

## SHABBAT AND CHAG SERVICES

### Thursday 1

Shavuot & Confirmation @ 6:15 pm  
Tikun Leil Shavuot study @ 8 pm

### Friday 2

Shavuot & Yizkor @ 10 am  
Shabbat Services 6:15 pm

### Saturday 3

Torah Study @ 10 am  
Musical Minyan @ 11 am

### Friday 9 – Synaplex™ Shabbat

Tot Shabbat Squad @ 5:30 pm  
Kabbalat Shabbat @ 6:15 pm

### Saturday 10 @ 10 am

Bar Mitzvah of James Zebooker

### Friday 16 @ 6:15 pm

Youth Group Shabbat

### Saturday 17 @ 10 am

Bat Mitzvah of Lori Ettinger

### Friday 23 @ 6:15 pm

### Friday 30 @ 6:15 pm

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**All Summer Services at 6:15 pm**

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## TEMPLE ACTIVITIES

### Chevrat Nashim

Sundays 4, 11, 18, & 25 @ 11 am

### Friday 9-Synaplex™ Events

5:30 pm Shabbat Kids Club – NYPD Q?

5:30 pm Tot Shabbat Squad

6:00 pm Kids Dinner

6:15 pm Supervised Play

6:15 pm Kabbalat Shabbat

7:15 pm Shabbat Kids Club

7:15 pm Young Singles & Couples Oneg

7:15 pm Candlelight Dinner

8:15 pm Shabbat Focus

9:30 pm Oneg Shabbat

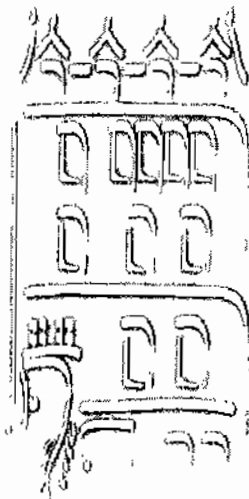
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## CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

**WEDNESDAY 14 @ 7:30 PM**

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**JUNE 2006**  
**SIVAN 5766**



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# Templet

## The Nachas Season

“To everything there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven”, is frequently the opening of a sad speech to come.

But for this June season, it is a time for “nachas” and happy speeches, full of the positive portent of things to come. The recent Ordination as a rabbi of one of our own Religious School-trained graduates was a community-wide joyous event at our Temple. Six hope-filled teenagers will be confirmed on Shavuot, the holiday that celebrates the receiving of the Torah and also bringing forth of the first new crops of the blossoming spring season.

So, we salute our bright young graduates, our shiny new Confirmands, our fledgling B’nei Mitzvah honorees and all the beautiful kids who make this the “nachas season”.

*Florence Peloquin*

**SEE BACK CALENDAR FOR ALL CLOSINGS**

## FROM THE RABBI'S STUDY

Dear Friends,

Sometimes the experiences that are the most fun are also the most challenging. I was fortunate to have such an experience recently, and I would like to share it with you.



I was invited to join about 70 people for a weekend summit sponsored by a five-year-old organization named Reboot, which calls itself "a network for Jewish innovation." This yearly invitation-only summit is the organization's centerpiece. Participants are young (20's through early 40's), Jewish, and usually not involved in traditional Jewish institutions such as synagogues. They are also, in large part, arbiters of culture in America –successful in their fields of writing, television, film, arts, web, academia and assorted others. They are convened for the explicit purpose of discussing what Jewish identity means to them. There are no experts, no lectures — just a constant exchange of ideas, and plans, for real projects about the kind of Jewish experiences they would like to have. The impetus for the summit is this: given that only about one-third of American Jews affiliate with synagogues, and that these participants are the ones who will be creating culture anyway, let's get these people together and give them the chance to invent the dynamic, compelling Jewish culture that *they* want, not just standard offerings from standard institutions.

The challenge to me is that I represent the standard institutions; I am a synagogue rabbi. I was invited to be the sole rabbi at the summit because I passed the test of being a liberal rabbi who could interact in an informal way and serve as a resource about Judaism and as a spiritual counselor to people who sought that out, all without lecturing or leading. I was there to serve them. What attracted me to the event was that the philosophy of Reboot's mission is so close to my own, which I pursue at EET and elsewhere: that of serving each person in his or her search for meaning, meeting others exactly where they are. And these were really fascinating people. I enjoyed every single conversation the whole weekend long.

Still, the challenge to me was actually two-fold. First, I had to reconcile myself to the fact that much of what I appreciate and try to encourage in Jewish life –

David Adelson meaningful, regular ritual and study — was not going to compel most of these people in the same way. Most of them would balk at the idea of ever joining a synagogue.

The second challenge brings me to our work here at EET. I believe that all Jewish institutions, especially synagogues — and most especially synagogues on the cutting edge of being inclusive and welcoming as we are — must learn from the message of Reboot. That is, we must understand that if we want to serve all Jews, we have to continue changing and opening up further. We usually focus on trying to bring people in – which we should be proud of, because we do wonderful things together. But we must also keep our eyes on the two-thirds of the Jewish community (and in NYC it is higher – about three-quarters), who do not join synagogues. Synaplex™ has helped us to open up and try some new things – but that is only the beginning.

Every one of us knows lots of Jews who are not members of synagogues. And as many of you know, I grew up affiliated, but with much less religious practice than I have today. It is important that we keep thinking about all of those other Jews out there, and challenge ourselves to grow to be more and more inclusive.

What does this mean? It means projects based not just on prayer and study, but on Jewish arts and culture as well. It means events that are non-threatening and perhaps take place outside of the synagogue itself. Most of all, it means listening to the voices of those who feel disenfranchised, and asking ourselves what can we do to grow more expansive, and not just try to get others inside to do what we already do.

That is challenging to me as a rabbi, one who has taken on responsibility for guiding the oldest of all Jewish institutions, a synagogue. It is challenging to all of us, because we are attached to what we do, and change is hard. But without addressing the challenge of becoming ever more inclusive, we will cut off our opportunities to grow, both in numbers and in vitality, and we will not be truly serving the Jewish people.

May we rise to this exciting, stimulating challenge, and grow thereby.

In hope,

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### June's Torah Portions:

6/3	Naso 1	Num. 4:21 – 5:31
6/10	Naso 2	Num. 6:1-7:89
6/17	Behalotecha	Num. 8:1-12:16
6/24	Shelach-Lecha	Num. 13:1-15:41
7/1	Korach	Num. 16:1-12:22

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Dear Friends

**The talent we have at EET** amazes me. I often forget how gifted our membership is. For example, the Synaplex™ program on the Supreme Court could have been a university seminar staffed with speakers from the best of our nation's think tanks. Paul Connuck's explanation of the Bill of Rights, his examination of "enumerated rights" and "unenumerated rights" and due process was eye-opening. Sam Rosen provided Clifford Odets-esque insight into the abridgement of the rights of "the little person" by citing damaging Supreme Court decisions from 1995 to the present. Judge Alice Schlesinger explained the deterioration of Roe v. Wade in a timeline starting from the decision in 1973 to allow abortion to the present, in a case-by-case explanation of the chipping away of Roe and the jeopardy in which the right to choose finds itself today.



**While the direction of the Supreme Court** was being debated in the library, in the Sanctuary, three of EET's interfaith couples were responding to facilitator Adam Schartoff's queries on the challenges they face in reconciling what can easily be construed as competing religious and cultural practices in the home. Listening to John Stackhouse credit his father-in-law for his journey towards conversion, Muhamed Saric acknowledging an affinity with Judaism, and Cindy Au-Kramer discussing the richness of celebrating three New Years – Chinese, Secular and Jewish – was without precedent.

**On a much more regular basis**, Marcia Muskat pens what I like to refer to as our very own "Public Lives" column every month spotlighting congregational talent. She is of course, very talented herself, demonstrating an ability to identify an endless and refreshing well of personalities and their accomplishments that surprises and inspires.

Bottom line – this is a talented congregation that while small, knows how to maximize its gifts. I am honored to be among you.

**On behalf of the Board of Trustees, please join me in celebrating your talents and gifts on Wednesday, June 14, at 6 pm for a light collation as we honor and acknowledge the talents and contributions of our Temple Family. The annual congregational meeting of East End Temple will follow at 7:30 pm.**

It is a pleasure to serve as your President.

B'Shalom,

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**Has a year** really gone by so quickly? It seems unreal that there ever was a time when I was not a part of East End Temple. As this spring season leads its way into summer, I have begun reflecting on this past year. From the moment I walked through the door it was clear to me that this was a special place; a place where family and friends come to pray together, to mourn together, to celebrate together, to support each other and to extend that support beyond the confines of East End to the greater community.



**The consistency of Shabbat services** has provided me with a wonderful opportunity to connect with all of you, week after week. For those of you who attend nearly every week, it has been so encouraging to look out at the familiar faces who are eager to join me in song. For those of you whom I have met only once or twice, it is a pleasure to pray with you and I hope to see you again and again and have the opportunity to know you better. And to the amazing students of East End Temple's Religious School: your love of singing and learning inspires me to think and rethink approaches to learning, approaches to prayer and to music. I look forward to my time with all of you, be it during services, trope class, or independent study.

**I shall be spending this summer in Israel**, serving as an intern at the Hebrew Union College's Jerusalem Campus. I applied for the position because I had such an amazing time during my own year in Israel, that I was inspired to help others make the most of their precious time there. I will help the incoming students adjust to the wonders of life in Israel, the demands of school as well as their shift in career and life focus. I will also be leading student services.

**Though my summer is going to be fantastic**, I have already begun to think about my return to East End Temple in the fall. It brings me happiness and peace of mind to know that I have such a beautiful community to return home to in New York. I hope you all have a wonderful summer and look forward to beginning a new year with you upon my return.

Mazal Tov to Jacob Gordon on his Bar Mitzvah.  
Mazal Tov to Lori Ettinger and James Zebooker on their forthcoming Bat and Bar Mitzvahs.

Shira

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## DIRECTOR OF CONGREGATIONAL LEARNING

Aliya Cheskis-Cotel

**Parents: Imagine this -- students, asked what they liked best about EET Religious School, couldn't decide, since there were so many things they liked!**

Wrapping up a wonderful year, our students chose their favorite activities:



**Miriam Harrow (Candy's class):** Making Noah's ark, the animals, and the people . . .

**Jeremy Gurvitz (Nitzan's class):** Putting on a play of Moshe and the Burning Bush . . .

**Anna Lifsec (Nitzan's class) & Sarah Maffucci (Yoshie's class):** Going to the park with our Israeli visitor -- we played the Palmach Underground and we captured the flag from our teachers and teacher helpers who played the Brits . . .

**Miles Hamberg (Yoshie's class):** Matza baking at Pesach University -- kneading it, timing it, then eating it . . . my team came in 2<sup>nd</sup> place . . .

**Ben Gordon (Shalom's class):** The trip to The Jewish Children's Learning Lab -- we learned so much, not only about Hebrew culture but about Egyptian culture.

**Samantha Kraftsow (Shalom's class):** Drawing pictures of the Aleph-Bet letters for our props in the play about how to make words from the letters.

**Austin Tipograph (Nitzan's older class):** Singing for Israel at the microphone and dancing at the Israeli Independence Day celebration. . .

**Cole Tallerman (Nitzan's older class):** Acting out the story of Passover -- I played Moshe going down the river in a little little basket. . . .

**Leila & May Treuhafft-Ali (Amit's class):** Making drama out of the Jacob and Esau story including songs about it . . . and contemporary drama of different immigrant groups coming to Israel. . . .

**Monica Bell (Amit's class):** The crafts projects -- masquerade ball masks for Purim; original flags with new symbols for Israeli Independence Day. . .

**James Zebooker (Elisa's class):** Making 519 sandwiches for poor families. . . we take for granted how much food we have and to give back felt really nice.

**Julie Ofman (Elisa's class):** The movie Hiding and Seeking featuring children of the people who hid the Jews in WW II. . . & meeting the filmmaker. . .

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## EERNY NEWS Marc Sobel, Youth Advisor

Another year seems to be winding down already but we still have lots of exciting news before we break for the summer. First, a huge thanks to everyone who donated items for our 3rd Annual Stoop Sale. I am pleased to report that we shattered our previous sales record, and had a great time in the process. Thanks also to Kaitlin Ofman, Dan Hochman, Melissa Gollance, Dana Harris, Rachel Brenner, Madi McCullough and Benjamin Goodman for all their hard work and expert salesmanship.



Several of our youth group members also attended the Save Darfur rally in Washington D.C., sponsored by the Downtown Kehillah, and, inspired by their experience there, would like to dedicate their annual tzedakah project toward helping those people in need in the region. To add to this fund, we are asking everyone in East End Temple to send a check, made payable to the American Jewish World Service, to the Temple office. I would like to encourage everyone to support this very worthy cause. Last year we raised close to \$5,000 for tsunami victims and if possible, we would like to beat that total this year!

As we look toward the end of the year, we have several exciting events planned. We will once again be going to the Gotham Comedy Club for an evening of live comedy on Saturday, June 3 (this is tentative, pending availability). We will also be honoring our outgoing president and graduating senior, Kaitlin Ofman, at a special Shabbat service on Friday June 16. Please join us in thanking Kaitlin for all the hard work and enthusiasm she has brought to the Youth Group over the past four years.

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You are cordially invited to  
*Shavuot* and Confirmation Services

Thursday evening,  
June 1, 2006 - 6 Sivan, 5766  
at 6 pm

CONFIRMANDS

Lili Blumenberg

Matthew Gottesman

Saar Shemesh

Melissa Gollance

Joel Hochman

Michael Sturm

## SISTER TO SISTER Fern Stampleman

Many of us are still basking in the afterglow of the Sisterhood Shabbat. The cocktail hour was a great opportunity for sisters to relax and shmooze before services. As for our guest speaker, not a dry eye could be found in the sanctuary, including Rabbi Stephanie



Kolin's, as she was called to the Torah for the first time as a rabbi, in the Temple of her childhood. And teach us she did, about how Judaism accounts for transitions, making this unique time sacred. Services were followed by a scrumptious Oneg catered by our own Sharon Shemesh. Who knew! Mazal Tov to Rabbi Kolin, the entire Kolin Family and to our wonderful East End Temple Sisterhood for a sensational season!

**This spring, in honor of Rosh Chodesh**, the new moon women's holiday, EET member Judith Lorber led five discussions on little-known but important women of the Bible, based on Tikva Frymer-Kensky's *Reading the Women of the Bible*. The women were warriors who helped save Israel from conquest, victims of a patriarchal society, foreign brides who married Jewish men, "throne mothers" -- non-Jewish women who were founders of important Jewish dynasties -- and oracles who spoke the word of God. Their stories generated lively discussions of their relevance to women of our own day. Judith plans another series for the Rosh Chodesh potluck brunches next spring. The topic will be Eve and Lillith. Who is Lillith? She is to Eve as Vashti is to Esther. For more -- come next spring!

**At this time**, I'd like to say todah rabah to the Sisterhood Board: Cynthia Dubensky, Linda Hetzer, Carole Hyman, Fran Kolin, Beth Labush, Judith Lorber, Elissa Macklin, June Morse, Barbara Ringel, Edna Rosen, Helene Spring and Lorraine Weiss, without whom life as Sisterhood President would not be possible!

PLEASE continue to bring in your vintage/costume jewelry; date for fall sale TBA. Summer's a good time to knit items for the Cold Weather Project. Need yarn or have yarn to donate? Drop by the Temple office.

The next Sisterhood Meeting is Monday, June 19th @7:30 pm.

Sister-to-Sister,

Fern (with Judith Lorber)

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## LIBRARY BUZZ

Barbara Ringel

As summer hovers just around the corner, my thoughts turn with great anticipation to all the reading I plan to do, and I hope that many of you share similar thoughts. Now is therefore the perfect moment for me to urge you to explore the vast, diverse collection of books in our library. Whether you are looking for current fiction, non-fiction, biographies, memoirs, Jewish history, Holocaust, feminist literature, spiritual readings, biblical readings, or more, EET's Helene Spring Library is the place to find it! I'm pleased to report that many more members have found their way to our jewel of a library, as evidenced by the increased volume of cards in our check-out box! The process is simple: just remove the card from your book, sign it, fill in the date due (three weeks, subject to renewal, from date of checkout), and place it in the box. That's it, and the book is yours for reading!



**In addition, our EET Book Club** has read a number of particularly absorbing, thought-provoking books this year, and all are available in our library. There will be a special display of these books in June and July. Unanimous praise went to the following titles:

*Plot Against America* by Philip Roth  
*The Children's War* by Monique Charlesworth  
*The Pieces From Berlin* by Michael Pye  
*Fragile Branches* by James Ross  
*The Preservationist* by David Maine  
*The History of Love* by Nicole Krauss

Please come in and share our wealth of books. Have a great summer!

Barbara

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## JUDAICA SHOP FINDS

Fran Kolin

Confirmants at East End Temple learn about being Jewish in the real world. We have simple silver necklaces that make that quiet statement.

Choose from a Star of David, Chai, Hamsa, or Mezuzah, all in sterling silver. (For when they start Driver's Ed., we've got Star of David Smiley Keychains!) Support your temple and shop the Shop.



Fran

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As the days grow longer and warmer, we near the date of our last Synaplex™ Shabbat before the summer. On Friday June 9, Rabbi Aaron Panken joins us for our Shabbat Focus program, "Who Will Join the Temple? Defining Reform Judaism for the Next Generation". Rabbi Panken, Dean of NY's Hebrew Union College and a leading figure in Reform Judaism, will share his unique perspective on the opportunities and challenges facing our community in the coming decade. Mark your calendars now – Rabbi Panken is a dynamic speaker and his insights are certain to be relevant to all of us at East End. This is a Shabbat Focus presentation you should not miss.

And for the kids on June 9, come meet the engaging and charismatic Officer Ira Jablonsky during "NYPD Q? Ask the Officer". At 5:30 sharp come with questions in hand and find out what it's like to be both a police officer and an Orthodox Jew. After services, Shabbat Kids Club will continue with an arts and crafts project.

Of course the rest of the evening's programs, including Tot Shabbat Squad and the Young Singles & Couples Oneg, will be up and running as well. Check out the enclosed schedule for complete details, and send in your dinner reservation form promptly!

On a more personal note, we would like to thank you all for your support of Synaplex™ this year. It's both amazing and gratifying that we have spent eight Fridays and two Saturdays together learning, praying, discussing, singing, and sharing in so many different ways. Synaplex™ has brought new excitement to Temple life at East End and the congregation has "gotten on board" with an enthusiasm that is spreading to the outside community as well. The volunteer help of many, especially the Synaplex™ Steering Committee, has been critical in making this happen, and we would like, once again, to say a most heartfelt thank you to everyone involved. It has been a remarkable year.

Lauren Weinberger and Pearl Polifka



Synaplex™ is an initiative of STAR (Synagogues: Transformation and Renewal). Synaplex™ is made possible by grants from UJA-Federation of New York and STAR.

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**TOT SHABBAT SQUAD**  
**Friday, June 9**  
**5:30-6:30 pm**

Join us for our last Tot Shabbat Squad before the summer! Don't miss the Torah parade, songs, stories and blessings over the candles, grape juice and challah. We'll also create our own blessings for children and parents. *For children 2-5 accompanied by an adult*



**EET SYNAPLEX™ SHABBAT DINNER RESERVATION FORM**  
**FRIDAY, JUNE 9, 2006**

Join us for a candlelight dinner at 7:15 pm after Kabbalat Shabbat.

Adult Dinners	___ x \$20	\$ _____
Adult Vegetarian Dinners	___ x \$20	\$ _____
Children's Dinners (ages 5-12)	___ x \$10	\$ _____
<b>TOTAL ENCLOSED</b>		<b>\$ _____</b>

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

Children under 12 will dine together in the youth lounge at 6 pm. Supervised play will be available from 6:15-8:15 pm; however parents must remain in the Temple building. Call the Temple office if you will be joined at dinner by a child 4 or under.

- **Please make checks payable to East End Temple.**
- **Space is limited; reserve early. Mail reservations only. No phone reservations accepted.**
- **Reservations and payment must be received at the Temple office by Tuesday, June 6.**

# the rabbi's wife

by Lynn Harris



*Note: Starting with this issue, we will feature excerpts from a column our rabbi's wife, Lynn Harris, writes for an online publication, Nextbook.org. Here is the link where you can read the full article: [www.nextbook.org](http://www.nextbook.org)*

## Supernanny With a Beard

A celebrity rabbi takes on the American living room

Until David gets his own show, there is *Shalom in the Home*, starring megarabbi Shmuley Boteach.

On his new show (Mondays, 10 pm, The Learning Channel), Boteach cruises the country in his Heal Mobile, a tricked-out Airstream that's half therapist's couch, half mobile surveillance base, to bring peace to warring families: the surly kids mad at their dad for cheating, the banshee mom unable to speak below a shriek, the 9-year-old girl with "anger issues" who, I swear, came *this close* to spinning her head around 360 degrees and projectile puking on the camera crew.

Boteach is sort of like Supernanny with a beard, except his primary mission is not discipline. When parents sit in the Heal Mobile to watch video of their rugrats mouthing off or destroying the house, Boteach is quick to point out that their kids' obnoxiousness is all about *them*. Only when the *parents* pipe down, forgive each other, or face the pain of their own parents' divorce will kids set the table without being asked twice.

Encouraging families to cooperate might involve a game of hoops or a camping trip with "trust activities," plus direct coaching from Shmuley through a Secret Service-style earpiece.

Does Boteach actually wind up helping these families? I'm pretty sure he gets them off to a good start, though I would have been more entertained if Mr. and Mrs. Lubner had opted to leave their feral 9-year-old in the woods. Despite the clown-at-a-party cadence of Boteach's voiceovers, his manner is pleasantly sincere, perceptive, and respectful; he's firm when necessary, but never a bully like Dr. Phil or Dr. Laura.

Selfishly, however, I'm more interested in whether Boteach, with his presence on this show, is helping the Jews. And specifically, the rabbis among them. Given the wide breadth of his book topics (dating, misogyny, fear, "kosher" sex), a vast multimedia resumé stretching

from Oxford University to Neverland Ranch, and perhaps the caffeine intake of his publicist, Boteach has become the go-to Jew—"America's rabbi," if you will—on everything from psychics to pedophiles. But arguably, this conventional, watchable show on TLC will bring him to a larger mainstream audience than ever. And what impression will that audience—the nonreligious, the religious who have never met a Jew or a rabbi, the unaffiliated Jews who have come to distrust "organized religion"—come away with?

To complete this article, go to <http://www.nextbook.org>



## From the Ritual Committee



### Mark Your Calendars

**Beginning June 2, 2006 – Friday summer services – 6:15 pm**

Our year of Synaplex™ Shabbats confirms EET's profile as a singing congregation. We continue in the tradition with Musical Summer Shabbat Services led by Rabbi David Adelson and Song Leader Daniel Leanse.

**Monday, October 2, 2006 - following the 6:30 pm Havdalah service**

Based on the enthusiastic response to last year's Yom Kippur Break Fast, we are committed to again holding a delicious Break Fast as a Temple Community.

[Details to follow in the summer Temple]

**2006 – 5767**

### HIGH HOLY DAY DATES

At NYU Dental School Auditorium 345 E. 24 St. & 1 Ave.

Friday, September 22 @ 7:30 pm

– Erev Rosh Hashanah

Saturday, September 23 @ 10 am

– Rosh Hashanah

Sunday, October 1 @ 7:30 pm

– Kol Nidrei

Monday, October 2

– Yom Kippur @ 10 am

– Yizkor @ 12:45 pm

Afternoon Services are held at EET, 245 E. 17th Street



**Food For Families dates for the 2006-2007 season. Please mark your calendars:**

Sundays at 1 pm, 10/1, 11/12, 12/3

1/7/07, 2/4 and 4/11

## THE TEMPLE FAMILY

### **Congratulations and Mazal Tov to**

Meltem and Merrick Slater on the birth of their daughter, Reyda Morgan Slater (our newest EET member), born on Tuesday, April 25th, 7 lbs 10 oz.

### **Get Well Wishes to**

Betty Beranbaum, Sam Peskin, Leonard Spring, Doris Stampleman, Marjorie Sussman

### **EAST END TEMPLE BOOK CLUB**

The Book: *Hedwig and Berti*  
The Author: Frieda Arkin  
The Date: June 20  
The Place: Call for location 212.477.6444

Our September date is: *Wednesday 9/6, book TBA*

The EET Book Club is open to ALL members of the congregation, men and women alike. Read the book and join us in a member's home for our 90 minutes (+/-) discussion and dessert.

## REMINDER

Have you paid your Temple bill in full yet? Please send your payment to the Temple as soon as possible.



## THEATRE TUNES...





**TARZAN**, Wednesday Evening, June 21  
**THE DROWSY CHAPERONE**,  
Wednesday Evening, July 19

Call the Temple office 212/477-6444, and purchase your ticket today.



## BETH ISRAEL BOOK DRIVE

The 6th Annual Book Drive, organized by the Dubensky family on behalf of the Patient Library at Beth Israel Hospital is in full swing. If you have any of the following kinds of reading materials which you no longer need, please consider donating them:

-  **Children's books of any kind** - we are in great need of children's books, but will accept the following as well:
-  Paperback and hardcover books, current bestsellers
-  Fiction, non-fiction, sci-fi, adventure, biography
-  Foreign language books

Boxes will be placed outside the Social Hall at the Temple where you can drop off your donations through Friday, June 30th.

Thank you for helping the patients.

## WEBSITE NEWS



Shavuot occurs on June 2nd, and if you are interested in finding out more about this holiday, you can learn more on East End Temple's website. If you go to our "Home" page, and click on "Worship and Holidays," you will find a new section on Shavuot. There are also links available here to access other sites with additional information. For example, you can access a link to a "Jewish Parent Page" with family activities, blessings, and other ideas for enjoying this holiday.

Did you know that Shavuot is celebrated seven weeks after Passover, and that Shavuot is a Hebrew word meaning "weeks?" Find out more about Shavuot by visiting our website [www.eastendtemple.org](http://www.eastendtemple.org).

*Ellen Ettinger*

## Congratulations to our young adults who will be moving on to the following colleges:

- Kaitlin Ofman @ Middlebury College
- Sam Polifka @ Gettysburg College
- Ivy Simon @ University of Wisconsin
- Ross Stackhouse @ Brown
- Hannah Stampleman @ Hofstra
- Taylor Wolmer @ University of Texas at Austin

## Congratulations and best wishes to all!

East End Temple accepts advertising in our Temple newsletter. For information on rates, closing dates and policies, contact Sharon at the temple office: 212.477.6444



## RIVERSIDE MEMORIAL CHAPEL

*Charles S. Salomon*

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## BEING SHIRA GINSBURG

If there was one moment that caused Shira Ginsburg to reconsider her career in show business, it was three years ago during a Friday night service in Florida. While harmonizing on the Bimah with a good friend and cantor, Shira found herself far more present in the moment than she had been in a long time. Yes, she had caught the singer/actor bug early, starring in school and summer camp productions, earning membership, at age 17, in a professional theater company and performing in a string of gigs that included radio ads, soap operas, showcases, cabarets, and Off-Off Broadway productions. But misgivings about the self-indulgency of stage life combined with the sweetness of Shabbat, caused Shira to rethink her future. The Bimah, after all, was not just any stage and Shira was not just acting. She was being.

### Family Legacies

This performer-turned-aspiring cantor had reaffirmed the Jewish fabric of her being. She grew up as part of a large extended family that made an art form out of Jewish holiday celebrations - this year's lively Ginsburg Seder in New Jersey was no exception. Her Jewish values flow from the legacy of her paternal grandparents (a.k.a. Zayde and Bubby) as Partisan fighters and as Holocaust survivors, and of her dad, who was reared as a child to the age of four in a German Displaced Persons (DP) Camp.

Shira was born and raised on a dairy farm in upstate Troy, New York and traveled 40 minutes, twice daily, to attend The Hebrew Academy of the Capital District in Albany. Sadly, Shira's Zayde passed away recently and will not be witness, in 2009, to his granddaughter's investiture as Cantor. But Zayde's namesake Max, the first Ginsburg great-grandchild and Shira's first nephew, will be front-and-center at this momentous occasion for a grandchild of survivors.

### Musical Momentum

Shira was one of only seven Jewish students in her secular public high school of 1400 and a welcoming voice that educated curious high school classmates about Jewish myths and mores. She studied music and theater at Syracuse U., performed up and down the East Coast and maintained a consistent presence in synagogue life. She was an assistant at Hillel, a substitute teacher at several Hebrew schools and a CIT Director and Judaic Director at her beloved sleep-away Camp Seneca Lake. No longer needing to be in the bright lights, today Shira welcomes every opportunity to engage in family, community and synagogue life while still growing her



**Cantor Shira Ginsburg**

musical range. Perhaps, it is not for nothing that the name *Shira* has its origins in Hebrew and means 'song'.

Shira initially had serious concerns about the five-year cantorial school commitment and even about which branch of Judaism to pursue; Hebrew Union College (HUC) best reflected Shira's theology. Today, drawing on the rich traditions of Reform Judaism and East End Temple, Shira experiences freedom of choice. In the presence of her resourceful mentor, Rabbi David Adelson, and her special EET congregants, Shira feels comfortable to explore her beliefs, create purposeful celebrations and engage others in spiritual exploration.

A year's worth of services and celebrations like the Women's Passover Seder and the EET Magical Evening of Music and Song, has given Shira countless opportunities to sing her heart out. Shira is especially proud of the EET Religious School, where each student displays exceptional intelligence, character, and disposition. The fact that EET students actually enjoy Religious School gives Shira all the more reason for living more fully and generously and for being Shira Ginsburg.



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As the baseball season continues and crucial games are being played, the EET Matching Gift Challenge is rounding third on the way home. As of May 15, more than 70 member households have stepped up to the plate and pledged \$29,624 – we only need \$376 more to reach the game winning score of \$30,000!

How do we get the final hits? That depends on you. You recently received a pledge form in the mail. If you haven't returned it already, please take a minute to do so now and join our winning team.

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## Reflections from a Graduate



### Hail and Farewell

by Kaitlin Ofman

**East End Temple** has been a part of my life for the past fifteen years. While most of my friends grew up with no religious affiliation or identity, my family-based connection with Judaism remained strong throughout Hebrew School, Bat-Mitzvah preparations and confirmation. It was only in the ninth grade, however, when I joined the Youth Group that I began to create my own identity and relationship with Judaism. I was the youngest, and the older members modeled for me how one can do the seemingly impossible: be a cool, interesting, well-adjusted, temple youth group member.

**I have since met many such teens**, within the East End community and through EERNY<sup>2</sup>'s work with the Downtown Kehillah. With every school year, the youth group membership has grown in both size and enthusiasm. It has stayed together through new buildings, new cantors, even a new rabbi. David has been immensely supportive and involved and the success of recent years is truly in part thanks to his interest. Marc Sobel, our advisor, is our man at the helm; as high schoolers, schedules become crazy and many obstacles to attending meetings and events arise, but Marc's excitement, compassion, humor and leadership has kept the unit together. My perfect image of the Youth Group came this past November, when we went to Park Slope in Brooklyn to watch Marc run. David and Lynn met us there, then hosted us for a lovely brunch of bagels on their roof.

**High school is not an easy time for anyone**, and so to have a group of people with similar interests and virtually unconditional friendship is a joy to have. It has been a pleasure to give back through my vice-presidency and presidency to this group of friends whom I hold so close to my heart. As I write this, my heart fills with joy and my eyes with tears. While I do look forward to beginning at Middlebury College this September (I have already made very good friends with the president of the Hillel there), I cannot help be nostalgic and hesitant at the thought of leaving this community that I hold so close. I thank each and every one of you who have given me and all of my fellow members the opportunity to enter the East End and made the EERNY<sup>2</sup> everything that it was.



