

SHABBAT SERVICES

Friday 4 @ 6:15 pm

Synaplex Kabbalat Shabbat

Saturday 5 @ 10 am

Torah Study @ 10 am

Musical Minyan @ 11 am

Friday 11 @ 7:30 pm

Friday 18 @ 6:15 pm

Tot Shabbat Squad @ 5 pm

Saturday 19 @ 10 am

Torah Study @ 10 am

Musical Minyan @ 11 am

Friday 25 @ 7:30 pm

TEMPLE ACTIVITIES

One Voice to Save Choice @ Rodeph Sholom Synagogue

Wednesday 2 @ 6 - 9 pm

Friday 11/4-Synaplex Activities

5 pm Tot Shabbat Squad

5 pm Shabbat Kids Club

5 pm To Everything There is a Season

5:50 pm Kids Dinner and Supervised Play

6:15 pm Kabbalat Shabbat

7:15 pm Young Singles and Couples Oneg

7:15 pm Candlelight Dinner

8:15 pm Shabbat Focus

9:30 pm ONEG Shabbat

Chevrat Nashim

Sundays 6, 13, 20, & 27 @ 11 am

Rosh Chodesh at HUC - JIR

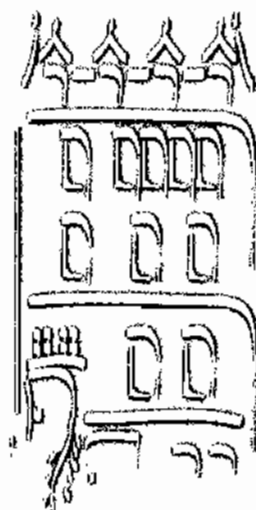
Sunday 13 @ 11 am

Food For Families

Sunday 13 @ 1:30 pm

Book Club - *The Pieces from Berlin*

Tuesday 29 @ 7:30 pm



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WORLD ZIONIST ELECTIONS ARE VITAL

The Zionist Congress is the WZO's institution and legislative body, the only body in which all of world Jewry is democratically represented. The Congress, which holds elections every four years, determines policy for both the World Zionist Organization and the Jewish Agency for Israel. These influential organizations direct hundreds of millions of dollars toward enhancing Jewish life in Israel, the former Soviet Union and elsewhere around the world.

The Reform Movement is represented in the Zionist Congress by ARZA, the Association of Reform Zionists of America. ARZA has been extremely successful in past WZO elections. This power has enabled ARZA to advocate for Reform and Progressive Judaism in Israel and around the globe. Among ARZA accomplishments:

- Support for Progressive Jewry across the former Soviet Union (FSU)
- Training Israel's next generation of Reform Rabbis
- Reform Jewish programming on six continents

ARZA will be representing Reform Judaism at the 35th World Zionist Congress in 2006. Every single vote is important. Registration forms are available at the Temple, or you can register at www.votereformjudaism.com

TORAH PORTIONS THIS MONTH

11/05	Noach	Gen.	6:9-11:32
11/12	Lech-Lecha	Gen.	12:1-17:27
11/19	Vayera	Gen.	18:1-22:24
11/26	Chaye Sarah	Gen.	23:1-25:18

SEE BACK CALENDAR FOR ALL CLOSINGS

PRESIDENT'S PERSPECTIVE Karen Feuer

Dear Friends,

Over the past year, I realized that as American Jews, we tend to keep our spiritual lives and our secular lives separate. Many of us still only come to temple during the High Holy Days, and rarely enter the building the rest of the year. Even those who attend services and temple activities more regularly tend to keep their involvement with religious community separate from the rest of their lives. A year ago I felt this separation between the secular and the spiritual more so than I do today. My guess is that there are others of you who do as well. And so this year I am issuing a challenge to each of you to integrate these two halves of your lives. To find Jewish spiritual meaning, to live Jewish values, to make Jewish decisions.



Think about how you responded to Hurricane Katrina. Many of you gave tzedakah to help Katrina victims. You performed acts of loving kindness (gemilut chasadim) to provide much needed food, clothing and supplies. Many of you, in realizing the impact poverty has on people's ability to respond to disaster, may have decided to repair the world (tikum olam) by addressing the broader issue of poverty and social justice. All these acts are not just the right thing to do; they're the Jewish things to do. We believe in these acts – they are the fundamental values we hold fast as Reform Jews.

The Temple Community

What will you do to leverage the values from within your temple community so that they carry over into the rest of your world? And what is your obligation to help shape and sustain that community? You can influence your temple community through words and actions, and your temple community can influence the spiritual nature of your daily life. The first step is to get to know your temple community (better) and to begin to participate in those things that are meaningful to you. Within the pages of this month's Templet, you will find more opportunities than ever to get to know East End Temple better.

Wishing you a healthy and happy year, a year of fulfillment and joy, a year of prosperity and a year of living fully and completely – bridging the secular with the spiritual.

Shanah Tova –

Karen Feuer

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CANTOR'S ♪ ♪ ♪

Shira Ginsburg

Since the Holidays, I have been approached by a number of people asking me about a few physical gestures that I made over the course of the ten-day period of the Yamim Noraim. I was asked by more than a few congregants why I held my pinky up at the displayed Torah during Hagba. The answer comes, as do many things in Judaism, in layers.



The first layer, one that most of us fall back on, is that it is a minhag, or custom, that I grew up with. Fortunately, over the years many Rabbis, Cantors, and Jewish Educators have offered me their explanations of this custom. I have come to understand it in my own way and to rethink it now even further as I am posed with the question; why do we do what we do?

Raising the Torah

Displaying the Torah during Hagba helps to expound upon this minhag. During Hagba the Torah is not only raised, but is always turned to display the actual text to the entire congregation. It is lifted high and as much text is displayed for as long of a time as the Magbi can sustain. The Hagba serves as proof and assurance to the members of the congregation that what was just chanted aloud was in fact the authentic Torah, not words off another page, not ideas conjured out of the mind, but the genuine article. After the Hagba there is to be no doubt that what was read was read from the actual Torah scroll.

Chanting Torah is a sacred skill that is shared by too few Jews. This was true in previous generations as well. This translates into fewer members of the community coming into actual physical contact with the Torah. Judaism teaches us that regardless of who chants from the Torah, the Torah belongs to all of us; this is the motivation behind raising one's pinky to the Torah as it is being lifted. Just as the Torah is paraded around the entire sanctuary during the Hakafah, enabling everyone to physically touch it, so too do we raise our fingers to symbolically touch the words of the Torah during Hagba. By raising our fingers, we bring ourselves closer both physically and mentally to the sacred words which belong to and are within each of us. May we all find our own ways in this New Year to draw ourselves ever nearer to Torah.

Shira Ginsburg

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**Rosh Hashanah 5766:
Sheltering the Vulnerable
Rabbi David Adelson
East End Temple, New York,
New York**



I returned home one evening last year to find Lynn in the kitchen preparing dinner with Rosa, a 23-year old woman whom neither of us had met before that day. Lynn and Rosa were chatting in Rosa's native Spanish and chopping vegetables for salad. Rosa lived on Long Island with her Salvadoran family, had a toddler with her long-term boyfriend, and had recently gotten pregnant again when her birth-control failed. She had been hoping to take the GED, and could not imagine doing so while taking care of two children. Knowing that her community would not support her decision to end the pregnancy, she'd revealed her intentions only to her sister and her boyfriend — who told her that if she went through with the abortion, she shouldn't count on finding him at home when she returned.

So that night, Lynn and Rosa ate the supper they made together. We pulled out the sofa bed for her, found her the Spanish language channels on cable. And early the next morning, I took Rosa in to the clinic for her abortion.

Why was Rosa in our home? What did we, strangers to her, have to do with her medical choices?

In New York, abortions are available up to 24 weeks of pregnancy — longer than in most nearby states — and are significantly more accessible than they are elsewhere, both legally and financially. These later-term abortions, however, are two-part procedures that require an overnight stay in the city. And the women who travel long distances to have them can, by definition, hardly afford the procedure itself, let alone a Manhattan hotel.

But an organization called the Haven Coalition was founded four years ago to meet the often desperate needs of these women. Run by three coordinators with nothing more than a cell phone, Haven's fifty or so member households—of which Lynn and I are one — have opened their homes and sofas to a total of nearly three hundred women. So about once a month, a woman like Rosa — and often her boyfriend, husband, and one or even both parents — comes to stay with us. The women and girls Haven has hosted range in age from 11 (yes, 11) on into their 30s. They are African-American, Latina and white; students, restaurant workers, mothers already. What they have in common is that they are poor and working class. And what they also have in common is this: as in Rosa's case, the stigma of abortion, combined with legal and logistical restrictions — parental consent requirements, lack of

Medicaid funding and the like — have pushed them past the date at which services are available closer to home.

Rosa's is the face of all that is wrong with access to reproductive rights in America today. For all our concern over how changes on the Supreme Court will affect *Roe v. Wade*, our speculation about which kind of conservative John Roberts really is, for far too many women and girls, the right to an abortion is already only on paper; not someday, but today, *the law of the land is not the law of their lives*. Economic and legal barriers already make it hard and often impossible for women to make their own reproductive choices. And these barriers fall squarely on the most vulnerable members of our society: the poor and working class, the young, immigrants, and those without general social support. Why should we as Jews, and as people committed to a moral society, be concerned, even outraged? Because access to abortion — *access to abortion*, not just the right — is a fundamental issue of social and economic justice.

The harsh truth of how social class correlates with vulnerability in our society was brought home undeniably by the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina. The storm not only devastated countless communities, but also exposed the profound inequality of our society. At the same time, much less visibly, the women who flood into New York for health care that they should be able to get at home — to say nothing of those who never make it here at all — also remind us that the term “have-nots” refers not only to resources, but also to civil rights.

Yes, *Roe v. Wade* is the law of the land, making abortion broadly legal. But actual access to abortion is often blocked by thickets of state laws, persistent stigmas, and — thanks in part to intimidation by anti-abortion forces — a dramatic decrease in available services. 87% of U.S. counties have no abortion provider—87%. (A predominant number of Haven patients come from Pennsylvania, for example, where 75% of counties have no provider.) Fully one-quarter of women who seek an abortion travel *over fifty miles* to obtain one. More and more states every day enact laws requiring parental notification or consent, which is at best unduly burdensome, at worst life-threatening; currently pending in the Senate is a law that would make it a federal crime for anyone other than a parent (not even a grandparent, sibling, or clergy member) to transport a minor across state lines to obtain an abortion without parental involvement. Other state laws provide for mandatory “counseling” — that’s “counseling” in quotes — intended to dissuade women from having an abortion. Still others deny Medicaid payments for abortions in all cases other than rape or incest. All these obstacles are intended to simply to reduce the number of abortions performed, with cruel disregard to the real needs of real women.

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These contrived roadblocks and delays are among the very reasons that many women find themselves in the second trimester of an unwanted pregnancy. Other reasons include: late detection, shame and denial, lack of resources. Many women hosted by Haven have had to decide among paying rent, feeding their children, or having an abortion. The later the term, the more expensive the procedure; these women save their money, chasing a fee that only gets higher as they do. Health care advocates also assert that anti-abortion forces have focused their efforts on restricting access (again, dangerously so) for teenagers, as they are society's most powerless — and they don't vote.

Why should we care about these women and girls?
Because we are Jews, commanded to hold up society's most vulnerable. As we read in Deuteronomy:

“You shall not subvert the rights of the stranger or the fatherless; you shall not take a widow's garment in pawn. Remember that you were a slave in the land of Egypt and that Adonai your God redeemed you from there; therefore do I enjoin you to observe this commandment.” (Deut. 24:17-18)

We are the people who are commanded to take care of the widow and the orphan. Our tradition has always understood that it is precisely those who are vulnerable — women, the poor, the foreign-born, the elderly — who rely on the support of a strong society. Our tradition tells us that we are all created equal, *b'tselem elohim*, in the image of God. Yes, we were *created* that way. But now that we are created, how we *treat* every person — and whether we treat all members of society in an equal way — is up to us. Rights are rights only if they apply to all. Otherwise they are simply privilege. American society in so many ways is constructed to maintain privilege for those who currently possess it. But our Jewish tradition demands that we disperse privilege evenly, and work to defend the rights of every member of society.

We are commanded to pursue justice for all people at all times, and it is particularly important for us to perceive this commandment as a religious charge at this moment of “culture wars” — at a time when the right wing would have us believe that “religion” means subscribing to a narrow viewpoint that serves so often to curtail the rights of society's most vulnerable. We, the Jewish community, come from a tradition that not only honors diversity of opinion, but *demand*s that a diversity of religious positions be held. The Talmud — the basis of the Judaism we practice today and have for 2000 years — is comprised entirely of debates, with only rare consensus as to what should be law for society. Our religion has been interpreted narrowly in particular times and places, but overall, the diversity of positions over time proves Judaism's broad respect for taking different religious points of view. We need a diversity of positions to have a healthy society. And a healthy society, in turn, is one in which the

positions of the minority, and the vulnerable, are always protected.

Each of us in this room may have a different opinion on when—or whether—it is appropriate for a woman to end a pregnancy. Traditional Judaism usually advocates *against* ending a pregnancy, the exception being when a pregnant woman's life is in potential — not certain, but *potential* — danger. Some Jewish authorities have said that a threat to a woman's *mental* health is also legitimate cause for ending a pregnancy. And one of the most powerful values in Judaism is “*pikuach nefesh docheh shabbat*” — that the effort to save a life supercedes even the laws of Shabbat. (In other words, someone who doesn't drive on Shabbat would be permitted to drive an ailing person to the hospital.) In other words, we may violate any other law in order to save a life. It is on the basis of these positions that the Reform movement's legal scholars have advocated — as has our movement as a whole — for the absolute right of individuals to determine the degree to which their physical and psychological lives are threatened by the potential addition of a child.

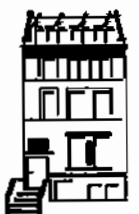
Therefore, we as Jews should confidently fight to protect our rights, including the right of every woman to determine whether, and when, she needs to have an abortion — *and, just as important, the ability to exercise that right*. Protecting reproductive rights — including full *access* to abortion for every woman — is a matter of social justice, and an expression of how we understand religious command.

How can we carry out this religious command? One way is to support the women who are brave and resourceful enough to find a way to travel to New York for their health care. For information about how to do this through joining the Haven Coalition, please contact me, directly. Another way is to support national advocacy and medical-service groups such as Planned Parenthood, or the local New York Abortion Access Fund, which provides emergency funding to women in need. Get on their e-mail lists, send them your money, join their efforts to make a difference. And I welcome any of us here who are passionate about this issue to step forward and volunteer to help organize our Temple community to educate and advocate for reproductive freedom for all.

No matter how we choose to do it, when we take care of the widow and the orphan, the poor, the young — the Rosas of our world — we are taking care of our very souls.

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EDUCATOR'S CORNER

Beginnings are often difficult when they show our vulnerability, but they are also exciting. So it has been with the beginning of EET's school: Our student body has bonded in lovely ways—a great and enthusiastic group at Tefillah (prayer) time – singing both old and new melodies beautifully. And we have had a chance, for the first time in a long time, to study Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur together as they come late in the calendar this year!



I had the privilege to guide our Kita Zayin (Seventh Grade) in writing metaphors which grew out of their study of Rosh Hashanah liturgy. In our prayer we say *We are your children, and You our Parent. . . We are your flock, and You are our Shepherd.* Our students interpreted these metaphors in different ways – the small, compared to the larger; the enveloped compared to the protector/enveloper; independent items compared to what makes them work or takes care of them.

Here are excerpts of our students' writing: *Student authors Lori Ettinger, Marlena Goodman, Jacob Gordon, Julia Ofman, Corey Shapiro, Alanna Weissman, and James Zebooker.*

We are Your clothes, and You our hanger; We are Your colors and You, our rainbow; We are Your pennies and You are our change purse; We are your seeds and You, our pomegranate; We are the grass, and You are the gardner; We are the actors, You are our director/writer/producer; We are the hair, You are the hairdresser; We are the mouse, You are the computer; We are your marble, You, our sculptor; We are your flame, You are the candle; We are your clothing, You, our closet; We are your rays and You, our Sun.

Some of the metaphors showed great sense of humor and contemporary images: We are your lead sticks, You, our mechanical pencil; We are your tokens, You, our video game; We are your hot dogs, You, our bun.

It took us awhile to figure some of them out: We are your Nathan's, You our Second Avenue Deli ("There are a lot of Nathan's but only one Second Avenue Deli"); We are Your spaghetti, and You our meatball ("You can't have the Jewish people without God, and you cannot have spaghetti without a meatball!")

Aliya Cheskis-Cotel

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EERNY NEWS

Marc Sobel, Youth Advisor

L'Shanah Tova!

One of the questions I am most often asked as Youth Advisor is when are the events. Up to now, I have relied primarily on an e-mail distribution list to let all the students know about upcoming events, but for parents, who are not on this list, they are often unaware of what we have planned.



I am happy to announce that the youth group now has our very own webpage. The address is www.eastendtemple.org/youth/group or you can navigate there from the Temple homepage by clicking on Youth Education – Youth Group from the menu on the left. On this webpage you will find a complete list of events for the semester, as well as information about the Youth Group in general. Please check this page often as events may change (updates will be posted as soon as they are known) and encourage your kids to attend as many events as possible.

I also have two reminders for parents: First, if you have not already done so, please make sure you send in your youth group dues. Annual dues are \$30 and a membership form was mailed out a few weeks ago. You can send a check payable to "East End Temple" to my attention or c/o Youth Group dues. Along with the stoop sale, this money is what subsidizes all our events, dinners and other fun activities.

My other reminder is that the Annual High Holidays Canned Food Drive is going on now through the end of October. Please bring canned food items and drop them off in the boxes outside the Social Hall whenever you come to the Temple. All food collected will be donated to City Harvest and distributed to those less fortunate.

Finally, we have a few upcoming events to mention. First, we will resume our Lounge Nights starting with Thursday October 27. These are fun, relaxing ways to spend a couple hours with friends and forget about the stress of school and homework. Dinners are always served. On Friday, November 4, we will be hosting the Downtown Kehillah at our congregation for a Teen Shabbat in conjunction with Synaplex. Teenagers from all the congregations in the Downtown Kehillah will meet at East End Temple for our special Synaplex Shabbat Service, before heading out together to the home of one of our members for a group dinner.

Marc

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SISTER TO SISTER

Fern Stampleman

SISTERHOOD ACTIVITY: OCTOBER

Sisterhood responded to the call for holiday ritual items for distribution to Jewish families evacuated from Louisiana. Thank you, Fran Kolin, for hightailing it down to your Judaica Shop distributor and going through our own cache to collect these items.



On the "home front" High Holiday packages were sent to our out-of-town college students containing dried apples and honey-filled straws, along with our best wishes for the New Year from EET. Some of the kids contacted me to say how nice it was to be remembered.

Thank you, Cynthia Dubensky and Linda Hetzer, for helping me with the Open House on Rosh Hashanah and Fran Kolin for all that shopping!

SISTERHOOD-AT-A-GLANCE: NOVEMBER

On Sunday, November 13th, from 11 am-1 pm, EET member/docent Helene Spring will lead us through an exciting group of exhibits at Hebrew Union College, Jewish Institute of Religion. Of notable interest are the Carol Hamoy's "Psalm Song" and Debra Band's "Song of Songs - The Honeybee in the Garden". This is a Sisterhood event. It is free and open to all women of EET. We will gather in the building's lobby at, One West 4th Street, between Broadway and Mercer. Reservations are requested. Call the Temple office by Wednesday, November 9th or e-mail me.

Food For Families will meet at the Temple on Sunday the 13th at 1:30 pm, one half hour later than usual.

Sisterhood Meeting is on Monday, November 14th at 7:30 pm. If you are interested in becoming a more active member of Sisterhood, please attend this meeting. New members, please join us!

If you haven't sent in your membership dues, please mail your \$25 check to East End Temple Sisterhood, now. WE COUNT ON YOUR SUPPORT, and let me take this opportunity to wish you a very Happy Thanksgiving.

DEEPEST CONDOLENCES TO THE ROSEN FAMILY

Sisterhood is accepting donations earmarked for "Dress for Success" in memory of Sarah Jessie Rosen, beloved daughter of Edna and Sam Rosen, sister of Adrienne. Checks should be made out to East End Temple Sisterhood. We are accepting "gently worn and cleaned" women's business suits as well. At the end of December, new business attire will be purchased with the money and along with the clothing received, be delivered to Dress for Success in Sarah's name.

Sister-to-Sister,

Fern

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LIBRARY BUZZ

Barbara Ringel

Because our temple community continues to be enriched by its outreach effort and its growing number of interfaith, intercultural families, our library committee recognizes that relevant information and resources in this area are necessary and helpful both for those on this journey and for those of us who wish to provide support. As a result, we have ordered a number of books on conversion/choosing Judaism; intermarriage; introduction to Judaism and Jewish living; and Jewish parenting/grandparenting.



The books will be available in our library soon, and we hope you will find them helpful and enlightening. In addition, copies of both of the books by Bryan Mark Riggs, our featured speaker for our library event on January 22, 2006, will be arriving soon and will be available for advance purchase in the temple office. Copies are already available in the library. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank the many people who help support our library with their generous donations to our Helene Spring Library Fund. These donations enable us to continue to purchase the variety of books that make our collection as superb as it is. Your ongoing support is deeply appreciated.

Barbara

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JUDAICA SHOP FINDS

Fran Kolin

Will you be traveling or visiting for Thanksgiving this year? Consider giving a copy of The Jewish Home: A Guide For Jewish Living as a wonderful host/hostess gift. Using a Q&A format, this handy volume covers all aspects of Jewish life, including the birth of a child, the Jewish wedding, and the Jewish divorce. Including Bar and Bat Mitzvah, Confirmation, and holidays, this book will enable readers of all backgrounds to explore the diverse aspects of Jewish life. Come take a look at it, at the Shop.

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5766/2005-2006 WOMEN OF REFORM JUDAISM ART CALENDAR

Now available at the Temple office
Limited quantities @ \$15 each



Our first Synaplex™ Shabbat really was something to rave about! Over 140 people filled the sanctuary for a musically rich, inspiring service. Dinner was a sold out event, and many people enjoyed the children's and adults' programming throughout the evening. Thank you to all who joined in and made it such a special night. We also want to take time to thank the many people who worked to get Synaplex™ up and running. We are very fortunate to have such a dedicated Steering Committee for this project. Barbara Katersky, Lisa Denby, Cindy Au-Kramer, Henry Kramer, Ellen Wiewel, Marcy Einhorn, Marcia Muskat, Emily Blank, Alec Appelbaum and Fern Stampleman has each brought enthusiasm, expertise and sense of humor to this mammoth undertaking. The support of the Rabbi and Aliya has also been invaluable. And thanks to other members of the Temple family who contributed their time and efforts: Scott Swartz, Sharon Shemesh, Norma Kartzmer, Janie Listengart, Edna Rosen, Bette Levy, Adam Schartoff, Karen Feuer, Bob Polifka, Leonard Spring, Julie Livingston, Barbara Kimmel, Carol Hyman, and, of course, Mohammed Pogue.

We mention people individually to thank them for their help. But the length of the list only underscores the fact that any one Synaplex™ evening is a complex event to plan and run. Please support us by volunteering *your* time. An hour or two of help, just once this year, will go a long way towards ensuring that Synaplex™ is

enjoyable for all. The three main areas where we need volunteers are:

- Set-up** (9:00-10:30 am the Friday morning of Synaplex™). Set tables, put out brochures and supplies.
- Welcome Table** (4:45-8:30 pm in 1+ hour shifts). Meet and greet. Hand out information sheets.
- Clean-up** (10:15 – 11:00 pm) Pack up Synaplex™ materials and move to the basement for storage.

The upcoming Synaplex™ dates are November 4 and December 9, 2005, and the following dates in 2006: February 10 & 11, March 3, April 7 & 8, May 5 and June 9. Please take a moment to look at your calendar and email Lauren at lw2@nyc.rr.com with a date that works for you.

Thanks in advance for pitching in. And be sure to see the enclosed Schedule of Events for the November 4 and December 9 Synaplex™ Shabbats!

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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Please Note: If you attended Aliya's Synaplex™ class on September 23, please bring "The Big Sukka" to the November 4 program.

Volunteer Grant Writer Wanted:
If you have had experience writing grants, EET could use your help. Work with experienced EET fundraisers to secure grant money for building renovations, educational and cultural programs. Time commitment flexible. Contact Judith Sussman, VP Finance at jhs@nyc.rr.com or 212.982.0382 evenings.

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

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

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

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.**

Remembering Family...

Here is a nostalgic story of family recalled from a pleasant memory of almost 50 years ago. Our member, Peggy Garrison, then a teenager, tells of a vacation in France with her parents and the Yiddish connection that ensued. Here is her story:

It's 1956--vacation in France -- we're on the train: Dad, Mom and I are on our way from Normandy to Paris, then home to Milwaukee. Dad is impeccable in his dark grey suit and silk tie; Mom in beige linen, me in my new French coiffure. I was 18 and had just finished summer school in Caen. Sitting across the aisle from us were a middle-aged couple and their son: the husband in shirt sleeves and worn pants; his wife in a light-blue flowered housedress; their son, about my age.

As we passed the Norman countryside, I noticed Dad periodically looking across the aisle at them. I figured he wanted to practice his French. Finally, he leaned over and asked, "*Est-ce que vous parlez francais?*" And then added under his breath, "Effshur ah bissel Yiddish?"

The French-Yiddish Connection

The couple seemed surprised (perhaps they didn't expect such a quick shift in Dad's tasteful demeanor, and then were delighted). They spoke with him in Yiddish for quite a while. Then the wife asked in French if I spoke Yiddish, and Dad answered no, only English and French. Her husband nodded sadly and said their son also spoke no Yiddish.

Later Dad said they spoke of many things: children, the *nouvelle franc*, life in the U.S. Dad also noticed they spoke French with a foreign accent. They had told him that they were originally from Poland but now lived in France. We didn't want to probe further.

Effshur ah bissel Yiddish? Years later Mom told me that during another trip, Dad whispered that phrase to a man at the table next to theirs at the Cafe de la Paix in Paris and they ended up having dinner with him three nights in a row!

Peggy Garrison

To our EET Family:

If you have a Jewish-related vintage story or Jewish related memory of your mother or father, or grandparents, send it along to the editor at the Temple office. Not more than 150 words, please.

Let's share our Jewish family memories.

WEBSITE NEWS



I have been asked a few times which is the correct spelling: Web site or website? I have seen both spellings; so I did some research. According to the American Heritage Dictionary of the English Language, the transition from World Wide Web site to Web site to website seems to have progressed as rapidly as technology itself. While some publications still maintain the more formal "Web site", many have advanced to the shorter and simpler "website". The evolution of website as a single, uncapitalized word has occurred as other technical terms have evolved into unhyphenated forms. There has been an increased acceptance and preference for closed forms like homepage, online and printout.

One of the advantages of having the technology of a website over printed publications is that a website can be changed easily and frequently; there have been many updates to the EET website in the past few months. Thanks to Pearl Polifka, Lauren Weinberger and Marc Sobel for their assistance with some of these updates.

One reflection of technology is that after the first Synaplex™ program in September, an online survey for Temple members to provide feedback was available on our homepage as well as on the Synaplex™ page. This survey will also be available on our website for approximately one week after the November 4th Synaplex™ program; so if you prefer providing feedback online, instead of completing the handwritten form, you are welcome to choose this option.

Ellen Ettinger

Muslim-Jewish Rapport?

Pakistan, an overwhelmingly Muslim country, has accepted aid for its desperate earthquake victims from the American Jewish Congress.

Jack Rosen, chairman of the AJC, reports that he received a telephone call from Pakistan president, Pervez Musharraf, advising him that Pakistan welcomed aid from American Jewish charities for earthquake victims. Also, that he would be open to publicizing this help to the wide Pakistani Muslim population.

Within days after the catastrophic earthquake, the AJC chairman appealed to Jews to help raise funds for quake victims. Mr. Rose expressed the feeling that this effort creates a "whole new environment of possibilities in improving relations".

THE TEMPLE FAMILY

Welcome New Members

- Wendy and Daniel Becker with their sons, Kevin and Michael
- Deborah and Jim Hunter with their daughter, Rachel
- Lauren Lowenthal
- Cheryl and Daniel Schneider with their daughters, Gabrielle and Rebecca

Get Well Wishes to

Alice Abrash, Betty Beranbaum, Jeanette Jacobson, Adele Klausner, Myrna Kronenthal, Stacy Macklin, Sam Peskin, Reuben Spenser, Doris Stampleman and Marjorie Sussman

Deepest Condolences to

Edna and Sam Rosen and Adrienne Rosen on the sudden death of daughter and sister, Sarah Rosen. Sarah was a dedicated political and social activist who left her mark along the path of many good causes.

In Memoriam

The East End Temple family is saddened by the passing of Jerry Ginsberg on August 30th. Jerry and his wife, Bertha, moved to Miami years ago, but remained members of the Temple. The congregation extends sincere condolences to Bertha Ginsberg and the family.

EAST END TEMPLE BOOKCLUB

The Book: *The Pieces from Berlin.*
The Author: Michael Pye
The Date: November 29 @ 7:30 pm
The Place: Call for location 212.477.6444

Todah Rabah to the Ritual Committee ...for steering and supporting the High Holiday honorees.

Beth Labush, Bobby Kolin, Fran Kolin, Edna Rosen, Elissa Macklin, Fern Stampleman, Helene Spring, Leonard Spring, Joan Beranbaum, June Morse, Pearl Polifka and Rabbi Adelson

As always, your level of engagement is exceptional and vital to the EET community.

Marcia Muskat, Ritual Chair

Memorial Plaques purchased for:

- Vicki Greenwald, Sarah Muskat, Solomon Schwimmer and Harry Zuckerman by the Muskat families
- Ellis Greene by Mildred Greene
- Sally Zelinka by Marc Schweitzer

Beth Labush Career Change

Even though her career has taken a new path, Beth Labush wants the East End Temple family to know that she will still be a resource for congregants who need information about care at the end of life.

Long a hospice nurse ministering home care for Jacob Perlow Hospice affiliated with Beth Israel Hospital, Beth is now the nurse manager of a new hospice residence to be located at Carnegie East House on Second Avenue at 95th Street.

Under the aegis of Visiting Nurse Service of New York, an entire floor is being renovated at Carnegie East to accommodate eight hospice patients (the maximum allowed by state law) before the end of this year. Carnegie East, which opened in 2002, is an enriched housing facility for older adults overseen by Health Advocates for Older People.

Beth's Role

Beth will manage the hospice residence and provide oversight of round-the-clock hospice trained nurses and aides. Beth stresses that this will be a homelike residence and not a medical facility. Residents will have their own bedrooms and bathrooms, use the Carnegie East dining room if they are able, and enjoy views of Manhattan and the East River from the bedrooms and large gardenlike terrace. She adds that families and friends may visit 24 hours a day and use the residence kitchens. To ensure warm and comfortable space, Beth is currently working with a decorator who normally designs interiors of homes.

If you have concerns or questions regarding end-of-life care, Beth can be reached at home evenings or weekends at 212-254-8759.

Florence Peloquin

One Voice to Save Choice

On Wednesday, November 2, 2005, from 6 - 9 pm at Congregation Rodeph Sholom, (7 West 83rd Street) One Voice to Save Choice & Planned Parenthood of NY are hosting a major interfaith event to gather community support for comprehensive sex education in our schools.

For more information contact Donna Bascom, chair, via voicechoice@rodephsholom.org or 212.362.8800 and ask for Donna Bascom.

FOOD FOR FAMILIES

Marian C. Fish

After a terrific beginning, we are looking forward to our second Food For Families (FFF) on Sunday, November 13th at 1:30 pm; this is a half hour later start than usual to allow some of our volunteers to attend a program in the morning. As a reminder, each person attending is asked to bring four loaves of bread (no white bread, too soft) and 16 pieces of fruit. Please wear a hat or hair covering. And bring lots of energy!

We thank **Helene and Leonard Spring** for their sponsorship of the October 16th Food For Families in memory of Leonard's brother Julian. They have been big supporters of FFF since its inception, many moons ago. Our November 13th sponsor of the day is **Shirley Lipton**, another long-time supporter, and friend of FFF. She has sponsored the day in honor of Florence Pelouin.

Looking forward to another productive and fun-filled afternoon (1:30-3:00 pm). Questions? Contact Marian at mfish1211@aol.com.



What's up for kids at Synaplex™?

For children ages 2-5: TOT SHABBAT SQUAD 11/4 & 12/9: Welcome Shabbat with singing, prayers, crafts and stories. Parents must accompany children under age 3. (5 - 6 pm).

For kids ages 6-12: SHABBAT KIDS CLUB

11/4: Write a Melody, Sing a Prayer

Composer Paul Shapiro will help kids write a modern melody to one of our Shabbat prayers (5-5:50 pm).

12/9: Go Yoga!

Instructor Ellen Spivak shows children how to use yoga poses to stretch, relax and focus (5-5:50 pm).

OR

12/9: Spin to Spine

East End Temple member Cindy-Au Kramer teaches kids how to make a book or box to store dreidels and other treasures (5 - 5:50 pm).

For kids ages 6-12 on 11/4 and 12/9:

Kids Dinner (5:50-6:15 pm)

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

Reservations required for dinner by 10/28 (for 11/4) and 12/1 (for 12/9).

All families are welcome at Kabbalat Shabbat services from 6:15 - 7:15 pm. See the Synaplex™ Schedule of Events for further details.



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ERIC WEISS THRIVES ON JEWISH LEARNING COMMUNITIES

It was during his growing-up years playing in Stuyvesant Town and visiting his Aunt Lilly's Lower Eastside candy store with his parents, younger sister, Lauren and the extended Weiss-Beferman family when Eric experienced the nurturing effect of community. Many influences from disparate sources then went on to influence Eric Jewishly. Twenty years later, it was a powerful sermon on Jewish community affiliation given by Brotherhood Temple's Rabbi Bloch and a powerful glimpse of Jewish community destruction seen during a B'nai Brith sponsored tour of Yad Vsham, when Eric raised his consciousness about the survival of Jewish communities. And it is Central Synagogue's pre-Shabbat Saturday morning Torah study classes (originally with Rabbi Sheldon Zimmerman and now with Rabbi Philip Haitt) as well as East End Temple's Adult Education classes with Rabbi David Adelson and East End Temple's Singles (40 to 60 set) Chavurah that inspire Eric's life-long engagement in Jewish learning communities.

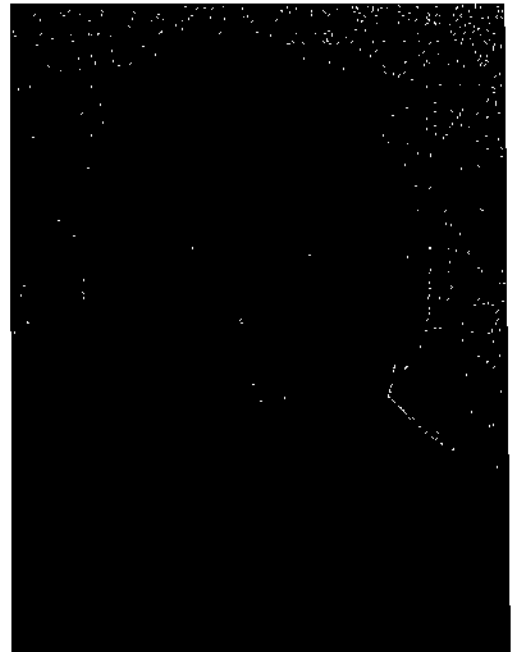
Connecting with People

While Eric enjoys many aspects of Temple life, it is the community connectedness of people and ideas that gives it its oxygen. Eric recalls the welcoming small-family feel to his pre-Bar Mitzvah studies with Rabbi Rav Soloff and the East End Temple community. As a young adult, when he was not building his career as a Senior Lab Technician in the NYC Department of Health, Eric attended B'nai Brith singles groups, chaired ADL (Anti-Defamation League) meetings and studied Torah at Central Synagogue as a vehicle for understanding and belonging.

Eric's revived membership at EET was inspired by East End Temple leaders Helene Spring and Mel Morse. In short order, Eric was anointed the Shabbat Shamos: preparing the Bimah for Shabbat services and welcoming the Shabbat along with other EET 'regulars'. Drawing on his interest in history and philosophy, Eric has brought an ample measure of knowledge to his stints as lay leader: he has led a discussion on the Shema and Via Hafta at Central Synagogue and delivered a D'vah Torah on Yitro and the Law at Sofmaariv Synagogue in Honolulu (more about that later).

Early Roots, Basic Values

Thanks to the values learned from Eric's dad Frank (war veteran, social worker and textile salesman) and mom Lottie (super-homemaker), Eric instinctually chooses



Eric Weiss

respectful, democratic and learned communities. He has found success within Weight Watchers supportive atmosphere (losing an impressive 15 lbs. in less than one year) and he frequents virtual talk radio communities on the Salem Radio Network (go to ksky.com). Eric has also had the good fortune to spend 15 of his last 20 winter vacations in his home away from home: Honolulu, Hawaii. There he attends services at the aforementioned Sofmaariv Synagogue, studies Torah at Temple Emanuel and does what he likes to do best: belong to smart, caring communities. Going forward, Eric certainly wouldn't mind the right single lady to share in his pursuit of Hawaiian sun and community spirit.

We'd love to hear your story.
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