

**SHABBAT SERVICES**

**Friday 2 @ 6:15 pm**

*Tot Shabbat Squad @ 5 pm*

**Saturday 3 @ 10 am**

*Bat Mitzvah of Alanna Weissman*

**Friday 9 @ 6:15 pm**

*Synaplex™ Kabbalat Shabbat*

*Tot Shabbat Squad @ 5 pm*

**Saturday 10 @ 10 am**

*Bar Mitzvah of Daniel Warschauer*

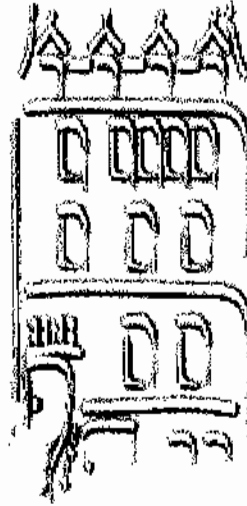
**Friday 16 @ 6:15 pm**

**Saturday 17 @ 10 am**

*Bar Mitzvah of Sivan Shemesb*

**Friday 23 @ 7:30 pm**

**Friday 30 @ 6:15 pm**



# Templet

## UNITED NATIONS ESTABLISHES ANNUAL DATE TO COMMEMORATE HOLOCAUST

As Israel's first General Assembly resolution ever to be approved, the Assembly adopted a resolution to establish an annual day to commemorate victims of the Holocaust. Also, to reject denials that the genocide occurred and to urge countries to educate their citizens about the genocide.

The date chosen was January 27, the anniversary of the liberation of the Auschwitz death camp. The resolution, initiated by Australia, Canada, Israel, Russia and the United States, drew 104 co-sponsors. The resolution was adopted by consensus; there was no vote.

Dan Gillerman, the UN ambassador from Israel said, "Resolutions come and go, but this one you could call eternal because it means that every year from now on there will be a commemoration".

It was widely felt that the stimulus for this action was the recent statement by the president of Iran who said Israel should be "wiped off the map".

Jan Eliasson of Sweden, the president of the General Assembly, said the day of remembrance was "not only to recall the grievous crimes committed in human history, but also to reaffirm our unflinching resolve to prevent the recurrence of such crimes."

*Florence Peloquin*

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**TEMPLE ACTIVITIES**

**IF/IC dinner and Program**

*Friday 2 @ 7:15 pm*

**Sisterhood Program "Miss Media; Women and Pop Culture" w/Lynn Harris Adelson**

*Sunday 4 @ 10:30 am*

**Food For Families**

*Sunday 4 @ 1 pm*

**Chevrat Nashim**

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

**Friday 12/9-Synaplex™ Activities**

*5 pm Tot Shabbat Squad*

*5 pm To Everything There is a Season*

*5:30 pm Kids Dinner and Supervised Play*

*6:15 pm Kabbalat Shabbat*

*7:15 pm Young Singles and Couples Oneg*

*7:15 pm Candlelight Dinner*

*7:15 pm Shabbat Kids Club*

*8:15 pm Shabbat Focus*

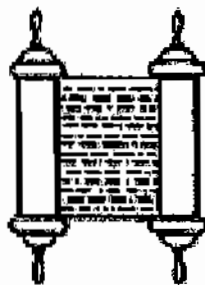
*9:30 pm Oneg Shabbat*

**EET Annual Book Fair**

*Sunday 18 @ 1 - 5 pm*

**MARCY EINHORN:  
D'var Torah, Yom Kippur  
5766**

As a child going through my Hebrew school paces, I remember wondering, on Yom Kippur, how God could have it all decided on one day, for the whole rest of the year, without any second guessing about whether, perhaps he had made a mistake: it was *this* one who should be secure and tranquil, and *that* one who was meant to be thirsty and troubled.



Mistake or no, I've taken some comfort in knowing that there are three acts that any one of us may perform in our daily lives in order to escape what we are otherwise led to believe is our inevitable, if unknown, fate for the year: like a get-out-of-jail free card, we are promised that through repentance, prayer, and charity even the most severe decree for the coming year will be tempered.

Even as a child, I understood what was expected of me when it came to prayer and charity. At least say the shema at bedtime and put a coin in the tzedakah box when it was passed around in Sunday school. Buy a tree in Israel in my great-grandmother's honor on Tu B'Shvat, and I'm two-thirds of the way home.

Fast forward to today, and I am honored to be invited to the Bimah on Yom Kippur to give a D'var Torah. And I think that maybe it's time to put a little more thought into the last prescription: repentance.

When I meet with Rabbi Adelson for some guidance, he explains to me that t'shuvah is always translated as repentance, but that its more literal meaning is return, as in returning to the path we were meant to be on all along.

### **Charted Courses**

I am reminded of the story of the sailor who sets out on a charted course. A ship rarely sails on the exact path that the sailor has charted, and more often is either a little off this way or that way. The sailor's true task is not just to follow the charted course, but to remain mindful of the effect of the unpredictable winds and the tides, and to maintain vigilance: the true task being to bring the ship back to its right and intended course.

In my life, the spiritual work of staying the course requires the constant vigilance of the sailor. So what is it I can do, in addition to prayer and charity, that will send a message that I fully intend to repent, or return to the path which God has always intended for me to follow. What does this returning look like?

The secret, I have been told, is in forgiveness. Together, at this time of year, we announce to each other that our foibles are forgiven, so that we may start the new year with a clean slate in each other's eyes, and in God's. Is this communal return enough? I hope so, but just in case, I have been experimenting with a more personal act, by turning to special people in my own life and saying to them: if I have offended you this year, please forgive me. I have to admit, it's a short list that I've been doing this with. Only one dear friend the first year I tried it. My closest family the second year.

It's scary, I don't want to kid you and pretend that this is easy to do. But it has gotten easier.

Is it a coincidence that each year I feel a bit more connected, to community, to my own truth, to God? Would I be just as happy if I let bygones be bygones in silence, without this challenging ritual of asking for forgiveness? Who's to say?

In more secular spiritual practices, it's called keeping my side of the street clean.

It's about wanting to stay the course, set the example, live life to the fullest, whatever I've been inscribed for, no matter the vigilance required of me.

So, to those of you whom I may have offended this year, and perhaps, I don't even know who that is, please forgive me.

And to anyone who is thinking about the meaning of repentance and return in your own life, the good news is that there's still time. This year. Before the book is sealed. To say what you need to say, to someone who needs to hear it.

Today, I wish each of you the courage you may need to keep vigilant, and the joy of returning to the path God intended for you all along.

**Rabbi Adelson is on vacation**

### **Torah Portions this month**

12/03	Toledot	Gen. 25:19-28:9
12/10	Vayetze	Gen. 28:10-32:3
12/17	Vayishlach	Gen. 32:4-36:43
12/24	Vaueshev	Gen. 37:1-40:23
12/31	Miketz	Gen. 41:1-44:17

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## EDUCATOR'S CORNER

It's been a wonderful month of learning for students and faculty at East End Temple: Our faculty and I took workshops at the Metropolitan Educators Council Yom Iyun (Teacher Training Day); and I participated in The National Directors' Institute quarterly conference call. Visiting our classes, I heard challenging discussions of The Creation Story, Noah and the Flood, The Tower of Babel, and Cain and Abel.



Saying goodbye to the Tishrei holidays, our Hey-Vav class (Fifth-Sixth graders) wrote beautiful Sukkot pieces displayed in the EET Social Hall. We imagined that we were living in ancient times during the fall harvest, living in moveable booths, traveling from place to place, threatened by angry neighbors and drenching thunderstorms.

### Hey-Vav Class

Here are excerpts from our students' writings: "Guess I will have to start a new life somewhere else because it is getting very cold here..." (Lili); "I shake as I push the cart. I know that behind me is danger and in front of me is the unknown..." (Layla); "What are we supposed to do now? We need to stay together, and hope that everything will be okay and that the clouds will pass right over us..." (Sydney); "Where do we go from here? What should we do? All the rain came down so hard it flooded the fruit..." (Sara) "...all my hard work and labor for nothing. I wish and hope next year's crops will be better..." (Raina); My family, my older brother David, my mom and my dad are running and knocking on people's doors to tell people the bad news: we're moving again..." (Laura); "They call out after me... my feet start to numb up, and I run to them – Mom, Dad, I'm coming!" (Hannah) "Just as we reached the next fork we realized that we have been walking in circles for hours!" (Jordan); "We'd never fraternized with neighbors, yet never fought, either. What now, Adonai?" (May)

Blessed are you Oh Lord, our God who spreads over us your *Sukkat Shalom*, your shelter of peace.

Aliya Cheskis-Cotel

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## EERNY NEWS

Marc Sobel, Youth Advisor

Hello everyone!

We have had so many great events in the last 2-3 weeks I can hardly remember them all. In conjunction with our wonderful Synaplex Shabbat on November 4, we hosted several teenagers from other downtown Kehillah temples. Afterward, we all went to the home of Rachel Brenner, one of our members, and enjoyed a delicious kosher meal from Murray's. A sincere thank you to Merle and Jon Brenner for generously opening up their home to our youth group and for the delicious brownies as well.



A few days later, several of the youth group members schlepped out to Park Slope, Brooklyn, early on a Sunday morning, just to cheer me on in my second NYC marathon (which I'm pleased to report I completed). Afterward, they were treated to a delicious brunch at the home of Rabbi Adelson. Here is a picture of that wonderful morning.



We have several upcoming events. Stay tuned. Please check our website for full details - [www.eastendtemple.org/youth/group](http://www.eastendtemple.org/youth/group)

Have a great Thanksgiving, take care and be well.

Marc

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**A new education program** conducted by the rabbi: Hassidic Torah Study is scheduled for December 1, 15 and 29 at 12:30 pm at the Temple.

## Journalism Award for Lynn Harris Adelson

The Newswomen's Club of New York presented a prestigious *Front Page* award in the Magazine Journalism category to our own Lynn Harris Adelson at a glittering gala awards dinner on November 10th.

The awards are intended to honor the top women journalists in print, broadcast and online media. Paula Zahn was also a winner this year, so Lynn is in very good company. Newswoman Catherine Crier was the featured speaker.

Lynn, who writes under the name Lynn Harris, won her award in the sub-category "Science, Medicine, Health & Fitness" for an article she wrote for Glamour magazine about the addictive dangers of prescription drugs. She is a contributing editor at Glamour, a contributing writer at Salon.com, as well as an author and essayist. Lynn's subjects of interest are gender in politics and culture; also, the politics of reproductive health. Her new book, currently still in the works, is a comic novel, "Death By Chick Lit".

On Sunday, December 4th at 10:30 am at our Temple, Lynn will be the guest speaker at the Sisterhood program when she will talk on women in pop culture.

**WE ARE GRATEFUL...** to the following people for their contributions to the Congregation **KOL NIDRE APPEAL**

Henry & Ellen Ettinger  
Karen Feuer  
Howard Ginsburg  
Philip & Carolyn Gollance  
Beatrice Fox  
Babette Hollister  
Herman & Toby Kirschner  
James Maffucci & Rona Perlman-Maffucci  
Paul & Ursula Ofman  
Samuel & Ann Peskin  
Adele Reis  
Adam Schartoff & Karen Pittman  
Paul Shapiro & Rachael Gibbs-Shapiro  
David Sturm & Barbara Katersky  
Robert Orland & Lisa Denby  
Hannah Wartenberg  
Steve Wilson

- \* If you have contributed and your name has not been listed, we will include it next month.
- \* If you have not yet contributed, it is not too late to do so.

## CANTOR'S

Shira Ginsburg

The Jewish calendar year is a funny thing. So much happens in the fall, it seems in fact that for an entire month we do little else but prepare, pray, atone, and refocus. And then Sukkot ends, we roll back our Torah scroll on Simchat Torah and begin anew. So much energy is put into this renewal. So much introspection and celebration is focused on this time. And then what? Where do we go from here? Why do we have such a cluster of *chagim* followed by months of the ordinary? What are we supposed to be doing now?



### Kabbalat Shabbat Chanting

During my time in Israel, I was exposed to a certain tradition in Chassidic chanting on Kabbalat Shabbat that offers some answers to these very questions. The chanting begins on a low level, building strength in voice, confidence, and in anticipation. As the excitement builds, the pitch raises throughout the chanting modulating up through higher and higher keys, almost unnoticeably. At the height of the song, there is an electric energy flowing through the entire room as voices come together in sheer bliss and joy in celebration of the welcoming of Shabbat; but the song does not end there. The singers remain in that blissful place for only a few minutes before winding the chanting down to a calmer, but still contented level.

### Music Reflects Our Paths

One cannot sustain such frenzied excitement. It seems not only to reach that height do we have to build up to it, but to truly appreciate that place, we must return to the ordinary. Music is a heightened reconstruction of life. It enables us to illuminate our subconscious and conscious minds in a tangible expressive way. It seems fitting then that music imitates our paths as well. As wondrous and profound as the holidays are, we cannot sustain that heightened level of introspection all of the time. It would be impossible to be productive in any other facet of life. It would lose its power and ultimately its purpose. Therefore, we return to the ordinary; we return to ourselves with what we have learned, and we apply that to our daily lives. And in that way, we bring a piece of that which is extraordinary with us every day.

Shira

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Rabbi Adelson will be joined by the Rev. Dr. Thomas Pike and Imam Ramadan Zakat for an interfaith dialogue that examines how Judaism, Christianity and Islam approach the critical issues of our day. This promises to be a stimulating and insightful evening, and we encourage you to bring your neighbors and friends.

The joint sure was jumpin' on November 4! Our second Synaplex™ was a huge success. A full house enjoyed an inspiring Kabbalat Shabbat Service. Thank you Cantor Ginsburg, Daniel Leanse and his colleagues - we're already looking forward to December 9. Many congregants and guests attended Aliya's study class, our children's programming, the 20/30s Oneg and the congregational dinner. And a new high for hand-clapping and groovin' was reached during our Shabbat Focus event. Paul Shapiro's Midnight Minyan put on a spectacular performance that ended in a standing ovation. The entire congregation extends heartfelt thanks to you, Paul, and the incredibly talented members of your band for putting together such an amazing evening.

**One final note:** In response to your input, we have made some changes to the children's Synaplex™ program for December. Tot Shabbat will continue to take place between 5 and 6 pm. From 5:30-6:10 pm we will offer dinner for kids. (The cost is \$10 per child and you need to make a reservation by December 1.). At 6:15 children may attend services with their parents or remain in the youth lounge for supervised play. Following services children 6-12 are invited back up to room 403 to participate either in a Hanukkah arts and crafts project led by congregant Cindy Au-Kramer or playgroup with Emily Gressel, which will run until 8:15. We will not be offering yoga this month.

Looking forward to seeing you on December 9!

**Thanks are also due** to the Synaplex™ Steering Committee: Ellen Wiewel, Emily Blank, Alec Appelbaum, Barbara Katersky, Cindy Au-Kramer, Henry Kramer, Marcy Einhorn, Marcia Muskat, Fern Stampleman and Lisa Denby, as well as the other volunteers for the night: Barbara Ringel, Helene Spring, Rich Bengloff, Judith Jacobson, Loren Greene, Judy Tallerman, Fred Kolikoff, Suellen Eshed, Ursula Ofman, Jason Rulnick, Steve Stampleman, Joan Beranbaum, John Stackhouse, Liz Taub, and Matthew Warschauer. Thanks, as always, to Sharon Shemesh, Carole Hyman and Mohammed Hoque.

*Lauren Weinberger and Pearl Polifka*



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**Tot Shabbat Squad** is a warm and creative way for 2 to 5 year olds, accompanied by adults, to welcome Shabbat. Join us for hands-on activities, songs, stories, and movement from 5 to 6 pm. On December 2nd, we will be making candlesticks. On December 9th, we will be making our own Chanukiyot (Chanukah menorahs).

The December 9 Synaplex™ promises to be an equally enriching experience. During our Shabbat Focus event

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**EET SYNAPLEX™ SHABBAT DINNER RESERVATION FORM**  
**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2005**

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

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

Children under 12 will dine together in the youth lounge at 5:50 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 with a child 4 or under.

- **Please make checks payable to East End Temple.**
- **Space is limited; reserve early.**
- **Reservations and payment must be received at the Temple office by Thursday, December 1.**

## THE TEMPLE FAMILY

### Congratulations and Mazal Tov to

Lahna, Tyson and big sister Shoshana Bidner on the birth of Talia Susan on September 9, 7 lbs, 5 oz, 20½ inches long.

### Welcome New Members

- Barbara and Evan Bell and their daughters, Monica and Maxine
- Warren Hershkowitz and Robin Saide
- Fredric Ross and his children, Raphael and Katy
- Alice Lee Zweiman

### Get Well Wishes to

Betty Beranbaum, Jeanette Jacobson, Myrna Kronenthal, Doris Stampleman and Marjorie Sussman

### Deepest condolences to

- Florence Herz on the death of her daughter-in-law, Wendy Herz. Florence's son Kenneth and Wendy, past members of EET, were married by Rabbi Hirsch when they lived in New York. The entire East End Temple family extends sympathy to Florence, her son and her 11-year old grandson, Max
- Sara Siegel on the death of her sister Ernestine Oliver

### In memoriam

**Adele Klausner  
1918 - 2005**

Longtime member Adele Klausner died on November 6, 2005 after a long illness. Adele was active in the Temple Sisterhood and was responsible for running very successful Oneg Shabbats, in conjunction with her co-chair, Ethel Silver, many years ago. Although she had moved out of the neighborhood, she maintained her membership in the Temple. The entire congregation of East End Temple extends sincere condolences to her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

### **EAST END TEMPLE BOOKCLUB**

The Book: *The Plot Against America*  
The Author: Phillip Roth  
The Date: January 9 @ 7:30 pm

The Book: *Fragile Branches*  
The Author: James R. Ross  
The Date: February 13 @ 7:30 pm  
The Place: Call for location 212.477.6444

### **Memorial Plaques purchased for:**

- Michele Foster Stepkin by the Muskat families
- Sarah Jessie Rosen by Edna and Sam Rosen

## FAMILY JUDAIC BOOK FAIR

On Sunday, December 18, be sure to stop by the Temple between 1 and 5 pm for our annual Family Judaica Book Fair, which will take place on the same afternoon as our Chanukah Celebration. The social hall will be filled with a wide selection of books for readers of all ages and interests: fiction, biography, young adult literature, cookbooks and hot titles like "Born to Kvetch." If you're a parent, you'll find many books you'll want to share with your child – it's the perfect way to learn about the holidays or Jewish history together. And what better Chanukah gift for children, friends (or yourself!) than a good read?

Once again you'll have an opportunity to donate selected books to the Temple Library. And to celebrate your child's birthday, stop by the special table of children's books that can be purchased and donated to the children's library. We'll add a nameplate with your child's name to mark the occasion and say "thanks".

If you'd like to volunteer to help out, please email Lauren Weinberger at [lw2@nyc.rr.com](mailto:lw2@nyc.rr.com).

Cash, checks and credit cards will be accepted. The Book Fair will also be open during Religious School on December 13, 14 and 15. Shop early and shop often!

## **CELEBRATE CHANUKAH WITH EET**

Sunday, December 18 from 3:30 to 5:30 pm.

Join us for some Chanukah fun: Sing along, games and crafts, latkes and sufganiot.

Only \$10 per family and an UNWRAPPED NEW GIFT for a little girl or boy.

Some suggestions for gifts are stuffed animals, board games action figures and books. And don't forget to stop and Shop at our Annual Book Fair.

**See you at the Temple!**

### **Attention: Mah-Jongg Players**

It's a new Mah-Jongg season for old friends and new ones. Please submit your list of players to June Morse at the Temple and make checks payable to June Morse. Each card costs \$6 with \$1 benefitting Sisterhood. Last year (2005) the players contributed \$100 to Sisterhood from this project. The deadline is February 1, 2006.

## SISTER TO SISTER

Fern Stampleman

From "the 20's/30's Group" to "Chevrat Nashim," thanks for stepping out with Sisterhood on November 13th, with KUDOS to Helene Spring for orchestrating such an interesting and reflective morning at HUC-JIR.



We gratefully acknowledge the donations made in memory of Sarah Rosen (for Dress for Success) from Marian Fish, Florence Herz, Judith Lorber, Marcia Muscat, Anne and Samuel Peskin, Florence Peloquin, Adele Reiss, Barbara Ringel and The Stampleman Family. Checks will be accepted through December 31st, should be made out to East End Temple Sisterhood and indicate that they are in memory of Sara Rosen.

### SISTERHOOD-AT-A-GLANCE

YOU ABSOLUTELY MUST NOT MISS OUT ON THE OPPORTUNITY TO HEAR LONGTIME JOURNALIST, ESSAYIST, NOVELIST AND COMMENTATOR LYNN HARRIS SPEAK ABOUT WOMEN IN POP CULTURE, ON SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4TH FROM 10:30 AM-12 NOON.

The price of admission which includes a light brunch is \$5 per person (\$8 for non-members) and is NOT FOR WOMEN ONLY!!

You can still make reservations at 212-477-6444 or through the e-mail address below.

In her spare time, Lynn has said that she enjoys being married to Rabbi David Adelson!

To get a heads-up on Sisterhood events, see the yellow bookmark you received with your membership letter. Need one? Let us know! To find out more about Sisterhood activity, check other areas of the *Templet* for Judaica Finds, Theater Parties, The Helene Spring Library and Food For Families.

If you need to purchase Mah Jongg Cards please contact June Morse through the Temple office by February 1st.

If you haven't already done so, and thanks to the many women who have, please send in your membership dues: \$25 payable to East End Temple Sisterhood, attention: Carole Hyman. Still the best bargain in town, yet your dollars go a long way. AIM HIGH!

Keep vintage/costume jewelry coming in and keep on knitting!

My very best regards, *Sister-to-Sister*,  
Fern

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## LIBRARY BUZZ

Barbara Ringel

The books are in! As the date of our third annual Helene Spring Library Event draws nearer, I am pleased to let you know that both of Bryan Mark Riggs's books, *Hitler's Jewish Soldiers*, and *Rescued From the Reich*, are now here at the Temple and available for purchase. If you'd like to get a head start on the books before the event, please come into the Temple office during office hours where you can purchase either or both books. There will be no tax charged on the books, and you can bring them to our event where Bryan Mark Riggs will sign them at the reception. Copies of both books will also be available for sale at our Temple book fair on Sunday, December 18<sup>th</sup> when you will also have an opportunity to purchase books and donate them to our library collection.



### Build Our Library

Our "wish list" books will be in a special display at the book fair. A bookplate with each donor's name will be placed inside every book that is donated. Thank you in advance for helping us further enhance our collection. Meanwhile, there will be copies of literature and reviews on Bryan Mark Rigg and both of his books, available in the library. All members will receive a personal invitation to our event, but please mark your calendars now! The library event will be SUNDAY, JANUARY 22, 2006, from 1-4 pm, and we want all of you to be there to share in what promises to be an engaging, enlightening afternoon. Friends and family are welcome. It will be a wonderful start to 2006!

Barbara

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### JUDAICA SHOP FINDS

Fran Kolin

We've got lots of fun items for Chanukah. There are many menorahs to choose from, including some small enough to put into a drawer at the end of the holiday. I was able to get one of the new Karen Rossi menorahs, with its bright colors and musical theme. We have brass, silverplate, ceramic, metal, resin, and fabric menorahs. Maybe it's time for your children to light their own. We even have "window cling" menorahs, along with strings of Chanukah lights for helping us celebrate the Festival of Lights! Three different kinds of candles, new shiny blue and silver dreidles, a Danon dreidle with colorful crystals, and a lead crystal dreidle, which is not for spinning! There is foil-wrapped gelt, milk chocolate and dark chocolate. We also have stickers, books, cloth toys, and a plastic pail full of foam Chanukah shapes, for crafts or the tub! Come take a look. Happy Chanukah!

Fran

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## WEBSITE NEWS:

### A Time to Give



Since December is traditionally a gift-giving time when we plan presents for family and friends, I am providing a list of websites of some charitable organizations that you may also want to keep in mind. As you plan your gift-giving for those people who are special to you, giving charity may also stand out as an important priority and personal expression for the holiday season.

*This is only a partial list with a few of the many, many charitable organizations that are around.*

[www.mazon.org](http://www.mazon.org) (Mazon: a Jewish org. for hunger relief)

[www.urg.org](http://www.urg.org) (Union for Reform Judaism)

[www.ujc.org](http://www.ujc.org) (United Jewish Communities)

There are also many other groups that do very important, valuable, and worthwhile work. Going to the websites of these organizations may help you get further insight into the functions and activities of groups which interest you.

### Think EET Giving

Of course, keep in mind that you may also want to make donations to East End Temple. A list of funds for donations is listed in the *Templet* each month. You may want to sponsor or co-sponsor Food for Families, or make donations to the various funds. If you would like to donate to any other function, or if you have a particular idea for a different project that you would like to sponsor, please E-mail [info@eastendtemple.org](mailto:info@eastendtemple.org)

Making donations for causes *within* East End Temple, as well as for charitable organizations *outside* of East End Temple, can really touch the spirit of the season.

*Ellen Ettinger*

**East End Temple would like to establish a** database of the Hebrew names of our members. Please fill out this form, using additional blank paper for all other members of your family. Please use transliteration. If you don't know someone's Hebrew name, please provide his/her English name. Return these forms to the Temple Office attn: Member Services.

Your English name \_\_\_\_\_

Your Hebrew name \_\_\_\_\_

Your father's Hebrew name \_\_\_\_\_

Your mother's Hebrew name \_\_\_\_\_

If you don't have a Hebrew name and would like one, please see the Rabbi.

Thank you, the Member Services Committee.

## What's up for kids at Synaplex™ on 12/9?

### For children ages 2-5: TOT SHABBAT SQUAD

Welcome Shabbat with singing, prayers, crafts and stories. This time we'll celebrate Chanukah as well. Parents must accompany children under age 3. (5:00-6:00 pm).

### For kids ages 6-12: SHABBAT KIDS CLUB

**Kids Dinner** (5:30-6:10) Reservations must be made by 12/1. \$10 per child.

**Supervised Play** (6:15-8:15)

### Spin to Spine: A Chanukah Art & Crafts Project

East End Temple member Cindy-Au Kramer teaches you how to make a book or box to store your dreidels and other treasures (7:15-8:15).

**All families are welcome at Kabbalat Shabbat services from 6:15 – 7:15.**

## Interfaith-Intercultural Group

On December 2nd, after services, the IF/IC will share a dinner and discussion on how we deal and cope with the holidays in interfaith-intercultural families. Please contact Adam Schartoff @ [aschartoff@yahoo.com](mailto:aschartoff@yahoo.com) if you are interested in joining the group for the meal and discussion.

This event will be in tandem with the following Friday's Synaplex™ which features a panel discussion on interfaith-intercultural Jewish life.

*Adam Schartoff and Ursula Ofman*

## THANK YOU TO OUR OCTOBER USHERS

Suzie Epstein, Karen Feuer, Fred Kolikoff, June Morse, Marcia Muskat, Helene Spring, John Stackhouse, Paul and Lori Weissman

## Thank you to our October Bimah guests

Joan Beranbaum, Karen Feuer, Phil Gollance

## Thank you to our November ushers

Rich Bengloff, Suellen Eshed, Peter Gordon and Julie Livingston Daniel Lavin & Judy Jacobson, Jason Rulnick, Liz Taub,

## Thank you to our November Bimah guests

Karen Feuer, Lauren Weinberger

## EET Facilities for Rent

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**FOOD FOR FAMILIES**

Marian C. Fish

The November 13 Food for Families was a great success. We had a crowd of 27 volunteers and reached the nice round number of 400 meals. Bravo to the group of sandwich makers and packers including: Sam and Rachel Breitbart, Dan Diamond, Cynthia and Ron Dubensky, Suellen, Boris, and Matt Eshed, Suzi and Alison Epstein, Gregg, Robert, and Marian Fish, Babette Hollister, Mohammed Hoque, Renata, Harold and Azra Horowitz, Emily and Liane Rosenberg, Sharon, Shaul, and Sivan Shemesh, Leonard Spring, Celia and Ben Vimont, and Lauren Weinberger. The day was sponsored by Shirley Lipton. A special thanks to Mohammed for all his hard work and his expert sandwich making!!

Our next Food for Families is Sunday, December 4th at 1 pm. The day will be sponsored by Paul and Helen Levine. Don't forget your hat, your four loaves of bread and 16 pieces of nice fresh fruit. Hope to see you.

Marian

Contact: [mfish1211@aol.com](mailto:mfish1211@aol.com)



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Congratulations to the Kolin Family  
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Heartfelt condolences to Florence  
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- Congratulation to Beth and Jerry Labush on the marriage of their daughters
- Mazal Tov to Fran and Bobby Kolin, Stephanie Kolin and Rita and Arthur Kolin, on the birth of their grandson, nephew and great-grandson

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Thank you to our Temple family for  
remembering Ellis

**Dennis & Jane Carlton**

With thanks for enabling us to join  
you at Rosh Hashanah services

**Shirley Lipton**

Wishing good health to Leonard  
Spring

**Judith Lorber**

In memory of my mother on her  
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**June Morse**

Best wishes for a complete recovery  
to Helen Josepher

**Betty Phillips**

In memory of:

- husband, Jack Phillips
- mother, Rose Perlow
- son, Robert Blum
- daughter-in-law, Paula Phillips
- my good friend, Bernard Deutchman

**Sara Siegel**

In honor of Helene Spring's special  
birthday

**Helene & Leonard Spring**

- Deepest condolences to Florence Herz on the death of her daughter-in-law, Wendy, wife of her son, Kenneth
- Mazal Tov to Richard and Wendy Muskat on the marriage of their daughter, Jeni to Michael Klein
- Get well wishes for a speedy and complete recovery to Michael Grunebaum

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**FOOD FOR FAMILIES**

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**Helen & Paul Levine**

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Condolences to Roslyn Ross on the  
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Many thanks for a beautiful and  
meaningful ceremony. We  
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rituals very deeply

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To thank the rabbi for officiating at  
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In honor of Anna and William  
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**Marc Sobel & Rachel Goldstein**

In celebration of Marc running in the  
NYC Marathon

**Florence Peloquin**

In honor of Sivan Shemesh becoming  
a Bar Mitzvah

## Thelma Spinrad Is As Busy As Ever!

She was an only child but far from alone. Her dearest childhood friends were the many first cousins who lived in close proximity to Thelma's family home in the Bronx and were also, for the most part, only children. Her dad, born in Russia, and mom, born in Austria, further expanded Thelma's worldview. Thelma was fortunate to receive private piano lessons and to venture out on family weekends to Broadway musicals and the Metropolitan Museum of Art. She thrilled at Dennis King, a Broadway vocalist, took in her first opera, Carmen (at age eight), and was always front-and-center whenever the new elementary school library books were lent to the hungry readers. Thelma took full advantage of Julia Richman High School's notable music curriculum; studied French, German and music as part of her Bachelor's degree at the then all-girls Hunter College and studied French at Columbia University in post-graduate work.

### Putting Down Roots

Meanwhile, the depression was on and Thelma was over-qualified, under-employed and in need of some reinvention. She enrolled in The International Business School, mastered typing and shorthand in English and French, and found her niche as a translator for foreign, state-based companies and the U.S. Navy. In 1944, Thelma married Leonard Spinrad, a Columbia Journalism School graduate and aspiring writer, publicist and language/music aficionado. Len's Signal Corps military credentials qualified the Spinrads for a Peter Cooper Village apartment in 1947. His strong Jewish background inspired Len and Thelma to team up with neighboring Jewish residents in establishing East End Temple's charter in 1948. The Spinrads drank in the communal warmth of these two close-knit communities.

### Multi-Interest Family

Thelma and Len found common ground in their passion for music, language and family. While raising their three children, in one of the few coveted three bedroom Peter Cooper apartments, Thelma taught English as a Second Language at Central Synagogue to immigrant New Yorkers. Later, as an empty nester, Thelma helped Len research his published how-to reference texts. And since Thelma herself was raised without formal religious training or affiliation, she proudly volunteered at EET's Library and thrift shop and encouraged her children's B'nei Mitzvahs and Confirmations.

Today, Thelma's daughter Naomi is a freelance writer in Washington D.C. and mom to 14 year-old Luke.



**Thelma Spinrad**

Thelma's son Alan is an attorney in Portland, Oregon and with his wife Jenny, parents to Tony, Joe and Cha-Cha. Thelma's son Rick is an Oceanographer in Falls Church, Va., and with his wife Alanna, parents to their married son, Gary. No surprise that all three of Thelma's offspring are heavily involved in the arts and their respective communities, though they can take a back seat to Thelma's active cultural calendar: Thelma's concert, dance and theater subscriptions include the 92nd St. Y; Washington Irving High School; Avery Fisher Hall; Joyce Dance Theater; Lincoln Center, the Metropolitan Opera and, of course, EET's Cantorial Concerts, Synaplex™ Shabbats and Sundays with friends at Chevrat Nashim. Thelma remains thrilled to be part of a Temple that keeps as busy as she does.

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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<p><b>4</b> 10:30 AM Sisterhood Program w/Lynn Harris Adelson 11:00 AM Chevrat Nashim 1:00 PM Food For Families</p>	<p><b>5</b></p>	<p><b>6</b> 4:00 PM Religious School 6:15 PM Exec Meeting</p>	<p><b>7</b> 4:00 PM Religious School</p>	<p><b>8</b> 4:00 PM Religious School 5:30 PM 7th grade class &amp; dinner</p>	<p><b>9</b> 6:15 PM Shabbat Services <b>Synaplex Shabbat Programming begins @ 5 pm</b></p>	<p><b>10</b> 10:00 AM Bar Mitzvah of Daniel Warschauer</p>
<p><b>11</b> 10:00 AM UJA Breakfast @ Brotherhood Synagogue 11:00 AM Chevrat Nashim</p>	<p><b>12</b></p>	<p><b>13</b> 4:00 PM Religious School 7:00 PM Board Meeting</p>	<p><b>14</b> 4:00 PM Religious School</p>	<p><b>15</b> 12:30 PM Hasidic Torah Study 4:00 PM Religious School 5:30 PM Confirmation class &amp; dinner <b>January Temple Closing</b></p>	<p><b>16</b> 6:15 PM Shabbat Service</p>	<p><b>17</b> 10:00 AM Bar Mitzvah of Sivan Shemesh</p>
<p><b>18</b> 11:00 AM Chevrat Nashim 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM 'Book Fair' 3:30 PM - 5:30 PM Chanukah Celebration</p>	<p><b>19</b></p>	<p><b>20</b> 4:00 PM Religious School 6:45 PM Carling Com.</p>	<p><b>21</b> 4:00 PM Religious School</p>	<p><b>22</b> 4:00 PM Religious School</p>	<p><b>23</b> 7:30 PM Shabbat Services</p>	<p><b>24</b></p>
<p><b>25</b> 11:00 AM Chevrat Nashim <b>First Night of Chanukah</b></p>	<p><b>26</b></p>	<p><b>27</b></p>	<p><b>28</b></p>	<p><b>29</b> 12:30 PM Hasidic Torah Study</p>	<p><b>30</b> 6:15 PM Shabbat Services</p>	<p><b>31</b></p>
<p>Winter Break</p>						