



# TEMPLE EMANU-EL Bulletin

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

Saturday, April 30 8:15 a.m.  
**Revlon Run/Walk for Women**

**T**emple Emanu-El's Youth Groups encourage Temple members, their friends and family to join in the fight against breast cancer. Become part of the Temple Emanu-El team participating in the eighth annual Revlon 5K Run/Walk for Women, or sponsor the team with a donation. Team members will gather at the southeast corner of 42<sup>nd</sup> Street and Sixth Avenue prior to the start of the event. To register: Call (212) 379-3199 and request that a registration packet be mailed to you, or log on to [www.revlonrunwalk.com/ny/](http://www.revlonrunwalk.com/ny/) and click the "Register Now" link on the left side of the page. You can either print out a paper form or register online. **Be sure to provide Temple Emanu-El's team number—2289.** There is a \$25 registration fee for this event.

## FESTIVAL SERVICES

**CONCLUSION OF PASSOVER**  
**Friday evening, April 29**  
**Main Sanctuary**

Organ Recital—5 p.m.  
Festival Eve Service—5:15 p.m.  
WQXR Radio (96.3 FM) and Internet  
([www.wqxr.com](http://www.wqxr.com)) broadcasts—5:30 p.m.

**Saturday morning, April 30**  
**Women's Auxiliary Lounge**  
Torah Study—9:15 a.m.  
**Main Sanctuary**  
Memorial Service—10:30 a.m.  
Torah Portion—Exodus 14:30-15:21  
Readings—II Samuel 22:1-51  
**Sermon: Rabbi Amy B. Ehrlich**



### Record Number of Temple Members Attend Classes at Skirball Center

**T**his semester alone, 72 members of Temple Emanu-El have enrolled in at least one eight-week course at the Skirball Center for Adult Jewish Learning at Temple Emanu-El. This constitutes a full 25 percent of enrollment and makes the Skirball Center one of the programs most regularly attended by our Temple members.

"While the Skirball Center has touched thousands of Jewish New Yorkers in creative and unprecedented ways, the impact on our own Temple is equally profound," says Rabbi Leon A. Morris, Skirball Center director.

"I know that the quality of our congregation is immeasurably enhanced by an increase of our members engaging in Jewish study," adds Rabbi Posner. "For this, and for so much more, the Skirball Center is a precious jewel in the crown that is Emanu-El."

**On Friday, May 6, a special Sabbath Dinner will honor all the members of Temple Emanu-El who studied at the Skirball Center during the past year. For information, please call the Skirball Center office at (212) 507-9580.**

## PULPIT FLOWERS

**Pulpit flowers at the Conclusion of Passover and Sabbath worship services have been generously donated by our congregant:**

Elisabeth Cassell  
in loving memory of her parents,  
*Berta Rosenblum Gruenfeld*  
and *Morris Gruenfeld*

## BAT MITZVAH

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

*Dana Elizabeth Gluck*, daughter of  
Dr. Sandra and Mr. Laurence Gluck

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

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Wednesday, May 4 6 p.m.  
**I Never Saw Another Butterfly**



In honor of Holocaust Remembrance Day (Yom HaShoah), members of the Temple Emanu-El Youth Groups, directed by Rabbi Nadia Gold, will perform a staged reading of *I Never Saw Another Butterfly* by Celeste Raspanti. The performance will begin after the regular evening service at 5:30 p.m., which is held in Greenwald Hall. This event is free and open to the public.

Friday, May 6 6:15 p.m.  
**Young Families: Tot Shabbat**

Families of preschoolers are invited to join us for our Israel Independence Day celebration. We start with a worship service geared especially for our youngest Temple members. Dinner and an art project follow. RSVP to (212) 744-1400, ext. 242 and follow the prompts.

Friday, May 6 6:15 p.m.  
**Junior Congregation**

Temple families are invited to join our rabbinic intern, Howard Goldsmith, for a participatory Sabbath service where they can worship in a relaxed atmosphere with

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Our service is available in the Temple, home, or our Chapel.

youth-friendly prayers and music. This service is appropriate for children in first grade through sixth grade, accompanied by their families. Dress is casual. Enter at the Marvin and Elisabeth Cassell Community House, One East 65<sup>th</sup> Street. RSVP to (212) 744-1400, ext. 501.

Tuesday, May 10 8:30 a.m.  
**Men's Club: Reading Group**

We will discuss *A Tale of Love and Darkness* by Amos Oz. Call (212) 744-1400, ext. 250 for more information.

Saturday, May 14 7 p.m.  
**Emanu-El League: Extreme Bowling**

We will meet at Chelsea Piers, 23<sup>rd</sup> Street and the Hudson River. E-mail [tesevents@aol.com](mailto:tesevents@aol.com) for details. The Emanu-El League is for Jewish singles in their late 20s through early 40s.

Sunday, May 15 8 a.m.  
**Youth Groups: Great Adventure**

Youth Group members in grades 7 through 12 are invited to join us for the annual end-of-the-year trip to Six Flags Great Adventure. We will meet at Temple Emanu-El, One East 65<sup>th</sup> Street, and return to the Temple by 6 p.m. The cost is \$40 per person; make your check payable to Temple Emanu-El and submit it by Monday, May 9. Questions? Call (212) 744-1400, ext. 244.

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.

# THE MORGENTHAUS: A LEGACY OF SERVICE (PART 3)

By Bettijane Eisenpreis

**O**n April 2, 1995, Temple Emanu-El commemorated its 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary with a historic pilgrimage to each of the sites where the congregation had worshiped, culminating in a prayer service in our Fifth Avenue Sanctuary. One of the co-chairs of the event was Manhattan District Attorney Robert Morgenthau, who spoke at the site of the congregation's first home at the corner of Grand and Clinton Streets.

District Attorney Morgenthau has strong ties to the congregation, both personally and historically. For 27 years he served as a member of the board of trustees, stepping down voluntarily in June 2004. "I could have served another term," he says, "but I thought it was time to make room for somebody else."

"His voice was always the voice of wisdom," adds Dr. Ronald B. Sobel, Senior Rabbi Emeritus. "In an incredibly overwhelmingly busy public career, he was always able to make time for us."

Rabbi Sobel and Mr. Morgenthau have been fast friends for many years. The district attorney points with pride to a photograph: "Those are all my children, gathered together for the naming of my daughter Amy. Rabbi Sobel performed the ceremony."

Morgenthau is the father of seven children: five with his first wife, Martha Patridge, who died in 1972, and two with his second wife, writer Lucinda Franks.

"My children always try to come for the High Holy Days," the district attorney says. "I sit in my grandmother's pew."

Family lore has it that Mr. Morgenthau's grandfather bought a seat for his wife up front

and one for himself farther back. "She liked to listen to the music, but he didn't," Mr. Morgenthau says. "So, I think I am in my grandmother's seat." When his children attend, however, they occupy the entire pew—and then some.

Another strong link between the Morgenthaus and Temple Emanu-El comes through the Lehman family. District Attorney Morgenthau's mother, Elinor Fatman Morgenthau, was the daughter of Lisette (Settie) Lehman Fatman and the granddaughter of Mayer and Babette Lehman. Her uncle was Judge Irving Lehman, whose vast collection of Judaica forms a major part of the permanent exhibition of the Herbert and Eileen Bernard Museum. Another uncle, Governor Herbert Lehman, was a lifetime member and strong supporter of the congregation.

Several of the stained-glass windows in Temple Emanu-El's Main Sanctuary were donated by the Lehman family. "The rose window over the Fifth Avenue entrance was given by my grandmother and her siblings in memory of Mayer and Babette Lehman," Mr.

Morgenthau says. "There is also a window donated by my grandmother and her husband (Morris Fatman) and another from her sister (Hattie Lehman Goodhart) and her husband (Phillip J. Goodhart)."

"My great-grandfather was Aaron Fatman," the district attorney continues. "He was a



**DISTRICT ATTORNEY MORGENTHAU AT THE TEMPLE'S 150<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION. SENIOR RABBI EMERITUS SOBEL LOOKS ON.**

Photo courtesy of Alice R. Steinberg.

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## EMANU-EL FAMILIES (CONTINUED)

member either of Emanu-El or Beth-El. His brother, Joseph Fatman, was the first treasurer of Mount Sinai, which was then called the Jews' Hospital of the City of New York. My grandmother was a trustee under the name S.L. Fatman, because they didn't want people to know a woman was a trustee."

### CONTINUING THE LEGACY

Beyond his role as district attorney and his dedicated service to Temple Emanu-El, Mr. Morgenthau has served as a member of the National Commission of the Anti-Defamation League, chairman of the Lawyers Committee of the Israel Bond Organization and a life trustee of the Federation of Jewish Philanthropies. He also is a passionate advocate of the Museum of Jewish Heritage—A Living Memorial to the Holocaust in lower Manhattan and was the driving force behind its estab-

lishment. He continues to serve as chairman of its board, and the new wing completed in 2003 is named for him.

On Dec. 6, 2004, in connection with the exhibit *Ours to Fight For: American Jews in the Second World War*, the museum sponsored a program honoring Jewish veterans of World War II. Dr. Henry Kissinger was guest speaker.

"I got the idea from the fact that in December 1943 there was a ceremony at Temple Emanu-El honoring Jews from the New York metropolitan area who were in the armed services," Mr. Morgenthau says. A photo of many of those Jewish GIs on the bimah of Emanu-El was used as an invitation to the event.

Mr. Morgenthau also has arranged for the Annual Gathering of Remembrance, co-sponsored by the Museum of Jewish Heritage and WAGRO, which is held at Temple Emanu-El.

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