum is open Sunday through Thursday, from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. For more information, visit the Museum Web page at [www.emanuelnyc.org](http://www.emanuelnyc.org) or call Senior Curator Elka Deitsch at (212) 744-1400, ext. 259.**

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