Dear Friends,

I hope the summer has brought you time for a refreshment of spirit. As always, our talented staff has been hard at work these past months, planning for the year ahead. Now as 5778 approaches, I am pleased to share with you some important programmatic and staffing updates.

Conversations With the Most Influential Leaders of the 21st Century

The extraordinary gift made by Temple President John Streicker, Barbara and their family has enabled us to expand our Streicker Center with thrilling new offerings unique in the synagogue world. Consequently, we are redefining synagogue engagement by bringing many who previously attended only on the High Holy Days through our doors on a monthly if not weekly basis.

As Jews, we express our religious identity in myriad ways, each according to our passions and interests—be they cultural, sociopolitical, academic or spiritual—and our programs touch them all. On October 16, we will sing with Hershey Felder. On October 19, we will laugh with Mel Brooks. On November 19, Alan Dershowitz again will engage us in the most captivating form of Torah study as he defends the mother of humanity in “The People vs. Eve.” Former U.S. Senator Kelly Ayotte, from New Hampshire, will prosecute.

And in the coming months, we will welcome to Temple Emanu-El some of the 21st century’s most influential political leaders: Secretary of State Hillary Clinton on November 1; President Barack Obama on January 24; Vice President Dick Cheney on March 7; and Secretary of State Colin Powell on June 4. At a time of considerable division in our nation, the perspective of these historic figures on the challenges of moral leadership, certainly an issue of Jewish concern, will be fascinating to hear. This will be Secretary Clinton’s only public appearance in New York related to her new book and President Obama’s first post-election public appearance in New York, extraordinary honors for our congregation.

A Warm Welcome and a Fond Farewell

In June, our associate rabbi, Allison Tick Brill, announced that she will be leaving us after the High Holy Days as her husband, David, accepts a unique professional opportunity in their hometown of Chicago. Rabbi Tick Brill’s departure will be a great loss for us. Gifted in so many ways, Ally has

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invigorated our Religious School and teen activities, our inter-religious dialogue, our outreach to young professionals, our Discovering Judaism program, and of course our worship. As a pastor, she has stood beside us in sorrow and joy. And as a colleague and partner, she is beloved by our entire staff team. We will honor her with a service of farewell on Friday, October 6. Our search already is underway for a new assistant rabbi to join us in July 2018, one who will build on Rabbi Tick Brill’s considerable accomplishments and enrich our congregation with his or her unique passions and strengths.

For the coming year, following the High Holy Days, we will welcome Rabbi Sarah Reines, who will serve us full time as an interim associate rabbi, through June 2018. Rabbi Reines was ordained from the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion (HUC-JIR) New York Campus in 1997. She also holds a master’s degree from Brandeis University’s Hornstein program and has trained as a hospital chaplain. Early in our careers, Sarah and I served together at Central Synagogue, her home for 15 years. (Actually, we have known each other since the third grade.) A lifelong member of Temple Emanu-El, Sarah is the daughter of Miriam Reines and Borah, of blessed memory. And it is our joy to welcome her; her husband, Richard; and their two daughters, Talia and Noa, back home. Rabbi Reines’ creativity, leadership and skills as a pastor and teacher will be a gift to us.

We also welcome to our congregation as an adjunct rabbi, Sara Sapadin, herself a wonderful talent. Rabbi Sapadin will join us on the bimah during the High Holy Days and monthly after that. She will teach in our weekly Torah study class, oversee our outreach to young professionals and shepherd students through our Discovering Judaism program. A native of San Diego and a Harvard graduate, Sara was ordained by HUC-JIR in 2007. She trained as a hospital chaplain at New York Presbyterian Hospital and, along the way, has served congregations in Ohio, Vermont and Great Neck, and at Temple Israel, just a few blocks away.

With the ordination of Cantor Richard Newman, Alexandra Kurland joins us as our new cantorial intern. Classically trained, Alex is studying for the cantorate at HUC-JIR and will be a regular presence on the bimah and in our Religious School.

We welcome Rabbi Reines, Rabbi Sapadin and Student Cantor Kurland to our clergy and our congregation with great joy, knowing their leadership and presence will strengthen us.

Keep in Touch

It won’t be long before we see each other on Rosh Hashanah. I look forward to it! In the meantime, and afterward too, please never hesitate to be in touch with any questions or thoughts. I am most grateful for every opportunity to be together. Until we are, my warmest wishes that 5778 be good and sweet for you and those you love, and for our entire congregational family.

Very truly yours,
Rabbi Joshua M. Davidson

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High Holy Days

at

TEMPLE EMANU-EL

SCHEDULE AND PROGRAMS
CALENDAR OF SERVICES AND PROGRAMS

Worship services for Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur are conducted simultaneously in the Fifth Avenue Sanctuary (Fifth Avenue at 65th Street) and the Leon Lowenstein Sanctuary (10 East 66th Street). Our rabbis and cantor alternate between locations. Admission is by assigned ticket unless indicated otherwise.

SELICHOT

Saturday, September 16

SELICHOT SERVICE
8:00 PM • Beth-El Chapel (Fifth Avenue entrance)
Music, poetry and penitential prayers for the New Year. No tickets required.

ROSH HASHANAH

Wednesday, September 20

EVE OF ROSH HASHANAH SERVICE
5:30 PM • Fifth Avenue Sanctuary/Leon Lowenstein Sanctuary
Reserved seating, both locations.

SHIR CHADASH SERVICE
8:00 PM • Fifth Avenue Sanctuary
For adults; children welcome. Contemporary liturgy, participatory music. Open seating, tickets required.

Thursday, September 21

PRE-READERS SERVICE
9:00 AM • Greenwald Chapel (One East 65th Street)
For toddlers, preschoolers and kindergarteners, and their parents. Open seating, tickets required.

ROSH HASHANAH MORNING SERVICE
10:00 AM • Fifth Avenue Sanctuary/Leon Lowenstein Sanctuary
Reserved seating, both locations.

A DISCUSSION OF CRITICAL ISSUES FACING ISRAEL TODAY
12:30 PM • Leon Lowenstein Sanctuary
Special guest: Ambassador Dani Dayan, Consul General of Israel in New York. Open seating, all are welcome.

TEEN WORSHIP SERVICE
12:30 PM • Beth-El Chapel (Fifth Avenue)
For teens; teen friends and parents welcome. Open seating, tickets required.

FAMILY WORSHIP SERVICE AND RECEPTION
2:30 PM • Fifth Avenue Sanctuary
For elementary children and pre-teens, their families and their guests. Open seating, tickets required.
A reception follows in Blumenthal Hall, 10 East 66th Street.

TASHLICH
4:15 PM • The Pond in Central Park
A symbolic ritual in which we “cast away” our sins, acknowledging the importance and complexity of repentance in a tangible way. All are welcome. We will gather in the 66th Street lobby and proceed to The Pond.
YOM KIPPUR

Friday, September 29

SHIR CHADASH SERVICE
5:30 PM • Fifth Avenue Sanctuary
For adults; children welcome. Contemporary liturgy, participatory music. Open seating, tickets required.

KOL NIDREI EVENING SERVICE
8:00 PM • Fifth Avenue Sanctuary/
Leon Lowenstein Sanctuary
Reserved seating, both locations.

Saturday, September 30

PRE-READERS SERVICE
9:00 AM • Greenwald Chapel (One East 65th Street)
For toddlers, preschoolers and kindergarteners and their parents. Open seating, tickets required.

YOM KIPPUR MORNING SERVICE
9:45 AM • Fifth Avenue Sanctuary/
Leon Lowenstein Sanctuary
Reserved seating, both locations.

YOM KIPPUR STUDY SESSIONS
12:30 PM • Goldsmith Religious School Building
(10 East 66th Street) Open to all congregants and their guests. Course descriptions on page 6.

TEEN WORSHIP SERVICE
12:30 PM • Beth-El Chapel (Fifth Avenue)
For teens; teen friends and parents welcome. Open seating, tickets required.

FAMILY WORSHIP SERVICE
2:00 PM • Fifth Avenue Sanctuary
For elementary children and pre-teens, their families and their guests. Open seating, tickets required. Activities in the Bernard Museum will follow.

AVODAH SERVICE
2:15 PM • Leon Lowenstein Sanctuary
Led by Rabbi Stephen Franklin and Cantorial Soloist Steven Fox. Open seating.

AFTERNOON, MEMORIAL AND N’ILAH SERVICES
3:30 PM • Fifth Avenue Sanctuary. Reserved seating.

SUkkOT/SH’MINI ATZERET/SIMCHAT TORAH

Wednesday, October 4

EVE OF SUkkOT FAMILY SERVICE
5:30 PM • Fifth Avenue Sanctuary
All are welcome to attend; no tickets required. Families are encouraged to participate in our evening service; a festive oneg will follow in our third floor sukkah.

Thursday, October 5

SUkkOT SERVICE
10:30 AM • Fifth Avenue Sanctuary
All are welcome to attend; no tickets required.

Wednesday, October 11

YOUNG FAMILIES: SNACKS UNDER THE SUkkAH
2:00 PM to 3:00 PM • 10 East 66th Street
Toddlers and preschoolers are invited to celebrate under our rooftop sukkah with food, singing and dancing. RSVP to youngfamilies@emanuelnyc.org.

SIMCHAT TORAH FAMILY SERVICE,
CONSECRATION AND FAMILY DINNER
5:30 PM • Fifth Avenue Sanctuary/One East 65th Street
Join us in welcoming the new students in our school into our Emanu-El community. Our youngest congregants will be blessed by our clergy and will receive their own “mini-Torah” to take home. A festive family dinner will follow. Charge: $55 per family (up to two adults, any number of children) paid by October 5; $75 after October 5. Teens (eighth graders through 12th graders), if unaccompanied by an adult, pay $15 each. Additional adults pay $20 each. Make your dinner reservation at www.emanuelnyc.org/SimchatTorahDinner.

Thursday, October 12

SH’MINI ATZERET/SIMCHAT TORAH
YIZKOR (MEMORIAL) SERVICE
10:30 AM • Fifth Avenue Sanctuary
All are welcome to attend; no tickets required.
YOM KIPPUR STUDY SESSIONS — 5778

After the Yom Kippur morning service, learn, study and reflect in one of the study sessions led by scholars of the temple. Participation is open to all congregants and their guests. Sessions are held from 12:30 PM to 1:30 PM.

IMMERSING OURSELVES IN THE WATERS OF JONAH: A TEXT STUDY
Rabbi Sara Sapadin, Adjunct Rabbi
Dive into one of the most captivating, enigmatic and profound stories of our tradition. Together we will mine the depths of this text, as we follow our powerful yet petulant hero on the journey of a lifetime. More than just a parable of repentance, Jonah is a story about humanity and our shared strivings, struggles and frailties. Which parts of his journey speak to our experience on Yom Kippur, and which parts speak to the collective human condition? Come and discover!

MUSEUM OBJECTS AND THE STORIES THEY TELL
Warren Klein, Curator, Bernard Museum of Judaica
Explore how the museum collection has developed over the past 20 years. Get a behind-the-scenes look at how research and scholarship of our collection has grown, and take a peek at some of our recent acquisitions.

HOLY DOUBT: THE WISDOM OF KOHELET
Rabbi Bruce Block
Can religious doubt be good for your spiritual health? The author of Kohelet (Book of Ecclesiastes) grapples with this question as he reflects on his life and his search for its meaning. As we examine our own lives on Yom Kippur, we will consider whether this biblical book ends in affirmation and explore how our religious doubt might lead to spiritual growth.

WHAT IS THIS THING CALLED GOD?
Rabbi Philip Hiat
Abraham invented God; Moses identified God’s characteristics; and Joshua socialized God in defining how we should act toward God and each other. Each step helped the Jews evolve from a cult to a faith. So, what is this thing called God?

Please note: additional sessions may be added at a later date.

TORAH AT A GLANCE...

**Ki Teitzei** (Read Saturday, September 2)
Deuteronomy 21:1-25:19

**Ki Tavo** (Read Saturday, September 9)
Deuteronomy 26:1-29:8

**Nitzavim/Vayeilech** (Read Saturday, September 16)
Selichot is observed this evening.

**Haazinu** (Read Saturday, September 23)
Deuteronomy 32:1-52
Shabbat Shuvah (Sabbath of Repentance)

**Yom Kippur** (Saturday, September 30)
Deuteronomy 29:9-14, 30:11-20 (Morning) and Leviticus 19:1-4, 9-18, 32-37 (Afternoon)

**Chol HaMo-eid Sukkot** (Saturday, October 7)
Exodus 33:12-34:26

**B’reishit** (Read Saturday, October 14)
Genesis 1:1-6:8

**Noach** (Read Saturday, October 21)
Genesis 6:9-11:32

**Lech L’cha** (Read Saturday, October 28)
Genesis 12:1-17:27

The following are weekly readings for September and October 2017. Read synopses of the Torah portions at emanuelnyc.org/torahataglance. View our clergy preaching schedule at www.emanuelnyc.org/preaching.
WORSHIP WITH US
Important information about the High Holy Days at Temple Emanu-El

TICKETS ARE REQUIRED
As a new security measure, tickets for both reserved-seating and open-seating services during the High Holy Days will be required without exception for individuals and families. Should you lose your tickets in advance of a service, please contact our Membership Office and we will issue replacements. Membership staff will be on-site during High Holy Days services to assist members who have misplaced tickets.

MEMBERSHIP AND SEATING
Those wishing to become members of Temple Emanu-El and obtain seats for the High Holy Days must complete a Temple Membership Application and Seating Preference Form. Current temple members must RENEW their temple affiliation. Each member with a seating reservation will receive a set of tickets for all services. Members who are not planning to use their assigned seats during the High Holy Days are asked to release their seats so that we can make the seats at those specific services available to guests from other Reform congregations or guests of Emanu-El congregants and their families.

As a member, your annual membership contribution is determined in part by the number of seats you require for the High Holy Days and their specific location, subject to availability. Pew plans for both the Fifth Avenue Sanctuary and the Leon Lowenstein Sanctuary are available to help you complete the Seating Preference Form. Please note, we cannot guarantee that a requested seating assignment will be available on receipt of your application. However, if we are unable to provide seating in the section requested, your name will be placed on a waiting list, and temporary seating will be provided for you until your preferred seating becomes available. Please be assured that we always will have room for you and your family members in one of the congregation’s two sanctuaries.

SEATING RECIPROCITY
Emanu-El congregants who will be traveling during the High Holy Days typically are welcomed at other URJ congregations. Please note that High Holy Days seating is based on the discretion of the host congregation. Similarly, Emanu-El will provide complimentary tickets for out-of-town relatives of members or out-of-town visitors who arrange for courtesy seating through their home congregation. If you are a member of Temple Emanu-El and wish to attend services at another URJ temple, then please complete our Reciprocity Request Form at www.emanuelnyc.org/reciprocity or call 212-507-9513. We then will forward your completed form.
ROLL OF REMEMBRANCE
At Temple Emanu-El, it is our tradition during Yom Kippur to read names of the recently deceased from our temple family. To have a name added to our Roll of Remembrance, complete our online form at www.emanuelnyc.org/YKremembrance or call 212-507-9513. Requests for 5778 must be submitted by September 15. Only the names of those who have passed away since October 12, 2016, can be read on Yom Kippur.

FAMILY HOLIDAY RESOURCES
Visit the temple website at www.emanuelnyc.org/familyholidays for activities that offer a starting point for discussion with your children on the significance of each holiday and the lessons we can learn.

BECOME A VOLUNTEER USHER
The role of Emanu-El’s ushers is to greet congregants and guests, answer their questions and maintain the solemnity of services for the High Holy Days and throughout the year. We welcome all temple members who would like to join this important group. Complete our volunteer registration form at www.emanuelnyc.org/HHD-ushers, or call 212-744-1400, ext. 250.

HEAR THE SHOFAR
Unable to attend Rosh Hashanah services? One of our clergy, shofar in hand, will be happy to pay a home visit during this season to any of our temple members. Call 212-507-9603.

IMPORTANT TICKET INFORMATION FOR THE YOM KIPPUR AFTERNOON SERVICES
On Yom Kippur afternoon, all will come together with the full clergy in the Fifth Avenue Sanctuary for the Afternoon Service, Yizkor Memorial Service and inspirational N’ilah Concluding Service. To best serve all who are planning to attend on Yom Kippur afternoon, we ask that you send us confirmation of your attendance. If your seats are in the Fifth Avenue Sanctuary, they will be honored. But, if you do not plan to attend, we ask that you let us know so those seats can be reassigned.

If your seats are in the Lowenstein Sanctuary, then please confirm that you plan to attend so that tickets can be issued to you in the Fifth Avenue Sanctuary. Call 212-507-9514, or send an email to YKafternoon@emanuelnyc.org.

RECONCILIATION & FORGIVENESS
A Shabbat Shuvah sermon by the Parents Circle, bereaved Israeli and Palestinian parents for peace

Friday, September 22 • 6:00 PM

Between Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur, the season of reconciliation and forgiveness, join Temple Emanu-El for a moving Shabbat Shuvah service with representatives from the Parents Circle, an organization consisting of more than 600 Palestinian and Israeli families who have lost loved ones during the Middle East conflict but remain committed to finding a path out of violence. The Sabbath sermon will be delivered by Robi Damelin, an Israeli mother who lost her son, and Mazen Farraj, a Palestinian son who lost his father.

SERVICE OF FAREWELL FOR RABBI ALLISON TICK BRILL

Friday, October 6 • 6:00 PM

Join us as Temple Emanu-El honors Rabbi Allison Tick Brill with a service of farewell as she and her husband, David, return to their hometown of Chicago. On this occasion, we will gather as a congregation to pass along our best wishes and celebrate her many contributions and dynamic presence within our community.
ADDITIONAL ITEMS OF IMPORTANCE

Child Care for Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur Morning Services
For temple members with children between 18 months and 5 years of age, we will be offering child care for the Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur morning services. This amenity is complimentary, but space is limited. Parents must register by 5:00 PM on September 8. If you register and your needs should change, then please notify the Membership Office so we may reach out to those on the waiting list. Complete our online registration at www.emanuelnyc.org/HHD-childcare.

Guest Tickets
Members wanting guest tickets for High Holy Day services must call 212-507-9514. There is a $125 processing fee per guest, per holiday.

Family Services Tickets
In addition to our formal High Holy Days services in the Fifth Avenue and Leon Lowenstein sanctuaries, Temple Emanu-El offers open seating at several other services appropriate for adults and children alike. Tickets for these services will be sent automatically to all temple families with children under the age of 18. Other temple members interested in tickets may request them at www.emanuelnyc.org/HHD-openseating. There is no fee for these tickets.

Welcome, College Students!
College students, both temple members and nonmembers, who do not already have seats are invited to join us for Shir Chadash services in the Fifth Avenue Sanctuary, and Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur services in the Leon Lowenstein Sanctuary (10 East 66th Street). Students must present a current college ID on the day of the service to enter.

Worship Services Open to the Public
We also host community worship services, open to the public in I. M. Wise Hall (One East 65th Street), that feature livestreaming from the Fifth Avenue Sanctuary services. No tickets needed.

All questions regarding seating and tickets should be directed to the Membership Office. Please call 212-507-9514, or send an email to membership@emanuelnyc.org.
As older Americans stay fit and engaged in active lives, a great number of them nevertheless count on a measure of companionship and support to be provided by family members—usually their adult children. Even in relationships that aren’t ideal, children often are struck with a sense of moral obligation and duty when a parent’s situation is changing in critical ways. They are the default people to entrust a set of keys; to grant access to insurance, financial and legal documents; to name as a contact in case of emergency; and to help coordinate end-of-life details.

But what about those many older adults who have no close family because of choice, distance, death or estrangement? These individuals often deal alone with crises or critical decision-making and at a more vulnerable time of life. Shame or embarrassment about their lack of family support may keep them from seeking the support they require; indeed, a recent article in The Huffington Post claims that society views the decision to forego parenthood as morally wrong.

At Temple Emanu-El, we run a program called “Community as Family” (CAF), under our larger Emanu-El Cares initiative. Now in its third year, CAF was created for temple members aged 48 and up (singles and couples) who are anticipating—or already experiencing—the challenges and needs of growing older without family to rely upon for practical and emotional support. The younger members of the group are learning simultaneously how to help their parents as well as to anticipate their own future needs.

I facilitate the group, with encouraging support and guidance from Rabbi Amy Ehrlich. We meet once a month in the early evening during the non-summer months, casually sharing refreshments around a dining table, swapping stories and voicing concerns. Sharing personal and professional experience creates sources of information for a variety of issues, and warm friendships have developed.

**CAF has three basic structures:**

1. Finding ways to create a trusted personal network—a family, if you will—from among friends, neighbors, colleagues and professionals. We encourage
deepening relationships within Temple Emanu-El through its volunteer, cultural and educational programs; inter-generational activities are of particular interest.

2. Making specific plans for the upcoming changes in our lives and troubleshooting situations, which may be complicated by living without a partner or roommate.

3. Learning how to become strong advocates for ourselves by identifying and locating what resources are available for specific needs.

A Facebook group of more than 4,300 members called Elder Orphans (www.facebook.com/groups/elderorphans) states in its purpose, “…to share and discuss issues important to people over 55 living alone without a spouse, partner or children...this group will serve as a platform to build awareness, give hope and support, and help to create better communities for us to grow older." A few Elder Orphans members recently posted that their house of worship, once a treasured home, is no longer as welcoming. There is no place for them if the focus is always on ceremonies and activities created for family participation. How progressive, then, is Congregation Emanu-El, whose gracious outreach to all demographics fosters participation and recognizes the need for congregational inclusion as people age without family! In 2017, the temple even held a special, beautifully prepared seder so we, too, might observe the sacred traditions while enjoying the warmth of friends.

Recently, third-year rabbinical students from Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion (HUC-JIR) observed a variety of activities and programs at Temple Emanu-El, including a session with four congregants who discussed the temple’s outreach to non-Jewish family members, single-parent households, gay members and the “un-familied.” These congregants shared their intensely personal stories with the hope that the rabbinical students would make every effort to lead someday with a similar sense of inclusion and compassion. With 10,000 people turning 65 every day in the United States, the number of older people without family will increase in every congregation.

Let us strive to make temple membership meaningful throughout every congregant’s lifespan.

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* Saturday night, CAF Second Seder
** Sunday morning, Shavuot service and Yizkor

Wendi Kornfeld and her husband, Barry, are long-time members of Temple Emanu-El and active in many aspects of temple life. This article was published originally on 6/8/17 for the Union of Reform Judaism’s “Inside Leadership” Blog.
“Judaism demands our involvement in the messiness of the world….Though the world may at times appear to be deaf to Torah’s message of justice and compassion and peace, in this synagogue we shall proclaim it, and act upon it, and do what we believe must be done, to beat this broken world back into shape.”

~ Rabbi Joshua M. Davidson
Sermon, Rosh Hashanah 5777

At Temple Emanu-El, as much as we recognize the Days of Awe as a time for our congregants to look inward, a time to rejoice and reflect, we also recognize it as a time for action and initiative. We are blessed with a close-knit community, but we are also part of something larger than ourselves—global in scope, extending far beyond the bounds of our warm and majestic synagogue.

Your gift to the Philanthropic Fund is a commitment to assist our educational and humanitarian efforts within our city and abroad. In 5777, Temple Emanu-El stewarded more than $1 million dollars in tzedakah to worthy charities and causes. We sincerely hope you will consider giving to the Philanthropic Fund for 5778.

Donations to the Philanthropic Fund are not retained for the temple’s operating budget.

To donate online, visit: emanuelnyc.org/philanthropicfund
“ANTI-ZIONISM IS THE NEW DRESSING FOR THE OLD PASSION OF ANTISEMITISM.”

BERNARD-HENRI LÉVY

Proud to be a Jew: An Evening with Bernard-Henri Lévy • 11.8

“THE SERPENT ENTICED ME.”

EVE

The People vs. Eve • 11.19

“FEELING DIFFERENT, FEELING ALIENATED, FEELING PERSECUTED, FEELING THAT THE ONLY WAY TO DEAL WITH THE WORLD IS TO LAUGH — THAT’S PROBABLY WHAT’S RESPONSIBLE FOR THE JEWS HAVING DEVELOPED SUCH A GREAT SENSE OF HUMOR. THE PEOPLE WHO HAD THE GREATEST REASON TO WEEP, LEARNED MORE THAN ANYONE ELSE HOW TO LAUGH.”

MEL BROOKS

An Evening with Mel Brooks • 10.19

“It’s better to be honest about your opinions than to pretend you don’t have them.”

CAMPBELL BROWN

Fake News: A Real Conversation • 10.18

“In my tradition, an ancient rabbi declared that receiving wayfarers is greater than welcoming the presence of God.”

LEON WIESELTIER

A Conversation with Syrian Refugees • 11.6
“IT IS EASY TO TAKE LIBERTY FOR GRANTED, WHEN YOU HAVE NEVER HAD IT TAKEN FROM YOU.”

- DICK CHENEY

AN EVENING WITH VICE PRESIDENT DICK CHENEY • 03.07

“A REFORM HAPPENS WHEN YOU CHANGE THE POLICY OF THE GOVERNMENT; A REVOLUTION HAPPENS WHEN YOU CHANGE THE MIND-SET OF A COUNTRY.”

- DAN SENOR

FAKE NEWS: A REAL CONVERSATION • 10.18

“THE VERY CONCEPTS OF TRUTH AND OBJECTIVITY ARE UNDER SIEGE.”

- FRANK BRUNI

FAKE NEWS: A REAL CONVERSATION • 10.18

“IT’S OUR JOB TO ASK QUESTIONS.”

- DANA BASH

FAKE NEWS: A REAL CONVERSATION • 10.18

“This country is not strong because of its economic power or military power; this country is strong because of its values.”

- KHIZR KHAN

AN AMERICAN FAMILY: A BOOK TALK • 12.11

“I DISCOVERED MY BEST FRIEND THE MOMENT WE WERE BORN.”

- BARBARA PIERCE BUSH

SISTERS FIRST: JENNA BUSH HAGER AND BARBARA PIERCE BUSH • 10.30
“ALL SIDES IN A TRIAL WANT TO HIDE AT LEAST SOME OF THE TRUTH.”
• ALAN DERSHOWITZ •
THE PEOPLE VS. EVE • 11.19

“What is freedom of expression? Without the freedom to offend, it ceases to exist.”
• SALMAN RUSHDIE •
THE GOLDEN HOUSE: A BOOK TALK • 11.14

“It is interesting to me to talk to people who don’t agree with me all the time.”
• JOY BEHAR •
OY-VIEW-IZ-MIR • 11.29

“The minute you settle for less than you deserve, you get even less than you settled for.”
• MAUREEN DOWD •
OY-VIEW-IZ-MIR • 11.29

“So tonight I’m gonna party like it’s 5778.”
• JILL KARGMAN •
OY-VIEW-IZ-MIR • 11.29

“The major comeback skill for me is to take a risk.”
• GRETCHEN CARLSON •
OY-VIEW-IZ-MIR • 11.29
AN EVENING WITH
PRESIDENT BARACK OBAMA
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Nearly 600 men (and a few women) attended Men of Reform Judaism’s first-ever joint convention with the Federation of Jewish Men’s Clubs (FJMC), the Conservative Movement’s organization for men. The five-day event was held in Washington, D.C.

As is usual for this type of meeting, the programming was non-stop, running from early morning until late into the evening, and filled with workshops, seminars, experimental learning and more. We studied, we laughed, we ate, we prayed, we renewed old acquaintances, and we made new friends.

We also heard keynote addresses from several distinguished speakers: Rabbi David Saperstein, the URJ’s senior advisor for policy and strategy and a former United States ambassador; former Congressman Barney Frank (D-MA); Rabbi Michael Uram, executive director and campus rabbi of Hillel at the University of Pennsylvania; and Ron Wolfson, noted author and audacious hospitality guru.

The events at the pre-convention reception, though, are what will long remain with me as the pivotal moment of the entire convention.

Attended by almost 200 people, the reception was hosted by Rabbi Martin Peled-Flax, the Israel Embassy’s minister of Congressional affairs, who spoke about Israel’s security, the Obama administration’s support of Israel, and what has and has not changed under the Trump administration. Following his remarks, he agreed to take a few questions from the audience.

In my capacity as president of Men of Reform Judaism, I joined Allan Gottesman, international president of FJMC, as we took turns delivering the following statement, the subject of which was, until that moment, unknown to those in attendance:

The Conservative (Masorti) and Reform (Progressive) movements are home to the overwhelming number of Jews in North America. It is painful to describe the anger, frustration, disillusionment and disappointment throughout our communities concerning the most recent developments with regard to the Kotel, conversion and the authority of the Rabbanut (Chief Rabbinate of Israel). These developments, offensive as they were, unfortunately do not stand in isolation but are only the most recent manifestations of a lack of respect for non-Orthodox Jewry both in Israel and in the Diaspora.

It is important for you to understand, and therefore we emphasize it, that this is not some pro forma protest which can be air-brushed away. Rather, it goes to the heart of whether Israel perceives non-Orthodox Jews as legitimate. It is beyond absurd that Israel is the one democracy in the world where Jews cannot freely practice their faith in accordance with their beliefs.

The government’s actions risk dividing the worldwide Jewish community at a time when it must remain united. We count on you to make clear to the Prime Minister, the Israeli Government and members of Knesset, that a few soothing words or exhortations for patience will not fix this. We expect concrete actions. It should matter to you that we care about all of this not only because of our own commitment to Israel but also because we want our children and grandchildren to share that love for Israel—and we are at risk of that not happening.

Within hours, our statement reverberated across oceans, garnering coverage from both Ha’aretz and The Jerusalem Post. It is perhaps the first statement whose signatories include affiliates from both the Reform and Conservative movements, among them: Women of Reform Judaism; the Association of Reform Zionists of America; Mercaz, the Zionist membership organization of the Conservative Movement; and the Women’s League of Conservative Judaism.

Steven Portnoy is president of Men of Reform Judaism and a member of Congregation Emanu-El of the City of New York. This article was published originally on 7/31/17 for the Union of Reform Judaism’s “Inside Leadership” Blog.
EMANU-EL CARES
As members of Temple Emanu-El, we are blessed to share moments of personal celebration and joy as well as times of struggle and sorrow, together as a congregational family. Emanu-El Cares invites members to lend support, through a variety of meaningful opportunities, to fellow congregants. With the High Holy Days approaching, as families come together, don’t miss these important programs.

A SILENT EPIDEMIC:
PARENT/CHILD Estrangement
Wednesday, September 13 • 6:30 PM to 8:00 PM
One East 65th Street
How do you handle holidays and times of togetherness when parents and adult children don’t speak? Run by Dr. Deborah Green, a certified psychoanalyst and licensed psychotherapist with more than 25 years of experience, this intriguing and helpful program addresses this issue and more. There is no charge for this program, which is open to all congregants.

A GUIDE TO INTERNET SAFETY
FOR CHILDREN AND ADULTS
Sunday, October 22 • 10:00 AM to 11:30 AM
One East 65th Street
Liz Repking, founder and senior cyber safety expert at Cyber Safety Consulting, presents this timely program. Subjects to be covered include: Internet predators; Instagram, Google Safe Search, YouTube safety mode, and monitoring software for both smart phones and the home (including program demos); sexting; social media and over exposure; deciphering scams; parenting in this digital age; cyber-bullying; online gaming; and developing a digital road map to help direct parents. Refreshments will be served, and there will be a Q&A period. There is no charge for this event, For parents: drop off your children at Religious School and join us. Open to all.

CLUB 65
Club 65 is a monthly social group and educational program for senior members of the temple, both men and women. Attendees are invited to bring their lunch. Participation is free of charge. QUESTIONS? Call 212-744-1400.

JONAH: THE PROPHET WHO RUNS AWAY FROM GOD
Tuesday, October 14 • 11:00 AM • One East 65th Street
The concise Book of Jonah, puzzling and at times humorous, is the prescribed reading for the afternoon of Yom Kippur. What is the significance of this story about a stubborn prophet who refuses to deliver God’s message to the people of Nineveh? Why does he resist? What does the story tell us about justice and mercy, repentance and atonement?
Guest speaker: Dr. Mark Weisstuch

Do you know someone in the congregation who is experiencing simchas or sorrows…the birth of a child, a wedding, a death in the family, illness or a hospital stay? Are you yourself going through a special life event?
If you, or anyone you know, is facing a life-changing moment, please contact EMANU-EL CARES by calling Rabbi Amy Ehrlich at 212-507-9606 or emailing emanucares@emanuelnyc.org. Volunteers will deliver a special Shabbat tote bag featuring items appropriate for the situation, such as soup or a meal for someone ill, a wedding gift, a Temple Emanu-El onesie for a newborn, plus a Shabbat Kiddush cup, challah and prayer sheets. As we reach out to each other, we only grow stronger.
WOMEN’S AUXILIARY
For questions about Women’s Auxiliary events, call 212-744-1400, ext. 235, or send an email to womaux@emanuelnyc.org. To become a member, log on to www.emanuelnyc.org/womaux.

SHIP AHOY! ARCHITECTURE BOAT CRUISE
Tuesday, September 26 • 1:00 PM
62 Chelsea Piers
Join us as we set sail for a roughly three-hour tour in comfort and style, sipping champagne and having light hors d’oeuvres. Classic Harbor Line has partnered with the American Institute of Architects (AIA) to host the official AIANY Around Manhattan Architecture Tour. Fully circumnavigate the island of Manhattan for an insightful narration about New York’s iconic landmarks, modern architecture and engineering masterpieces, as seen from the city’s historic waterways. Space is limited. Reservations must be received by September 19. The charge for this event is $80 for Women’s Auxiliary and Men’s Club members, $90 for all other temple members and guests. Register at www.emanuelnyc.org/wa-AIA-tour.

MEN’S CLUB
For questions about Men’s Club events, call 212-744-1400, ext. 250, or send an email to mensclub@emanuelnyc.org. To become a member, log on to www.emanuelnyc.org/mensclub.

HOLY WAR IN JUDAISM AND ISLAM
Sunday, October 15 • 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM
One East 65th Street
Most, if not all, religions contain the concept of war motivated by religious purposes. Some of our most sacred ancient texts are filled with hostility toward those who are different, and interpreters have had to wrestle with the concepts as they compare these ideas with those of their contemporaries. Rabbi Aaron Panken, president of Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion, the Reform Movement’s seminary, will explore the texts and interpretive trajectories of holy war and jihad in Judaism and Islam.

The charge for this event is $30 for Men’s Club and Women’s Auxiliary members, $35 for all other temple members and guests; brunch is served. Register online at www.emanuelnyc.org/mc-panken.

WOMEN’S AUXILIARY
For questions about Women’s Auxiliary events, call 212-744-1400, ext. 235, or send an email to womaux@emanuelnyc.org. To become a member, log on to www.emanuelnyc.org/womaux.

UPTOWN MUSEUM TOUR
Friday, October 27 • Check in at 9:45 AM
(Tour starts promptly at 10:00 AM) • 1230 Fifth Avenue
We will start our day at El Museo del Barrio for a guided tour of the galleries and an art-making workshop. Discover the artistic landscape of Latino, Caribbean and Latin American cultures through El Museo’s wide-ranging collection and exhibitions.

Lunch will follow at El Museo’s Side Park Café, which features open views overlooking Central Park’s Conservatory Garden. El Café offers a truly Mexican and Latin American casual dining experience that aims to enhance gastronomy by complementing it with a celebration of Latin American art. Our lovely day will conclude with a guided tour of the Museum of the City of New York. Founded in 1923 as a private, nonprofit corporation, the museum connects the past, present and future of New York City. Space is limited. Reservations must be received by October 20. The charge for this event is $50 for Women’s Auxiliary and Men’s Club members, $60 for all other temple members and guests. Register online at www.emanuelnyc.org/wa-museums.
TALMUD STUDY

Temple Emanu-El's weekly seminar on Talmud examines the text in English translation, with informal yet spirited discussion. No background in Talmud or Hebrew is required. This seminar is taught by Rabbi Philip Hiat, scholar-in-residence at Central Synagogue, as he has done for more than 20 years. This year’s selected text is part of the third chapter of tractate Baba Metzia, which examines laws related to hiring, losses on deposits, the quantity and quality of articles, and the use of money on such deposits. According to Rabbi Hiat, “If you understand this chapter of Talmud, you can understand the entire Talmud.”

There is no charge for this class. All are welcome to join at any time during the year—both newcomers to Judaic studies and those who have long been studying. Classes meet from 6:15 PM to 7:15 PM on Wednesdays, from September 6 and through June 27, 2018. Enter at the Marvin and Elisabeth Cassell Community House. Attend when you can and when you wish. QUESTIONS? Call the Temple Office at 212-744-1400.

OUR NEW STAFF…

Rachel Rothman is joining Temple Emanu-El as its new director of Special Events and Operations, a position through which she will be coordinating private receptions for life-cycle events, working with Saviv and young members, and supporting the temple’s operations.

Rachel served as director of the JCC Maccabi Games & ArtsFest in Stamford, Connecticut, in 2016, leading the efforts to host more than 1,500 visiting athletes and artists. Most recently, Rachel was the marketing manager for BlueLine Grid, an emergency-communications startup.

Rachel started her career in finance as a project manager at Vision Financial Markets LLC, while obtaining an MBA from NYU's Stern School of Business. She also holds a bachelor’s degree in marketing from the University of Wisconsin-Madison. Rachel grew up in Stamford, Connecticut, but has called New York City home for the past seven years.

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Nursery School
Ellen Davis, Director, Nursery School

Funerals
Charles S. Salomon, Funeral Director
EARLY CHILDHOOD

NURSERY SCHOOL REGISTRATION
Applications for the 2018-2019 school year may be downloaded from the temple website in PDF format: www.emanuelnyc.org/ns-application. As required by the Independent Schools Admissions Association of Greater New York (ISAAGNY), we will not review any applications until after Labor Day. Applications may be submitted only one year before a child is eligible to start school. Children must be 2 years and 3 months old the year they will be entering school. Although it is Nursery School policy to give priority to congregation members and siblings, acceptance is not automatic. Limited scholarship money may be available. QUESTIONS? Call 212-507-9531.

YOUNG FAMILIES: HIGH HOLY DAYS
Led by Rabbi Amy Ehrlich, Young Families of Emanu-El sponsors a variety of activities throughout the year for families with children who are of preschool/kindergarten age. Mark your calendars with the following activities for celebrating the High Holy Days.

ANNUAL ROOFTOP PARTY
Sunday, September 10 • 10:00 AM to 11:30 AM
10 East 66th Street
Preschoolers and their parents are invited to splash and play in our rooftop wading pools as we also enjoy apples and honey for Rosh Hashanah. Bring sunscreen, a bathing suit, towel, hat and a change of clothes. If it rains, then we’ll play inside. Guests are welcome. RSVP to youngfamilies@emanuelnyc.org.

ROSH HASHANAH AND YOM KIPPUR PRE-READERS SERVICES
Thursday, September 21 and Saturday, September 30
9:00 AM to 9:30 AM • One East 65th Street
For toddlers through kindergarteners and their parents, this brief, introductory service for the holidays features music and a story. Tickets are required. Seating is open. Request tickets at www.emanuelnyc.org/HHD-openseating.

SNACKS UNDER THE SUKKAH
Wednesday, October 11 • 2:00 PM to 3:00 PM
10 East 66th Street
Shake the lulav, smell the etrog, sing with Shira. Add your special decorative touch to our outdoor sukkah. Delicious holiday snacks will be served. RSVP to youngfamilies@emanuelnyc.org.

And after the holidays…

TOT SHABBAT
Friday, October 20 • 4:30 PM to 6:00 PM
One East 65th Street
Tot Shabbat is geared specifically for our youngest temple members (preschool and Nursery School students) and their families. Jewish educator and early learning specialist Shira Kline partners with Rabbi Amy Ehrlich to make each Tot Shabbat “singing service” memorable. Light refreshments and art are part of each Tot Shabbat experience. Grandparents and special family members always are welcome to share the fun. Is there anything more precious than celebrating a holiday with your family? RSVP to youngfamilies@emanuelnyc.org.

PARENTING AT EMANU-EL
Parent/child programs led by child psychologist Dr. Juliet Cooper and Rabbi Amy Ehrlich offer discussion opportunities for parents and activities for children through weekly guided sessions. New for Fall 2017: The Twos group…for children 22 to 27 months old.
On Wednesdays, parents will participate in discussions intended to help them gain insight into their parenting choices, to foster independence and healthy separation, to promote understanding of their child’s unique temperament and to explore Jewish identity. On Fridays, children will participate in a stimulating structured playgroup, emphasizing social interaction. Please note: Our Toddlers Group is sold out. Space remains in our New Mothers Group and in Baby Bop/Big Kids Bop, led by early childhood teacher Hadar Orshalimy. Learn more and register for these programs at www.emanuelnyc.org/parenting. Sessions begin soon!
FIRST DAYS OF SCHOOL
Sunday, September 10 • 9:30 AM to 12:00 PM
and Monday, September 11 • 4:00 PM to 6:00 PM
10 East 66th Street
Our first days of classes include a reception for all parents and an opening assembly for students in Grade 3 through Grade 7, with their families. (Receptions are at 11:00 AM and 5:00 PM.)

SHOFAR BLOWING WORKSHOPS
Sunday, September 10 and Sunday, September 17 • 12:00 PM to 1:00 PM • 10 East 66th Street
Religious School-age students are invited to practice their skills so that they can blow the shofar at Rosh Hashanah family services. Workshops will conclude with a pizza lunch. Shofarot will be provided. Students must attend both sessions in order to participate during the service. RSVP to school@emanuelnyc.org.

FAMILY DINNER AND SHABBAT KODESH SERVICE
Friday, September 15 • Dinner at 6:00 PM (One East 65th Street) • Worship at 7:00 PM (Beth-El Chapel)
Start the new year by joining old friends and new families for Shabbat! We look forward to welcoming you back—or for the first time—to our first Family Dinner of the year, followed by our Shabbat Kodesh Worship Service. At Shabbat Kodesh, Hebrew prayers are sung with lively melodies, and we experience the weekly Torah reading through interpretation and storytelling. The charge for dinner is $55 per family (up to two adults, any number of children) by September 12; $75 after September 12. Teens (eighth-12th graders), if unaccompanied by an adult: $15 each. Additional adults: $20 each. Make your dinner reservation at www.emanuelnyc.org/familydinner.

THIRD/FOURTH GRADE
HEBREW TECHNOLOGY ORIENTATION
Sunday, September 17 • 11:30 AM
and Monday, September 18 • 5:30 PM • 10 East 66th Street
At-home learning is an important part of our Hebrew curriculum, and to help facilitate this, we use Behrman House’s Online Learning Center. To help Religious School families become comfortable with this practical resource tool, Hebrew technology coordinator Ellen French will conduct an orientation for parents. (The same session is being offered on both days.) RSVP to school@emanuelnyc.org.

THE BLESSINGS OF BREAD, PART 1 — CHALLAH BAKING
Sunday, September 24 • 9:30 AM
and Monday, September 25 • 4:00 PM • 10 East 66th Street
During our family challah baking workshops, we experience the rituals of Shabbat and bake challah together. The simple act of baking bread reminds us to be grateful for the food we eat and the hands that bring it to us. We also will hold our parent-teacher curriculum meetings as part of the program on these days. Students whose parents are unable to attend still will be able to participate fully with their classmates. Contact school@emanuelnyc.org with any questions or to register. This program is for families of students in Pre-K through Second Grade.

PARENT HAPPY HOUR
Tuesday, September 26 • 6:30 PM to 8:00 PM
One East 65th Street
Religious School and Teen Community parents are invited to a fun and relaxing evening where they can meet other parents, enjoy an apple martini and hear about our exciting plans for the new year. RSVP to school@emanuelnyc.org.

SIMCHAT TORAH FAMILY SERVICE, CONSECRATION AND FAMILY DINNER
Wednesday, October 11 • 5:30 PM • Fifth Avenue Sanctuary/One East 65th Street
Join us in welcoming the new students in our school into our Emanu-El community. Our youngest congregants will be blessed by our clergy and will receive their own “mini-Torah” to take home. A festive family dinner will follow. Register for dinner at www.emanuelnyc.org/familydinner. (Early-bird pricing ends October 5.)

BAR/BAT MITZVAH INFORMATION MEETING
Sunday, October 15 • 11:00 AM
and Monday, October 16 • 5:15 PM • 10 East 66th Street
The rabbis, cantor and administration of Emanu-El invite all temple families to an information meeting for those who are to become b’nei mitzvah. Our program will conclude with a Q&A session so that parents may discuss their concerns. Please note that we will be taking ceremony reservation dates beginning the day after Labor Day. A contract and deposit will be required to hold your date. For more details, a copy of the B’nei Mitzvah contract or to reserve a date, contact Sydney Lazar at 212-507-9515.
Hi, everyone! I am Emma Kate Lindsay, the new coordinator of Youth Learning and Engagement. I’m very excited for the upcoming year and to get to know the entire Emanu-El family. I spent my summer getting to know the ins and outs of all the different programs, and I am ready to dive right in.

From leadership and volunteer opportunities, through Tzedek League and Teen Leadership Council, to expanding our horizons through Interfaith Ambassadors and Confirmation, there are so many ways to stay involved.

I am looking forward to our High School trip to Barcelona, Spain, from February 15-20, 2018. There we will learn about Jewish history and Spain, meet with Spanish Reform Jewish teenagers, and enjoy the delicious food and unique architecture of the city. Throughout the year, together, we will explore important issues that we face today, learn how to raise awareness and advocate for a cause, and most important, create a community that always will be here for you.

From Midnight Run to trips to Smorgasburg and Teen High Holy Day Services, it is sure to be an exciting year. Don’t forget to register for one of our three upcoming trips: NOLA, Civil Rights or Barcelona. Registration is now open at www.emanuelnyc.org/teentrips. And, be on the lookout for additional drop-in volunteer opportunities and programs. I’m looking forward to getting to know everyone, so please do not be shy. Feel free to contact me anytime with questions, concerns, or just to say hi. I can be reached at elindsay@emanuelnyc.org or 212-507-9529.

P.S. Be sure to follow us on Instagram @emanuelnycteens.
VOLUNTEERING

TIKKUN OLAM MITZVOT 2017
At Emanu-El, the Tikkun Olam Committee identifies ways in which we, as a synagogue, can “lend a helping hand,” particularly through social-action projects that are intended to make life better for others in the community. For more information, visit emanuelnyc.org/tikkunolam.

A TASTE OF TIKKUN OLAM
Monday, September 11 • 6:00 PM
One East 65th Street (I.M. Wise Hall)
Join us for cocktails and a light dinner with current and new members to celebrate our upcoming season. We welcome all congregants who wish to learn more about Tikkun Olam. The committee needs volunteers to coordinate our Religious School monthly mitzvah, as well as a volunteer for Saviv mitzvot.

LEGO DRIVE
September 18 — November 10
Through the efforts of Brick Dreams, Temple Emanu-El will be collecting used LEGO BRICKS of all sizes. Brick Dreams collects and redistributes LEGO bricks to children in need. One might ask, “Why LEGO BRICKS? Why not other toys?”
It is because building with LEGO bricks stimulates the mind. They allow children to learn and use their imaginations. It is possibly the only toy where a child of any age can build a car, then take it apart and build an airplane, a house, or whatever his or her imagination desires.
On Sunday, November 12, at our annual Mitzvah Day, all the LEGO BRICKS will be sorted by size and then distributed to those in need. Donations may be dropped off at either One East 65th Street or 10 East 66th Street.

ANNUAL COAT DRIVE
September 25 — December 15
As the cold weather approaches, many families in New York City soon may have to choose between buying coats for their children and themselves or paying the rent. Donations of gently used coats, jackets, hats, scarves and gloves (no other clothing, please) will help to make the decision an easier one. Collected items will benefit New York Cares. Donations may be dropped off at either One East 65th Street or 10 East 66th Street.

STITCH’N TIME
Stitch’n Time volunteers knit warm scarves and caps for clients of the Sunday Lunch Program, as well as hats, sweaters and blankets for babies and other adults.
Sundays: 2017—September 17, October 8, November 12, December 10 and 2018—January 7, February 11, March 11, April 15, May 6, June 3
11:00 AM to 2:00 PM
One East 65th Street
All skill levels are welcome.
Instruction is available. Yarn and patterns are provided, but please bring your own #8 needles. Delicious refreshments are served. The more the merrier!

SAVE THESE DATES...

ANNUAL MITZVAH DAY
Sunday, November 12 • 10:30 AM
One East 65th Street (I.M. Wise Hall)
All volunteers are welcome as we come together to help those who are less fortunate than ourselves.

ANNUAL THANKSGIVING DINNER
Wednesday, November 22 • 2:00 PM to 6:15 PM
One East 65th Street (I.M. Wise Hall)
Volunteers are needed to prepare and serve dinner to senior citizens and women and children from NYC homeless and domestic-violence shelters.
LIFE-CYCLE EVENTS

The following students of our Religious School will become b’nei mitzvah in September and October.

September 9
David Koffler, son of Anna Belle and Jonathan Koffler

September 16
Matthew Geiling, son of Jennifer and Gregory Geiling
Jonathan Gelb, son of Alexandra Peltz-Gelb and Clifford Gelb

September 23
Jayden Yohai, son of Janine Azriliant and David Yohai
Brady Propper, son of Hayley Pessin and Martin Propper

October 7
Charles and George Harris, sons of Sandra and Bradley Harris
Andrew Greff, son of Erika and Joe Greff

October 14
Edward Kronenberg, son of Emily and James Kronenberg
Dean Hall, son of Nancy and Anthony Hall
Phoebe Tatton, daughter of Jessica Bern

October 21
Kathryn Finerman, daughter of Beth-Ann and Adam Finerman
Aidan Moloney, son of Lori and Michael Moloney
Jasper Adelman, son of Cass and Jason Adelman

October 28
David Lilien, son of Noelle and Jason Lilien
Nicholas Robbins, son of Jill and David Robbins

Bimah flowers at worship services have been donated by the following congregants:

For the Sabbath of September 1 and 2
Patricia, Elizabeth, John and Jack in loving memory of Barry Michael Berkule
Jean Erbesfeld, celebrating the 50th wedding anniversary of Dr. and Mrs. Marvin Erbesfeld
Gilbert, Linda and Jennifer Snyder in loving memory of Stephanie Lynn Snyder

For the Sabbath of September 8 and 9
Mrs. Arthur Schulte in loving memory of Arthur Schulte’s birthday

For the Sabbath of September 15 and 16
Robert Siegel in loving memory of his father, Mortimer Siegel

For Rosh Hashanah (September 20 and 21)
Rabbi and Mrs. Ronald B. Sobel in loving memory of Ethel B. and Peter P. Sobel
In loving memory of Dr. Robert Katz, from his family who misses him every day
Jeanine P. Plottel and Roland Plottel in loving memory of Lea and Maurice Parisier and Frances and Charles Plottel
Nancy B. Rubinger in loving memory of Jessie C. Brilliant and Susan Ellen Rubinger
Edith R. Scheurer in loving memory of my husband, Edwin Charles Scheurer, Norma and Lewis Raabin, and Harry Scheurer

For the Sabbath of September 22 and 23
Lovingly dedicated by Bonnie Bycoff in honor of the upcoming marriage of Jenna Foley and Doug Bycoff

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For Yom Kippur and the Sabbath of September 29 and 30
Carol, Ellie and Laura Grossman in loving memory of Charles Grossman
Mr. Bruce Holman in loving memory of Mildred and Morris Holman
Ellen M. Iseman and Alex O’Neill in loving memory of Trevor Rosalind Jacobs in loving memory of her husband, Melvin Jacobs
Joan A. Meyer in loving memory of Harold C. Meyer Jr., and Margaret and Alexander Arnstein
Eileen Milloy in loving memory of Ida Broz
Robert S. Lazar and Kathryn S. Pershan in loving memory of Nat Lazar and Gertrude and Leon Schaeffer
Jane G. Rittmaster in memory of my beloved mother, Hilda K. Goldstone
Patricia Weiss in memory of her dearest husband, Howard, and of their parents, Betty and Louis Menken and Cecelia and Samuel Weiss

For Sukkot (October 4 and 5)
Virginia and Benjamin Sadock in loving memory of Fred Alcott
With gratitude to Temple Emanu-El’s Women’s Auxiliary for their contribution towards the construction of our magnificent sukkah

For the Sabbath of October 6 and 7
In loving memory of Hyman Fisch
Alexandra Bloch Jeydel, Lawrence Jeydel and Daniel Bloch Jeydel in loving memory of Deborah and Robert Bloch and Maurice and Madeline Bloch

For the Sabbath of October 13 and 14
Ann and Robert Freedman in loving memory of Hilda Fertig
Robin M. Laden in loving memory of Alice Laden
Alexander Limpach in loving memory of his parents, Gilbert Limpach and Claudine Kissinger

For the Sabbath of October 20 and 21
Mrs. Sandy Pessin in loving memory of her mother, Edith R. Ploss
Myles and Barbara Wittenstein in loving memory of Barbara’s sister, Carol Weinberg Garcia

Temple Emanu-El is ready to support our congregants in their times of joy and sorrow. Let us know how we can help. Call the Temple Office at 212-744-1400.

ANNUAL DINNER
Exclusively for members of the Heritage Society
Friday, October 27

Membership in the Heritage Society is extended to all who advise us that a provision for the temple is included in their estate plan. If you have included a bequest or other form of legacy gift, please contact Robyn Cimbol by email (rcimbol@emanuelnyc.org) or phone (212-507-9524) so that we may include you in this distinguished group.

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 Cara Glickman at the Temple Office, 212-744-1400.
Shabbat Services
Friday Evening
Organ Recital at 5:45 PM
Service begins at 6:00 PM
• Fifth Avenue Sanctuary

Saturday Morning
Organ Recital at 10:15 AM
Service Begins at 10:30 AM
• Fifth Avenue Sanctuary

Broadcast of Services
All Sabbath and most holiday services are broadcast on our livestream channels:
• www.emanuelnyc.org/broadcast
• www.facebook.com/emanuelnyc

Daily Sunset Services
Sunday—Thursday at 5:30 PM
• Marvin and Elisabeth Cassel
Community House,
One East 65th Street

Weekly Torah Study
Our Sabbath morning group meets each Saturday, before our worship service, from 9:15 AM to 10:15 AM. Through engaging, thoughtful conversation and lively debate, we explore our most important sacred texts and discover the personalities, challenges and themes in the narratives that still affect our lives today. No previous knowledge is required; coffee and bagels are provided. All are welcome to attend. Sessions resume on September 9.

Join us on the Bimah
Temple members, would you like to be involved in Sabbath services by lighting the candles, reciting Kiddush or having an aliyah to the Torah? If so, please contact Jessica Ingram, our Director of Member Services, by email to jingram@emanuelnyc.org or by calling 212-507-9514.

For the hearing impaired
A hearing loop is installed in the Fifth Avenue Sanctuary and the Beth-El Chapel; switch aid to T-coil. Headsets or neck loops also are available.
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