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Last Spring, three Israeli couples walked down the aisles of our magnificent sanctuary and onto the *bimah*, where six New York rabbis waited to join them in wedlock. Unable to marry at home because of Orthodox control over marriage law there, the couples were greeted by 1,300 members of our community who gathered to celebrate their love — and demonstrate our support for marriage equality.

It was the type of moving moment that grounds us in what's important and reminds us of the power of community.

The Streicker Center creates such moments to connect us across the globe, to reinforce our values, satisfy our need to learn and testify to the power of our endurance.

The moment...

... when Peter Yarrow sang his Light One Candle at Friday Night services with our cantor and more than 1,800 people who came to celebrate Shabbat and Chanukah;

... when Ben Ferencz, the last Nuremberg trials prosecutor, showed us what it means to dedicate a life to *tzedek*, justice;

... when Presidents George W. Bush and Bill Clinton walked out onto our *bimah* for an historic conversation...

... when more than 4,000 of us burst out into laughter as Mel Brooks joked about the borscht belt and the Catskills;

... when Senator Joseph Lieberman and Alan Dershowitz debated our human responsibility — to one another and to God — in our fifth annual Biblical trial;

... when President Barack Obama quipped from our *bimah* about how many members of his staff grew up, or had relatives, in our synagogue;

... when our March of the Living adult delegation stood at Treblinka and recited the mourners' kaddish before flying to Tel Aviv to celebrate the vibrancy of modern Israel.

This semester, the Temple Emanu-El Streicker Center is honored to continue offering such moments that will allow you to experience the breadth and richness of our tradition, along with the joy of communal experiences.

So please join to...

... hear from the remarkable student survivors who inspired us all after the devastating shootings at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Florida, celebrate Israel's 71st birthday with the singer who offered the first ever rendition of Jerusalem of Gold; and welcome The Orchestra of St. Luke's for its 37th concert in our sanctuary;

... listen to authors, rabbis, politicians, therapists, filmmakers, restaurateurs, historians and ordinary Jews facing extraordinary dilemmas discuss everything from the state of our union and the state of our media to Israel, immigration, parenting, the Holocaust and the unexpected culinary possibilities of sesame seeds;

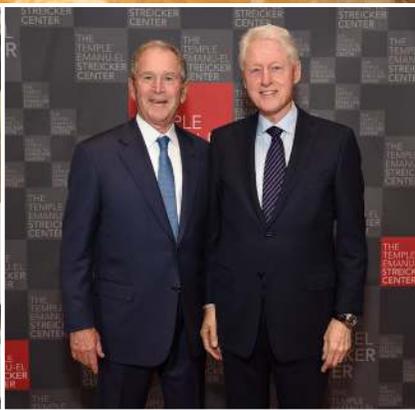
... watch compelling documentary films that testify to the power of our ingenuity in the face of brutality, tragedy, lies and love - and then meet the men and women who were the subjects of the films;

... study with Torah superstars Avivah Zornberg and Rabbi David Wolpe, explore Jewish Florence during the Renaissance, attend a unique procession of over 50 Torahs from across the Tri-State area and go on a special excursion to Israel including a visit to the ancient Jordanian city of Petra!

These moments connect us to Judaism — and to one another.

I invite you to share them with us.

Dr. Gady Levy  
Executive Director, The Temple Emanu-El Streicker Center



**This is Judaism.  
This is the Streicker Center.**

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Contact the membership office at **212-507-9514**  
or [membership@emanuelnyc.org](mailto:membership@emanuelnyc.org).

# Torah at a Glance

The following are weekly readings for January and February 2019.

Read synopses of the Torah portions at  
[www.emanuelnyc.org/torahataglance](http://www.emanuelnyc.org/torahataglance).

View our clergy preaching schedule at  
[www.emanuelnyc.org/preaching](http://www.emanuelnyc.org/preaching).

**Va-eira** (Read Saturday, January 5)  
Exodus 6:2 – 9:35

**Bo** (Read Saturday, January 12)  
Exodus 10:1 – 13:16

**B'Shalach** (Read Saturday, January 19)  
Exodus 13:17 – 17:16

**Yitro** (Read Saturday, January 26)  
Exodus 18:1 – 20:23

**Mishpatim** (Read Saturday, February 2)  
Exodus 21:1 – 24:18

**T'rumah** (Read Saturday, February 9)  
Exodus 25:1 – 27:19

**T'tzvaveh** (Read Saturday, February 16)  
Exodus 27:20 – 30:10

**Ki Tisa** (Read Saturday, February 23)  
Exodus 30:11 – 34:35

### WEEKLY TORAH STUDY

Torah study meets each Saturday from 9:15  
AM to 10:15 AM. All are welcome to attend.

Through engaging, thoughtful conversation and  
lively debate, we plumb the depths of our most  
important sacred text and discover themes in  
the narrative that still affect our lives today.

# Worship at Emanu-El



## **Tot Shabbat**

*January 12, 9:30 PM & February 8, 4:30 PM*

*One East 65th Street*

Tot Shabbat is geared specifically for 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. Please register in advance at [emanuelnyc.org/youngfamilies](http://emanuelnyc.org/youngfamilies).

## **Remembering Dr. King and Shabbat Shira Service**

*Friday, January 18 | 6:00 PM | Fifth Avenue Sanctuary*

We invite our entire community, including our young professionals, Religious School families and members new and old, to celebrate the life and legacy of the Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. through song and prayer on Shabbat Shira, the “Sabbath of Song.” Our guests will be the Reverend Dr. Calvin O. Butts III and the Abyssinian Baptist Church Choir. A special oneg Shabbat reception will follow.

*Sunday, January 20, 2019 | 11:30 AM*

*Abyssinian Baptist Church, 132 Odell Clark Place, New York, NY 10030*

On Sunday, temple members are encouraged to attend morning services at Abyssinian. Family and friends are welcome, too. The service will start at 11:30 AM. A courtesy shuttle bus will be provided for members who wish to attend, departing from 10 East 66th Street promptly at 10:30 AM and returning after the service. A light breakfast will be served before busing, starting at 9:30 AM. RSVP for busing: [abyssinian@emanuelnyc.org](mailto:abyssinian@emanuelnyc.org) or **212-507-9513**.

## **Shabbat Kodesh and Family Dinner**

*Friday, February 1 | Service: 6:00 PM, Dinner: 7:00 PM*

*Fifth Avenue Sanctuary*

This month, our lively Shabbat Kodesh family service will be held in the majestic Fifth Avenue Sanctuary. The service will feature joyful music led by soloist Hadar Orshalimy, and a three-piece band. The service, which is open to all, will be followed by a family dinner; registration for dinner is required at [www.shabbatkodesh.org](http://www.shabbatkodesh.org).

## **Baby Shabbat**

*Friday, February 1 | 9:15 AM*

*One East 65th Street*

Introduce your baby to the music and blessing of Shabbat and a taste of challah with Early Childhood Educator Hadar Orshalimy and Rabbi Amy Ehrlich. Proud grandparents are welcome to join us, too! There is no charge for this program, but please register in advance at [emanuelnyc.org/youngfamilies](http://emanuelnyc.org/youngfamilies).

# A Message from our President

I had the opportunity to address our congregation on Shabbat back in early November. If you remember, the occasion was bittersweet, as we were mourning the tragic hate-filled massacre of worshipers at the Tree of Life Synagogue and also celebrating the enduring legacy and commitment of our Men's Club as they marked their centennial anniversary. For me, there was a common thread to this service, as it underscored the compassionate and indefatigable character of our community.



In that sad week following the shooting, Emanu-El was in motion on several levels. Beyond our sanctuary walls, Rabbi Davidson stood shoulder to shoulder with Mayor DeBlasio and other interfaith partners—mourning this horrific loss in solidarity, speaking out against hate and violence, and speaking up for unity and peace. Our Philanthropic Committee moved quickly to mobilize the generosity of our members through the Philanthropic Fund, joining a national effort to assist the victims, families and our sister congregation. From within, our administration immediately reassessed and prioritized security upgrades, and our clergy and staff reached out to our members and talked with our students, helping congregants of all ages process this tragedy. And through all of this, our community groups—such as our Men's Club—remained steadfast in carrying on with the programs and traditions that are for us, so meaningful and comforting.

Through all this, I was reminded that ours is a vibrant Jewish community like no other. From worship services to Streicker Center events, from Nursery School to Skirball Academy's adult classes, the Emanu-El experience is broad, inclusive, and by any standard, second to none. Beyond this, however, when there are people in need of our voice and support, whether within our community or beyond, our members answer the call. When the mantle of our shared heritage, values, and traditions needs capable shoulders to raise it high and carry it forward, this congregation answers the call. Our passion is our strength, and it has always been founded upon the unwavering union and dedication of our members.

In 2020, Temple Emanu-El will celebrate its 175th Anniversary. This milestone will be a time for us to rejoice in all that we have

accomplished and established—from our humble origins of 33 German immigrants organizing services in 1845 on the Lower East Side, to our current campus, a flagship synagogue for Reform Judaism, with a growing membership currently standing at 2,300 families. This occasion also affords us an opportunity to look to the future, as we start to imagine what Congregation Emanu-El of the City of New York can be, working toward a shared vision. We understand that with growth comes change, and while that may seem somewhat daunting, I want to assure you that our congregants have, and always will, come first. This temple will never stray from its time-honored commitment to serve the needs of our members and provide programs and experiences that sustain the vigor of this compassionate community.

In the coming months, our clergy will welcome compelling speakers, noted leaders and scholars, and world-class musicians to our bimah for services; our Streicker Center has lined up another phenomenal season of talks, events and celebrations; our teen programs will soon take off for Jewish adventures in Georgia, Alabama, New Orleans and Guatemala; our Religious School begins its second semester, implementing its innovative and nationally-recognized curriculum; our Men's Club, Women's Auxiliary, Club 65, Young Members, and many others, will continue to offer culturally-relevant and engaging programs for this community. With all that is coming up, I hope you will join me, and hundreds of other congregants, in giving generously to the Annual Fund.

No congregation stands unified for as long as ours has, nor grows as ours has, nor offers what we do, without the unwavering support of its members. Donations to the temple through the Annual Fund have allowed temple clergy and staff to sustain esteemed traditions, perpetuate heritage-based programs, and pursue exciting ideas that underscore the temple's vision and improve the quality of the Emanu-El experience. Annual Fund gifts are more than bricks and mortar—although that is important, also – it is an affirmation of our collective commitment to advance and act upon the principles of Reform Judaism, and further strengthen the bonds of an already robust community.

Thank you and Shalom,

**Harris Diamond**  
*Temple President*

# Religious School



For more information about these events, contact the Religious School at **212-507-9546** or [school@emanuelnyc.org](mailto:school@emanuelnyc.org).

## 5th and 6th Grade Bar/Bat Mitzvah Retreat

*Sunday, January 13 | 12:30 to 3:00 PM | One East 65th Street*

Join with our clergy and lifelong learning team for our annual family gathering of study, worship and celebration for families on the journey of bar and bat mitzvah. You will leave feeling inspired, excited and prepared for the “big day” and beyond, as part of a community raising a new generation of responsible Jewish adults. All 5th- and 6th-grade families are encouraged to attend. Babysitting for younger siblings is available by request. An optional lunch will precede the session, beginning at noon. Attendance is FREE, but reservations are requested. RSVP to [emanuelnyc.org/mini-retreat](http://emanuelnyc.org/mini-retreat).

## Shabbat Kodesh and Family Dinner

*Friday, February 1 | 6:00 PM | Fifth Avenue Sanctuary  
Followed by a Family Dinner at 7:00 PM*



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The service will be followed by a family dinner; registration is required at [www.shabbatkodesh.org](http://www.shabbatkodesh.org).

## Midnight Run

*Friday, February 1 | 6:00 PM | One East 65th Street*

Emanu-El teens in grades nine through 12 are invited to participate in our ninth annual Midnight Run, a volunteer program dedicated to gaining perspective

on homelessness. The evening begins with our congregational service for Shabbat Kodesh, followed by a Family Dinner for Religious School families and teens.



Then, teens will prepare meals and sort clothing donations before distributing them directly to those in need. Students will earn six community service hours. Teens must register with Emma Kate Lindsay, our coordinator of Youth Learning and Engagement: **212-507-9529** or [elindsay@emanuelnyc.org](mailto:elindsay@emanuelnyc.org). Donations of dark-colored warm coats, pants, sweaters, sweatshirts, hats, gloves, shoes, backpacks and new socks and underwear can be dropped off at either temple entrance. NOTE: This activity is completely safe and accredited. Teens from schools, youth groups, churches and synagogues perform this activity every weekend.

## Havdalah Pajama Party (Pre-K through 2nd Grade)

*Saturday, February 2 | 4:30 to 6:00 PM | One East 65th Street*

Put on your pajamas, bring the family and join your friends as we say farewell to Shabbat through songs, stories and hands-on crafts activities. Experience a modern take on ancient Jewish rituals filled with joy, gratitude and love. Participation is open to member and nonmember families. Wearing pajamas is encouraged but not required. A light dinner will be served. Register at [emanuelnyc.org/pajama](http://emanuelnyc.org/pajama).

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### Tribal Cup Competition & Lunch

Sunday, February 3 12:00 to 1:30 PM



The coveted Tribal Cup is currently in the possession of the Ruthites. Will it remain there or will the Noahites or Sarahites come out on top at this year's annual Tribal Cup Competition?!? All current Tribal

Members (Sundays grades 3-5) and Tribal Alumni are invited to the games where it will all go down. RSVP by Tuesday, January 29 to [school@emanuelnyc.org](mailto:school@emanuelnyc.org) or **212-507-9546**; there is no charge for this event.

### Pre-K through 4th Grade Mini Mitzvah Day

Monday, February 25 | 5:15 to 6:00 PM | One East 65th Street

Congregation Emanu-El has a long history of helping others, and we are pleased to be able to offer this *tikkun olam* opportunity for our Monday Religious School families. Activities include making sandwiches for the homeless, packaging gifts

for elderly Jews and assembling "Nighttime Fun" bags for hospitalized children. Students in Pre-K through 4th grade will participate as part of their regular Religious School day. Students should arrive at school by 4:00 PM, per usual, and attend their regularly scheduled classes for the first portion of the day. Parents and other temple members are welcome to join us in I.M. Wise Hall at 5:15 PM. Dismissal for students will be from 10 East 66th Street at 6:00 PM.

### SAVE THE DATE

### Emanu-El After Dark 2: After Darker!

Friday, March 1 – Saturday, March 2



Immediately following our Shabbat Kodesh Family Service Religious School students and their guests are invited to spend the night at Emanu-El for a sleepover with friends, fun, s'mores, and camp-style activities. For more information, or to register: [www.emanuelnyc.org/afterdark](http://www.emanuelnyc.org/afterdark).



## TEMPLE EMANU-EL NURSERY SCHOOL Summer Program

The Nursery School is pleased to offer these 2019 Summer Camp Programs. Children must be at least 2 years, 6 months old by June 2019 to enroll.

### June 10-20 | 2 Weeks | \$1,590

This program works well for older children who may be attending another camp beginning in late June. Younger children who choose this option will be placed with their peers.

### June 10-27 | 3 Weeks | \$2,100

For those who wish to enroll in camp until the end of June.

### July 1-25 | 4 Weeks | \$2,800

For those who may be away in June, we offer a 4 week July option. Your child will join an existing, age appropriate group.

### June 10-July 25 | 7 Weeks | \$4,700

Our seven-week program. Children will be grouped by age with their peers.

The hours of each program are Monday - Thursday, 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM. Camp will be closed on July 4th. Please note that children in the youngest age groups will phase in for the first 1-2 weeks. As the children separate and become acclimated, the day will be extended.

In all groups, the transition to camp is particularly easy as they are led by our experienced Nursery School teachers. Our air-conditioned rooms provide a bright, welcoming environment for all campers. A typical day of Summer Camp includes playtime in our classrooms, arts and crafts, dramatic play, block building, Legos, and lots of outdoor play. The children will enjoy wading pools, bubble tables, and sprinklers on our rooftop playgrounds. Our music and yoga teachers come weekly to work with each group. Campers bring their own lunch from home.

For enrollment forms or if you have any questions regarding summer programs please contact Susanne Fischer at [sfischer@emanuelnyc.org](mailto:sfischer@emanuelnyc.org) or **212-507-9531**. Also note that space is limited, and enrollment is on a first-come basis. You do not have to be enrolled in the Nursery School to attend Summer Camp so please feel free to share this information with your friends at other schools.

# Tikkun Olam & Volunteering



For more information about these programs, contact the Tikkun Olam Committee at [tikkunolam@emanuelnyc.org](mailto:tikkunolam@emanuelnyc.org).

## Sunday Lunch Program

*Every Sunday | 10:00 AM | One East 65th Street*

For more than 35 years, Congregation Emanu-El has been preparing meals for those in need, whether they are homeless, underemployed or food insecure. We particularly need volunteers on holiday weekends and during the summer. In addition to preparing meals, the Sunday Lunch Program also collects paperback books and travel-size toiletries throughout the year. Items can be dropped off at the temple; bags should be marked "Sunday Lunch Program — Donation." Please contact us at [slp@emanuelnyc.org](mailto:slp@emanuelnyc.org) with any questions.

## Ronald McDonald House

*Tuesdays; January 15, February 19 | 5:00 PM  
405 East 73rd Street*

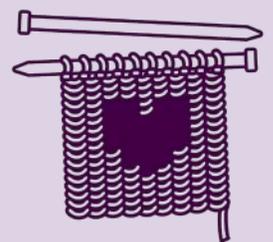
Once a month, under the sponsorship of the Women's Auxiliary, Emanu-El congregants serve dinner and organize art projects and entertainment for the families residing at New York City's Ronald McDonald House. Volunteers must register with the Women's Auxiliary: **212-744-1400, ext. 235**. Open to temple members only.

# Stitch'n Time At Temple Emanu-El

Sundays; January 6 & February 10 | 11:00 AM | 6th Floor Lounge



Stitch'n Time participants knit **warm scarves and caps** for clients of Temple Emanu-El's Sunday Lunch Program, as well as knitted goods for children and other adults in need. Both experienced and novice knitters are invited to join us. However, participation is limited to members of the congregation. Instruction is available for those who need assistance. Yarn and patterns are provided, but you must bring your own needles (#8).



TEMPLE EMANU-EL

# Thanksgiving Dinner

Funded by the Temple Emanu-El Philanthropic Fund



Temple Emanu-El opened our hearts to host over 200 guests from DOROT HPP, Carter Burden Center, Stanley Issacs, Sanctuary for Families, Homes for the Homeless, Project Ezra, James Lenox House and our new guests, Guttman College. Our guests dined on cheese, grapes and crackers, roasted turkey, stuffing, gravy, mashed potatoes, sweet potato pudding, cranberry-pineapple compote, noodle pudding, sautéed string beans, apple cider and a vast variety of delicious desserts! This meal is a night for our guests who do not have family to spend time with during this holiday. All of our guests left with a take-home bag filled with goodies as well as a gift bag that contained an umbrella, journal, Temple Emanu-El pen, lip balm and a message key chain! Over 100 volunteers of all ages came together as a community to decorate I.M. Wise Hall, set the tables, carve the turkeys, plate all the varieties of food, play with the children, assemble a Mitzvah Project, chat with our guests and clean up at the end of dinner. **We would like to thank all the Temple Emanu-El volunteers that helped to make this Thanksgiving dinner so warm and inviting for our guests!** We could not have accomplished this *mitzvah* without your commitment and support.

With True Appreciation,  
Susan Kaufman, *Tikkun Olam Committee Chair*





# Mitzvah Day

## 2018 || 5779



"Today as I was walking along First Avenue and 78th street, I passed a man pushing his cart and hanging off the back was a Temple Emanu-El bag. I stopped to ask him where he received the bag. He said he was at the Jan Hus Outreach Center and they were distributing them yesterday. We started to chat a bit and he told me he was so happy to receive all the wonderful items inside and then he proceeded to show me the gloves that he received in the package as he was wearing them. I must say I was a bit overwhelmed. This gentleman was so thankful to Temple Emanu-El for all the packages that he has received over the years. He also mentioned the delicious meal bag and fresh chocolate chip cookies and milk as well. He actually offered his help to us if we ever needed an extra volunteer. He explained to me that he has fallen on very hard times and can not seem to pull himself together. He grew up on Long Island, went to college and then life became too difficult for him. I wanted to share this experience with you as the Mitzvahs we accomplish really do make a small difference in the lives of those we touch."

**Susan Kaufman**  
Tikkun Olam Committee Chair

As we all came together as a Temple community volunteering side by side to help those who are much less fortunate than ourselves, we accomplished an amazing Mitzvah. I.M. Wise Hall looked abundantly full of items for over 2,300 recipients. A huge thank you to Phyllis and Norden Hahn and the volunteers who prepared the food for all to enjoy. Over 100 volunteers were in attendance!

Without the support of Temple Emanu-El's Philanthropic Fund this Mitzvah would not be a possibility. Temple Emanu-El is able to touch the lives of so many people and although it is a small portion of what they may need, through our efforts we can place a smile on their faces for a few moments in time! All the items designated for these packages have been requested. The various organizations we serve have been carefully chosen and I have personally met with all the organizations.

I would also like to express my extreme thanks to Mark Heutlinger, Tony Shkreli, Jesus Toribio, Jason Spangler and the entire maintenance staff, for without their constant willingness to help us every step of the way this Mitzvah would not be possible. I finally would like to thank my co-chairs Marlene Yokel and Lori Villi for their support, many hours of hard work, commitment and their friendship.

I want you all to know that from the bottom of my heart I am thankful to each and every one of you for your devotion and dedication to helping serve those who are in need of our assistance.

In life, there are no sure bets, except that volunteers like you will rise to the occasion and make the world a better place.

With True Appreciation,  
**Susan Kaufman, Tikkun Olam Committee Chair**



These men at Jan Hus received a meal bag, a Temple Emanu-El bag filled with warm winter items, and a package of fresh baked cookies and milk. They thanked us with great enthusiasm for all we do to assist them and they are so grateful. Temple Emanu-El has a definite impact on those in the community that we serve.

# Homebound Delivery/Second Seder

Packing of meals for homebound seniors will be held Sunday, April 14, beginning at 9:00 AM. Delivery drivers should report at 9:45 AM. Enter at 10 East 66th Street; a continental breakfast will be provided. Second Seder will be served on Saturday, April 20. Please complete and return the Volunteer Registration form below or fill out the form online at [www.bit.ly/secondseder](http://www.bit.ly/secondseder).



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## Volunteer Registration Form:

- Yes, I (we) will be able to pack homebound bags.
- Yes, I (we) have a car and will be available for homebound delivery.
- Yes, I (we) will volunteer for Second Seder.

Total number of volunteers: \_\_\_\_\_

## Second Seder Job Performance (please pick one)

- Setting tables (1:00 PM, all ages welcome)
- Kitchen Staff for meal preparation (1:30 PM, adults only during cooking)
- Bus Escort (3:30 PM, adults only; report to assigned senior center location)
- Table service (4pm, all ages welcome)
- Elevator service (4:30 PM, ages 14 and over)
- Preparation of bus bags (6:00 PM, all ages welcome)

Name of person completing form: \_\_\_\_\_

First: \_\_\_\_\_

Last: \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

- I am enclosing a contribution to help defray program costs.

## Our New Temple Emanu-El Website Coming In Early 2019

Temple Emanu-El will soon be launching our updated website. There were three important design goals for this project:

1. to clean up the design and offer a better viewing experience
2. to make our pages easier to read and review.
3. to simplify the navigation and make it easier for members and visitors to find what they need



Our hope is that this new site meets these goals as well as upholds the high standards of our esteemed temple. We hope to better reflect the legacy and vibrancy of our community with a contemporary web presence.



STATE OF OUR UNION TODAY  
MERCHANTS OF TRUTH  
ACROSS THE (POLITICAL) DIVIDE  
BRINGING REALITY INTO FICTION  
THE MAESTRO OF MANHATTAN  
THE JEWISH OSCARS  
LIFE ACCORDING TO SAM  
SOMEBODY FEED PHIL  
WOMAN IN GOLD  
ANTI-SEMITISM, HERE AND NOW  
GLORIA: A LIFE  
ON GREAT-GRANDPA'S ARM  
THE MEDICI ARCHIVE PROJECT  
ALL ABOUT SESAME  
FRIDAY NIGHT LIVE  
PARKLAND, ONE YEAR LATER  
VALERIE JARRETT  
THREE IDENTICAL STRANGERS  
ISRAEL, ACROSS THE DIVIDE  
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WENDY MOGEL  
SHOAH: FOUR SISTERS  
JERUSALEM OF GOLD  
ORCHESTRA OF ST. LUKE'S  
ISRAEL + PETRA  
THE JEWISH TONYS  
L SUMMER CONCERT SERIES

# THE TEMPLE EMANUEL-EL STREICKER CENTER

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THE STATE OF THE UNION TODAY

January 17

**THE STATE OF OUR UNION TODAY**

Senator Joseph Lieberman and former Secretary of the Treasury Jacob Lew issue their own report.

January 29

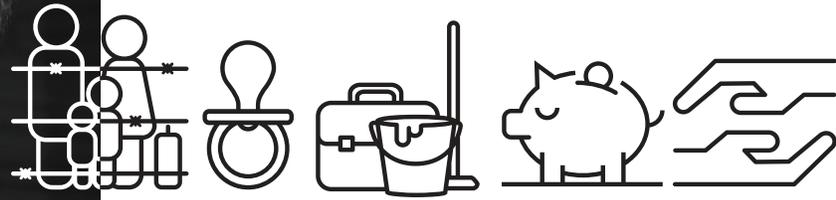
**MERCHANTS OF TRUTH**

Jill Abramson, the first female NYT executive editor, on the peddling of "fact" in a post-truth world.

January 31

**ISRAEL, ACROSS THE (POLITICAL) DIVIDE**

With Daniel B. Shapiro and Mona Charen. Moderated by Jonathan Greenblatt.



February 13

**LIFE ACCORDING TO SAM**

A sick boy who won't give up on life and a conversation with his parents, who wouldn't give up hope.

Various Dates

**MODERN MATTERS, ANCIENT JEWISH WISDOM**

Rabbi David Wolpe offers insights into today's dilemmas from Jewish sages, Jewish text and Jewish history.

February 19: Immigration  
April 22: Women's Rights  
June 3: Helping Others, Helping Ourselves

March 18: Abortion  
May 6: Money



March 10

**GLORIA: A LIFE**

The Strecker Center goes Off-Broadway with Gloria Steinem.

March 13

**THE NUMBER ON GREAT-GRANDPA'S ARM**

A haunting conversation about a harrowing past, on film and in person.

March 14

**THE MEDICI ARCHIVE PROJECT**

Jewish monsters, demons and modernists in Renaissance Florence.



April 8

**THREE IDENTICAL STRANGERS**

Watch the astonishing film — and meet the men in and behind it.

April 11

**ISRAEL, ACROSS THE (RELIGIOUS) DIVIDE**

Orthodox, Reform and Conservative rabbis seek common ground.

April 15

**KADDISH.COM**

Award-winning author Nathan Englander discusses his modern Jewish fable about our most recited prayer.



May 13

**ORCHESTRA OF ST. LUKE'S**

Virtuoso musicians return for their 39th concert at Temple Emanu-El with an evening of Vivaldi.

May 23-June 1

**ISRAEL + PETRA**

A 10-day journey from desert dunes to buzzy bistros and the ancient to the ultramodern.

May 29

**AVIVAH ZORNBERG**

The superstar of Torah study on Adam, Eve and the birth of human desire.

THE TEMPLE EMANU-EL STREICKER CENTER



# JOSEPH FINDER

**February 4**  
**TURNING REALITY INTO FICTION**  
The bestselling thrill master discusses his new book about a fictional judge threatened by indiscretion.



**February 6**  
**THE CULINARY MAESTRO OF MANHATTAN**  
A recipe for tasty success with Danny Meyer.



**February 11**  
**THE (JEWISH) OSCARS**  
Celebrate Tinseltown's Jewish musicians with Broadway stars.



**February 21**  
**SOMEBODY FEED PHIL**  
Phil Rosenthal, in Tel Aviv and on our stage.



**February 26**  
**WOMAN IN GOLD**  
An Evening with Dame Helen Mirren.



**February 28**  
**ANTISEMITISM, HERE AND NOW**  
Deborah Lipstadt on making sense of this difficult moment.



**March 26**  
**ALL ABOUT SESAME**  
The method, madness and mouthwatering delight of all things sesame.



**March 29 | FRIDAY NIGHT LIVE**  
**SHINE: PARKLAND, ONE YEAR LATER**  
Survivors of the Marjory Stoneman Douglas HS shooting perform and discuss converting anguish into action.



**April 2**  
**VALERIE JARRETT**  
President Obama's First Friend on HER journey to the West Wing and YOUR path forward.



**April 29**  
**WENDY MOGEL**  
The parenting guru on underparenting, overparenting and when to chill out.



**May 2**  
**SHOAH: FOUR SISTERS**  
The pain — and joy — of survival in Claude Lanzmann's final act.



**May 10 | FRIDAY NIGHT LIVE**  
**JERUSALEM OF GOLD**  
A community celebration of Israel's Independence with the singer who wrote and premiered the iconic song.



**June 3**  
**THE (JEWISH) TONYs**  
Celebrate the melodies of Jewish Broadway with its rising stars.



**Various Dates**  
**NAUMBURG ORCHESTRAL SUMMER CONCERT SERIES**  
**June 18:** The Knights  
**July 10:** Venice Baroque Orchestra  
**July 18:** A Far Cry  
**July 30:** Orchestra of St. Luke's  
**August 6:** Orpheus Chamber Orchestra

SPRING 2019

# SKIRBALL ACADEMY CLASSES

## MONDAYS

**DR. DIANE M. SHARON**

Other Gods Before Me:  
Ancient Near Eastern Myths and the  
Evolution of the God of Israel  
**12:00 - 1:30 PM**

**DR. DAVID KRAEMER**

A History of the Talmud:  
The Story of Judaism's Most  
Influential Book  
**6:30 - 8:00 PM**

**DR. ERIC GOLDMAN**

Moving Images of Hate:  
How Hollywood tackles Anti-Semitism  
**6:30 - 9:15 PM**

**MARTIN KAUFMAN**

The Heart of Kabbalah:  
A (Continued) Introduction to the  
Book of Zohar  
**6:30 - 8:00 PM**

**TOBI KAHN**

**RABBI ESTHER AZAR**  
**RABBI DIANNE COHLER-ESSES**

Artists' Beit Midrash:  
Biblical Stories Through a  
Modern Lens  
**7:00 - 9:00 PM**

**CLASSES BEGIN APRIL 8**

## TUESDAYS

**DR. DANIEL RYNHOLD**

Modern Jewish Philosophy  
in Six Sessions  
**12:30 - 2:00 PM**

**RABBI LEONARD SCHOOLMAN**  
**DR. HUSSEIN RASHID**

Abraham-Ibrahim, Moses-Musa:  
Two Prophets, Two Faiths  
**6:30 - 8:00 PM**

**YAFFA KAYE**

The Hebrew Conversation:  
Beginner Course  
**6:30 - 8:00 PM**

**DR. STEPHEN A. MARINO**

Arthur Miller: Jewish Writer  
**6:30 - 8:00 PM**

**RABBI JANET ROBERTS**

Introduction to Judaism:  
A Modern Take on Jewish Life  
**6:30 - 8:45 PM**

## WEDNESDAYS

**DR. MARK W. WEISSTUCH**

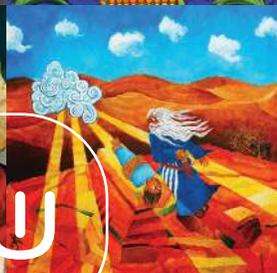
The Dead Sea Scrolls:  
Meaning & Mystery  
**6:30 - 8:00 PM**

**DR. LEE ROBBINS**

The Trace of the Face of God:  
Emmanuel Levinas and Depth  
Psychology  
**6:30 - 8:00 PM**

**RABBI JOSEPH A. SKLOOT, PhD**

The History of the Jews:  
An Introduction to  
Jewish History, 1492-1948  
**6:30 - 8:00 PM**





**Palm Beach gathering with Rabbi Joshua M. Davidson**  
*Wednesday, February 13, 2019*



Invitations will be mailed in January. Please be in touch with Gila Drazen at **212-507-9525** or **gdrazen@emanuelnyc.org** if you are interested in receiving more information and to confirm the

best address and email for this invitation. We want to be sure to share the specific details with all members who will be in the vicinity at that time.

*Congratulations to the*  
**Winner of a trip to Israel!**

**The Herbert and Eileen Bernard Museum** is excited to announce that **Karen Halper** has been declared the winner of our Passport to the Jewish World competition and will soon be flying off for a free trip to Israel!



Over the past eight months, Karen has explored the country by visiting our rotating photo tour **HOME: LENS ON ISRAEL**. She has peeked into the lives of elderly Jews in Dimona, Bedouins in the Negev, children in Kiryat Gat, the ultra-Orthodox in Bnei Brak, the Druze in Yanuh-Jat, the disabled in Haifa and Moroccan Jews outside Haifa. Having filled up her passport with stamps from each of those exhibits, she'll now have a chance to visit those communities, up close and personal.

**MAZEL TOV, Karen!**

Young Professionals in their 20s and 30s



**milk & cereal**  
**shabbat**



7:30 PM | January 11, 2019

One East 65th Street

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**A TASTE OF NEW YORK**

**- SHABBAT -**



**FEBRUARY 1 | 7:30 PM**

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# Celebrating Sigd: An Ethiopian Jewish Tradition

By Prince Davis

On Sunday, November 25, my sons and I had the pleasure of celebrating the 9th Annual Sigd festival; this year held at Temple Emanu-El.

According to Ethiopian Jewish tradition, the Sigd holiday commemorates the acceptance of the Torah on Mt. Sinai and the reacceptance of the Torah during the time of Ezra the Scribe prior to the construction of the Second Temple and is celebrated 50 days after Yom Kippur, very similar to the 50 days traditionally counted between Passover and Shavuot. Sigd in *Ge'ez* (ancient Ethiopic) means “to prostrate oneself (in worship)”. During the festival, members of the Ethiopian Jewish community, properly known as “*Beta Israel*” (House of Israel), would walk in procession together to the highest point overlooking the city of Jerusalem. The *Kessim*, who are the spiritual leaders of the community, would recite parts the *Orit*, the Ethiopian Torah which is comprised of the Five Books of Moses, the writings of the Prophets, and other writings such as Song of Songs and Psalms. It is written in the ancient Ge'ez language, which is a Semitic language and the mother of modern-day Amharic, Tigrinya and Tigre languages spoken in Ethiopia. The *Kessim* read parts of the *Orit*, including the Book of Nehemiah. The Psalms are also read. The community recalls its ancient traditions and expresses its desire to return to Jerusalem. Later in the day, there's a huge celebration with dancing, music and delicious food.

Sigd was officially recognized in 2008 as an Israeli national holiday and is celebrated by all.

The keynote speakers for the evening were Rabbi Yosef Hadana, former Chief Rabbi of the Ethiopian Jewish Community in Israel, Professor Ephraim Isaac, preeminent Princeton scholar of Semitic studies, Rabbi Dr. Sharon Shalom, author of the book “From Ethiopia to Sinai”, and Kes Mennessnout Eli Vanda from the community of Kiryat Gat in Israel. These distinguished gentlemen walked in procession to the stage beautifully chanting Ge'ez verses from the Bible and various liturgical hymns under stunningly colorful umbrellas typically used by the community's religious leaders. They each gave very insightful presentations



about the history and traditions of the *Beta Israel*. Did you know that the Bible was originally translated into seven languages before it reached Europe, one of them in ancient *Ge'ez*? It was also the oldest found on Earth! There were so many fascinating tidbits from the discussion, I can't begin to write them all. After the presentation, we all sat down to partake in the delicious (and spicy!) traditional Ethiopian cuisine. There were fish, beef, chicken, and vegetarian dishes, served along with *injera*, which is a fermented sour flatbread. *Injera* is not simply bread, however. It's also an eating utensil! After eating such delicious food, my sons and I were stuffed!

My sons told me how much they enjoyed the event and even made a few new friends. It was a nice reunion for me as well. I had not seen my friend Riki Mullu, the coordinator the evening's event, in a long time. I also reconnected with Professor Isaac, from whom I've learned so much over the years. He speaks 17 languages! It was also a great opportunity to speak with Rabbi Hadana and gain insight into the issues still facing the Ethiopian community in Israel.

I would love to see more programming like the Sigd festival held at Emanu-El in the future. What a wonderful opportunity to come together as Jews from all backgrounds and celebrate our diversity. It's important to pass on our amazing history to the next generation.

*“Hine ma tov u'ma naim, shevet achim gam yachad.”* Behold, how good and pleasant it is when brothers and sisters dwell in unity.

## Mother of Temple member ‘Overlooked No More’ by New York Times



Rose Zar, mother of Temple Emanu-El member Howard Zar, survived the Holocaust by hiding in plain sight — “In the Mouth of the Wolf,” as the title of her memoir says. Written with Eric A. Kimmel and published in 1983, the book won the Association of Jewish Libraries' Book Award and is taught in schools across the United States. The New York Times recently profiled Mrs. Zar in their “Overlooked No More” series, which works to profile influential men and women whose deaths previously went unreported in the New York Times. Those wishing to read more about Rose Zar's incredible story of assuming the identity of Wanda Gaja and serving as a maid in a Nazi officer's home can find the obituary on The New York Times website.

# Emanu-El Cares



Celebrating, Supporting & Comforting our Congregation | A Community Where Every Individual Matters

The Emanu-El Cares initiative was created to support, care for and celebrate every member of our congregation through a variety of programs and opportunities. **As we support each other, we only grow stronger.**

## **RESOLVE: The National Infertility Association**

January 24 & February 12 | 6:30 PM - 7:45 PM

One East 65th Street



Struggling to build a family? Currently pursuing infertility treatments, donor egg or sperm or considering adoption? Looking for an opportunity to connect with others on a similar journey? RESOLVE: The National Infertility Association is pleased to launch a free, drop-in and peer-led support group on the Upper East Side.

It is a general infertility support group with diagnoses ranging from female factor, male factor, the unexplained, and everything in between. Participation and regular attendance are completely voluntary. This peer-led group meeting will be led by RESOLVE volunteers who are part of the Emanu-El community. For more information, please email us at [mjkstrong@gmail.com](mailto:mjkstrong@gmail.com). We encourage you to join us and see that you are not alone.

## **Community as Family**

January 28 & February 25 | 6:00 PM | Room 602

Congregants age 48 and onward without close family are invited to Community as Family (CAF), a cordial, confidential group that empowers its members to navigate the changes and challenges of getting older. CAF encourages community-building via deeper engagement in temple life through its many opportunities for friendship, worship, learning, and volunteering. Light refreshments are served, and there are no commercial endorsements. Participation is open to temple members only. The next meetings are **Monday, January 28** and **Monday, February 25** at 6:00 PM in Room 602. RSVP at [communityasfamily@emanuelnyc.org](mailto:communityasfamily@emanuelnyc.org) or **212-507-9603**.



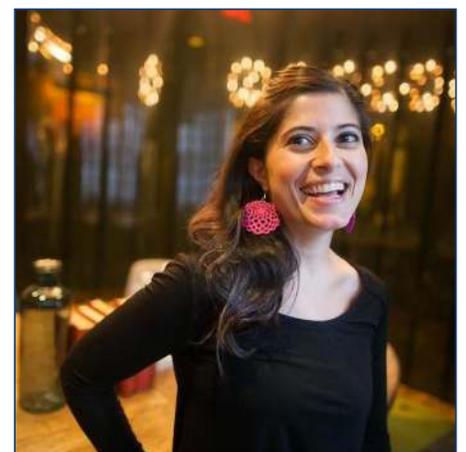
## **Meet our Partner in Caring: Yael Kornfeld, LMSW**

**Yael Kornfeld** will have regular hours every other Tuesday, from 9:30 AM to noon, for individual meetings. Yael can help with: home-visits, short-term counseling, escorts to medical appointments, and caregiver support. You may schedule an appointment by calling **917-441-3705** or emailing her at [ykornfeld@dorotusa.org](mailto:ykornfeld@dorotusa.org).

## **Learn about DOROT's vast offerings in many different areas including:**

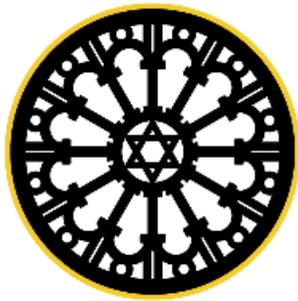
- Intergenerational programs
- On-site classes at DOROT
- Assistance with getting to medical appointments and with shopping
- Volunteer visits and more!

DOROT provides support to adults 60 and over and those who are primary caregivers for a relative or friend.



## **Marking a meaningful moment**

Are you, or is someone you know in our community, facing a life-changing moment — the birth of a child, a wedding, a death in the family, illness or a hospital stay? Please contact Emanu-El Cares by calling **Rabbi Amy Ehrlich** at **212-507-9606** or emailing [emanuelcares@emanuelnyc.org](mailto:emanuelcares@emanuelnyc.org).

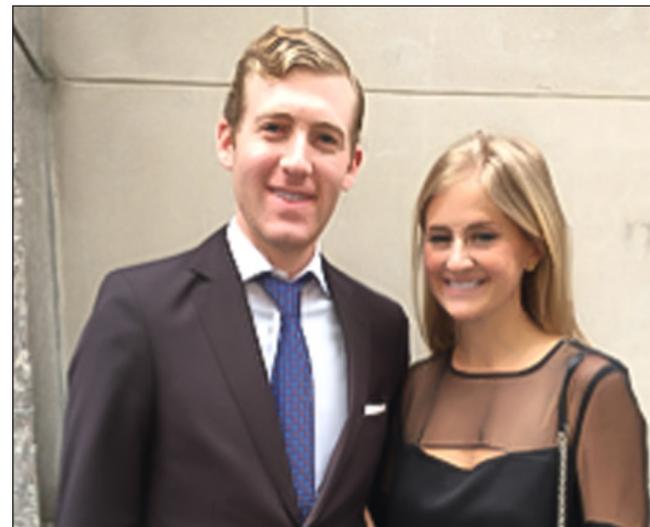


# *Young Members* of TEMPLE EMANU-EL





Young Members of Emanu-El is a committee-driven initiative curating innovative programs for members and children of members in their 20s and 30s. Rabbi Andy Kahn, the leadership committee, and Temple staff work together to plan and execute a mix of cultural, social and networking events. Our goal is to create a diverse set of opportunities for people of all backgrounds and interests to be able to find a place within our community. Last fall, we took over Mile End Deli in Brooklyn for an exclusive dinner with the owner, who also taught us about the history of the food as we ate, and we partnered with Mile High Run Club to raise nearly \$6,000 for the DOROT Homelessness Prevention Program. Upcoming events include intimate study sessions with Rabbi Kahn, an elevated Shabbat dinner, a reception adjacent to the Streicker Center's event with Danny Meyer, and a Giving Circle in which Young Members collectively donate to a source decided by all of those who give. Our events have been selling out quickly, and we're very excited to be seeing new faces each time. There is much more to come – please don't hesitate to reach out to Rabbi Andy Kahn if you're interested in getting involved: [akahn@emanuelnyc.org](mailto:akahn@emanuelnyc.org) or **212-507-9604**.



# Community Events



For more information about Temple Emanu-El community events, visit [www.emanuelnyc.org/calendar](http://www.emanuelnyc.org/calendar) or call us at **212-744-1400**.

## WOMEN'S AUXILIARY

**Coffee With... Harold S. Koplewicz, MD**  
**“Recognizing and Responding to Anxiety in Kids”**  
*Tuesday, January 15 | 10:30 AM | One East 65th Street*



Today's world has no shortage of things to despair about. But the real puzzle of this “age of anxiety” is how much our children's psychological and emotional wellbeing depends on how we as parents model responding to the world. This discussion with renowned child and adolescent

psychiatrist and president of the Child Mind Institute, Harold S. Koplewicz, MD, looks at the difference between feeling anxious and having an anxiety disorder, explores symptoms and treatments, and reveals simple but meaningful steps we can take as families and communities to raise healthy children. Continental breakfast will be provided. RSVP by Thursday, January 10 at [www.emanuelnyc.org/calendar](http://www.emanuelnyc.org/calendar). Cost is \$20 for Women's Auxiliary, Men's Club members, Religious School Parents and Nursery School Parents; \$30 for all other temple members and their guests.

**Radio City Music Hall – Art Deco Tour**  
*Tuesday, February 12 | 10:30 AM | One East 65th Street*  
Join the Women's Auxiliary as we go behind the scenes of the Showplace of the Nation! Take a private guided



tour with us of Radio City Music Hall. Discover art deco masterpieces and learn the history of this grand stage. Lunch will be at the fabulous Four Seasons. RSVP by Thursday, February 7 at [www.emanuelnyc.org/calendar](http://www.emanuelnyc.org/calendar). Cost is \$85 for Women's

Auxiliary and Men's Club members; \$95 for all other temple members and their guests.

## MEN'S CLUB

**Impact of the 2018 Midterms, Upcoming 2020 Election and the Changing Media Environment's Impact on Political Landscape**  
*Sunday, February 24 | 10:00 AM*  
*One East 65th Street*



Our guest speaker Robert O'Donnell, Founder of 38 Paces, a firm providing communications, political consulting, and production services to political, media, film, technology, corporate, non-profit,

financial and advocacy clients. Cost: \$30 for Women's Auxiliary and Men's Club members; \$40 for all other temple members and their guests. RSVP by Thursday, February 21 at [www.emanuelnyc.org/calendar](http://www.emanuelnyc.org/calendar).

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## “Seeking Clarity in a Fast Changing, Uncertain World” Artificial Intelligence, Technology, and Investing Part II

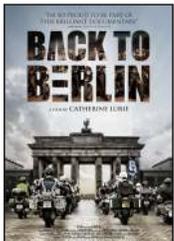
*Sunday, March 31 | 10:00 AM | One East 65th Street*

Ben Weintraub – Entrepreneur and Vice President of the Men’s Club — will be producing this event. Many fear recent advances in technology have the potential to disrupt life as we know it. This panel is a continuation of “Part 1,” which took place in December 2018. \$30 for Women’s Auxiliary and Men’s Club members; \$40 for all other temple members and their guests. RSVP by Monday, March 25 at [emanuelnyc.org/calendar](http://emanuelnyc.org/calendar).

## Save the Date: “Back to Berlin”

*Sunday, April 14 | 10:00 AM | One East 65th Street*

The first Biker flick meets Holocaust documentary.



Eleven Jewish bikers journey through eight European countries to discover the horrors of the past and confront the present as Populism and anti-Semitism again raise their ugly heads. Catherine Lurie-Alt, film producer and journalist will be our guest speaker and will give a talk back after the film. Cost: \$30 for Women’s Auxiliary

and Men’s Club members; \$40 for all other temple members and their guests. RSVP by Thursday, April 11 at [emanuelnyc.org/calendar](http://emanuelnyc.org/calendar).

## CLUB 65

### How do we raise lifelong Jewish learners?

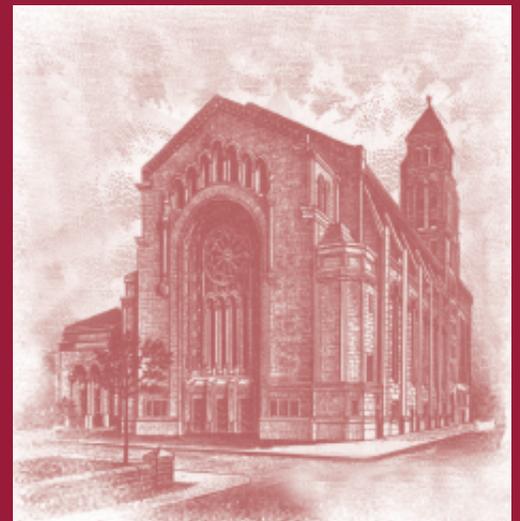
*Tuesday, January 8 | 11:00 AM*

At Emanu-El, the religious school, teen and family programs are brought together in our “Department of Lifelong Learning.” We want to counter an outdated image of a “drop-off” Hebrew school program, where children attend for a few hours each week to study Judaism as if it were a historical curiosity, with no connection to their actual lives. The phrase “lifelong learning,” emphasizes that Jewish learning is relevant all week long, and throughout one’s entire life, not only for a few hours of a week while you are in religious school. At this session of Club 65, join the Director of Lifelong Learning, Saul Kaiserman, for an in-depth look at how Emanu-El fosters an environment of creativity and growth that impacts not only the students, but their families as well. RSVP by Friday, January 4 at [emanuelnyc.org/calendar](http://emanuelnyc.org/calendar). There is no charge but registration is required.

# Men’s Club Annual Meeting and Samuel Sacks Achievement Award

*Thursday, May 16, 2019 | 6:00 PM*

Our closing event of the season is the election of officers and the presentation of the annual Samuel Sacks Achievement Award. Join us for a cocktail reception and ceremony, and celebrate with us!



For more information about this event, contact the Men’s Club at [mensclub@emanuelnyc.org](mailto:mensclub@emanuelnyc.org) or **212-744-1400 ext. 250**.

# Young Families



Young Families of Emanu-El is a vibrant group for preschool children, Nursery School students and their families who enjoy celebrating Jewish time together: Shabbat and holidays, parenting, storytime and singing. Come join the fun! For more information and registration links, contact [youngfamilies@emanuelnyc.org](mailto:youngfamilies@emanuelnyc.org) or visit [emanuelnyc.org/youngfamilies](http://emanuelnyc.org/youngfamilies).

## Growing Together: New Parents Drop-In

January 10 & 24, February 7 & 21 | 11:00 AM

One East 65th Street | Children up to 12 months old

With a new baby at home, parents need a place to both share newly minted parenting wisdom and continue to learn. Each month, we will feature professional insight on special topics: On **January 3**, Baby Fingers will join us to teach a class on Baby Sign Language. On **January 10**, Andie Schneider, speech pathologist, will speak about child/infant language development and provide a “what to expect” during the typical ages of language development. On **January 24**, Katherine Peabody, a conflict mediator will offer a “toolkit” of conflict resolution skills. She will help you learn to navigate your relationship with your kids when there are bumps in the road. On **February 7**, Sofia Axelrod, a postdoctoral associate specializing in babies and their sleep, will discuss how babies’ nutrition plays a role in their sleeping habits. On **February 21**,

a professional from the emergency skills CPR and first aid training team will come for a one-hour session on infant CPR and first aid. This is a wonderful opportunity to meet other new parents in a warm and informal Jewish setting. Drop by and make the kind of friends you (and your baby) can grow with.



## Jewish Storytime: Toddlers of the Book

January 17 & February 14 | 11:00 AM

One East 65th Street | Children up to age 3

Babies and toddlers up to age three (with their favorite adult) are invited to join us for stories, songs and fun at the Temple Emanu-El Library. Each session will focus on a theme or a Jewish holiday.

## Tot Shabbat

January 12, 9:30 AM | February 8, 4:30 PM

One East 65th Street

Tot Shabbat is geared specifically for 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.

## Baby Yoga with Karma Kids Yoga

January 31 & February 28 | 11:00 AM

One East 65th Street | Children 3 to 18 months old

We are bringing the yoga studio to Emanu-El with a monthly series, where children are encouraged to “play” yoga and experience how their breath and body move together in a fun-filled way.

## Baby Shabbat

February 1 | 9:15 AM | One East 65th Street

Introduce your baby to the music and blessing of Shabbat and a taste of challah with Early Childhood Educator Hadar Orshalimy and Rabbi Amy Ehrlich. Proud grandparents are welcome to join us, too!

Music at Temple Emanu-El

## Young Artists Concert Series

**Aristo Sham**, 2016 First Prize Winner

Sunday, January 13, 2019 | 3:00 PM

Greenwald Hall | One East 65th Street

Sponsored by the Stecher & Horowitz Foundation, this series presents the prize winners of the biennial New York International Piano Competition. Admission to each concert is free and open to the public. Enter at One East 65th Street.



# Parenting Groups

Parent/child programs led by child psychologist Dr. Juliet Cooper and Rabbi Amy Ehrlich offer discussion opportunities for parents and activities for children.



### **GROWING FAMILIES**

A parent-child group for families with multiple children

FEBRUARY 1 to MAY 10

Fridays – 11:00 AM to 11:55 AM

### **NEW PARENTS GROUP**

Children 11 months to 17 months

JANUARY 28 to MAY 17

Mondays — 9:15 AM to 10:15 AM

### **TODDLERS GROUP 1**

Children 18 months to 23 months

JANUARY 28 to MAY 17

Mondays — 10:45 AM to 12:00 PM

### **TODDLERS GROUP 2**

Children 12 months to 18 months

JANUARY 30 to MAY 15

Wednesdays — 11:15 AM to 12:15 PM

### **THE TWOS GROUP**

Children 20 months to 28 months

JANUARY 30 to MAY 17

Wednesdays and Fridays — 9:15 AM to 10:45 AM

For information and registration links, visit [emanuelnyc.org/parenting](http://emanuelnyc.org/parenting).



# Life-Cycle Events

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

## For the Sabbath of January 4 and 5:

- Edward Fleur in loving memory of his father, *Leo Yale Fleur*
- Mary Louise Fleur in loving memory of her mother, *Mary Cisterna Schwartz*
- Elizabeth Albert and Howard Kleinman in loving memory of Gerald Kleinman
- Marne Obernauer, Jr. and Matthew and Michael Obernauer in loving memory of *Marion Gislason Obernauer*
- Susan and David Rahm in loving memory of Susan's father, *Allen H. Berkman*

## For the Sabbath of January 11 and 12:

- Myrna Fischman in loving memory of my parents, *Sally and Isidore Fischman*
- Alexandra and Caroline Elenowitz-Hess, Carl, Carol, Robert and Peter Hess in loving memory of *Robert Lee Hess*
- Rosalind Pretzfelder in loving memory of her mother, *Tillie Pretzfelder*

## For the Sabbath of January 18 and 19:

- In memory of *George and Elsbeth Lust*
- Mrs. B. E. Brandes in loving memory of *Bernard E. Brandes*
- Eileen Milloy in loving memory of her aunt, *Ida Broz*

## For the Sabbath of February 1 and 2:

- Sandra Gluck in loving memory of her father, *Irving Prusock*

## For the Sabbath of February 8 and 9:

- Rabbi Howard I. Bogot and the late Mary K. Bogot in loving memory of *Maxine Livingston Elbaum*
- Karel, Frank, Alix and Danielle Greenberg in loving memory of the wedding of *Edwin and Sylvia Bass*
- Mrs. A. Coleman Poll in loving memory of her brother, *Jacques G. Coleman, Jr.*

## For the Sabbath of February 15 and 16:

- Bettijane and Steven Eisenpreis in loving memory of *Alfred Eisenpreis*, and *Carol Hess Long and Clinton Mayer Long*
- Edward Fleur, in loving memory of his sister, *Joette Stephanie Fleur*

## For the Sabbath of February 22 and 23:

- Rosalind Pretzfelder in loving memory of *George Pretzfelder*

The following students of our Religious School will become *b'nei mitzvah* in the upcoming months.

### Saturday, January 5

- *Benjamin Miskoff*, son of Bernadette and Jeffrey Miskoff

### Saturday, January 12

- *Sophia Orenstein*, daughter of Dana and Glenn Orenstein

### Saturday, January 26

- *Adam Silverman*, son of Lauren Silverman; Andrew and Samantha Silverman

### Saturday, February 2

- *Gordon Beckler*, son of Betty Ng-Beckler and Laurence Beckler
- Claire Decker, daughter of Bettina and Brian Decker

### Saturday, February 9

- *Alexander Davis*, son of Suzanne and Jonathan Davis
- *Miles Pilchik*, son of Beth and Evan Pilchik

### Saturday, February 23

- *Henry Rabinovici*, son of Pamela and Gabriel Rabinovici

# HOST YOUR EVENT

## AT TEMPLE EMANU-EL

We have quality catering options for a *Kiddush* lunch after a *bar* or *bat mitzvah* ceremony, a reception for a baby naming or *bris*, or any other life-cycle event, including *shivas*.

Contact Rachel Sackman at **212-507-9574** or [rsackman@emanuelnyc.org](mailto:rsackman@emanuelnyc.org) to learn more and schedule your event today.



### ISAAC MAYER WISE HALL

Capacity: 350 seated  
300 with dance space



### LEVENTRITT ROOM

Capacity: 100 seated  
125 cocktails



### GENE L. BLUMENTHAL HALL

Capacity: 200 seated  
150 with dance space

## TEMPLE EMANU-EL — Clergy, Officers and Staff

### Clergy

Joshua M. Davidson, *Senior Rabbi*  
Amy B. Ehrlich, *Rabbi*  
Andrue J. Kahn, *Assistant Rabbi*  
Sara Y. Sapadin, *Adjunct Rabbi*  
Mo Glazman, *Senior Cantor*  
Alexandra Kurland, *Cantorial Intern*  
Dr. Ronald B. Sobel, *Senior Rabbi Emeritus*  
Dr. David M. Posner, *Senior Rabbi Emeritus*, ד"ר דוד מ. פוסנר  
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### Nursery School

Ellen Davis, *Director, Nursery School*

### Funerals

Charles S. Salomon, *Funeral Director*

# Services

## WEEKLY SERVICES

Friday Evening  
*Fifth Avenue Sanctuary*  
Organ recital at 5:45 PM  
Service begins at 6:00 PM

Saturday Morning  
*Fifth Avenue Sanctuary*  
Torah Study at 9:15 AM  
Organ recital at 10:15 AM  
Service begins at 10:30 AM

## DAILY SUNSET SERVICES

Sunday-Thursday at 5:30 PM  
*Marvin and Elisabeth Cassell Community House*  
*One East 65th Street*

## 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 and neck loops are available.

## WATCH SERVICES ONLINE

All Shabbat and most holiday services are broadcast online on the following channels:  
[emanuelnyc.org/broadcast](http://emanuelnyc.org/broadcast)  
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## The Cemeteries of Congregation Emanu-El SALEM FIELDS and BETH-EL

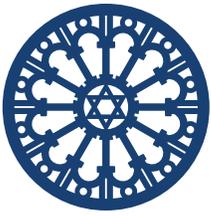
A limited number of above-ground crypts are available in our community mausoleum. For information, please call Mark Heutlinger at the Temple Office, **212-744-1400**.



*Charles S. Salomon*

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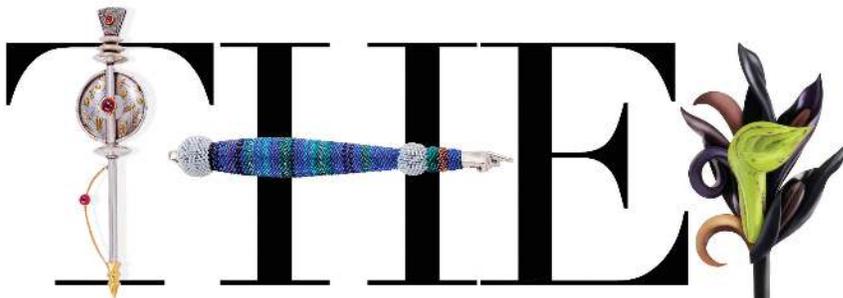
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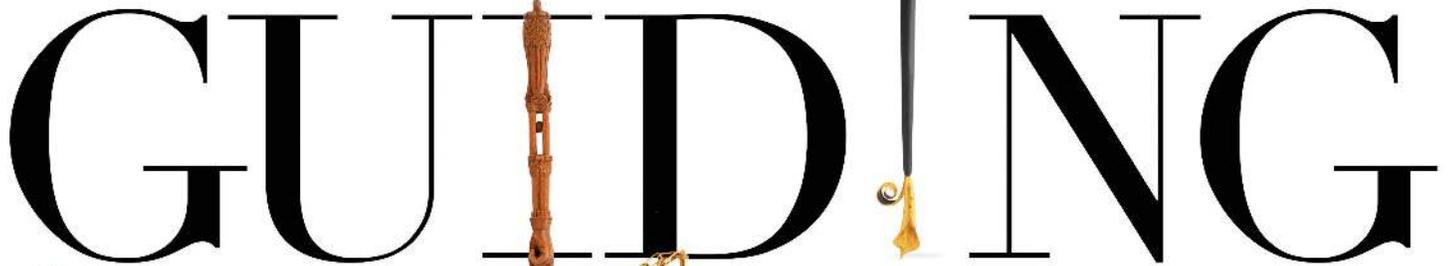
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