

**JUNE 2005 SIVAN 5765**

**SHABBAT SERVICES**

**Friday 3 @ 6 pm**

**Saturday 4**

*Torah Study @ 10 am*

*Musical Minyan @ 11 am*

**Friday 10 @ 7:30 pm**

**Sisterhood Shabbat**

*Tot Shabbat @ 6 pm*

**Sunday 12 @ 6 pm**

*Shavuot & Confirmation*

**Monday 13 @ 10 am**

*Shavuot & Yizkor*

**Friday 17 @ 6 pm**

*Hail & Farewell to Cantor Hayley Kobilinsky*

**Friday 24 @ 6 pm**

**TEMPLE ACTIVITIES**

**Book Club – *Rewrites: A Memoir***

*Wednesday 1 @ 7:30 pm*

**Salute to Israel Parade w/the Downtown Kehillah**

*Sunday 5 @ 1:15 pm  
(meet at 53rd St. bet. 5th & 6th Ave.)*

**Chevrat Nashim**

*Sundays 5, 12, 19, & 26 @  
10:30 am*

**Congregational Meeting & Celebratory Cocktail Hour**

*Wednesday 8,  
Cocktail hour @ 6 pm  
Meeting @ 7:30 pm*

**Tikun Leil Shavuot Study**

*Sunday 12 @ 8 pm*

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# Templet

## Historic Victory in Israel

A significant and historic victory for Reform Judaism was won in Israel a few weeks ago: The Israeli Supreme Court ruled that the State of Israel must recognize Reform and Conservative conversions performed overseas even if the convert has already been living in Israel.

The decision was the culmination of 15 years of difficult and determined legal work by the Israel Religious Action Center and the World Union for Progressive Judaism. It means that longtime residents of Israel who have converted in a Reform ceremony can now gain full citizen rights in the Jewish state.

Further, the Court reiterated the principle that no one religious denomination could claim to speak for all the Jews of Israel. In other words, the Court reaffirmed that the State of Israel is and must be a democratic country as espoused in Israeli's Declaration of Independence. May 14 marked the 57<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Israel's independence.

Still lacking official recognition, however, are Reform conversion ceremonies conducted in Israel. The Progressive/Reform movement continues to petition the Court to recognize and give full citizenship rights to Reform conversions conducted in Israel. The legal battle goes on.

*Florence Peloquin*

Dear Friends,

Rabbi Baer once said to his teacher, the Seer of Lublin, "Show me one general way to the service of God." The Tzaddik replied: "It is impossible to tell a person what way to take. For one way to serve God is through learning, another through prayer, another through fasting, and still another through eating. We should carefully observe what way our heart draws us to, and then choose this way with all our strength."



There have always been many ways to be a member of the Jewish community—perhaps never as many as there are today. In New York City you can go to a klezmer brunch, top-notch innovative learning, Israeli films and Jewish yoga. If Jews can be this creative about their involvement, surely we can all find a place in the community. This creativity also reassures my concerns about Jewish continuity.

**Diverse EET Community**

Look at our own EET community: we are born-Jews and non-Jews and Jews-by-choice. We are young and old, single and married, gay and straight. We are from numerous ethnic backgrounds. We are from traditional Jewish homes, not-so-traditional Jewish homes, and non-Jewish homes. We have so many different passions: Israel, social justice, Torah study, children's education, community prayer, Jewish arts and music – even Jewish "soul food."

This diversity – and energy – is what gives us particular cause for excitement about the initiative called Synaplex. Starting this fall, approximately one Shabbat per month

will be a Synaplex Shabbat, which will enhance the Shabbat life of East End Temple by offering a wider-than-before range of Jewish experiences. We're able to do this, in collaboration with two other downtown synagogues, with funding we'll receive as a grant from the STAR (Synagogue Transformation and Renewal) Foundation, specifically geared toward expanding what we offer on Shabbat. So, those who seek the peace, inspiration and energy of Shabbat services will still find that — with an energetic, musically enhanced format. Others will find activities for tots, older children, and teens. There will be informal meeting time before services and community dinner afterwards. Each month will bring a headline speaker, musical concert or other options for discussion and learning, often led by our own congregants. You have to imagine the Temple on those Friday nights buzzing with Jewish life of every kind – a swirl of energy, fun, stimulation and community.

In terms of honoring and serving the diversity in our community, Synaplex gives us the charge to put our money (and the STAR Foundation's) where our mouth is. We hope that all of our existing members—and potential members as well—will find that Synaplex significantly increases the number of avenues we have to meaningful Jewish connection, and for having a great time! We will be calling on every single member of EET to do two things: first, try out as many Synaplex programs as you can to find all the ways you can feel connected, and second, be an ambassador to others and invite them to reap the benefits of our Synaplex programming as well.

Start getting excited now. More details to follow.

L'shalom,

**You Are Invited to Attend the  
EET Annual Congregational Meeting  
and CELEBRATE THE VOLUNTEERS OF OUR  
CONGREGATION - THEY HAVE CHOSEN TO  
BECOME INVOLVED!**

**June 8 at 7:30 pm.**

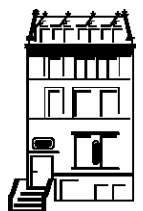
Also... Hear the Annual Report on the state of the congregation, vote for the new slate of the Board of Trustees, meet EET's new Student Cantor and Director of Congregational Learning and a cocktail hour in honor of our Volunteers beginning at 6 pm

**Torah Portions this month**

6/04	Bamidbar	Num. 1:1-4:20
6/11	Naso	Num. 6:1-7:89
6/18	Beha'alotecha	Num. 8:1-12:16
6/25	Shelach-Lecha	Num. 13:1-15:41

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Dear Friends,

**As my first year** draws to a close there is much that has been accomplished: securing a new student cantor for the Congregation, setting a new course for congregational learning and Jewish education at EET, planning a menu of new programs for 8 SYNAPLEX Shabbatot and gradually, changing other practices (minhagim) to reflect our increasingly diverse and intergenerational membership. While many of these Temple initiatives require an infusion of fiscal resources, everything that happens at East End Temple (except what is done by the clergy and paid administrative staff) succeeds because of our 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, actively and personally recruit you, orient you, follow-up with lessons learned and thank-you's "for real". Join me on June 8th at 6 pm, for the first public "thank you" and celebration of volunteers who got involved.



**It is a bittersweet time** at East End Temple. The anticipated arrival of a new student cantor and Director of Congregational Learning serves as a reminder that our current professionals will be moving on. Under Hagit Halperin's leadership, the religious school program has built capacity in its teachers and as a result improved the quality of teaching and learning in our classrooms. Two years after her arrival, Hagit has left her mark on our religious school and our children have flourished. On behalf of the Congregation, I extend our appreciation and gratitude to her and wish her well in the future.

**East End Temple** has a long history of working with student cantors who have incredible voices and musical skills. With that said, Hayley Kobilinsky is still a stand-out. Her talents and abilities are seemingly endless. There isn't anything she can't do - from initiating the EET choir to directing the Gala Musicale. Hayley - you have raised the bar on what we have come to expect from our student cantors - you are a hard "act" to follow! We wish you the best.

I look forward to seeing you all at the Annual Congregational Meeting on June 8th.

B'Shalom

*Karen Feuer* Contact: [president@eastendtemple.org](mailto:president@eastendtemple.org)

**It's hard to believe**, but my Investiture, the ceremony that officially makes me a Cantor, is a mere 4 days from today (as I write this column in mid-May). That means that my time at East End Temple, which has been a wonderful three years, is coming to a close. I saw my last B'nei Mitzvah student read from the Torah (congratulations to John Connuck and his family!), the 6th graders know their last Haftarah blessing, and the Gala Musicale go off without a hitch. Of course, here at East End Temple, student cantors truly never say goodbye, as we seem to be a permanent part of the EET family, coming back for concerts and celebrations.



**I feel very proud** of everything I've been involved with at EET, from teaching music in Hebrew School on Wednesdays, working with the choir and leading our community in prayer and song. I can only hope that this happiness will follow me to my new position, at Congregation B'nei Yisrael in Armonk, NY.

**I hope to see** as many of you as is possible on June 17 when I'll be honored during services. To help me celebrate, I'd like to welcome back our volunteer choir for this event, and in order to rehearse, I've scheduled TWO REHEARSALS - Thursday, June 9, and Wednesday, June 15, both at 7 pm. Please get some music from me (easy, I promise- just one-part choruses). Old and new members alike are welcome. I want our voices to ring throughout the building on the 17th and, send me on my way on a happy note! Joe Rutkowski will join us, along with Alex Mekinulov, for this celebratory evening.

**I want to thank you all** for making me, and Ben, part of the EET family for these past three years. Thank you also to Rabbi David Adelson, for being a wonderful mentor and friend, to Sharon and Carole for keeping the place running, along with Mohammed, Bobby Kolin, and our fantastic, energetic Board and committees. Special thank-you's go to Alex and Joe, a musical team I have been so lucky to have on my side. It has been a pleasure making music and praying with you. One of the best things about EET is how everyone works together to make it a warm and heimish place to be. I fondly take that memory with me as I become a Cantor. Please keep in touch! My permanent email address is [hkobilin@aol.com](mailto:hkobilin@aol.com). Let me know how you're doing!

Always musically yours,

*Cantor Hayley Kobilinsky* (That has a nice ring to it!)

Shalom to all,

This will be the last time I will write to you from this corner, as my two years of service to the East End Temple Religious School are coming to an end. I say it with sadness as those were two wonderful years.



I came to East End Temple one week before we moved to our new location and I had the challenge of “fitting” the school into the new building, and fitting the building to our special needs. Those empty rooms came alive as the students gave some living character to the inanimate new furniture. The children’s art (including the three big mosaics created in the old building) is now covering the walls making it a lovely and warm place to be in.

**Innovations, Celebrations, Exhibitions**

In those two years we had lovely Shabbat Class Dinners, big school celebrations at Chanukah, Tu-B'Shvat and Purim which sometimes spanned the four floors of the building. I am proud of instituting an End-of-the-Year School Exhibition which presented a contribution from every single child in our school. We continued our Mother’s Day project where we collected personal care items, new socks and chocolates, packed them in gift bags and then donated them to the women in the Bowery Residence Shelter. I was also glad to organize the school library: The Sara A. Spencer Resource Center which served us well this year as children read books and shared their stories with us. I hope that those initiatives continue at East End Temple and become a tradition.

**Acknowledgments**

And as my term comes to an end, I would like to acknowledge all the wonderful people whom I met here, and especially the generous, cooperative people that I worked with. It is not that often that you get to work with a team of people who are so supportive and welcoming as it was here. I want to thank Rabbi David Adelson and Cantor Hayley Kobilinsky for their great cooperation and Edna Rosen for her assistance during my first year. I want to thank Suellen Eshed whose commitment to the Religious School should inspire each and every one of us. I want also to thank Florence Peloquin who patiently edited my monthly Educator Corner. And lastly, if I could take those people with me to wherever I work: Sharon Shemesh and Carole Hyman with their ever-good spirit and wise advise.

Shalom and L'hitraot

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Hello everyone –

As I write this, we are less than 5 days from our **2nd Annual Stoop Sale** and I cannot believe the amount of stuff you all have donated. Your support has been tremendous, and I cannot thank everyone enough for the generous donations. Next month I will have more details on how it went, how much we were able to sell and maybe even a picture or two.



In the past month, we’ve had several successful events. We had our **2nd Annual Creative Waffle Toppings Brunch** on May 7. Not only was the turnout great, but the toppings were indeed “creative,” including some less than traditional items like Tabasco, Ice Cream and Horseradish! We also had dinner together at **Katz’s Deli** on May 5, and attended the **Downtown Kehillah’s Yom Ha’atzmaut Party** at Town and Village Synagogue on May 12.

So what’s coming up next? How can we possibly top ourselves? Well, not including our regular Thursday night meetings, here’s what we have on our calendar for the rest of the year:

**Sunday June 5 – Video Scavenger Hunt** – this is going to be a blast! With the help of our two amateur filmmakers, we’ll be taking to the streets for this very fun, one-of-a-kind program.

**Friday June 17 – Senior Shabbat Service/Dinner/Comedy Club Night** – our big end of year celebration. This year, after honoring our graduating seniors, we hope to go to a comedy club in the city and will even be joined by some of our alumni from years past.

In the meantime, we’re also beginning to think about next year. We have a new Board in place which I’m very excited about (watch for introductions next month!) and they’re already busily planning for the Fall semester. I can’t say yet exactly what we’ll be doing, but with the ideas I’ve been hearing, I am confident that next year will be our best yet!

That’s about it. Thanks again for all your Stoop Sale donations and continued support of our Youth Group!

Take care and see you next month.

Marc

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## SISTER TO SISTER

Fern Stampleman

### AN EVENING TO REMEMBER

In April, 35 Sisterhood members with family and friends celebrated Passover (and Florence Peloquin's birthday) at the Annual Women's Pot Luck Seder. Amongst the regulars there were new faces, including college and high school women, making this yet another truly intergenerational, inspirational women's experience. It might be my imagination, but the table seemed more bountiful (kudos to all participants), the wine sweeter (thank you, Florence, for the birthday donation). The music and prayers reached a heightened pitch (thank you, Hayley for the past three years) and, as we imagined what might represent this year's "plagues" for women around the world, we gained a little insight. Thank you, Judith Lorber for giving us something different to think about each time we break matzah together. Finally, thanks go to Sharon Shemesh and Mohamed Hoque, for their exceptional organizational skills without which we would not have been able to pull off such a successful event!



### SISTERHOOD IN JUNE

**Please join us as we honor Sisterhood at Services on Friday evening, June 10th at 7:30 pm.** Along with prayers and blessings, our Cantor Hayley Kobilinsky has graciously accepted an invitation to talk about "the Chazzantes", a group of observant women who, in early-to-mid-twentieth century, embarked on an unusual journey into the world of Jewish liturgical music, a world forbidden to women. This is a topic Hayley has done extensive research on for her thesis.

**The next Sisterhood Meeting is on Tuesday, June 14th at 7 pm, followed by a Rosh Chodesh Celebration from 7:45 to 9 pm.** If you do not plan to attend the meeting, please join us for the Rosh Chodesh. Light refreshments will be provided by Sisterhood.

### ACT NOW

Don't forget to congratulate our Confirmands with a Sisterhood UNIONGRAM. We've gotten a good response thus far, so if you want to weigh-in, **act now:** send back the forms you received in the mail or contact Sharon in the office. Final deadline: JUNE 3.

For a heads-up on next season's events, look for the summer Templet and thanks for a wonderful year!

Sister-to-Sister,

*Fern*

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## LIBRARY BUZZ

Barbara Ringel

As summer approaches, most of us think "vacation!" While many of us continue to work throughout the summer, most of us manage at least a little time off to visit family or friends, to go to the beach, to the mountains, or perhaps to more exotic venues. Even in the city, we seem to take things a little easier. As summer approaches, we also think "read!" It's a time to catch up on all the reading we've been meaning to do, but for which we haven't had the time. As we make the time to enable ourselves to do that catching up, why not make a visit to our library and pick up a great book—or books, to read! It's the perfect opportunity, and I bet we have the perfect book! Please come and share our wealth of titles. Have wonderful summer!



*Barbara*

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## JUDAICA SHOP FINDS

Fran Kolin

June brings us Father's Day, and we think that every man would benefit from having a copy of *East End Edibles*, Sisterhood's great cookbook!! Containing lots of tried-and-true recipes submitted by members who actually cooked them, this cookbook could make Dad a star in the kitchen. And for those June weddings, the book *The Jewish Home* is a very useful and thoughtful gift. Come take a look at the Shop. Proceeds benefit Sisterhood.

*Fran*

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## REMINDER

Have you paid your Temple bill in full yet? Please send your payment to the Temple no later than June 15.

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Sometimes success has its partner, need. Food for Families has been so successful that the number of meals has reached record levels! As our program has gained in popularity, our expenses for the purchasing of food have also risen. Therefore, for the Fall 2005-Spring 2006 season, co-sponsorships at \$300 each will be available for each date. Food for Families continues to welcome individual contributions of \$18 or more. We are grateful for your past generosity and invite you to continue your support.

Dates for the 2005-06 season are the first Sundays in the months October '05-March '06.

*Marian*

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**2005 – 5766  
HIGH HOLY DAY DATES**

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

Monday, October 3 @ 7:30 pm – **Erev Rosh Hashanah**  
 Tuesday, October 4 @ 10 am – **Rosh Hashanah**

Wednesday, October 12 @ 7:30 pm – **Kol Nidrei**  
 Thursday, October 13 @ 10 am – **Yom Kippur**

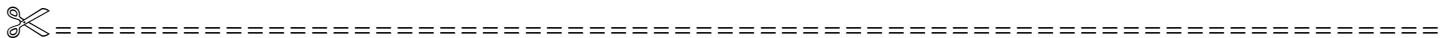
**WEBSITE NEWS**



Many people use our website to check the dates and times for specific programs and services that they want to attend. But there are also many other useful and fun functions that you can access on our website. For example, you can go to a list entitled “**18 Little Things You Can Do for Shabbat,**” which incorporates some thoughtful ideas on recognizing and celebrating the “Day of Rest.” Some of my favorites are: invite friends, ask guests to prepare a Shabbat blessing, song or story, and sing some tuneful songs. Some are traditional reminders of Shabbat, like: *bake or buy a Challah, and pour a delicious wine.* Some are more spiritual, like: *give thanks for the blessing of the week and be open to moments of wonder, of soulful encounter.*

These are just a few of the recommendations on the list. If you are interested in seeing the full list of 18 things, you can access it by pressing the “Worship and Holidays” tab on the left side of our home page, and then click on “Shabbat.” Go towards the bottom of the page under “Shabbat Resources” and you can click to access this list. Enjoy!

*Ellen Ettinger*



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## THE TEMPLE FAMILY

### Congratulations and Mazal Tov to

- Susan Epstein and Dr. Harold Horowitz on their forthcoming marriage on June 4<sup>th</sup>
- Anna Kessler and Jason Rulnick, on Anna's conversion to Judaism
- Stephanie Kolin on getting her Master of Arts in Hebrew Literature from Hebrew Union College

### Congratulations our newest Member

Derek Dorn

### Deepest Condolences to

Joanne Goodman and family on the passing of her mother Eva Finkelstein

### Get Well Wishes to

Alice Abrash, Helen Doneger, Jeanette Jacobson, Norma Kimmel, Myrna Kronenthal, Assemblyman Steven Sanders, Doris Stampleman, Marjorie Sussman

### Good luck to all recent graduates of East End Temple families.

Be sure to let us know where you will be for your college years (or your work years) so we can update our files and put you on our mailing list to receive the TEMPLET. Our best wishes for your success go with you. **High School Grads:** Adam Blumenberg-NYU; Tracy Dubensky-Emory; Sonia Gollance-U. of Chicago; Lena Gottesman – U. of Penn. and Benjamin Rutkowski-Vassar College.

**College Grads:** Jonathan Fishner, Gabriel Ganot, Alixandra Liiv and Javier Rivera-Diaz.

### **EAST END TEMPLE BOOKCLUB**

The Book: *Rewrites: A Memoir*

The Author: Neil Simon

The Date: Wednesday, June 1st @ 7:30 pm

The Place: Call for location 212.477.6444

### IN MEMORIAM

#### CANTOR RENEE COLESON

We were all deeply saddened to learn that a former student cantor at East End Temple, Renee Coleson, died on May 1, 2005. Renee served as a student cantor for two years, 1989-1991. After she was invested as a full cantor, she joined North Shore Synagogue in Syosset, N.Y. where she served for 14 years. Renee was greatly admired at North Shore where she was viewed as a compassionate teacher as well as cantor.

Renee's warm personality, beautiful contralto voice and continuing loyalty to EET brought her back many times as a guest performer in various Temple concerts.

She is survived by a brother and sister, many nieces and nephews and two grand-nephews. The entire congregation of East End Temple extends sincere condolences to the family of Renee Coleson.

### READING RUTH FOR SHAVUOT

Just in time for Shavuot, celebrated this year on Monday, June 13, the URJ Press has released *Ruth: A Modern Commentary*, by Leonard S. Kravitz and Kerry M. Olitzky. Featuring new insight into the Biblical tale that's traditionally read on Shavuot, *Ruth: A Modern Commentary* follows in the tradition of Kravitz and Olitzky's popular commentaries on Ecclesiastes, Proverbs, and Song of Songs. To order, visit the URJ Press Web site at [www.urjpress.com](http://www.urjpress.com), or contact the Press toll-free at 888.489.8242, [press@urj.org](mailto:press@urj.org).



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SUNDAY, JUNE 12TH @ 6 PM

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## Cantor Hayley Kobilinsky...

### Who Knew?

Here are some things you may or may not know about EET's Cantor, Hayley Kobilinsky: She is an only child and also the grandchild of survivors of the Holocaust who were liberated from Dachau. She was named Hayley after her great aunt Henryka (also a survivor) and after the actress Hayley Mills. When she was just ten years old, The Regina Opera Company of Brooklyn invited Hayley to sing in a production of *La Boheme*. At age eleven, she was asked to join their adult chorus. At sweet sixteen, 40 opera singers serenaded her with 'Happy Birthday'. Hayley attended her high school honor classes by day and her opera gigs by night. Hayley's immediate predecessor at EET was Cantor Miriam Miller. Her immediate predecessor at Congregation B'nai Yisrael in Armonk, New York, where Hayley will serve as cantor next year, is also Cantor Miriam Miller. Who knew?

### Inspired by Role Models

Though Hayley's grandparents did not always share the most intimate details of their horrific captivity, the experience cast a powerful light on Hayley's Jewish identity. As far back as she can recall, Hayley knew that she would marry Jewish, raise Jewish children, embrace Israel and continue the work of her ancestors. She was born in Brooklyn's Maimonides Hospital, raised in Oceanside, Long Island and thanks to her dad (Lawrence, a forensic scientist) and her mom (Estelle, an early childhood educator and Hebrew school teacher), Hayley was immersed in heavy doses of science, education, music, theater and Judaism.

Hayley credits the progressive style of Cantor Bette Cohen at Hayley's childhood congregation, Temple Emanu-El of Long Beach, with mentoring and modeling many of Hayley's current initiatives, including the EET Choir. By age twelve, Hayley had already won first prize singing *Fiddler on the Roof's* "Matchmaker" in a junior talent competition, participated in a traveling variety show at nursing homes and libraries and celebrated her Bat Mitzvah. She went on to graduate from Columbia University (B.A. in Psychology) and study in Juilliard's Vocal Arts program. When Hayley sang "Avinu Malkeinu" on the occasion of her first High Holy Day pulpit (at Hebrew Union College), both she and her family knew the cantorate was her calling.

### Cherished Roots

Merely decades ago, some cantors' responsibilities consisted of only performing liturgy on the Bimah. This allowed for famous cantors to sing opera also (Jan Peerce and Richard Tucker come to mind). In the new



**Hayley Kobilinsky**

paradigm, Hayley commits all her energies to being a pulpit and clergy partner while still pursuing opera in her spare time. She has just completed the five-year Hebrew Union College (HUC) Masters of Sacred Music degree program (with training in Reform and traditional liturgy), a thesis on the "Chazzantes," and a Master's Recital.

Hayley's accomplishments at East End Temple are many. She has also left her personal imprint on East End Temple's B'nei Mitzvah, women's seders, Religious School music classes and programs, the High Holy Day choir, the HHD music CD, the EET Choir, the cantorial concerts, the 2005 Gala Musicale and the music and melodies at Shabbat and Tot Shabbat services. During that same period, she has performed for Regina & Co. as Gretel in *Hansel and Gretel*, as Micaela in *Carmen*, and for the One World Symphony in John Blow's Baroque Opera, *Venus and Adonis*. And she was pursued by Ben, a computer programmer for the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, who found her professional profile on the Internet. Determined Ben followed her three times to Israel, and married her on June 22, 2003. Who knew that Hayley would hold fast to her most cherished roots of family, Judaism and music? Hayley knew!

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