

JULY/AUGUST 2005
TAMMUZ/AV 5765

**FRIDAY SHABBAT SERVICES DURING
JULY AND AUGUST**

@ 6 PM in the Sanctuary

TEMPLE ACTIVITIES

Sisterhood Meeting

Tuesday, July 26 @ 7:30 pm

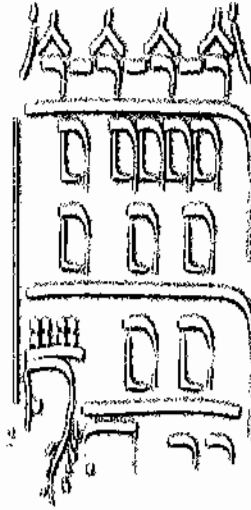
Chevrat Nashim Brunch

Sunday, July 31 @ 11:30 am

SAVE THESE DATES:

Open House

- *Friday, September 9 @ 6:30 pm*
- *Wednesday, September 14 @ 6 pm*



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**COMING
SEPTEMBER 23!
GET READY FOR**



2005/2006 SYNAPLEX SHABBAT DATES

Friday, September 23

Friday, November 4

Friday, December 9

Friday, February 10 and
Saturday, February 11

Friday, March 3

Friday, April 7 and
Saturday, April 8

Friday, May 5

Friday, June 9

UJA Federation
of New York

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

GET READY!

Our congregation has been selected by the STAR Foundation to be part of Synaplex™, a program designed to expand the celebration of Shabbat by bringing together three functions of the synagogue – *Bett Tefilah*, House of Prayer, *Bett Midrash*, House of Learning, and *Bett Kneset*, House of Gathering – in a brand new way. Look for more information over the summer and mark your calendars for September 23!

Lauren Weinberger

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Dear Friends,

I am writing the day after the terrorist bombings in London. If you are like me, you have been dragged back through some familiar feelings of anger, fear, perhaps a bit of depression – and perhaps compassion too. We are all learning, the hard way, that the world we live in now looks like this. Terrorist bombings are a part of life in this age, and will not disappear soon. This is a hard reality to accept.



message of a greater unity can help us take confidence because we know that even suffering is not the end of the world. This means that life will, and does, go on even after horrors. It means that people in London will continue with their lives, just as we will. After September 11, 2001 we may have wondered how we could ever go on living – and here we are. I am still full of rage when I think about all that I, my family, friends and my community endured after September 11. But I know that I, and all of us are living proof that that tragedy did not define us. Our lives are much more than that event, and the nature of all of life is much more than just suffering.

Tikkun Olam

Why does the world need to be like this? After we wade through all of the political issues of American and European foreign policy in the Middle East, the nature of religious fundamentalism, and so on, we are still left with an existential question: why do bad things happen? Why do people perpetrate evil?

Dayan haEmet

Our tradition offers many different perspectives on why bad things happen, none of which is intended to be taken as definitive. In looking for a *response* to awful events – as opposed to an explanation for them – our tradition offers us a clearer answer. Talmud teaches that after hearing bad news we are to utter the blessing *Dayan haEmet*, the Judge of Truth. We actually are told to say a blessing when bad things happen, just as we do when good things happen. The message in that instruction is the same as appears in so much of our liturgy and sacred stories: even when we don't understand how it can be, everything – good and bad – ultimately comes from the same source. There is a unity to life that includes our pain as much as our delight.

Moreover, our tradition teaches us that after grappling with the existential challenge of tragedy, the response is to take action toward making the world whole, in acts of *tikkun olam*, repairing the world. We also know from our moments of terrible anxiety that we are most depressed and afraid when we feel powerless. When we take action toward the world's repair, we know we are not powerless. And while we rely more on government to prevent terror acts, there is much in our power to fix others of the world's ills. If you have not yet given money toward relief for the victims of genocide in Darfur, for example, or learned more about what else we can do in response to that tragedy, please go to the American Jewish World Service's website at www.ajws.org.

Life will always bring tragedy and suffering. But that is far, far from all that it brings. And we are not powerless. As Rabbi Nachman of Bratzlav teaches, "All the world is a very narrow bridge. The main thing is not to be afraid."

In wishes for strength,

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This message is not meant to take away our rage at the injustice of terrorist acts and murder. We should be afraid and angry – those are normal responses. But the

Call to Our Congregants

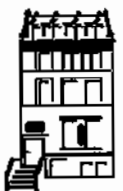
WE are looking for someone to teach a Hebrew reading class at EET. ANYONE who knows the Hebrew alphabet can do it. NO Hebrew teaching experience necessary! Call the Temple office 212.477.6444

Torah Portions

7/23	Pinchas	Num. 25:10-30:1
7/30	Matot	Num. 30:2-32:42
8/6	Mas'ey	Num. 33:1-36:13
8/13	Devarim	Deut. 1:1-3:22
8/20	Va'etchanan	Deut. 3:23-7:11
8/27	Ekev	Deut. 7:12-11:25

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Dear Friends,

Usually synagogues have few paid employees in spite of the complexity of their operation and therefore must rely heavily upon the energy, commitment, good will and expertise of their members in order to achieve their mission and create effective, well-run spiritual and communal institutions.



East End Temple is no exception. We depend on our officers and Board of Trustees – all of whom give time and talent on a voluntary basis. They in turn lean and depend heavily on committee chairs and those who serve on committees. At each level of the volunteer organization – we play a critical role.

Temple volunteers bear an extra burden of responsibility given the limited but competent staff support in place – but may also experience an extra measure of fulfillment. Their effort increases community and intimacy within the congregation and (I hope!) contributes to their own individual understanding of being Jewish and drawing satisfaction within a Jewish community

Strong Volunteer Base

Many of our programmatic initiatives require an infusion of fiscal resources and some do not – but everything that happens at EET succeeds because of the members who volunteer. If we are to sustain ourselves for generations to come, we need to spend more time and devote our attention to developing an even stronger base of EET volunteers. This coming year, we will offer you a variety of reasons to get involved, will actively and personally recruit you, then orient you, follow up with lessons learned and thank you as frequently as we can.

Just prior to the annual congregational meeting, we honored those volunteers of EET who, this past year, demonstrated service to the community and in doing so contributed to the Temple's well-being and future. Once again, we are grateful for your dedication in all acts large and small.

Best wishes for a peaceful and restful summer.

B'Shalom

Karen

Contact: president@eastendtemple.org

Hello everybody,

Returning home a few weeks ago from my studies in Israel at Hebrew Union College this past year was challenging. Although always happy to return home after a trip, this year abroad was like none other. I became a part of Israel, her people, her landscape, and her spirit. Leaving that behind proved difficult, but it was made easier by the excitement that has been building up inside me since April, returning to join East End Temple as your Student Cantor. I am elated at the opportunities that lie ahead for us all to create music and prayer together, and I am delighted at the prospect of meeting each of you and becoming a part of your wonderful community. Enjoy your summer and I look forward to seeing you soon.

Sincerely,

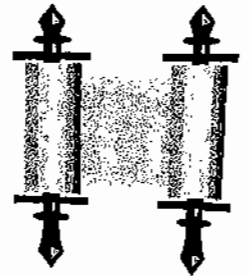
Shira Ginsburg

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A Precious Gift

A recent issue of *Reform Judaism* carried a moving story about the gift of an extra Torah by Temple Emanu-El of San Jose, California, to a Reform congregation in Odessa, Ukraine. This is part of a movement by the World Union for Progressive Judaism to help provide fledgling Reform congregations in Russia with a Torah. The World Union's first Torah transfer took place in 1988 and since then, the program has shepherded more than fifty Torah scrolls from established congregations to new ones, especially to the former Soviet Union where very few Jews have ever seen a Torah scroll.

A small committee of three, including the rabbi of the California temple, hand-delivered the Torah, plus assorted Judaica, to the new Reform congregation headed by a young woman para-rabbi. Eighty people had assembled for the Kabbalat Shabbat service and their first glimpse of their new Torah. In presenting the Torah, the ritual committee chair said, "This is the most precious gift we as a congregation have, and it is our great honor to present it to you". There were tears in everyone's eyes.



Florence Peloquin

DIRECTOR OF CONGREGATIONAL LEARNING REPORT

Aliya Cheskis-Cotel

I am very excited to be the new Director of Congregational Learning at East End Temple. The following are the remarks that I made the night of our Annual Congregational Meeting (The week of the meeting, the biblical parsha was Naso):



Exactly 20 years ago, never having taught a student younger than college age, I was recruited to "help out for 3 months" at the Jewish day school I had helped to found for my own children. I walked in to a class of 28-second graders, fell in love, and stayed there for ten years.

During the subsequent ten years, I have worked with 99 congregations, helping others to find ways to make education exciting, engaging, and challenging. Now, finally, I get the privilege back of jumping into the middle of a vibrant community of congregational learners. It will be my special responsibility to teach children, teach teachers how to better teach children, and enable adults to weave a multi-layered fabric of adult learning.

The rabbi and I have a rare opportunity this year to co-teach the Yamim Noraim - Days of Awe - which don't come until October. For Sukkot, families will get a chance to learn the ancient concept of Ushpizin and do a life-size Sukkot heroes project for our Sukkah.

In February for Shabbat Shira - the Shabbat of Song - we'll have two days of Synaplex song-related activities including a student Zimriya Singdown, a drumming circle with Miriam's Timbrels, folkdancing, study, and a full-scale concert. Before Pesach, families will convert our building to Pesach University with every floor hosting 100 level, 200 level, and 300 level workshops, singing, dancing, and a Charoset tasting and judging contest. By the time we go on our Temple retreat, we'll know each other really well as we'll have used everything from critical thinking skills to artistic abilities to biblical storytelling to raise our learning level by level.

In this week's parasha, Naso, there are 12 days of offerings. Who's the first to bring an offering from the Tribe of Judah? Nachshon, son of Aminadav. Where have we heard of this Nachshon character before? Back in the Book of Exodus we remember the dramatic moment when the children of Israel reached the sea and

the waters parted. The Midrash tells us that the sea would not part until B'nei Yisrael showed enough faith to march in.

והמים להם חמה מימנם ומשמאלם;

That same Nachshon son of Aminadav was bold enough to jump into the waters, and this act of faith caused the sea to separate.

So remember I started by thanking you for giving me the privilege to jump into the middle of a vibrant community of congregational learners. Here we go, folks - just as Nachshon jumped in, let's do so together - and have a fabulous time doing it as a community of learners.

קפץ נחשון בן עמינדב ונרד לים תחלה.

Here come the waters on our right and our left! Let's jump in!

Aliya

Contact: educator@eastendtemple.org

Religious School Update

Our generous children contributed Tzedakah throughout the year which amounted to \$857 (more than \$200 over last year). Towards the end of this school year, grades 4-7 heard presentations from three charity organizations and added some of their own in order to assign the money.

Here are the results of the final vote and allocations of the funds:

1. Charity organization that benefits the city of New York - Robin Hood Foundation \$166.00 (Last year we made this contribution to Resources for Children with Special Needs)
2. Charity organization that benefits Israel - Hadassah - \$225.00 (Last year we made this contribution to Shalom Ethiopia)
3. Charity organization that benefits countries other than USA - AJWS (American Jewish World Services) Sudan Relief and Advocacy Fund - \$466.00 (Last year we made this contribution to Heifer International)

Collecting Tzedakah and choosing how to use it, gives the children the best lesson in *Gemilut Chasadim* (Act of love and kindness).



SISTER TO SISTER ...

Fern Stampleman

Dear Temple Family,

Hope you are enjoying the warmth and daylight hours of the summer months.

If, in your travels you happen to be frequenting flea markets, or yard sales, or tag or moving sales, even visiting relatives or now doing late spring cleaning, **PLEASE KEEP SISTERHOOD IN MIND FOR DONATIONS.** In September, we will begin to collect "gently used" vintage and costume jewelry for resale; an interesting variation on the traditional flea market fundraiser! More details to follow, in the September *Templet*.

Mark Your Calendars For Sisterhood Events

JULY 26TH, TUESDAY @7:30PM: Sisterhood Meeting

SEPTEMBER 10TH, SATURDAY @ a time TBA: Havdalah, Homemade Desserts and "Swing Dancing." Before the High Holidays in October, break out your dancing shoes for an evening of light-hearted fun for teens and adults (with or without dance partners) when Solomon Singer and his partner demonstrate their expertise, then invite us to dance to the music of "The Big Band Era." If you don't remember all the steps or you're new to the genre, help is on the way! **Look for**



an early August mailing with pricing and other details.

DECEMBER 4TH, SUNDAY FROM 10:30 am -12 NOON: Join us when longtime journalist, essayist, novelist and commentator (and wife of Rabbi David Adelson) **Lynn Harris** talks about, "Women in Pop Culture." Details to follow in future *Templet*.

Finally, let me leave you with a reminder that as the New Year approaches, so does the annual appeal for **Sisterhood dues.**

Participation in Sisterhood at any level, even if only monetary, is vital to the life of East End Temple. So, please respond to the September mailing (dues letter) as soon as possible.

As always, look for information regarding the Judaica Shop, The Helene Spring Library and Food For Families in other sections of the *Templet*.

Sisterhood extends best regards for a happy and peaceful summer.

Sister-to-Sister,

Fern

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Assemblyman Steven Sanders

...thanks his extended East End Temple family for their get-well wishes and contributions to the Temple following his recovery from open-heart surgery.

"I am doing great, thanks to your prayers and your support"

THE TEMPLE FAMILY

Congratulations and Mazal Tov to

- Fang and Marc Block on the birth of their daughter and EET's newest member, Hannah May Cui Block, born on May 28, 7 lbs. 9oz, 21¼" long
- Marcia and Michael Muskat on the July 16 wedding of their daughter, Jackie Muskat, to Brian Leitner

Deepest Condolences to

- Alec Appelbaum and Emily Blank on the death of Alec's grandmother, Edith Appelbaum
- Gary Podorowsky, on the death of his father, Seymour Podorowsky
- Judy Sepłowin and Mark and Jessica Kalish on the passing of daughter and sister Rebecca

Welcome New Members

- Peggy Garrison
- Anne Goldstein and Daniel Tufaro and their children, Rebecca and Elliot Tufaro
- Jennifer and Evan Zebooker and their son, James

Get Well Wishes to

Alice Abrash, Jeanette Jacobson, Norma Kimmel, Myrna Kronenthal, Stacy Macklin, Steve Sanders, Doris Stampleman, Marjorie Sussman

Memorial Plaque Purchased For:

Helen S. Doneger, by her family: Alan, Myra and Morgan Doneger

EAST END TEMPLE BOOK CLUB

The Book: *An Almost Perfect Moment*
The Author: Binnie Kirshenbaum
The Date: September 7
The Place: Call for location 212.477.6444

The EET Book Club is open to ALL members of the congregation, men and women alike. Read the book and join us for our 90 minutes + - discussion and dessert.

THEATRE TUNES...

THE LIGHT IN THE PIAZZA – 9/28

Call the Temple office 212/477-6444 to reserve your ticket today.



THANK YOU TO OUR JUNE USHERS

Karen Feuer, Beth Hermelin, Frances Lee, Janie Listengart, Edna Rosen, Leonard Spring

THANK YOU TO OUR JUNE BIMAH GUESTS

Richard Bengloff, Ellen Ettinger, Helene Spring, Fern Stampleman, Lauren Weinberger

FOOD FOR FAMILIES

Marian C. Fish

Mark your calendars for our meal-making sessions benefitting hungry New Yorkers. EET has made thousands of sandwich meals and Food for Families is our highly prized social action project. We will meet on the following Sundays, from 1 – 3 pm:

10/16/05
11/13/05
12/04/05
1/08/06
2/05/06
3/05/06



Marian

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LIBRARY BUZZ

Barbara Ringel

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A summer book
And read?



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JUDAICA SHOP FINDS

Fran Kolin

Hope everyone is enjoying the summer. The Judaica Shop will be ready in September with a lovely selection of Rosh Hashanah cards to send to family and friends, wishing them all the best the New Year has to offer. See you then!

Fran

Contact: thekolins@worldnet.att.net

NEW LIBRARY IN ISRAEL

A library dedicated to researching the world's secret Jews, pejoratively called Marranos, and covering the period from the 13th century to the present day, has opened in Israel.

Marranos, also known as Anusim, were Jews in Spain and Portugal who converted to the Catholic faith to escape persecution from the Inquisition but continued to practice Judaism secretly.

RUTH McCULLOUGH LIVES AN OPEN DOOR POLICY

In a world where religion too often defines the human divide, it might seem unlikely that an Orthodox Jewish girl with a proper English upbringing would fall for an Irish Catholic altar boy. But notwithstanding their stark differences in customs and culture (i.e. Ruth raised in Brooklyn on three sets of dishes and full Shabbat dinners and Paul raised in Queens and equally observant at Catholic Prep, Fordham Prep and Fordham University - and as the nephew of a nun), they found common ground easily. Maybe it was because they were equally passionate about spirituality, family and community. Or maybe because Ruth's parents, who were native Brits and witnesses to the bombing of England during World War II, modeled a non-judgmental culture. Or maybe it was her family's annual trips to England that expanded Ruth's world view. Whatever the circumstances, by the time Ruth met Paul, she was ready for a spiritual life absent dogmatic constraints. To this day, it is the way they live religion, rather than religion itself that propels and sustains the McCullough's 24-year marital bond.

EET Style Religion

Ruth's first experience with East End Temple's long tradition of inclusivity was at a 1990 Children's Yom Kippur service, where a woman rabbi with puppets introduced Judaism to Ruth's three-year old daughter Madi (a.k.a. Madison). At EET, Ruth, Paul, Madi and older brother Jonathan (who now resides in California) found compatibility with EET and comfort in choosing their respective paths to religion. Madi, today a sophomore at the United Nations International School, keeps kosher for Passover and, along with her EET buddies (Gregg Fish, Dana Harris and Rachel Brenner), is committed and actively involved in EET and Youth Group. Madi's gift for singing (an inheritance from her English grandfather) recently took her to Hamburg and Berlin, Germany to perform in a Chamber Choir. And the EET community still savors the duet sung by Madi and her grandfather on the occasion of Madi's April 2002 Bat Mitzvah.

Paul McCullough adores attending Shabbat services, reads the Templet from cover to cover and alerts Ruth to upcoming study groups, speakers and congregational dinners. Ruth works kitchen duty at those dinners. For this "frum" girl from Flatbush who was the first of her large extended British family to marry out of the Jewish religion, it is the Reform community of EET that brought Ruth and her family towards rather than away from Judaism.

**Ruth McCullough
exemplifies the
ecumenical spirit
of a successful
and loving
interfaith marriage**



Looking Ahead

Ruth enjoys the rare commodity of liking and appreciating her work as a psychotherapist. Good thing since she has been at it for 27 years and works 13-hour days. In her ten years running a support group for professional New York women, providing private counseling and continuing to run a family support group in Greenwich, Conn, Ruth feels privileged and humbled by the opportunity to help others through life's transitions. She also enjoys the guiltless pleasures of her R&R Fridays and, true to her character, spends them any way she chooses. And she is always ready to discover or help others discover connections that are just beyond the next door.

We'd love to hear your story.

Call Marcia Muskat 212.477.6444

and tell her that you are ready to share.



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Open House Shabbat, Friday evening, September 9th, 2005

6:30-7:30 p.m. Meet our Rabbi and Cantor, Director of Congregational Learning, and President. Tour our building, ask questions. *Light Snacks will be served.*

7:30-9:00 p.m. Shabbat Service, Torah Reading, Singing.

9:00-9:30 p.m. Oneg Shabbat: Coffee and Dessert, mingle with the congregation, take home our brochure and Temple newsletter.

Open House Midweek, Wednesday evening, September 14th, 2005

6:00-8:30 p.m. Meet our Rabbi, our Director of Congregational Learning, members of our Board of Trustees, committee members, and congregants. Tour our Temple, read our literature, make a friend or two. *Light Snacks will be served.*

Bring a friend. Everyone Welcome.



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For more information on redeeming or buying new bonds, contact: State of Israel Bonds, 575 Lexington Ave., New York, NY 10022 (Phone: 212-644-2663)

Florence Peloquin



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In Memoriam

Helen Doneger 1916-2005



Helen Doneger, a longtime and dedicated member of East End Temple, died on June 2, 2005. The officers, Board of Trustees, staff and entire EET family mourn her passing and shall miss her strong presence. The Temple was her passion. Helen was a devoted and committed member whose wise counsel and loyal service enriched our Temple for almost fifty years. Our sincere condolences to her beloved family, Alan, Myra and Morgan. We also extend sympathy to her brother, Robert Zamsky, and his family.

In December 2004, Marcia Muskat wrote this perceptive and touching interview with Helen. Here are excerpts from that article:

Helen Doneger: A Voice of Passion and Principles

By nature, Helen is both passionate and prudent. She speaks from the heart and carefully considers her audience. She was raised in a kosher home in Washington, PA. In 1941, with a BS in Home Economics from Carnegie Institute of Technology (now Carnegie Mellon), she was recruited as a Government Services Dietician in Washington D.C. She then enlisted as a commissioned officer and Dietician in the US Army. Helen served her country in the States and the Philippines from 1942-46, was attached to a medical unit, and earned the rank of First Lieutenant.

Early East Enders

In 1948, Helen and husband Morton Doneger moved to Stuyvesant Town and joined East End Temple. When EET calls upon Helen to volunteer, she graciously expresses the honor she feels. From 1953 to 1963, she was a Dietetics and Nutrition instructor at the NY Institute of Dietetics and moved into a 20-year tenure as the school's director. From there, she managed the accounts for an ophthalmology office (1983-1990) and a computer company (1990-2000).

To listen to Helen's story is to hear of her love for Judaism. Helen has more than earned her community service stripes stuffing Temple envelopes and cataloging Temple library books. She has taken on the leadership responsibilities of Sisterhood President and multiple term Board Trustee, and has always been a voice of reason. When Morty passed away after 25 years of marriage, it was EET that came to Helen's rescue. On Sunday mornings at EET, Helen continues to feel the warm embrace of her dear friends and of the group facilitator (Bette Levy) at the Chevrat Nashim senior women's group.

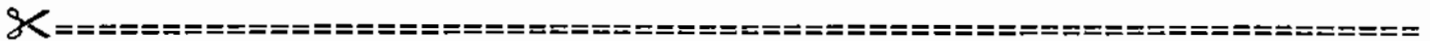
Helen never tires of talking about her son Alan, her daughter-in-law Myra, or her granddaughter, Morgan. Alan was raised on a healthy EET diet of Religious School, Bar Mitzvah and Confirmation. In 1975, he and Myra were married by EET's Rabbi Cole. In turn, Morgan (now a college sophomore) attended EET's Religious School and was Bat Mitzvah under Grandmother's proud eyes.

EET CONGREGATIONAL DINNER

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 16 @ 7:30 PM

Join the East End Temple community for the entire evening beginning with Shabbat Services @ 6 pm

MAKE YOUR DINNER RESERVATIONS BY SEPTEMBER 9



East End Temple, 245 East 17th Street, New York, NY 10003

Congregational Dinner September 16 @ 7:30 pm

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- Our deepest appreciation to Helene Spring for speaking so beautifully at Helen's funeral and for being such a true and special friend
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- For a speedy recovery to Helene Spring
- Mazal Tov to Jerry and Beth Labush on the marriage of their daughter Kyle to Mike
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- In appreciation of the Rutkowskis for their extraordinary musical talents
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- Deepest condolences to Diane Hirsch on the loss of Toby.
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Good health and best wishes to Helene Spring

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To thank Rabbi Adelson for performing our beautiful wedding ceremony

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- For the return to good health of Assemblyman Steven Sanders
- Heartiest congratulations to Marcia and Michael Muskat on the marriage of their daughter Jackie to Brian Leitner

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Gibraltar Jews

To commemorate 300 years of Jewish life in Gibraltar under British rule, a team of researchers has photographed and documented the historic buildings and sites of the Rock's 600-member Jewish community.

An architectural heritage guidebook of Gibraltar's four historic synagogues - the oldest of which dates back to 1724 - as well as two Jewish burial grounds and other sites of Jewish interest, is being prepared by the Gibraltar Heritage Trust

July 2005

East End Temple

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
17	18	19	20 7:00 PM Synaplex/Rabbi's Meeting	21	22 6:00 PM Shabbat Services	23
24	25	26 7:00 PM Advertising Meeting 7:30 PM Sisterhood Meeting	27	28	29 6:00 PM Shabbat Services	30
31 11:30 AM - 1:30 PM Chevrat Nashim Brunch						

August 2005

East End Temple

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5 6:00 PM Shabbat Services	6
Rabbi is teaching at Kutz Camp						
7	8	9	10	11	12 6:00 PM Shabbat Services	13
CAJE Conference - Aliya is away						
14	15 September Temple Closing Date	16	17	18	19 6:00 PM Shabbat Services	20
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21	22	23	24	25	26 6:00 PM Shabbat Services	27
28	29	30	31			