

**FEBRUARY 2005**  
**SHVAT 5765**

**SHABBAT SERVICES**

**Friday 4 @ 6 pm**  
*4th & 5th class participation*

**Saturday 5 @ 10 am**  
*Bar Mitzvah of David Seidman*

**Friday 11 @ 7:30 pm**  
*Tot Shabbat @ 6 pm*

**Friday 18 @ 6 pm**

**Saturday 19**  
*Torah Study @ 10 am*  
*Musical Minyan @ 11 am*

**Friday 25 @ 7:30 pm**

**Saturday 26**  
*Torah Study @ 10 am*  
*Musical Minyan @ 11 am*

**TEMPLE ACTIVITIES**

**Adult Ed Winter Course:**  
*God, Misfortune and Evil:  
Can They Be Reconciled?*  
*Wednesdays 2, 9 & 16 @ 6:30pm*

**Chevrat Nashim**  
*Sundays 6, 13, 20, & 27 @ 10:30 am*

**Food For Families**  
*Sunday 6 @ 12:30 pm*

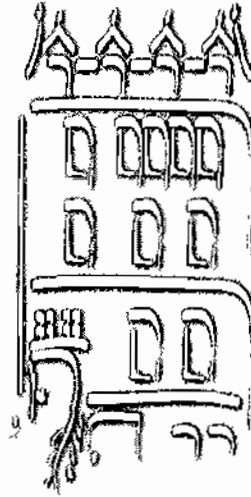
**EET Jewish Comfort Food Fair**  
*Sunday 6 @ 4 - 6 pm*

**Rosh Chodesh**  
*Sunday 13 @ 10:30 am*

**Congregational Dinner**  
*Friday 18 @ 7:30 pm*

**ADULT ED WINTER COURSE: GOD, MISFORTUNE AND  
EVIL: CAN THEY BE RECONCILED**  
*Wednesdays 2, 9 & 16 @ 6:30 - 7:30 pm*

**EET JEWISH COMFORT FOOD FAIR**  
*Sunday 6 @ 4 - 6 pm*



# Templet

## TRIPLE JEWISH PRIDE

We have three reasons to be proud: As Jews, as Americans and as East End Temple members. As Jews, we should take pride in Israel's winning two out of three top technology awards in a worldwide contest (story inside). As Americans, we should be proud of the overwhelming financial outpouring from private citizens to help victims of the tsunami in Muslim countries, many hostile to America and Jews, and as EET members, we should take enormous pride in winning the "Oscar" for interior architecture from the America Institute of Architects.

*Florence Peloquin*

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Karen Feuer, President



**SEE BACK CALENDAR FOR ALL CLOSINGS**

## FROM THE RABBI'S STUDY

David Adelson

Dear Friends,

The tsunami in Asia and its ongoing aftermath have been devastating to witness. It may be hard for each of us to say what has hit us hardest: the images of destroyed towns, the stories told by survivors—or perhaps our own questions about why this kind of tragedy occurs.



An astute analysis of peoples' reaction to overwhelming events, whether of natural or human origin, is offered by Avi Ravitsky, professor of Jewish philosophy at the Hebrew University in Jerusalem. He writes, "A person either tends to pray a lot or finds it hard to pray when someone close to him dies. Also, after the Holocaust, there were those who grew stronger in their praying and those who had difficulty praying. Crisis leads to extreme responses, which sometimes are only temporary." All of us in New York remember both despairing at the events of September 11 *and* feeling uplifted by the expressions, immediately afterwards, of our common humanity. We may have felt less faith or more faith, depending on our own deepest experience.

Why do awful events, both human and natural, happen? Why do we suffer? Judaism offers much discussion of these essential questions. Most Jewish texts and tradition acknowledge God as the source of everything: every thing and every experience. In our morning liturgy, we call God "*oseh shalom u'vorei et hakol*," the One who makes peace and makes everything. "Everything" includes everything bad, or difficult. God is the source of it all. There is even a blessing that we say when we hear bad news. Nothing in our tradition says we are supposed to like it when bad things happen, but we are encouraged to see them as coming from the same source as that which delights us.

But why does the system have to be this way? Why can't everything be nice all the time? That remains a mystery. We will never know all there is to know about life. We are finite; the universe, and God, are infinite. There is more going on than we can comprehend. That realization may be frustrating, but the more we can accept it, the more peace we can experience in our lives.

What Judaism is very clear about is how to respond when tragedy occurs. We do *mitzvot*, the righteous acts that we are commanded to do. In the case of the tsunami, the main thing we can do now is give money to relief. At EET, the youth group is collecting money for American Jewish World Service, which is the main Jewish organization sending aid. They receive a very high rating for turning donations into actual aid. Most of us have given already, but if you feel you can give more, please send checks made out to American Jewish World Service to the Temple, and indicate on the envelope "attn: youth group." The checks will be sent in periodically to AJWS, through the end of February. The youth group has set a goal of raising \$1000 from EET. Let's help them exceed that goal.

Also, if you are interested in studying more about what Judaism has to say about misfortune and evil, please join me for our Winter Adult Education class: "God and Evil: Jewish Responses" on Feb. 2, 9 and 16 from 6:30-7:30pm

Even though we will never fully answer the questions of why anyone suffers—including ourselves—we can affirm deeper meaning nonetheless. When we respond to tragedy by doing *mitzvot*, and by being loving with one another, we honor the connections that bind us all together. We may feel desperate sometimes, but we can reaffirm deeper meaning, and faith, always. We are all a part of one great whole.

In hope,

### God and Evil: Jewish Responses

Have you ever asked: Why do bad things happen? Why do we suffer? Where does it all come from?

If so, please join us as we investigate what Jewish tradition has to say about misfortune and evil in the world and in our lives.

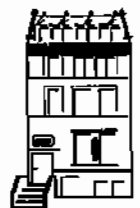
February 2, 9, and 16 from 6:30 - 7:30 pm.  
Taught by Rabbi David Adelson

### Torah Portions this month

2/05	Mishpatim	Exod. 21:1-24:18
2/12	Terumah	Exod. 25:1-27:19
2/19	Tetzaveh	Exod. 27:20-30:10
2/26	Ki Tissa	Exod. 31:11-34:35

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## PRESIDENT'S PERSPECTIVE Karen Feuer

Dear Friends,

Over the last two months I have been experiencing the myriad activities East End Temple has to offer. I participated in the first musical Minyan service, made latkes with young members and friends, attended the first 40-60 year-old singles chavarut, participated in a Sisterhood

Rosh Chodesh celebration and next week I will attend the long-awaited "Spring Library" event and reading of Tova Mirvis' new book. After that there is the Comfort Food Fair, the Progressive Dinner, and the Congregational Concert and...! In many respects, I am fulfilling the responsibilities of a Temple President – but in more significant ways, I am getting to know congregants for the first time.

There is no doubt that my leadership position has been the impetus for my recent engagement. Both my involvement and newly established "minhag" have implications for how it may further other members' involvement. One of the new practices that Friday night service "goers" may have observed is the presence of "Bimah Guests". I have invited the EET Board of



Photo by: Jennifer Weisbord

Trustees to sit in my place on any Shabbat service of their choosing. I have encouraged them to sit on the Bimah with two goals in mind: First, congregants should know all their Temple leaders and secondly, I hope to build a team of stakeholders who care as much about the vitality and continuity of our congregation as I do.

EET Temple Board meetings initiated two new "minhag". Reflecting on the success of Divrei Torah delivered by congregants at High Holy Day services, we will now open each of our board meetings with D'var Torah from a trustee. What better way to connect with each other than to share our stories and that which is most meaningful to us? We will also initiate an item on our agenda that provides opportunity for discussion and sharing of ideas. The Rabbi will select one of the subject areas that the Strategic Planning Committee is exploring and without a definitive end-game in sight – provide reading, research, commentary on the subject- resources to make us smarter and help inform our discussions. Serving in a leadership position may yet be considered an intellectual pursuit!

I challenge you all to become more engaged in activities and new "minhag" and to renew or newly establish your East End Temple connections.

Karen Feuer

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

## EET PRIZED ARCHITECTURE

Have you ever been struck by EET's beautiful new interior? Try focusing your attention on the sanctuary which has been imbued with many symbols of the Jewish faith including the soaring ceiling, the Bimah that faces true East under an angled skylight, the ten sparkling pendant lamps representing the Minyan and the 18 golden prayer strips embedded in the walls.

It shouldn't come as a surprise then, that the American Institute of Architects (AIA) announced that EET's interior will be honored with a 2005 AIA Honor Award, the profession's highest recognition of works that exemplify excellence in architecture, interior architecture and urban design. BSKS Architects, the visionary team behind the building's renovation, were selected from more than 630 applicants.

### Restored Beauty

Indeed, the restored entrance, library and sanctuary celebrate the spirit of modern Judaism which brings out the Beaux-Arts beauty of the original 1883 building, which was designed by Richard Morris Hunt, one of the fathers of American architecture (1827-1895) and the founder of the American Institute of Architects.



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New Yorkers already know some of Hunt's most famous structures including the Metropolitan Museum of Art and the pedestal for the Statue of Liberty. After returning to America after studying at the famed Ecole des Beaux-Arts in Paris, Hunt developed his signature eclecticism, combining European architectural styles and periods. Among his many feats, he even designed one of the nation's earliest apartment houses at 129 East 17th Street (1873; since demolished). Hunt's legacy is celebrated in a regal monument at Fifth Avenue and 71st Street by renowned sculptor Daniel Chester French.

Julie Livingston Gordon

## THE TEMPLE FAMILY

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

Mazal Tov to Michele Simon, daughter of Florence Peloquin, who just received a post to teach Health Policy at the University of Calif.'s Hastings School of Law where she will be an adjunct professor in the degree program. Michele was a Bat Mitzvah at EET.

### **Get Well Wishes to**

Alice Abrash, James Chin, Helen Doneger, Michael Ginsburg, Ted Hetzer, Norma Kimmel, Laura Stackhouse, Doris Stampleman, Marjorie Sussman

### **ATTENTION PARENTS OF YOUNG CHILDREN:**

Would you be interested in attending Friday night services if simultaneous activities were offered for your children upstairs? The Youth Education Committee is trying to determine whether this sort of program would provide more parents with an opportunity to attend (and enjoy!) services. Please indicate interest and/or comments to Lisa Denby at [denby@managementsolutionsny.com](mailto:denby@managementsolutionsny.com).

### **EAST END TEMPLE BOOKCLUB**

The Book: Eve's Apple  
The Author: Jonathan Rosen  
The Date: March 16th  
The Place: Call for location 212.477.6444

### **THEATRE TUNES...**

"Dirty Rotten Scoundrels" April 13th  
Call the Temple office 212.477.6444  
to reserve your ticket today.



### **THE PERFECT GIFT... SHABBAT!**

On **March 4th, 2005 at 6 pm,**  
**treat yourself... and your guests**  
to a  
**special Shabbat Learning Service, followed**  
**by a Shabbat Congregational Dinner**  
**East End Temple, style!**

**Shabbat Across America/Canada**  
**is a National Shabbat Celebration.**

On Friday, March 4, 2005, feel the connection to Jewish synagogues across North America who will also be treating themselves and their guests to the gift of Shabbat!

Call Marcia, Membership Chair, or Sharon for more information at 212.477.6444

### **SAVE THE DATE**

**GALA MUSICALE/Concert**  
**Saturday evening, April 2, 2005**

East End Temple's own professional singers and musicians will perform an outstanding program that will appeal to all. From Broadway musical numbers to opera to jazz, folk music and Yiddish songs – something for everybody. A special food service is being planned. You will be receiving invitations and charges soon.



## **EET CONGREGATIONAL DINNER**

**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 18th @ 7:30 PM**

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

**MAKE YOUR DINNER RESERVATIONS BY FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 11**



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

Congregational Dinner February 18 @ 7:30 pm

Adult Members & Teens @ \$20 \_\_\_\_\_

Member's Children 6-13 @ \$9 \_\_\_\_\_

Adult Non-Members @ \$25 \_\_\_\_\_

Non-Member's Children 6-13 @ \$12 \_\_\_\_\_

Children under 6 (No Charge) \_\_\_\_\_

Enclosed is \$\_\_\_\_\_ in payment for the dinner

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## CANTOR'S

Hayley Kobilinsky

I would like to invite our community to my senior recital, which will be on Wednesday, **March 9th**, at 11:10 am at Hebrew Union College located at One West Fourth Street, on the corner of Broadway. The recital will be presented in partial fulfillment of the Master's of Sacred Music degree and shares the topic of my thesis entitled, "Kol Ishah: A New Voice... The Music of the Chazzantes." I will be singing well-known Yiddish numbers as well as traditional cantorial selections, some in the style of a group of women known as the "chazzantes" who sang this music in a low voice to mimic the voices of men! Admission is FREE, but if you plan on attending, please send me an email to [cantor@eastendtemple.org](mailto:cantor@eastendtemple.org) or let me know at the Temple so that I can plan accordingly for enough programs and food!



Next, **CALLING ALL CHOIR MEMBERS, PAST AND FUTURE!** We are gearing up again for our next appearance, which will be at the East End Temple Concert on April 2. I'd like to hold rehearsals on Tuesdays and Wednesdays, mixing days of the week so that more people can attend. Here is our schedule: (All rehearsals beginning at 7 pm)  
Wednesday, February 16  
Tuesday, February 22  
Wednesday, March 2  
Wednesday, March 16  
Tuesday, March 22  
Wednesday, March 30 (dress rehearsal)  
Saturday, April 2 (concert- warm-up time to be announced!)

I look forward to seeing many EET'ers there! The more the merrier! And, as always, you don't need to read music, know Hebrew, or sing well enough to win American Idol. You can find me in advance and let me know you're planning on coming, or just show up.

Finally, good luck to this month's Bar Mitzvah, David Seidman, and his family.

Musically Yours,

Hayley Kobilinsky



Contact: [cantor@eastendtemple.org](mailto:cantor@eastendtemple.org)

## EDUCATOR'S CORNER

Hagit Halperin

Shalom to all,

On January 25 we celebrated an early Tu-B'Shvat, and during February we have no Jewish holidays. Usually Purim falls exactly one month after Tu-B'Shvat (as both holidays are celebrated on a full moon) but this year we experience two moon cycles as it is a leap year (a pregnant year- in the Hebrew terminology) and the month of Adar comes twice (Adar Alef & Adar Bet). It is good news – more time to prepare for Purim!



A week before Tu-B'Shvat I sent JNF (Jewish National Fund) envelopes home with the children. This is to take part in the "**Trees for Israel**" drive. JNF acts on environmental issues in Israel, besides replenishing its forest. Due date to return the envelopes, is March 1st. Bring them to me or to our main office.

In the past month we were trying to enhance the waiting period before religious school starts. Many children come directly from school around 3pm and wait in our Social Hall until 4pm. On Wednesdays, when we have a cheerful crowd of youngsters, we will provide a quiet homework room upstairs (Youth Lounge on the 4th floor). Children have to be accompanied by their caregivers. We have also put a sign up asking that children do not run in the hallway. Food, games and other cheerful activities should stay in the Social Hall, and we shall try to keep the hallway safe and uncrowded.

The older children who come twice a week enjoy a relaxed atmosphere when they come to school. On Tuesdays they are monitored by Seth, our 7th grade teacher and on Thursdays we are lucky to have a wonderful volunteer, **Noemi Salazar**, Sara's mom, as a sitter. Noemi is a teacher as well and she and Seth will be glad to help your children with their school homework. A quasi – knitting club is forming around Noemi, and if you want a hand-made scarf, be sure to send your child with the necessary equipment.

### Important Dates:

Friday, February 4 @ 6:00 pm – 4th & 5th grades Service and Dinner

Sunday, February 13 @ 11 am – 7th grade Family Program

February 22 – 24: Mid-Winter Break. No Religious School

Hagit

Contact: [educator@eastendtemple.org](mailto:educator@eastendtemple.org)

**FOOD FOR FAMILIES**

Marian C. Fish

Our January Food For Families' volunteers produced an East End Temple record of 406 meals. The meals were distributed by City Harvest to pantries around the city. Congratulations to the participants: Babette Hollister, Florence Peloquin, Mohammed Hoque, Marian, Robert, and Gregg Fish; Tracey, Cynthia and Ron Dubensky; Sharon, Shaul, Saar, and Sivan Shemesh; Leonard and Helene Spring, Marc Sobel, Austin and Peter Tipograph, Andi Jompole, Rachel, Jamie and Merle Brenner; Greg and John Connuck, Lauren Weinberger, Barbara Katersky, Rabbi David Adelson, Daniel Hochman, Steven Novick and Evelyn Hendline. To make 406 meals means over 800 sandwiches!! Wow!! **Helene and Leonard Spring** were the proud sponsors.

PLEASE NOTE: The next Food For Families will be on Sunday, February 6th at **12:30 pm**. This is earlier than usual because of the Comfort Food Fair, starting at 4:00. The sponsors on February 6th will be **Deborah Slom and Celia Vimont** in memory of Stanley H. Slom. Each person attending should bring four loaves of bread (no white) and 16 pieces of fruit. Please wear a hat or cap to comply with health department rules. Community service credit is available to students who want it. **REMEMBER: FEBRUARY. 6th, 12:30 pm sharp!**

Marian

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**EAST END TEMPLE DONATION FORM**

Please use this order form to send contributions to any fund(s) you choose. You may use the form below by filling out the information and sending it with your check to the Temple office, attention to the fund chairperson. Please use separate check for each fund.

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	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>FLORAL FUND</b>	(\$54)	<b>June Morse</b>	<b>(212) 689-5557</b>
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**Israel Wins Two Out of Three Top Technology Awards in Wall Street Journal Competition**

The winners of The Wall Street Journal's 2004 Technology Innovation Awards competition have been announced. Innovators worldwide were considered.

The Gold award went to Sun Microsystems Inc of California for a wireless approach to chip design.

The Silver award went to **Given Imaging Ltd of Yoqneam, Israel** for 'PillCam', a tiny camera that patients swallow so that doctors can see their digestive tract.

The Bronze award went to **InSightec Image Guided Treatment Ltd. of Tirat Carmel, Israel** for 'ExAblate 2000', a no surgical way to destroy tumors by focusing ultrasound waves on them.

This is a wonderful achievement for Israel. From a worldwide search, Israel took two of the top three places.



## EERNY NEWS

Marc Sobel, Youth Advisor

First of all, I'd like to extend a huge thank you to everyone who has donated to our **Tsunami Relief fundraiser**. Although we will be taking donations through the end of February, we are already more than 50% of the way toward our goal. If you would still like to donate, please send a check, payable to the American Jewish World Service for whatever amount you can afford, to East End Temple c/o Youth Group Tsunami Relief.



We are also extending our **Coat and Sock Drive** for a couple of weeks, in order to give everyone a chance to dig deep into their closets and donate any of those old coats you may have hanging around. We will be placing a box outside the social hall where you can leave the coats and socks.

Also, last week every teenager received a **youth group membership and dues** letter. Since this academic year is halfway over, we are asking for only \$15, rather than the full \$30 for an annual membership. This money will help us continue to plan events like those listed below, and will provide the youth group access to all NFTY events as well. Please complete the membership form and include a check payable to "East End Temple c/o Youth Group Dues" and mail them both to the Temple c/o Marc Sobel.

We have several things in the works for the next couple months. On January 23, we will be going to see Another Road Home, a movie that is part of the **Jewish Film Festival**. Then, on the weekend of February 4-6, we hope some of us will be attending the **NFTY Winter Kallah**, which will be held at the Kutz Camp. We are also planning several other events, including a **Creative Shabbat Service and Dinner**, a follow-up to our annual **Bowling/Pizza party**, a **Comedy Club Night** and of course, the annual **Purim Spiel and Carnival**. Dates for all of these will be announced.

Take care and see you next month.

*Marc*

Contact: [eerny@hotmail.com](mailto:eerny@hotmail.com)

**SAVE THE DATE: GALA MUSICALE/CONCERT**  
SATURDAY EVENING, APRIL 2, 2005 🎵 🎵 🎵

## SISTER TO SISTER

Fern Stampleman

We resumed our monthly Women's Rosh Chodesh Pot Luck Brunches in January. According to tradition, on the tenth day of Tevet we remember the destruction of the Temple. One of the ways the rabbis responded to this was with the institution of regulated prayer, both individual and communal. From a recent Ma'yan journal, leader Judith Lorber selected "GOD THOUGHTS, HE THOUGHTS, SHE THOUGHTS," as a text to share. It served as the basis from which to compare the "Avinu Malkeinu" and an alternative prayer, "Shechina, M'kor Chayenu," pages 340 and 549, respectively, in our High Holiday prayer books. In Jewish mysticism, Shechina is referred to as the feminine side of God and in this article, the author, Sally Gottesman, "makes the argument that changing our God-language may be a necessary precursor to changing ourselves." Great food, great company, great study... thought-provoking topic. Join us next time!

### SISTERHOOD CALENDAR AT A GLANCE

#### FEBRUARY

**Sisterhood Meeting** is on Tuesday, Feb. 8 @ 7:30 pm.

Women's Rosh Chodesh Pot Luck Brunch is on Sunday, February 13 from 10:30 am - 12 NOON. To attend, let us know what you'll bring. Call Sharon in the Temple office at 212.477.6444 by 2/11, or contact me by e-mail at [sfhstamps@aol.com](mailto:sfhstamps@aol.com) or by phone at 212-569-1896.

#### MARCH

**The next Sisterhood Program, FOR WOMEN ONLY**, is on Sunday, March 6, 10:30 am - 12NOON. Mark the date. You won't want to miss this one. Dr. Carol Livoti and her daughter Elizabeth Topp will speak about their new book "*Vaginas: An Owner's Manual*." This program takes the place of the Woman's Rosh Chodesh Pot Luck Brunch for the month of March. Admission for the program is \$5, (non-members \$8) and includes a light brunch. Reservations are required. Please call Sharon in the Temple office by 3/1.

Have you sent in your Sisterhood dues yet? It's a \$25.00 check payable to East End Temple Sisterhood, attn: Carole Hyman. THANKS to all who have joined already!

Looking forward to seeing you at the many Sisterhood and Temple events (can't wait for the Jewish Comfort Food Fair on Sunday, February 6th!).

Sister-to-Sister,

*Fern*

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

**JUDAICA SHOP FINDS**

Fran Kolin

February can be such a bleak month. Perhaps a little sparkle is just the thing to cheer us up. The Judaica Shop has some jewelry items that are very reasonably priced. A sterling silver Star of David, mezuzah, chai, or hamsa on a sterling silver chain, may be the bling that you've been looking for. If there are other items you'd like to see, like tallis clips, or cuff links, just let me know. Come take a look at the shop.

*Fran*

Contact: [thekolins@worldnet.att.net](mailto:thekolins@worldnet.att.net)

**A PERSON-to-PERSON PROGRAM for WOMEN**

In a departure from its usual "open house" policy on its programs, EET's Sisterhood is sponsoring a "For Women Only" program on Sunday morning, March 6th from 10:30-12:00. It deals with the female body and the discussion will be lead by Dr. Carol Livoti and her daughter, Elizabeth Topp, authors of a new book "Vaginas: An Owner's Manual". The reason for the exclusivity is Sisterhood feels our women will be more forthcoming with their questions in this atmosphere. Admission is \$5 for members, \$8 for non-members. A delicious brunch will be served in the Social Hall prior to the program. Reservations are required. Please call the EET office 212-477-6444 by 3/1/05.



**Help Make Israel Beautiful – Plant Trees for Tu B'Shvat with JNF**

We've come a long way from the square blue tin box on the kitchen table from the Jewish National Fund. But the need to replenish the Israeli earth with trees is just as imperative now as it was then.

During Tu B'Shvat we celebrate the New Year for the trees. Join our Religious School students who are conducting a drive to plant trees in Israel through Jewish National Fund. As Jews we have two homes – Israel and planet earth, and we are responsible for each. Join us and celebrate our relationship with both by planting trees in Israel. Trees help Israel's environment by providing green spaces throughout the county. They make the land beautiful, prevent soil erosion and produce oxygen.

**Trees for Israel, Trees for Life**

Don't miss out on this unique opportunity to celebrate Tu B'Shvat, help make Israel beautiful and recognize someone special in your life!



888-JNF-0099

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SATURDAY EVENING, APRIL 2, 2005 ♪ ♪ ♪



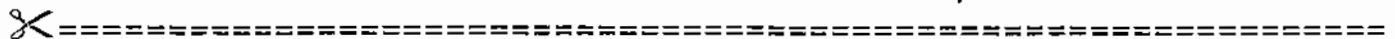
**EET CONGREGATIONAL DINNER  
SHABBAT ACROSS AMERICA**



**FRIDAY, MARCH 4th @ 7:30 PM**

In synagogues across the country, members are inviting guest(s) to share the joy of Shabbat. Please think about treating a guest(s) to this special Shabbat service and Shabbat dinner. Join the East End Temple community for the entire evening beginning with Shabbat Across America Services @ 6 pm.

**MAKE YOUR DINNER RESERVATIONS BY MONDAY, FEBRUARY 28**



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

Shabbat Across America Services/Congregational Dinner March 4 @ 7:30 pm

Adult Members & Teens @ \$20 \_\_\_\_\_

Member's Children 6-13 @ \$9 \_\_\_\_\_

Adult Non-Members @ \$25 \_\_\_\_\_

Non-Member's Children 6-13 @ \$12 \_\_\_\_\_

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## Vivian Harrow Values Time

What is it like to sing along with song leader Chana Rothman and Rabbi David Adelson at EET's Family Services? For Vivian Harrow, it is like the "good old times". These joyful experiences reprise fond memories from Vivian's Reform Jewish Youth Leader days in Massapequa and from her camper-Machon (counselor-in-training) summers at Camp Kutz and Camp Eisner. Vivian did not attend Hebrew School until age twelve, but quickly staked her claim to Judaism. She devoted several years to preparing for her Bat Mitzvah at age 15 and Confirmation at age 16. She was appointed president of Temple Judea Youth Group in her junior year of Berner High School and as the chairperson and chaplain of the LIFTY Torah Corps in her senior year. She chaired Chanukah and Torah Corps events for hundreds of teenage guests and wrote Shabbat services for weekend retreats. And, she never missed a chance to attend social dances.

### Spanish Background

Vivian's story is uniquely her own. She was raised in a primarily Spanish-speaking home by her Argentinean parents and speaks fluent Spanish. She sang in her Temple choir, qualified for her high school's Acapella Chamber Chorus and aspired to be a cantor. She was her high school girlfriends' "Dear Abby" and worked summers helping out in her father's financial planning business. At Cornell, she contemplated pre-law before switching to a major in Industrial and Labor Relations. Professionally, she works part-time as a Human Resources Manager with Coty Cosmetics. By any measure, Vivian Harrow hasn't a moment to spare. But she takes the time to make time for her family so that they, too, can call their growing up years: the good old times.

### Program Selectivity

Whenever Vivian and her husband, Alexander (an architect with Freyer Collaborative Architects) are engaged in the time-intensive process of selecting "just the right programs" for six year-old Max and four year-old Miriam, they frequently find themselves in good company. A group of like-minded parents (who have become the Harrow's special friends) have also chosen: Gani, the preschool at the 14th Street Y; Sleepy Hollow, the preschool at Washington Irving H.S.; P.S. 40; and EET's Tot Shabbat and Religious School. EET first popped up on Vivian's radar screen when Max's Gani teacher, Lahna Bidner, recommended Rabbi David Adelson as a resource for some of Max's God questions. Today, Max, his sister Miriam and their EET friends get



**Vivian, Miriam, Alex & Max Harrow**

to pose the really big questions directly to their Religious School teachers and the rabbi. Despite the fact that there never seems to be enough time in any given day, Vivian cultivates her bent for social and Jewish involvement by acting as an EET Religious School class parent, a Youth Education Committee member, a cantor's choir participant, and a Book Fair volunteer. For this working mother, her current level of Temple activism is but a prelude to the help she would like to offer in the future.

We'd love to hear your story.

Call Marcia Muskat

212.477.6444 and tell her that you

are ready to share



## RIVERSIDE MEMORIAL CHAPEL

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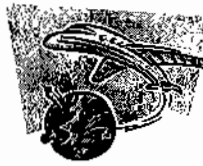
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## Teen Travel to Israel This Summer with NFTY

Travel to Israel is once again on the rise, and there will be many more teens from around the country on this summer's NFTY-in-Israel Program.



The group will live at Kibbutz Tzuba, a secure facility in the mountains outside Jerusalem that's a base for their explorations of Israel. Teens will snorkel in the Red Sea and float in the Dead Sea; walk the winding street of the Old City of Jerusalem and crawl through the caves of the Maccabean revolt; visit the sacred Western Wall and spend three days and nights camping under the starry skies of the Negev Desert. NFTY will be accepting applications up to the cutoff date of May 1. For more information, visit the Web site at [www.nfty.org/travel](http://www.nfty.org/travel), or contact Laurence Jacobs at 212.452.6517, [Ljacobs@urj.org](mailto:Ljacobs@urj.org).

## And for College Students this Summer...

Attention college students: Would you like to spend the summer in Washington, working at an internship that focuses on Judaism and social justice, engaging in academic studies, and living in a community of like-minded students? If so, join the Religious Action Center's Machon Kaplan summer work/study program. You'll receive college credit for your efforts, and gain a foundation of Jewish and political knowledge.

Applications are due by March 1 and can be downloaded from the Web at

[www.rac.org/confprog/machon](http://www.rac.org/confprog/machon).

For more information, contact Rabbi Michael Namath at 202.387.2800, [mnamath@rac.org](mailto:mnamath@rac.org).



## WEBSITE NEWS



Do you know anyone who is a potential member of East End Temple? In addition to inviting them to visit and join us at East End Temple, please feel free to refer them to visit our website [www.eastendtemple.org](http://www.eastendtemple.org). Visiting our website will help them view many of our events, and will give them access to the current and previous Temples. They can also share in our new "Photo Album" of East End Temple events and celebrations, as well as lovely photographs of our building. If they haven't had the time to visit our building in person yet, maybe checking out our website will give them the incentive to come and see us.

Current members can also find the website helpful in checking out upcoming events and Temple services, including our Musical Minyans, congregational dinners, and other programs. Our website is another way you can keep in touch with East End Temple at any time (day or night), and whether you are at home, at work, or traveling. You can visit anytime!

*Ellen Ettinger*

***LAST CALL: IF YOU HAVE A DISH TO CONTRIBUTE TO***

**THE JEWISH COMFORT FOOD FAIR**  
(8 - 10 servings)

**Sunday, February 6th, from 4 - 6 pm**  
Please let us know immediately.

Call Lisa Binder 212.473.0751  
or Frances Lee 212.254.6502

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## East End Temple's 11th PROGRESSIVE DINNER

SATURDAY, APRIL 9, 2005

6:15pm - chicken-plus-wine dinner in a host's home

8:15pm - dessert in the EET Social Hall

- I (we) will host a chicken (with wine) dinner for 6 - 8 EET members. YES  NO
- I (we) will dine at the home of an EET member (@ \$40. person). YES  NO
- I (we) will bring dessert to the Temple. YES  NO

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Enclosed is my check for \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Questions: call Marcia Muskat, Membership Chair @ 917-553-7374 or Sharon @ EET, 212-477-6444  
Return response to: East End Temple, 245 East 17th Street, New York, NY 10003.

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## East End Temple

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		<b>1</b> 4:00 PM Religious School	<b>2</b> 4:00 PM Religious School 6:30 PM Adult Ed/Winter Course	<b>3</b> 4:00 PM Religious School 5:30 PM Confirmation Class	<b>4</b> 6:00 PM Shabbat Services 7:30 PM 4th & 5th grade Dinner	<b>5</b> 10:00 AM Bar Mitzvah of David Seidman Torah Portion: Mishpatim Exod: 21:1-24:18
<b>6</b> 10:30 AM Chevrat Nashim 12:30 PM Food For Families 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM EET Jewish Comfort Food Fair	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> 4:00 PM Religious School 6:00 PM Exec Meeting 7:30 PM Sisterhood Mtg	<b>9</b> 4:00 PM Religious School 6:30 PM Adult Ed/Winter Course	<b>10</b> 4:00 PM Religious School 5:30 PM 7th class/dinner	<b>11</b> 6:00 PM Tot Shabbat 7:30 PM Shabbat Services March Temple Closing	<b>12</b> Torah Portion: Terumah Exod: 25:1-27:19
<b>13</b> 10:30 AM Chevrat Nashim 10:30 AM Rosh Chodesh 11:00 AM 7th grade Program w/parents	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> 4:00 PM Religious School 7:00 PM YEC Meeting	<b>16</b> 4:00 PM Religious School 6:30 PM Adult Ed/Winter Course	<b>17</b> 4:00 PM Religious School 5:30 PM Confirmation Class	<b>18</b> 6:00 PM Shabbat Services 7:30 PM Congregational Dinner	<b>19</b> 10:00 AM Torah Study 11:00 AM Musical MiNyán Torah Portion: Tetzaveh Exod: 27:20-30:10
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	President's Day Office Closed		Mid-Winter Break			
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