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WORSHIP SERVICES

Congregational M'gillah Reading Thursday, March 20 5:30 P.M.

The reading will be held as part of our Sunset Worship Service. Graggers and hamantaschen will be provided!
Enter at One East 65th Street.

Friday evening, March 21 Temple Sanctuary

Organ Recital—5 P.M.
Sabbath Eve Service—5:15 P.M.
WQXR Radio (96.3 FM) and Internet
(www.wqxr.com) broadcasts—5:30 P.M.

Saturday morning, March 22 Women's Auxiliary Lounge

Torah Study—9:15 A.M.
Temple Sanctuary
Service—10:30 A.M.
Torah Portion—*Tzav*
Readings—Leviticus 6:1-8:36
Jeremiah 7:21-8:3; 9:22-23

Sermon: Rabbinic Intern Adam Rosenwasser

SHABBAT SHALOM Friday, April 4 — 6:30 P.M. One East 65th Street

View our special PURIM section on the Temple Emanu-El Web site (www.emanuelnyc.org), which features activities for the whole family, hamantaschen recipes, suggested reading and much more!



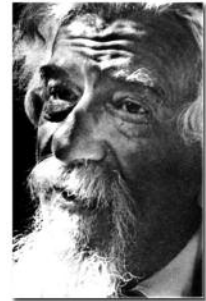
Hearing Loop installed in Temple Sanctuary and Beth-El Chapel; switch aid to T-coil. Headsets or neck loops also available for use.

UPCOMING EVENTS

PRAYING WITH MY LEGS: A Documentary Film by Steve Brand

Tuesday, March 25 6:30 PM

Praying With My Legs is a work in progress that will become a two-hour documentary about the life, thought and transformative impact of **Rabbi Abraham Joshua Heschel**. The film will explore Heschel's religious thought while examining his forthright social activism, relating these two aspects of his work and demonstrating the significance of their intersection in Heschel's belief and worldview.



This event is part of our Emanu-El Reads program, focusing on *The Sabbath* by Abraham Joshua Heschel. Attendees should enter at the Marvin and Elisabeth Cassell Community House, One East 65th Street. All are welcome.

Questions? Call (212) 744-1400, ext. 214. Or, log on to the Emanu-El Web site (www.emanuelnyc.org) for more information. Click "Learning" → "Adult Education" → "Emanu-El Reads."

This program is made possible in part through the Schwarzhaupt-Levite Video Endowment Fund.

PULPIT FLOWERS

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

Ann Leggett Perse
in loving memory of her husband,
Harry H. Perse

Mr. Alan Stuart
in loving memory of
Elizabeth L. and Milton M. Stuart
and *James M. Stuart*

TO BE NOTED

The **Women's Auxiliary Book Group** will meet **Tuesday, April 1** at **12:30 P.M.** Rabbi Leon Morris will lead our discussion of *The Septembers of Shiraz* by Daria Sofer. Bring your lunch; coffee and cookies will be served. (212) 744-1400, ext. 235

Sessions for **Rabbi Amy Ehrlich's** class about women of the Bible have been re-scheduled for **Wednesday, April 2** at **12:30 P.M.** and **Wednesday, April 9** at **11:30 A.M.** All Temple members are invited to attend. Enter at One East 65th Street. (212) 744-1400, ext. 214

The March 11 session of the **Men's Club Book Group** has been rescheduled for **Thursday, April 3** at **9 A.M.** We will discuss *The Nine: Inside the Secret World of the Supreme Court* by Jeffrey Toobin. All Temple members are invited to attend. (212) 744-1400, ext. 250

Large print, Braille and audio **Haggadahs** are available by request from the **JB I Library**. The JBI Library is an affiliated library of the Library of Congress. All of its services and materials are free of charge to those eligible. To learn more about the JBI Library and how to obtain a Haggadah, call (800) 433-1531.

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

TIKKUN
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TIKKUN OLAM:
Repairing the World is a program for Temple members that offers a variety of interesting and fulfilling volunteer opportunities with varying levels of commitment—whether it's one day a week, one day a month or one day a year. Following are some of our upcoming events. For more information, call (212) 744-1400, ext. 452 or e-mail tikkunolam@emanuelnyc.org.

STITCH'N TIME
Sunday, March 23

11 A.M.

Are you an experienced knitter, or have you always wanted to try? Then don't miss the next session of our *Tikkun Olam* knitting group. Needles, yarn and patterns are provided, and a professional instructor is on hand for assistance. Projects are donated to Beth Israel Hospital and the Jewish Board of Family and Children's Services. Light refreshments will be served.

SPRING MITZVAH WEEKEND
Friday, April 11 — Sunday, April 13

Program materials are being mailed to all congregants. Or, view the *Tikkun Olam* section of the Temple Web site (click "Community" → "Volunteer Opportunities"). We kindly ask that Temple members choose carefully the projects for which they want to register and honor their commitment to volunteer. Many people will be relying on our participation.

The Cemeteries of Congregation Emanu-El
Salem Fields and Beth-El

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

CHALLENGES FOR JEWISH EDUCATION

The following is an excerpt of remarks given by Rabbi Posner in his talk to members of the Temple at an event sponsored by the Women's Auxiliary in February.

BEYOND THE TENETS of our religion, the core curriculum of Judaism also teaches our children about history and sociology. The study of Jewish ritual and of Jewish history ought to give our children the feeling that they are special and different and that they carry a historic and traditional responsibility. The challenge here to students and to parents is that people do not necessarily like to feel different in a society that makes a virtue of homogeneity and conformity.

The Torah defines us as an “Am Lvadad Yishkon”—“a people that dwells apart.” That is something that might not be very high on our communal agenda, but it is nevertheless an aspect of the Jewish historic experience that cannot be denied. This is further augmented by the fact that, with regard to our own secular education and that of our children, there are no behavioral consequences that are suggested by the curriculum of secular education. By this I mean that there is nothing in the curriculum of the sciences or the humanities that requires us to behave in a certain way, alter our living habits or modify our behavior. Judaism, on the other hand, is a faith of commandments, of customs and of practices.

When we study mathematics, chemistry, history or economics, we are not required by the subject matter to become community conscious or charitably generous, to attend worship services glorifying Euclid, to refrain from eating bread during finals week, to have our sons circumcised, to be married in a certain ceremony, or to bury our dead in a certain manner. When the bell rings at three o'clock at any of our neighborhood schools, children and parents are free to live as they please. The only requirement is to pass our courses, with grades as high as possible.

Not so for Judaism. If we teach about the Sabbath and the holidays, it would stand to reason that we have some hope of observance. To not have such a hope would be analogous to the teaching of piano—which presents the students with a theoretical essay on proper muscle control—without expecting the student to ever go near a piano. Of course, that wouldn't make sense.

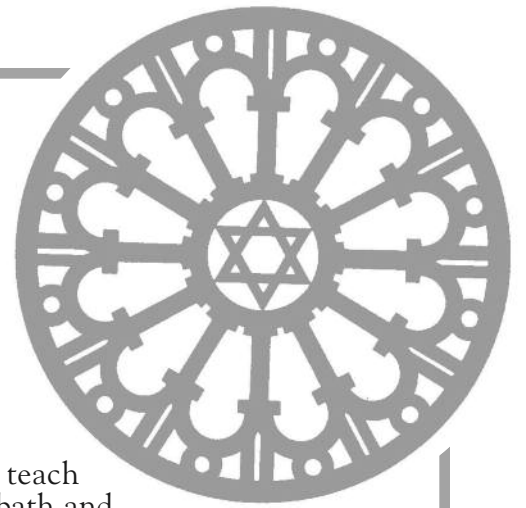
Similarly, it would be a great paradox to teach about Jewish customs, ceremonies and observances and then to have no expectation that this education would have practical applications. Should we teach about Passover but have no seders? Should we teach about the Sabbath but light no candles? Should we teach about the desirability of communal prayer but expect no attendance?

ADULT LEARNING: PASSOVER UNIVERSITY

Religious School is not just for kids anymore! All Temple members are invited to join us for dynamic adult-learning sessions led by our clergy and faculty that will help renew appreciation for the Haggadah and liven up your Passover seder.

Sessions will be held from 9:30 A.M. to 12 P.M. on **SUNDAY, APRIL 6** in the Goldsmith Religious School building (10 East 66th Street). Choose only those courses that interest you; come for the whole morning or just a single session.

For a full description of courses and session details, log on to the Emanu-El Web site (click “Learning” → “Adult Education”). Or, contact the Office of Lifelong Learning: (212) 744-1400, ext. 226; school@emanuelnyc.org.



BEYOND THE TEMPLE

Record numbers of volunteers turned out in early February in response to a search for a bone marrow donor for Lisa, a young Jewish mother of two, living in downtown Manhattan, and the niece of one of our beloved Nursery School teachers. Lisa has been diagnosed with Acute Myelogenous Leukemia (ALM).



Many of our Nursery School parents trained to collect DNA samples from the inner wall of the cheek and for six hours collected 260 samples from community members, as well as many that came in response to a massive e-mail chain.

We are extremely happy to report that a perfect match for Lisa (*below right*) has been found, and pending additional tests, Lisa's outlook is very promising. Many thanks to all who took the time to help out!

Because of a shortage of samples in the bone marrow donor banks, 80 percent of patients in need will never find a genetic match. To obtain a free testing kit, call (866) 340-DKMS.



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