We’ve all been admonished that, “If it sounds too good to be true, it probably isn’t.” I want to tell you about a special type of contribution you can make to Congregation Emanu-El that sounds too good to be true but really is true: Charitable Gift Annuities (CGAs).

This donation allows you to make a gift to Congregation Emanu-El while also:

- Making fixed-income payments quarterly to you (and your spouse, should you wish) for life at attractive rates
- Providing future tax savings because a portion of the income you receive will be treated as a tax-free return of your own principal
- Offering you an immediate tax deduction because a portion of the asset you transfer is considered a charitable contribution
- Minimizing your liability for capital gains tax if you contribute appreciated securities
- Qualifying you for membership in the temple’s exclusive Heritage Society

What is a Charitable Gift Annuity?
A CGA is a simple, straightforward contract under which Temple Emanu-El, in exchange for a transfer of cash or marketable securities, agrees to pay you a guaranteed fixed income for life. Upon the death of the income recipient, Emanu-El receives the remainder (generally projected to be 50 percent of the original annuity amount). Both you and Emanu-El benefit!

Is it complicated?
A CGA contract is easy to understand, obligating Congregation Emanu-El to pay you a fixed annual income for life. The rate of income depends on your age at the time of your gift. The income is predictable, consistent and not dependent on investment performance. Unlike a private foundation or a charitable trust, which require extensive legal counsel, a CGA is not exclusively for the wealthy.

Who can create a CGA, and how much must be given?
Emanu-El makes CGAs available to all members and spouses starting at age 70. The minimum amount required is $10,000 for a single-income beneficiary and $18,000 for two beneficiaries. The combination of the tax savings and guaranteed future income make this an affordable option for those who are philanthropically minded.
How is the rate of life income determined?
Emanu-El, along with most charities issuing CGAs, follows the gift annuity rates recommended by the American Council on Gift Annuities (ACGA). The Council considers investment return projections and actuarial data. Of course, the older you are at the time of establishing a CGA, the higher your income. As a portion of the gift will be for charitable purposes, a CGA pays a lower rate of return than commercial annuities.

Who can benefit from a CGA?
Every individual, subject to age criteria, can benefit from a CGA. CGAs are attractive especially for our members seeking the security and predictability of fixed payments. For many, a CGA can increase cash flow as the income generally is considerably higher than what bonds, CDs and other fixed returns offer. Also, because of the tax benefits, CGAs are especially useful for those who own appreciated securities and have considered selling shares to reinvest for added income but are reluctant to do so because of the capital gains tax implications. Income from a CGA is not dependent on interest rates, and your income is guaranteed for life.

How much income can I expect?
The rate of income, paid in quarterly installments, depends on the number of income recipients and ages. For example, a 70-year-old donor could receive an annual income of 5.1 percent; an 80-year-old donor could receive 6.8 percent; and a 90-year-old donor could receive 9 percent. Also available are two life CGAs that continue to provide income payments through the survivor’s lifetime. If the CGA is to provide income for two lives, then the income depends on the specific ages and is slightly lower. For example, a husband and wife, both 70 years old, could receive 4.6 percent, while two 80-year-old annuitants could receive 5.7 percent.

Are you sure it is legal for Emanu-El to pay me to make a contribution?
CGAs, along with charitable remainder trusts, belong to a special classification of contributions known as planned gifts, life-income gifts or deferred gifts. The temple’s receipt of the donation is deferred during the annuitant’s lifetime. Upon the death of the income beneficiaries, the gift to the temple is completed.

Interested? Want to learn more?
Please contact me by telephone (212-507-9524) or by email (rcimbol@emanuelnyc.org) for a confidential conversation about how a CGA might work for you. I have worked with several Emanu-El congregants to establish CGAs, and I would love to help you augment your current income while making a contribution that will benefit Temple Emanu-El in the future.

You are strongly urged to consult with your personal professional advisors (attorneys, accountants and financial planners) as to whether a charitable gift annuity is appropriate for your circumstances.
Worship Calendar

VETERANS SHABBAT
Friday, November 10 | 6:00 PM | Fifth Avenue Sanctuary
Members of our congregation who have served in the military are invited to be part of a special blessing on the bimah in honor of Veterans Day. Our special guest this year will be Gen. Norton A. Schwartz (Ret.), who served as the 19th Chief of Staff of the U.S. Air Force from 2008 until his retirement in 2012 and military adviser to President Barack Obama. General Schwartz graduated from the U.S. Air Force Academy in 1973 and is an alumnus of the National War College. A command pilot with more than 4,400 flying hours, General Schwartz participated as a crewmember in the 1975 airlift evacuation of Saigon, in 1991 as Chief of Staff of the Joint Special Operations Task Force for Northern Iraq in operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm, and in 1997 as the head of a Joint Task Force that prepared for the noncombatant evacuation of U.S. citizens in Cambodia.

CONGREGATIONAL THANKSGIVING SERVICE
Wednesday, November 22 | 5:30 PM | Greenwald Hall
Our congregational worship for Thanksgiving will be held the night before as part of our Sunset Service, which is led by the Reader’s Panel under the auspices of the Men’s Club. Enter at the Marvin and Elisabeth Cassell Community House, One East 65th Street.

For other Thanksgiving activities at Emanu-El, see page 15.

HUMAN RIGHTS SHABBAT
Friday, December 1 | 6:00 PM | Fifth Avenue Sanctuary
Each year around Chanukah, congregations around the country select one Sabbath to specifically celebrate their commitment to human rights. This year, Temple Emanu-El is pleased to welcome Knesset Member Stav Shaffir. Elected at the age of 27, MK Shaffir is the youngest female member of the Knesset in Israel’s history and is a forthright advocate on the issues of housing, social services, equality and democracy.

CHANUKAH 5778
First candle is lit Tuesday, December 12; eighth candle is lit Tuesday, December 19.
Join us each night of the holiday at 5:30 PM in Greenwald Hall to light the Chanukah menorah. The daily service is led by members of our Readers Panel. Also, head to emanuelnyc.org/chanukah@home for festive stories, the Chanukah blessings, songs, recipes and activities that may be used to celebrate at home.

VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION SHABBAT
Friday, December 15 | 6:00 PM | Fifth Avenue Sanctuary
On the fourth night of Chanukah, we will light the candles during Sabbath services and celebrate temple members of all ages who have served our community. All who have volunteered in any capacity—whether it is making and delivering meals to those in need or serving as an usher or reader—are encouraged to join us for a special blessing on the bimah and the festive Oneg Shabbat that follows.

For additional Chanukah activities, see pages 4, 5, 7, and 20.
RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

Family Dinner and Shabbat Kodesh Service
Friday, November 3 | Dinner at 6:00 PM, One East 65th Street | Worship Service at 7:00 PM, Beth-El Chapel
At Shabbat Kodesh, we sing Hebrew prayers with lively melodies and experience the weekly Torah reading through interpretation and storytelling. The service is preceded by a family dinner at 6:00 PM, for which a reservation is required. A delicious dessert Oneg Shabbat follows. The charge for dinner is $55 per family (up to two adults, any number of children) for reservations made by October 30, $75 after October 30. Teens (eighth-12th graders), if unaccompanied by an adult: $15 each. Additional adults: $20 each. Make your dinner reservation at emanuelnyc.org/familydinner.

Note: Students who attend the trip to the Jewish Museum on Sunday and also attend Religious School on Monday, December 4 can earn Religious School with Honors points.

Family Tribes Day
Sunday, December 3 | 11:00 AM to 12:00 PM | 10 East 66th Street
Parents with children in grades three through five who attend Religious School on Sunday are invited to learn all about our Tribes program. First, learn the basics with Saul Kaiserman and Religious School teacher Megan Sass. Then, join your children in their Tribe to experience the program first hand.

Fifth Grade Family Program: One God With Many Names
Sunday, December 10 | 9:30 AM | 10 East 66th Street
Monday, December 11 | 4:00 PM | 10 East 66th Street
Judaism teaches that all humanity has a common origin and a shared destiny. Yet, each of us has a unique and personal relationship with the Divine. Together we will explore how the names by which we call our God can reflect our beliefs and shape our community. All fifth-grade families are encouraged to attend. Note: Parent-Teacher Curriculum Meetings will be included as part of this program. RSVP to emanuelnyc.org/ManyNames.

Fifth Grade Family Program: The Jewish Museum
Sunday, December 3 | 9:30 AM to 12:00 PM | Departure from 10 East 66th Street
Located on the Upper East Side, the Jewish Museum has a collection of 30,000 works of fine art, Judaica, antiquities, folk art and ceremonial objects, and it is a distinctive hub for art and Jewish culture. Because students are studying the Holocaust in class, we will participate in a program called “Remembering the Holocaust.” Students will discuss, interpret and establish connections between the events of World War II and works of art and artifacts related to the Holocaust. Participation is free, but registration is needed. Parents must complete our permission slip at emanuelnyc.org/rs-jewish-museum.
through 12th graders), if unaccompanied by an adult: $15 each. Additional adults and CAF members: $20 each. Make your dinner reservation at emanuelnyc.org/chanukahdinner.

**EARLY CHILDHOOD**

Young Families of Emanu-El is a vibrant group for parents and preschool-age children who enjoy monthly events throughout the year. Please join us at the following upcoming events!

- **Tot Shabbat** (for Preschool/Nursery School children)
  - Friday, November 10 | 4:30 PM to 6:00 PM
  - Friday, December 1 | 4:30 PM to 6:00 PM
  Jewish educator and early learning specialist Shira Kline partners with Rabbi Amy Ehrlich to make each Tot Shabbat “singing service” memorable.

- **Baby Shabbat** (for younger siblings of Nursery School students)
  - Friday, December 8 | 9:15 AM to 9:45 AM
  Come enjoy the company of other families as we anticipate Shabbat with music, blessings and a taste of challah.

- **Chanukah Celebration**
  - Sunday, December 17 | 9:30 AM to 11:00 AM
  Join us for food, treats, arts and crafts, and stories! Families are encouraged to bring a chanukiyah from home to participate in a community candle-lighting ceremony; candles will be provided.

**Nursery School Registration**

Applications for the 2018-2019 school year may be downloaded from the temple website in PDF format: emanuelnyc.org/ns-application. 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.**

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**Registration is open for our Winter/Spring programs:**

- **New Mothers Group**
  - (for children 3 months to 11 months)
  - Mondays, January 22 through May 21 (14 sessions)
  - 9:15 AM to 10:15 AM

- **Toddlers Group**
  - (for children 12 months to 21 months)
  - Mondays, January 22 through May 21 (14 sessions)
  - 10:45 AM to 12:00 PM

- **The Two Groups**
  - (for children 22 months to 27 months)
  - Wednesdays & Fridays, January 24 through May 25 (14 sessions) | 9:15 AM to 10:45 AM

- **Big Kids Bop**
  - (for children 18 months to 2.5 years)
  - Tuesdays, January 23 through May 22 (14 sessions)
  - 10:00 AM to 10:45 AM

- **Baby Bop**
  - (for children 6 months up to 20 months)
  - Tuesdays, January 23 through May 22 (14 sessions)
  - 11:00 AM to 11:45 AM

* No class on February 19, March 19, March 26, April 2
** No class the week of February 21, March 21 through April 6
*** No class on February 20, March 20, March 27, April 3

Learn more at www.emanuelnyc.org/parenting.
COMMUNITY

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 register for events, log on to emanuelnyc.org/mc-cal. To become a Men’s Club member, log on to emanuelnyc.org/mensclub.

Collaborating with Elie Wiesel: 40 Years of Friendship and Art
Sunday, November 5 | 10:00 AM | One East 65th Street
For 40 years, Mark Podwal illustrated Elie Wiesel’s books and New York Times Op-Ed articles. He designed the Congressional Gold Medal presented to Wiesel by President Ronald Reagan and logos for Wiesel’s foundation conferences and projects. Podwal traveled the world with Wiesel. He was in Oslo when Wiesel was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize, in Auschwitz and Buchenwald for the filming of a documentary on Wiesel, and in Prague where Wiesel spoke at the opening of Podwal’s exhibition at the Jewish Museum. With slides and anecdotes, often humorous, Podwal recounts his unique relationship with Wiesel, “a messenger to mankind,” in the words of the Nobel Prize Committee. A 374-page monograph, REIMAGINED: 45 Years of Jewish Art, by Podwal with a forward by Wiesel, will be available for purchase and signing. Library Journal called the book “a wonder to behold, especially for lovers of art, books, and Judaica.” This event is open to all members of the congregation and their friends. The charge is $30 for Men’s Club and Women’s Auxiliary members, $35 for all other temple members and guests. Brunch will be served. Paid reservations are requested by November 1.

The Current State of Anti-Semitism in Germany Today
Sunday, December 17 | 10:00 AM | One East 65th Street
Our guest this month is Debbie Elbin, who will show footage from and discuss her documentary [STOL*PERN] = to TRIP; to STUMBLE; to FLOUNDER, about anti-Semitism in Germany today. Born to parents originally from Berlin, Elbin grew up in post-war Holland, where she says, “My hatred of all things German became even further ingrained in me.” Over time, she wondered if her hatred was so deep-rooted that it couldn’t possibly be reserved and also if the German hatred of all things Jewish was just as ingrained. This event is open to all members of the congregation and their friends. The charge is $30 for Men’s Club and Women’s Auxiliary members, $35 for all other temple members and guests. Brunch will be served. Paid reservations are requested by December 13.

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.

From Orthodoxy to Reform Judaism: A Rabbi’s Journey
Tuesday, November 14 | 11:00 AM | One East 65th Street
Rabbi Ben Spratt was ordained in 2008 at the Jewish Theological Seminary of the Conservative Movement but now serves as the associate rabbi of Congregation Rodeph Sholom in Manhattan (a Reform synagogue) and is the rabbi-in-residence of Rodeph Sholom School. In 2009, he helped found Shireinu, an inclusion initiative for Jewish families with special needs, which now serves as a model for synagogues and churches around the country. In 2014, in partnership with Rabbi Josh Stanton of Congregation B’nai Jeshurun, Rabbi Spratt co-founded Tribe, a joint initiative to engage Jewish Millennials through grassroots leadership and a community of empowerment. And, in 2015, he partnered with Cantor Shayna De Lowe to reimagine the future of a large legacy congregation and planted the seeds of Minyan, a small-group approach to Jewish community intended to make each person feel needed and necessary. Join us as Rabbi Spratt discusses his spiritual travels through the worlds of Orthodoxy, Reconstructionism and Reform Judaism.
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 register for events, log on to emanuelnyc.org/wa-cal. To become a Women’s Auxiliary member, log on to emanuelnyc.org/womaux.

The Girl in the Green Sweater: A Life in Holocaust’s Shadow
Tuesday, November 7 | 12:00 PM | One East 65th Street
Meet Dr. Kristine Keren (born Krystyna Chiger), a courageous survivor and woman of valor who will share her riveting story of survival along with co-author Daniel Paisner. In 1941, the German Army occupied Lvov, Poland, and the Chigers were forced to leave their home and move into the Lvov Ghetto. In 1943, when the Germans began liquidating the Ghetto, Krystyna’s father arranged for the family to hide in the sewer below the ghetto, and for the last 14 months of the war, they aided by three Polish sewer workers who brought them food, medicine and supplies. The charge for this event is $20 for Women’s Auxiliary and Men’s Club members, $30 for all other temple members and guests. Lunch will be served. Paid reservations are requested by November 1.

Enchantment at Van Cleef & Arpels
Tuesday, December 5 | 10:30 AM | 744 Fifth Avenue, Second Floor (between 56th and 57th streets)
Join us for a special presentation of High Jewelry creations by this legendary designer. For nearly 125 years, Van Cleef & Arpels has remained faithful to its highly distinctive style, characterized by poetry, refinement, creativity and artistic sensibility. Lunch will follow at Loi Estitorario, which offers traditional Greek Mediterranean cuisine and other classics in refined preparations. The charge for this event is $50 for Women’s Auxiliary and Men’s Club members, $60 for all other temple members and guests. Paid reservations are requested by November 28.

Bereavement Group: You’re Not Alone
If you have lost a spouse/partner, then come share your feelings, thoughts and experiences with others in an atmosphere of safety and trust. Dr. Juliet Cooper and Rabbi Amy Ehrlich will help you navigate the stresses that arise during this difficult period. The power of connection is essential to the healing process!

Wednesdays, 6:00 PM to 7:30 PM in the Library
November 8, 15 and December 6, 13, 20
RSVP: 212-507-9603 or emanuelcares@emanuelnyc.org

Now in its fourth season, “Community as Family” is a group for temple members age 48 and forward who are without adult children. We meet monthly to create stronger ties within the Emanu-El family and the greater community, as well as to discover ways to become more informed self-advocates on a variety of topics, including finance, health, housing and home care. Light refreshments are served, and there are no commercial endorsements. Our next meeting is Monday, November 20 from 6:00 PM to 7:30 PM. This program is for temple members only.

In December, we have been invited to join Religious School families on Monday, December 18 for a Chanukah celebration. The worship service will be held at 5:00 PM in the Fifth Avenue Sanctuary; dinner will follow at 6:00 PM. The charge for dinner is $20 per person. Paid reservations must be received before the event: emanuelnyc.org/chanukahdinner.
The Herbert & Eileen Bernard Museum of Judaica at Temple Emanu-El currently has five objects on loan to the Leo Baeck Institute for their fall exhibition, Becoming “German Jews” in America, which chronicles the journey and rise of German Jews in the U.S. from the 1850s through 1917. Emanu-El and some of its early members and clergy are featured prominently in the exhibition. The exhibition will be on view through December 22. See lbi.org for hours.

Above: Portraits of Rabbi Samuel Adler and his wife, Henrietta, ca. 1860
Adler was the second rabbi of Emanu-El, from 1857-1891.

Young Artists Concert Series
Temple Emanu-El is proud to welcome winners of the Stecher & Horowitz Foundation’s New York International Piano Competition. Recognized early by renowned piano masters and nurtured through mentorship and rigorous training, these extraordinary musicians will perform live in the 14th annual recital series at Temple Emanu-El. All programs start at 3:00 PM. Enter at One East 65th Street. Admission is free.

Sunday, December 17:
Jennifer Nicole Campbell

Sunday, January 14:
Jun Hwi Cho

Of Blessed Memory...
Congregation Emanu-El of the City of New York mourns the passing of our beloved Hadassa Mushinsky, who for 28 years shepherded our daily service and welcomed our guests from around the world. We will miss her deeply, though her indomitable and loving spirit will forever live in this synagogue she so cherished. We offer this loving tribute by our member Rita Sherman.

— Rabbi Joshua M. Davidson

Hadassa’s was the face of Emanu-El for all who walked through our doors. She led tours of the building for guests from around the world with a gracious smile and manner. She also shepherded our Daily Sunset Service, ensuring that there was a service every evening. While the schedule of readers was prepared by the chairman of the Men’s Club Readers Panel, it was Hadassa who coaxed, cajoled and begged members of the panel to read when she needed a substitute. Every day, like clockwork, she called at 10 in the morning to remind the reader of the evening, even when, in recent years—and often unbeknownst to the reader—she called from her bed during a hospital stay.

And, when there was no one else to lead the service, Hadassa did. She knew The Union Prayer Book inside and out, enunciating every word as the radio actress she once was. She appreciated how important the daily service is, particularly for those in mourning. Night after night, she was there for those whose lives were overturned by sorrow and loss, bringing consolation through her constancy and grace.

She was predeceased by the love of her life, Bernie, whom she met across the dinner table in a Catskills borscht belt hotel; and is survived by her beloved daughters, Nina and Tanya.

During Hadassa’s last days, there were glorious flowers at the window. On her bed stand were her cell phone to stay in touch and a copy of the prayer book. May she rest in peace.

—Rita Sherman, 19 October 2017

A memorial service for Hadassa will be held at the end of sheloshim (the traditional 30-day mourning period) on Monday, November 20 at 5:30 PM during our Sunset Service in Greenwald Hall. Hadassa’s daughters will attend. Please join us to honor her memory.
THE PEOPLE VS
THE CHARGE: CRIMES AGAINST HUMANITY

Sunday, November 19 | 10:30 AM
Free for Temple Emanu-El members

ABRAHAM. MOSES. KING DAVID.

What do they have in common—beyond divine covenants and leadership roles of biblical proportions? Each has been tried in the Temple Emanu-El Streicker Center courtroom. Now, a woman is about to get her day in court...5,778 years in the making...

You are subpoenaed to serve on the jury as Eve stands trial for crimes against humanity. After all, she ate explicitly forbidden fruit, coerced Adam to do the same and got them both (and everyone else to come) expelled from the Garden of Eden.

Our proceedings will begin with a review of the facts of the case by Rabbi Prof. Tamara Cohen Eskenazi, PhD. You will then enter the “courtroom,” where Alan Dershowitiz and former US Senator and Attorney General of New Hampshire Kelly Ayotte will serve, respectively, as defense counsel and prosecutor. Presiding over the trial will be the Honorable United States District Judge Ronnie Abrams, who will instruct you, the jury, on what you may and may not consider before you vote guilty or not guilty on the most primal crime against humanity.
AN EVENING WITH
HILLARY RODHAM CLINTON

FRANCE'S LEADING PUBLIC INTELLECTUAL SPEAKS ABOUT WHY WE ALL SHOULD BE PROUD TO BE JEWISH.

BERNARD-HENRI LÉVY

THE ACCLAIMED AUTHOR TALKS WITH GERALDINE BROOKS ABOUT HIS NEW NOVEL, THE GOLDEN HOUSE, A MISTERY SET IN MODERN AMERICA.

OY VIEW IZ MIR!

JOY BEHAR, GRETCHEN CARLSON, MAUREEN DOWD AND JILL KARAN SCHMOOZE ABOUT THE DAY'S HOTTEST TOPICS.

HUMAN RIGHTS SHABBAT

STAY SHAPIR, A KNESSET MEMBER, SPEAKS ABOUT SOCIAL JUSTICE IN ISRAEL DURING OUR FRIDAY NIGHT SERVICE.

LESSONS ON DATING, LUST AND LOVE

FORGET GLAMOUR OR CO. RABBI DAVID WOLFE OFFERS SOUNDER ADVICE ON DATING, LUST AND LOVE - FROM THE BIBLE.

KHIZR KHAN

THE GOLD STAR FATHER WHOSE POWERFUL SPEECH GRIPPED THE DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL CONVENTION SPEAKS ABOUT HIS LIFE AND PASSION FOR THE US CONSTITUTION.
THEIR AGONY, OUR CONSCIENCE
Leon Wiesel and Syrian refugees discuss the greatest humanitarian disaster of our time. What can we do? What must we do?

NOVEMBER 19
Charge: Crimes Against Humanity
After 5778 years, the first woman faces her day in court and you are summoned for jury duty.

DECEMBER 3
The People vs.
Celebrate the wedding of three Israeli couples while sending the rabbinate in Israel a message about the equality of all Jews. Our collective mazel tov will echo around the world!

DECEMBER 13
A Festival of Lights, Laughter and Music
Light the 2nd candle and celebrate Chanukah with the Bible Players, Six13 and The Maccabeats!

DECEMBER 25
A Magical Trip to (Jewish) Morocco
An extraordinary journey through Morocco’s fabled sights, smells and Jewish history.
You are cordially invited to attend

THREE WEDDINGS

AND A STATEMENT

Two people fall in love, decide to spend their lives together, find an officiant, stand under a Chuppah to take their vows — and then celebrate their joy.

Except in Israel, it's not that simple.

You are cordially invited to a very special Triple Wedding, a celebration not only of love and commitment but of the equality of all Jews.

In Temple Emanu-El's historic sanctuary, prominent rabbis representing Judaism's non-Orthodox movements will join in matrimony three Israeli couples who are deprived of the right to marry at home because they are either gay or not considered Jews according to Israel's chief rabbinate, or because they reject the rabbinate's rigid control over Jewish marriages and divorces. Join us to support them and the cause of religious freedom and equal rights in Israel. The roar of Mazel Tov will be heard around the world.

Special remarks by Anat Hoffman, Executive Director of the Israel Religious Action Center and Director and Founding Member of Women of the Wall.

OFFICIATING RABBIS
Rabbi Rachel Ain
Rabbi Angela Warrick Buchdahl
Rabbi Elliot Cosgrove
Rabbi Joshua M. Davidson
Rabbi Peter J. Rubinstein
Rabbi Noa Sattath

GETTING MARRIED
Knesset Member Ksenia Svetlova & Anatoly Aliev
Alona Livne & Ori Berwald
Elizabthh Komkov & Valentine Boldovskiy

Sunday, December 3 | 11:00 AM | Free

A PARTNERSHIP OF
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THE ISRAEL RELIGIOUS ACTION CENTER, PARK AVENUE
SYNAGOGUE AND SUTTON PLACE SYNAGOGUE

RSVP to: EmanuelStreickerNYC.org/Wedding
Mitzvah Day was started in 2005 to increase awareness and create a greater sense of community among Temple Emanu-El congregants while helping others. Temple members of all ages are invited to join us at 10:30 AM (sharp!) in I.M. Wise Hall, where we will have a light breakfast, congregational prayer, and a variety of hands-on projects. Enter at One East 65th Street.

MITZVAH DAY PROJECTS

More than 25 projects* have been organized for this year’s Mitzvah Day. Following is a partial list of activities in which you can choose to participate:

**Bagel and Bingo Brunch** — Serve brunch to seniors from the Carter Burden Center for the Aging and lead them in a rousing game of Bingo!

**Chemo Angels** — Assemble comfort totes for women undergoing chemotherapy at the Evelyn H. Lauder Breast Center at Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center.

**Festival of Lights** — Package Chanukah goodies for Holocaust survivors. *(Partner Organization: Selfhelp)*

**Happy Birthday Boxes** — Create birthday gift boxes for DOROT seniors, many of whom live alone and don’t have family to celebrate with them.

**Help Feed the Hungry** — Make sandwiches and prepare 200 meal bags for families at Jan Hus Neighborhood House and The Bowery Mission.

**Milk and Cookies** — Bake fresh cookies and package with organic milk boxes for young children at the New York Center for Children and New York Council on Adoptable Children.

**Mommy & Me** — Pack diaper bags filled with baby essentials for young moms, including blankets and hats made by our Temple Emanu-El Stitch’n Time knitters. *(Partner Organization: Project Sunshine)*

**Relaxation Kits** — Assemble packages of art supplies for children undergoing treatment at Children’s Hospital at Montefiore (CHAM) and boxes for their siblings to occupy them while their brother or sister receives treatment.

**Welcome Packages** — Assemble tote bags for young girls undergoing rapid-crisis intervention who have been removed from their homes on very short notice. *(Partner Organization: Foster Pride)*

*Log on to emanuelnyc.org/mitzvahday for additional projects. List may be subject to change.*
TORAH AT A GLANCE

The following are weekly readings for November and December 2017. Read synopses of the Torah portions at emanuelnyc.org/torahataglance. View our clergy preaching schedule at emanuelnyc.org/preaching.

**Vayeira** (Read Saturday, November 4)
Genesis 18:1-22:24

**Chayei Sarah** (Read Saturday, November 11)
Genesis 23:1-25:18

**Tol’dot** (Read Saturday, November 18)
Genesis 25:19-28:9

**Vayeitzei** (Read Saturday, November 25)
Genesis 28:10-32:3

**Vayishlach** (Read Saturday, December 2)
Genesis 32:4-36:43

**Vayeishev** (Read Saturday, December 9)
Genesis 37:1-40:23

**Mikeitz** (Read Saturday, December 16)
Genesis 41:1-44:17

**Vayigash** (Read Saturday, December 23)
Genesis 44:18-47:27

**Va-y’chi** (Read Saturday, December 30)
Genesis 47:28-50:26

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For questions about the following programs, call the Tikkun Olam Committee at 212-744-1400, ext. 452, or send an email to tikkunolam@emanuelnyc.org

LEGO DRIVE
Through Friday, November 10
We are collecting used LEGO bricks for redistribution to children in need. Bricks will be sorted by size at Mitzvah Day on Sunday, November 12. Donations may be dropped off at One East 65th Street or 10 East 66th Street.

WINTER COAT DRIVE
Through Friday, December 15
Gently used coats, jackets, hats, scarves and gloves will be donated to New York Cares for distribution. (No other clothing, please!) Donations may be dropped off at One East 65th Street or 10 East 66th Street. Your generosity is appreciated!

THANKSGIVING DINNER
Temple Emanu-El will serve Thanksgiving dinner at the temple (on the day before the holiday) to senior citizens and women and children from local homeless and domestic-violence shelters. Volunteers are needed from 2:00 PM to 6:15 PM on Wednesday, November 22 for setup, kitchen duty (including carving turkeys), greeting our guests, serving dinner and cleanup. Starting at 4:00 PM, teens and “tweens” are needed to chaperone and play with our youngest guests.

We also need people to make homemade baked goods (cookies, brownies, cupcakes, loaf cakes...no nuts or frosting, please!) that can be served at the dinner. This is a wonderful mitzvah that you can do at home. Baked goods should be dropped off (in disposable containers) to the One East 65th Street lobby on Tuesday, November 21 or by 2:00 PM on Wednesday, November 22.

TOY DRIVE
November 13 through December 15
We are collecting toys for children undergoing treatment for various illnesses at the Children’s Hospital at Montefiore (CHAM), the only hospital in the Bronx dedicated exclusively to meeting the health-care needs of children. Items purchased will be used in playrooms, at bedsides, and for special occasions or accomplishments. CHAM can use multiples of all items on their Wish List; items on this list have been selected specifically for the hospital based on the needs of its units. For infection-control purposes and safety, all donations must be new and in original packaging. (Sorry, no stuffed animals!)

Items purchased online may be sent directly to Temple Emanu-El, One East 65th Street, New York, NY 10065, Attn: Mitzvah Room/Toy Drive. Unwrapped toys also may be dropped off at either the 65th Street or 66th Street lobby.

Following is a partial list of items on CHAM’s Wish List. See the full list at http://amzn.to/2xD8Yw5.

- Baby Einstein Sea Dreams Soother
- Hot Wheels CDJ34 City Speedway Track Set
- Hot Wheels Exclusive Decoration Gift Pack 9 Piece
- V Tech Baby Lil Critters Moosical Beads
- Lego Duplo My First Farm 10617 Learning Toy
- Sorry, Candy Land, Trouble
- Lego Classic Creative Bricks 10692 Building Blocks Learning Toy
- Play Doh Super Color 20 Pack 60oz
- V Tech Turn and Learn Driver
- Playschool Favorites Busy Poppin Pals Magnetic Stick and Stack Shapes Mags Junior Set 32 Pieces
- Fun Express Large Assortment Dinosaurs Toy Figures
- Art Skills Sand Art 6 Count 3851-119
- Doinkit Darts Magnetic Dart Board
- Kidoozie Little Truffles
Empowering Prayer through Religious Service

By Saul Kaiserman, Director of Lifelong Learning

As Reform Jews, we cherish our autonomy while simultaneously valuing our link to the Jewish historical arc. This can generate tension, especially around worship. Prayer must be intensely personal, yet in communal worship we often use words passed on by tradition. In our Religious School at Temple Emanu-El, Tefilah comprises as much as 25 percent of school time. Students learn both the skills to pray as part of a Jewish community as well as engage in a rich dialogue that helps them to find personal meaning in the words they say. The experience is transforming how our students see themselves, as they become equipped to grapple with their personal relationships with the Divine amidst a congregation of diverse individuals.

Our youngest students learn to associate the melodies with the Hebrew texts even before they can read the letters. As they grow, they learn short prayers with catchy melodies that repeat the words and longer prayers line by line. From grades three to five, the melodies used for each prayer are mostly consistent, enabling students to develop a sense of routine and familiarity. Prayers are kept in a loose-leaf siddur that grows with them as their Tefilah repertoire increases.

As students learn the prayers, they explore questions designed to help them think deeply about the words they are saying, such as: “What’s so great about having one God?” or “If we’ve been praying for peace for so many years, why is there still war?” Students initially grapple with these questions in chevruta before discussing it in a larger group. After anywhere from a few weeks to several months unpacking the different ideas contained within a prayer, they work in the school’s art room to create an original design for the page in their prayer books. The Hebrew text gets surrounded by their own images,
words and symbols, so that every time they look at the page, they will have personal reminders of what the words mean to them.

As our students approach adolescence and the responsibilities associated with becoming b’nei mitzvah, they are charged to lead prayer services that they find personally meaningful. In the first half of the year they participate in the Emanu-El Daily Sunset Service using *The Union Prayer Book*, read Jewish and Israeli poetry aloud in English, and engage in silent meditative reflection with no prayer book at all. They learn to compare those moments of prayer with other prayer services they have attended and to take note of which aesthetic choices resonate with them. By answering questions like, “What did and didn’t work for you in this service?” the students learn to articulate for themselves which elements of a service most enable them to have an inspirational and uplifting prayer experience, as they learn to recognize and appreciate many different styles of worship.

In the second half of the year, our students work in small groups to plan a worship service for their peers. Students make use of all the skills learned in previous years, as well as their own talents and creativity. They have the latitude to introduce music and art, choose the venue (in one of our sanctuaries or on the roof) and the pose (seated in pews, on chairs or on the floor), and more as they work together to make the service engaging and meaningful. At the same time, they come to understand that they sometimes may need to compromise their own personal and aesthetic preferences to participate as part of a community. Ultimately, parents are invited and rarely miss the opportunity to sit with pride, watching their children lead their peers in prayer.

In the 10 years since we pioneered this model at Temple Emanu-El, 10 other congregations have adapted the curriculum to their settings. Each school varies the specific methods they employ to suit their needs, for example, by joining together multiple grades in a cyclical rather than sequential curriculum. What all of us have in common is an approach that prioritizes close examination of the words of the Hebrew text and robust discussion of the students’ interpretations of those words. We gradually are building a network of synagogues engaging as a community of practice, with a Facebook group, a wiki, and a biannual face-to-face day of sharing and collaboration. A video describing the program can be found at www.emanuelnyc.org/tefilah.

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

**November 4**
David Kritzer, son of Michelle and Marc Kritzer

**November 11**
Maximilian Meyer, son of Elizabeth and Mark Meyer
Spencer Zeppieri, son of Laurie and Frank Zeppieri

**November 18**
Chloe R. Levine, daughter of Karen and Richard Levine
Erynn T. Goldstein, daughter of Michelle and Glenn Goldstein
Jacqueline Tehrany, daughter of Valerie and Armin Tehrany

**December 2**
Eli Shorrock, son of Lauren Zucker and David Shorrock

**December 9**
Sydney Rodin, daughter of Rachel and John Rodin
Jack Kane, son of Stefanie and Robert Kane
Ryan Katz, son of Erica and Ian Katz

**December 16**
Lilli Duberstein, daughter of Nancy and Gary Duberstein

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

**For the Sabbath of November 3 and 4**
Jim, Susan and Hannah Baumann in loving memory of Jay S. Baumann
Joel Boosin in loving memory of Rosalie Boosin
Judie and Howard Ganek in loving memory of their father, Reuben Goldstein

**For the Sabbath of November 10 and 11**
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
Kathy Rocklen and Linda Silberstein in loving memory of our father, Samuel Hellenbrand
Barbara Stoller Wittenstein in loving memory of her mother, Mildred Weinberg

**For the Sabbath of November 17 and 18**
Mary Louise Fleur in loving memory of her brother, Robert Thomas Schwartz

**For Thanksgiving (November 23)**
Peg Ogden in loving memory of her parents, Margaret S. and Stephen A. Ogden; her brother, Stephen A. Ogden Jr.; her grandmother, Tilda W. Stern; her aunt, Katherine S. Oppenheimer, and her friend Twig
Mr. Harold Prince in loving memory of his mother, Blanche Prince
For the Sabbath of November 24 and 25
The Maidman Family in loving memory of
Lea Maidman (10 Kislev)
Susan and David Rahm in loving memory of
Susan’s mother, Selma Wiener Berkman

For the Sabbath of December 1 and 2
The Harteveldt Family in loving memory of
Henry H. Harteveldt Jr., Lucile S. Harteveldt,
and Irvin Gomprecht
Emily Fisher Landau in loving memory of
my beloved sons, M. Anthony Fisher
and Richard L. Fisher

For the Sabbath of December 8 and 9
Karel, Frank, Danielle and Alix Greenberg in loving memory of
Lillian and Marvin Greenberg

For the Sabbath of December 15 and 16
Mrs. A. Coleman Poll in loving memory of
her parents, Mildred and Jacques G. Coleman,
and her grandmother, Sophie Brock

For the Sabbath of December 22 and 23
The Maidman Family in loving memory of
their patriarch, William Maidman (2 Tevet)
Barbara Slifka in loving memory of
her mother, Sylvia Slifka

For the Sabbath of December 29 and 30
Dr. Marilyn Schiller in loving memory of
my parents, Margaret and Harry Schiller
In commemoration of Vivian Schulte’s birthday

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MAIL – You may send your Annual Fund gift directly to the Office of Development and Philanthropy at Temple Emanu-El, One East 65th Street, New York, NY 10065. Download the form from the temple website (emanuelnyc.org/annualfund) and mail it with your contribution.

CALL – Robyn and Gila are happy to assist you to make a gift by credit card. We also may be able to suggest tax-advantaged ways to make your donation, including contributing appreciated securities.

TRANSFER APPRECIATED SECURITIES – Donating appreciated securities allows you to eliminate the capital gains tax on the increased value and enables the temple to benefit from the full amount when sold.

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THE MACCABEATS! SIX13!
A FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS & MUSIC

Wednesday, December 13 | 6:30 PM
$18 general admission | Free for Temple Emanu-El members

Save the second candle for us! We're celebrating night two of Chanukah in style with a major community-wide party. The evening's entertainment is an all-star Jewish a cappella lineup: Six13 and The Maccabeats, both known for creating entire bands out of human voices alone—and crazy-catchy tunes from Jewish history and humor. We'll also hold a meaningful Chanukah candle lighting and serve mouthwatering sufganiot.

MC’d by comedy duo The Bible Players.