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**FIRST OFF-** The fall is upon us and I always look to it as a chance to start fresh and head towards finishing up one year and beginning another on a good note. Must be mental remnants of school days. Baseball playoffs, beginning of football season, holidays approaching fast. It's a good time of the year. With the mid term elections coming up, here's hoping that someone crashes the party and spikes the tea with some common sense. It took years to get in this mess and it's gonna take more than two to get out of it. Enjoy the fall, buy local when you can — your dollar is your political statement.

**SEPTEMBER IS RECYCLED PRINTER PAPER MONTH! \$5.95 a ream**

## INFORMATION

**ATTN. PARKERS** Alternate Parking is suspended:

•Mon.	Sept. 6th	Labor Day
•Thurs., Fri.	Sept. 9th-10th	Rosh Hashanah
•Fri., Sun.	Sept. 10th-12th	Idul-Fitr
•Sat.	Sept. 18th	Yom Kippur
•Thurs., Fri.	Sept. 23rd-24th	Succoth
•Thurs.	Sept. 20th	Shemini Atzereth

**LISTEN, LEARN, SPEAK....** The Ninth Precinct Community Council Meeting will be held on Tuesday, Sept. 21, 7pm @ 321 E. 5th St., [www.thenewninthprecinct.org](http://www.thenewninthprecinct.org)

### STREET FAIRS (just to name a few)

- Sat. Sept. 11th 10th & Stuyvesant Block Association Annual Block Party (E. 10th St. bet. 2nd & 3rd Aves)
- Sat. Sept. 25th St. Mark's Church in the Bowery (E. 11th St. bet. 2nd & 3rd Aves.)
- Sat. Sept. 25th FAB Festival & Block Party (E. 4th St. bet Bowery & 2nd Ave.)

## VOLUNTEERS

### THEY ALWAYS NEED YOUR HELP

- MARY HOUSE can always use donations of food and women's clothing, 55 E Third Street, 212-777-9617
- JOSEPH HOUSE need donations of food and men's clothing, 36 East First Street 212-254-1640
- VISITING NEIGHBORS Call 212-260-6200 or visit their website at [www.visitingneighbors.org](http://www.visitingneighbors.org)
- GOD'S LOVE WE DELIVER [www.godslovewedeliver.org](http://www.godslovewedeliver.org)
- ANIMAL SHELTER [www.asPCA.org](http://www.asPCA.org)

**DROP A CAN IN THE BOX** Contribute to our ongoing food drive to benefit The Middle Collegiate Church Food Pantry Program. Bring your **CANNED ONLY** goods to our store. Thanks a lot.

## OUT AND ABOUT

**GET LISTED!** UPCOMING EVENTS, GIGS, ITEMS OF INTEREST... To submit, e-mail us at: [santo@sourceunltd.com](mailto:santo@sourceunltd.com) or stop by our store @ 331 E. 9th Street *Inclusion subject to space availability.*

- **MOTION, SUSTAINED...** NYU Professor Richard Brown presents an entertaining and irreverent look at the turn-of-the-century race to create the first true motion picture. This free event includes rarely seen clips from around the world. Wednesday, Sept. 22nd, at 7pm Bookstore Cafe, 126 Crosby Street 212-334-3324
- **IRRATIONAL REACTIONS.** Academy Award nominated director John R. Dilworth will present many of his award winning short films including the underground comedy classic, *The Dirty Birdy* along with live music and special guests. Thurs., Sept. 23rd, 8pm @ 92Y Tribeca, 200 Hudson Street, 212.601.1000 [www.92ytribeca.org](http://www.92ytribeca.org) \$12.00
- **TENEMENT TALKS...** *Five Points: The 19th Century NYC Neighborhood That Invented Tap Dance, Stole Elections and Became the World's Most Notorious Slum* with Tyler Anbinder. Sept. 23, 6:30pm @ Tenement Museum, 108 Orchard St., 212-982-8420 FREE RSVP: [events@tenement.org](mailto:events@tenement.org)
- **DUFFY BY THE LAKE...** The Jim Duffy Combo will be playing sparkling instrumental pop tunes, Thurs, Sept. 16 9pm @ Lakeside Lounge, 162 Ave B [www.3dotsmusic.com](http://www.3dotsmusic.com)
- **GARDEN ARTS...** the First Street Garden Arts for Arts (AFA) begins it's annual celebration of art and community gardens. The series will open with the premiere of William Parker's *Segments of Light* featuring 15 bassists. The piece is dedicated to the renewal of commitment to life and peace nine years after September 11th. Sunday, Sept. 12th, 2:30pm, @ First St. Garden (50 E. 1st St. bwn 1st & 2nd Ave)
- **FALL FOR DANCE FESTIVAL...** City Center's annual dance sampler is back, Sept. 28—Oct. 9, 10 performances by 20 companies on one stage for 10 days. all seats \$10. Visit [NYCITYCENTER.org](http://NYCITYCENTER.org) for lineup, tickets.
- **APPLES ON ORCHARD...** pays tribute to the LES's historical connection to apples. Orchard Street was an apple orchard in the 1700's, owned by a farmer named Delancey. Festival on Sunday, Sept. 26th, 11am to 5pm
- **SANTO GIGS...** • Fri. Sept. 3rd & 24th with Michael Lydon & Gennaro Kravitz @ London Lennie's, 63-88 Woodhaven Blvd. Rego Park • Tues. Sept. 14th with Guitarist Stew Cutler and Friends @ The Immigrant Bar, 341 East 9th Street, 8 -10pm



**COLUMN OF THE MONTH** Be Part Of The Source Letter... Submit YOUR stories, photos, drawings to: [santo@sourceunltd.com](mailto:santo@sourceunltd.com)

**East Village Profile:** Sara Curry Pre-school

# Sara Curry Preschool

at little missionary's day nursery



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**Sara Curry Preschool** at the Little Missionary's Day Nursery is the oldest, continuously operating non-sectarian school in New York City. It was founded in 1896 by Miss Sara Curry, a woman who dedicated her life to providing childcare to the working parents of the Lower East Side. Since she worked so hard to help the community, many called her the "Little Missionary", hence the name of the school.

The few early records that remain and the personal recollections of older community members have indicated that Miss Curry had a very persuasive personality.

Through her tireless efforts she made numerous friends in the business community and was able to enlist the support of several very wealthy families. The husbands helped with funding, provided corporate and legal assistance, and sat on the Board. The wives collected food and clothing, organized fundraising and volunteered their services at the nursery.

In addition to child care, Miss Curry aimed to extend her help to the parents also. She organized cooking, sewing and child care classes for the mothers. The fathers were also encouraged to come in for meetings to help them with their problems, and to steer them towards sobriety and responsibility.


In 1901 the building at 93 Saint Mark's Place was purchased with the help of generous funding, and from that day to the present it has been in continued service as a nursery. At one point over 200 infants and children were cared for on a daily basis. With the help of benefactors a summer camp was established in New Jersey, and this facility later moved to Rye, New York. Until the early 1970s thousands of children had the opportunity to leave the Lower East Side and enjoy the fresh air at the LMDN summer camp.

Miss Curry retired in 1940 and the nursery was managed by her adopted daughter Anna Almasy until her retirement in 1973. Though enrollment and funding decreased after Miss Curry's death, the Board and parents of the nursery both worked hard over the years to keep the school alive. The building in Rye was sold in 1991 and the proceeds were used to pay debts and defray expenses.

To this day, the nursery still serves the working parents of the Lower East Side, and each year a portion of income is set aside to provide tuition assistance. The school consists of volunteers who give generously of their time and energy to keep this wonderful school alive. The Board and parents work together to raise funds and help keep the traditions of Sara Curry and the Little Missionary's Day Nursery alive.



## Satch's Corner Where you can read about some good cd's, books and videos

**TOM JONES -- PRAISE & BLAME**  What's new pussycat? This new release by Tom Jones, yes THAT Tom Jones is a bit unusual. As he approaches his 70's, Tom looks at life and the funeral pyre and takes heart in songs by Sister Rosetta Tharpe, Pop Staples, John Lee Hooker and Bob Dylan as well as co-writing a few on his own. Standouts include Tom's own "Ain't No Grave" and "Nobody's Fault But Mine" & a powerfully reflective version of Dylan's "What Good Am I?" I give it 3 bones. Why Delilah? Cause it's a good listen! See you next time on the corner...

**THE 1st 25 PEOPLE TO FIND 3 REFERENCES TO A TOM JONES SONG IN THIS REVIEW WIN A PRIZE**



"Satch" drawing  
by Sara Hauser

**Closing Statement:** "The greatest wealth is health" ~Virgil