

JANUARY 2005

SHVAT 5765

SHABBAT SERVICES

Friday 7 @ 6 pm

2nd & 3rd class participation

Friday 14 @ 7:30 pm

Tot Shabbat @ 6 pm

Saturday 15

Torah Study @ 10 am

Musical Minyan @ 11 am

Friday 21 @ 6 pm

Friday 28 @ 7:30 pm

Family Services @ 6 pm

Saturday 29

Torah Study @ 10 am

Musical Minyan @ 11 am

TEMPLE ACTIVITIES

Chevrat Nashim

Sundays 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30 @ 10:30 am

Rosh Chodesh

Sunday 9 @ 10:30 am

Food For Families

Sunday 9 @ 1 pm

Congregational Dinner

Friday 21 @ 7:30 pm

w/interfaith/intercultural members

Family Ed - Tu B'Shvat Program

Sunday 23 @ 2:30 pm

**Book Club - Out of the Shadows,
A Russian Jewish Girlhood**

Wednesday 26 @ 7:30 pm

**Second Annual Helene Spring
Library Event w/author,**

Tova Mirvis

Sunday 30 @ 1 - 3 pm

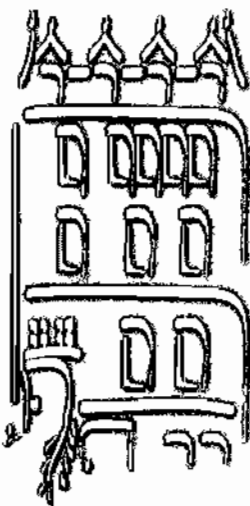
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Templet

THE BENEFITS OF GOOD CONNECTIONS

Research evidence strongly supports the theory that the benefits of social connections not only give immediate pleasure, they also positively influence our long-term health. Studies have shown that people who give and get social support from family, friends, religious affiliation and community have fewer health problems, have less stress and live longer.

A recent article in the Harvard Women's Health Watch points out that connecting with others (i.e. the EET Chevrat Nashim group) can help relieve harmful levels of anxiety which can adversely affect many internal systems. The idea of KEHILA comes to mind when research suggests that caring behaviors can activate certain hormones that counter stress. Social support such as offers of help or advice and expressions of concern and even affection have proven to have life-enhancing effects for the giver as well as the recipient.

Florence Peloquin

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SEE BACK CALENDAR FOR ALL CLOSINGS

Dear Friends,

Converting to Judaism

Every year, I help many people convert to Judaism. Counseling these people and their Jewish partners has always been a particularly rewarding part of my work. An inevitable outcome of the process is that both these individuals and their Jewish partners end up doing much more reflection on their religious and spiritual lives than they anticipated. Regardless of where they start, they end up, in some way, revitalizing their religious identity. I have stopped being surprised when I hear an already Jewish partner say how much more engaged they feel in Jewish life now after a long time without much connection.



Spiritual Direction

Some of you may also know that over the past year-and-a-half I have been training, along with a cohort of rabbis from the NYC area, as a spiritual director to enhance my skills as a congregational rabbi. Spiritual direction is a practice long established in the Christian world, but that is just now taking root in the Jewish community. A spiritual director meets with people in one-on-one counseling sessions to help them reflect on their spiritual life, or — if they think of it as such — their relationship with God. Monthly meetings with my spiritual director have been among the most strengthening experiences for my own inner life that I have had.

Not Just for Converts

The work that I do with people studying for conversion to Judaism is not exactly the formal relationship of spiritual direction, but it certainly includes elements of it. And because I am aware of how these individuals, and so often their partners, benefit from a year-long period of reflection on their religious and spiritual lives, I want to extend the offer to everyone in our community. People who are already in the Jewish community — born-Jews and our family members — should benefit in the same way. I believe that we are all, always, in the midst of a search for what is meaningful, what connects us, what is more than what we perceive with the senses.

If you find yourself thinking about questions — what is meaningful in our lives, is there anything more than just us what connects us all — I encourage you to call or email to make an appointment. I think simply being actively engaged in this kind of reflection can be extremely revitalizing and enhance one's sense of purpose. People who convert don't have to be the only ones reaping this benefit!

In hope,

STEPHANIE KOLIN'S SENIOR SERMON

Fran and Bobby Kolin would like to invite the congregation to hear their daughter Stephanie's Senior Sermon at Hebrew Union College, 1 West 4th Street, on Thursday morning, January 27th. Services begin at 10 am, and Stephanie will speak at about 10:45 am.

Stephanie, a fourth year rabbinic student, was raised in our congregation, became a Bat Mitzvah and a Confirmand, and a leader in our Youth Group. She hopes to see many of her Temple Family there.

For security purposes, bring photo ID with you

Save the Dates:

February 2, 9 & 19 @ 6:30 – 7:30 pm
EET's Winter Adult Education course:

God, Misfortune and Evil: Can They Be Reconciled?

Taught by Rabbi David Adelson
More information to follow in the February Templet

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Dear Friends,

East End Temple is in the early stages of improving its programming. Through an initiative called SYNAPLEX, we will "expand the many dimensions of Shabbat" and in doing so, grow from a *Beit Tfillah* (house of prayer) and *Beit Midrash* (house of learning) to a *Beit Kennesset* – a house of gathering in new and significantly enhanced ways.

With a three-year grant from the Star Foundation and UJA-Federation, East End Temple anticipates planning, designing and implementing programming that will reinvigorate the involvement of current members as well as attracting new ones. We have assessed our current programs, demographics, membership trends, budget, and special strengths and identified the challenges of the congregation. Working cooperatively with a consortium of diverse yet geographically proximate congregations: Brotherhood, Town & Village, and CBST we will not only be able to initiate programs and events specific to East End Temple, but will be able to maximize the efforts of all our congregations and share resources.

Supplements to Judaic life

SYNAPLEX at East End Temple will offer a variety of Shabbat experiences to meet the needs and respond to the interests of our diverse congregation. SYNAPLEX programs supplement traditional prayer by providing additional ways to connect with Judaism and Jewish community during Shabbat. We have already scheduled Musical Minyan on Shabbat morning – but with additional resources we will be able to add even more – speakers, yoga, crafts for kids, dramatic performances, wine and cheese Havdalah, films, family discussions and workshops – the list is endless. With your help, we will work to identify, plan and implement the best mix of programs, based on the interests and needs of our community. We need you to volunteer and contribute to this exciting and innovative project.

Please contact Vice-President of Programming, Edna Rosen (erosen@rcn.com) and volunteer to re-engage and reinvigorate our congregation and attract potential new members to our *house of gathering*.

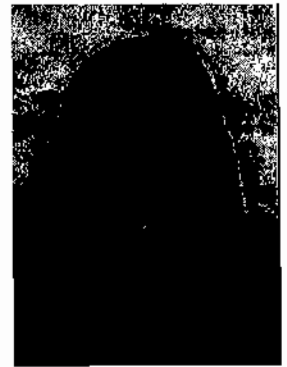
It promises to be an exciting New Year!

Sincerely,

Karen Feuer

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First and foremost, thank you to my fantastic choir! You all did a wonderful job at services and at the Choir Festival at Congregation Rodeph Shalom. We received many compliments, and they are all due to your hard work. Thank you to: Lynn Harris Adelson, Ethan Baer, Michael Bank, Ellen Ettinger, Karen Friedman, Vivian Harrow, Fred Kolikoff, Helen Levine, Steve Novick, Ben Poserow, and Liz Taub. Kol HaKavod! All the honor!



As I write this column, it is not yet the end of December, and the city is ablaze with lights and decorations for Christmas and New Year's. In my neighborhood in Brooklyn, however, what I notice are the houses with Chanukiot in the windows. A van run by the Lubavitch stops in front of my house and toots out Chanukah melodies, encouraging people to come down from their apartments to receive their own Chanukiot and candles. It reminds me of experiencing my first Israeli Chanukah four years ago.

The department store had no Christmas decorations, but a 10-foot tall Chanukia standing outside marked where free sufganiot, jelly-filled doughnuts fried in oil, would be distributed that evening in a free-for-all sugar-charged ceremony. Latkes could be had, Israeli-style, at the little Cafe Hess near Hebrew Union College, huge and hot, with scallions, and served with ONLY (gasp) sour cream. Apple sauce would have to be found elsewhere. Jerusalem was chilly in December and January, too, and the holiday warmed us up.

Here in New York as well the lights, decorations and music make the winter months more bearable, and somehow more special even though I do not celebrate the holiday which they announce. However, they also remind me of Jerusalem, where one won't find chestnut and pretzel peddlers on every corner of midtown, but where one sees nearly every window alight with Chanukiot.

Finally, I want to wish everyone from EET a Happy and Healthy New Year, and special congratulations to our December Bat Mitzvah, Mili Burger, and her mom, Sanya. Mazal Tov.

Musically Yours,

Hayley Kobilinsky



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Shalom to all,

January finds us after two weeks of well-earned vacation, ready to start the new secular year. We started December with a week of Open School and Book Fair. The week culminated with our biggest Chanukah Celebration, which drew more than 35 families and went on throughout the whole building, from the Social Hall to the 4th floor. All our public rooms were put into good use, from sing-along in the sanctuary with Hayley, to games and storytelling on the 3rd floor, crafts and cooking at the 4th floor.



Toda Rabah to Volunteers

The whole operation was handled so well by our Confirmation class and all the wonderful volunteers. Our president, Karen Feuer, directed the latkes-cooking extravaganza and Julie Livingston cooked real jelly doughnuts. Marcia Muskat and Joanne Goodman entertained children with Chanukah stories and Vivian Harrow and Rona Maffucci helped to create colorful Chanukiot. The Celebration was so well conducted, and all without an elevator, which even the Chanukah Miracle couldn't help.

Class Trip to *Paper Clips*

Another high point for our 7th grade and Confirmation students was a class trip to see the movie *Paper Clips*. The movie tells the compelling story of a middle school in a town in Tennessee that takes on a mission to collect 6 million paper clips, in an attempt to better understand the Holocaust. That project takes them further than they could imagine and creates an inspiring tale.

This year, January brings us to another early Jewish holiday (as Chanukah was). It is Tu-B'Shvat, which signals the beginning of the tree-blossoming season in Israel. This holiday is also called the Rosh Hashanah of the trees. At EET we will have a Tu-B'Shvat Seder combined with a Family Education Program.

Important Dates:

Friday, 1/7 @6 pm – 2nd & 3rd grade Service & Dinner

Sunday, 1/23 @ 2:30 pm – Tu-B'Shvat Seder – Family Education Program

Hagit

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Happy New Year to everyone!

Well, last month I mentioned the Battle of the Bands Hanukkah Party we had planned. This month I am excited to report that the event was a rousing success. On December 4th, fifteen members of our youth group, including some 8th graders, attended the "1st Annual Battle of the Bands" at the Knitting Factory. The concert was designed for Jewish teens who normally do not participate in youth groups to come together in a secular venue with minimal Jewish content. It was the first of many events, which will involve all of the Downtown Kehilah, a group of 14 lower Manhattan synagogues.



The event itself was a creative and exciting opportunity for all of us to celebrate Chanukah together, see some great live music and have fun in a unique venue. Three rock bands, all made up of Jewish teens, performed on the main stage of the Knitting Factory. Over 250 teens packed the room, cheered and danced together. One of the unexpected highlights was an unscheduled performance by Hassidic reggae superstar Matisyahu. The event has received a flurry of good press, and its success has already spurred conversations about future events, possibly to coincide with Purim. Among our own youth group, there is already talk of forming a band to compete in next year's "Battle of the Bands II."

With the New Year, we are also planning lots of exciting events. As part of our effort to support the community through a series of "drives", the Youth Group will be holding a **Coat and Sock Drive** through the end of January. Please bring any old coats, or a pair of warm socks to donate to the Temple. Boxes will be placed outside the Social Hall.

In the weeks and months ahead, we are also planning a visit to a comedy club, a paintball adventure trip, an afternoon volunteering in a soup kitchen, a special Shabbat service to coincide with the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday, dinner at Katz's Deli, our 2nd Annual Stoop Sale, the Purim carnival and, hopefully, attending the NFTY Winter Conclave in February.

Take care and see you next month.

Marc

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WRJ: SISTER TO SISTER Fern Stampleman

So many exciting activities and programs are taking place at East End Temple in which Sisterhood takes pride.

In November, Rabbi Jen Krause presented **OUT OF TIME: Making the Hours Count Instead of Counting the Hours**. Do we control time? How do we use it? With texts, scholarly writings and stories from our own lives, we explored this concept. This interactive program was thought-provoking and empowering and, of course, the brunch that preceded it was delicious! Thank you, Rabbi Krause for your lecture.

At our December meeting, Sharon Shemesh demonstrated the fine art of making sufganiot or jelly doughnuts. Fried in oil, sufganiot is a Chanukah treat. We devoured the results and got the recipe, too. If there's Jewish foodstuff you'd like to learn about or a demonstration you can give, let us know about it. Thanks, Sharon, for sharing your culinary expertise.

Also, in December, Sisterhood was pleased to be able to underwrite EET's first ever Musical Minyan as well as those that will follow for the rest of the year. Check www.eastendtemple.org for future dates and be sure to join us.

Future Plans

On January 30th, 2005, come hear author Tova Mirvis talk about and sign copies of her books (see Library Buzz), look for information about FFF and the Judaica Shop elsewhere in the Temple and be on the lookout for future, cutting-edge programs from Sisterhood.

The Next Sisterhood Meeting is Tuesday, February 8th, at 7:30 pm. All are welcome.

Finally, we are thrilled to report a strong response to our dues appeal letter and we thank you for your prompt attention. A reminder to those who haven't gotten to it yet (except for first time members of EET who have received a complimentary one-year membership) please send in your \$25 check payable to East End Temple Sisterhood, attention, Carole Hyman. Choose your level of participation and that may be paying dues alone but remember, **WE ARE COUNTING ON YOUR SUPPORT**, Sister to Sister. Supporting Sisterhood means you are supporting the life of the Temple as well as the community at large.

Sister to Sister,

Fern

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LIBRARY BUZZ Barbara Ringel & Beth Labush

We want to thank all those who purchased and contributed books we wanted for our collection at the highly successful book fair. These books are already appearing on the shelves with bookplates honoring their donors.



We are now eagerly anticipating the Second Annual Helene Spring Library Event on January 30th at 1 pm. Truly a coup for the Library and East End Temple, the noted author Tova Mirvis will read from her new novel **The Outside World**. She has crafted a compelling narrative focusing on the worlds of ultra-Orthodox and Modern Orthodox Jews through the lives of two families. She does this with the compassion, sensitivity and humor she displayed so well in **The Ladies Auxilliary** – an East End Temple Book Club favorite. Published reviews of **The Outside World** are available to read on the checkout shelf of our library. In true East End fashion, the reading and book signing will be followed by a reception with homemade cookies.

Please join us, bring guests.

Beth

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CALLING ALL COOKS AND HOSTS

to the

EET JEWISH COMFORT FOOD FAIR

Sunday, February 6th from 4 – 6 pm

Contribute your favorite Jewish dish (service for 8-10) and share it with EET members and friends in the community.

Call Lisa Binder (212) 473-0751 or Frances Lee (212) 254-6502

to volunteer or for more information

THANK YOU TO OUR DECEMBER USHERS

Paul Connuck & Lauren Weinberger, Marcy Einhorn, Phil Gollance, Fran & Bobby Kolin, Edna & Sam Rosen, Adam Scharoff, Kurt Seidman, John Stackhouse

THANK YOU TO OUR DECEMBER BIMAH GUESTS

Rich Bengloff, Joan Beranbaum, Suellen Eshed, Julie Livingston, Florence Peloquin

FOOD FOR FAMILIES

Marian C. Fish

The December 12th Food For Families was a rousing success. We were 27 strong and made a record 360 meals that were whisked off by City Harvest to feed the hungry. Sara Siegel sponsored the day in memory of her granddaughter, Galit Hen. Thanks to the many folks who made sandwiches, bagged cookies, and packed the individual meals. We had new participants as well as many FFF regulars. We are grateful to: Greg, John, and Paul Connuck, Lauren Weinberger, Dan Diamond, Cynthia, Ron, and Tracey Dubensky, Lorena and Fernand Ellis, Julia Ofman, Gregg, Robert, and Marian Fish, Mohammed Hoque, Babette Hollister, Steven Novick, Mike Sturm, Barbara Katersky, Sonia, Melissa and Phil Gollance, Andrew and Phil Listengart, Leonard Spring, and Ben and Celia Vimont. A special thanks to Mohammed for all his support of our efforts.

The next Food For Families is on Sunday, January 9th at 1pm. Helene and Leonard Spring will sponsor the day in memory of their daughter, Lesley, and with get-well wishes for their friends. Please remember to bring four loaves of bread (preferably not soft white, it is harder to spread the peanut butter and jelly), and 16 pieces of fruit. Please wear a hat (Health Dept. regulation). And remember, in this winter season, there are many people who are hungry and will appreciate our efforts. Join us.

Marian Fish

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JUDAICA SHOP FINDS

Fran Kolin

The secular New Year is often a time we make resolutions. Some of these are doomed to fail, but some are so simple and satisfying like putting mezuzahs on all the doors in your home. Easy to do. We have a wide variety of styles and prices, and each comes with a reproduction Claf (scroll). We also have kosher scrolls for sale, written by scribes in Israel. You can add a little bit of beauty, art, and tradition by putting up mezuzahs. Come see them at the Shop.

Fran

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A Year in Israel for High School Graduates

If you know a high school senior who is interested in spending a year pursuing academic and informal studies in Israel, make sure he/she knows about Carmel, the Reform Movement's new program for high school graduates. Carmel participants receive academic credit for Jewish and general studies at the University of Haifa, while developing an in-depth connection to Israeli Reform Jews, traveling throughout Israel, and studying Hebrew. Applicants who apply by January 30, 2005 will receive a \$500 tuition reduction. For more information, visit the Web site at www.keshernet.com/carmel, or contact Shira Koch-Epstein at 212.452.6571, sepstein@urj.org



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Bette Levy: Committed to Reform Judaism

There's something about Reform Judaism that keeps Bette Levy coming back for more. Maybe it's the way Reform Jews care about community. After all, Bette is on the East End Temple Board of Trustees; is the group facilitator for the Temple's senior women's network (Chevrat Nashim); and has actively participated in EET Ritual, Cantorial Search, Youth Leader Search and Membership committees. While co-chairing EET's Social Action committee with husband Martin Barrett, Bette recruited Temple members to escort neighborhood seniors to their local polling place. In her day job as a Field Coordinator in the N.Y.S. Office of Mental Health - NYC Field Office, Division of Children & Families, Bette develops residential programs for children with serious emotional disturbance and also support services for their families. She is also the NYC Disaster Lead for the State Office of Mental Health, coordinating mental health services for NYS during emergencies. For three months after 9/11, Bette coordinated the mental health services provided at the Armory and the Pier.

Early Inspiration

Raised in Syosset with sister Lynda, Bette's early call to social action was inspired by her activist Reform Jewish parents who co-founded the North Shore Synagogue. In its early days, NSS was nomadic and had to use alternate Shabbat venues such as stables and churches while working to find a permanent home. At 15 years of age, Bette was already a Reform Jewish Youth Movement activist, alongside Eric Yoffie (the current president of Union of Reform Judaism). She was traveling the East Coast independently as a N.Y. Federation of Temple Youth spokesperson and was an officer for the L.I. and Greater New York NIFTY organization.

Camp Lessons

Thanks to Reform Judaism, Bette is a lifelong learner. In high school, through the Eisendrath International program, she volunteered to host a British exchange student whose friendship she continues to value. After three college summers learning and working at Camp Kutz, the RJ youth leadership camp, a NFTY sponsored study residency at the Ulpan Etzion School in Jerusalem prompted her to postpone her Ohio University Bachelor of Fine Arts Degree. Years later, she completed her undergraduate degree plus two Columbia University post-graduate degrees in Health Administration and Psychology.



Bette Levy

Leadership Models

Above all, Bette subscribes to Reform Judaism's emphasis on personal freedom. Exceptional Jewish leaders like Sam Cook and Hank Skirball at NFTY, and Rabbi Deborah Hirsch, Helene Spring and Rabbi David Adelson at East End Temple have challenged Bette to explore her own unique talents while appreciating the distinct qualities of others. She knows well Reform Judaism's evolution from classical services to today's more traditional practices, spiritually connecting to both. Bette and husband Marty found their way to the warmth and charm of East End Temple in 1988.

When not working (Marty is the Chief Operating Officer of The Junior League of NYC) or volunteering (he is the past chair of Community Board #6 and the President of Stuyvesant Cove Park Association), they enjoy their many nieces, theater and travel with special visits to Jewish neighborhoods and synagogues. This past Rosh Hashanah, EET arranged for them to attend Temple Sinai, a Reform Synagogue in Palm Desert, California. Though it was on a different coastline and not exactly intimate (a 1,000 member congregation), they felt all wrapped up in the joys of Reform Judaism

We'd love to hear your story.
Call Marcia Muskat
212.477.6444 and tell her that you
are ready to share



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

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Jonathan & Lisa Wells

- * If you have contributed and your name has not been listed, forgive us. We will include it next month.
- * If you have not yet contributed, it is not too late.

INTERFAITH - INTERCULTURAL SHABBAT

Join us on January 21st for services at 6 pm and dinner following at 7:30 pm when we will honor the dedicated members of our community who are in interfaith or intercultural families.

Our guest speaker will be Rabbi Melinda Zalma, program director of the Jewish Outreach Institute. Rabbi Zalma is passionate about the full inclusion of non-Jews and those who convert in Jewish life. She will bring the perspective of hopeful national trends, and how EET fits into them. She will speak at services and lead a conversation afterward at dinner.

Join the whole EET community, IF/IC members and co-chairs Adam Schartoff and Karen Pittman for the service and dinner.

Many, many thanks to all those who helped organize and run this year's Book Fair:

Rabbi Adelson, Merle Brenner, Suellen Eshed, Karen Feuer, Joanne Goodman, Ruth Haber, Hagit Halperin, Lynn Harris, Mel Harris, Linda Hetzer, Ali Hoffman, Mohammed Hoque, Norma Kartzmer, Barbara Kimmel, Marsha Labovitz, Beth Labush, Frances Lee, Julie Livingston, Marcia Muskat, Barbara Ringel, Edna Rosen, Noemi Salazar, Sharon Shemesh, Terry Slater, Helene Spring, Celia Vimont, and Lori Weissman. It was a profitable and enjoyable afternoon, and we greatly appreciate your helping to make it so.

*Lauren Weinberger, Phil Gollance,
Barbara Katersky & Marian Fish*

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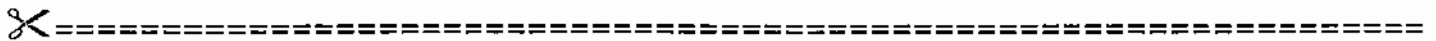
EET CONGREGATIONAL DINNER Israeli Style
FRIDAY, JANUARY 21st @ 7:30 PM



Join the East End Temple community for an evening honoring our Interfaith and Intercultural members beginning with Shabbat Services @ 6 pm Guest speaker: Rabbi Melinda Zalma of the Jewish Outreach Institute

Price note: Due to the increase in catering prices effective January 2005, we are increasing adult member dinner prices to \$20

MAKE YOUR DINNER RESERVATIONS BY JANUARY 14th!



East End Temple, 245 East 17th Street, New York, NY 10003
Congregational Dinner January 21st @ 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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THE TEMPLE FAMILY

Welcome New Members

- Susan and Sidney Goldstein
- Marina Rubin

Get Well Wishes to

Alice Abrash, James Chin, Helen Doneger, Ted Hetzer, Michael Ginsburg, Doris Stampleman, Marjorie Sussman

Movie Review: PAPER CLIPS

With a thumbs-up recommendation from Cantor Hayley Kobilinsky and our Educator, Hagit Halperin, I took my two sons, ages 7 and 11, to see *Paper Clips*, an outstanding documentary you won't want to miss.

Students at a mostly-white middle school near Chattanooga, Tennessee, choose to study the Holocaust, to learn about the impact of prejudice. With a goal of collecting six million paper clips – a symbol of the Jews who perished – and guidance from their extraordinary principal and two teachers, as well as two veteran journalists, the project blossoms, bringing in twenty-four million paper clips, letters and artifacts from around the globe. This beautifully directed film includes emotional scenes of the students meeting Holocaust survivors. For more information go to: www.paperclipsmovie.com.

Julie Livingston Gordon

EAST END TEMPLE BOOKCLUB

The Book: *Out of the Shadow –
A Russian Jewish Girlhood*

The Author: Rose Cohen

The Date: Wednesday, January 26

The Place: Call for location 212.477.6444

THEATRE TUNES... for 2005

"All Shook Up" March 9th

"Dirty Rotten Scoundrels" April 13th



Call EET 212.477.6444 to RSVP your ticket today.

Simcha Leaf purchased for:

William Lev Robin Hollister, grandson, by Babette Hollister, grandmother

Memorial Plaques purchased for:

- Lila L. Schaber, by her sister, Adele E. Reis
- Bill Lashine, by his mother, Selma Lashine



WEBSITE NEWS



We are delighted to tell you about two new features that have been added to our website. The two new additions are a "Virtual Tour" of our Temple, and a "Photo Album" to commemorate the special events of our Temple family.

As you probably know, our Temple building has won architectural awards – not to mention the praises of those who have visited and worshipped in our building. We have captured that beauty and spirituality by adding pictures of our Temple in this photo feature.

EET Family Album

The thought behind the "Photo Album" feature is that most families have photo albums to help remember the special events in their lives, so we thought the East End Temple Family should have a photo album to encapsulate the special times of our Temple family, too. We will continue to add photographs of programs in the future, so like a family photo album, this will continue to grow and develop.

These features can be accessed on our website by pressing "Virtual Tour" or "Photo Album" beneath the mission statement on our home page, or by clicking on "About Us" and then choosing the feature you want.

Our Tech Team

Many thanks to Marc Sobel for technical expertise and to Marcia Muskat and Bobby Kolin for lovely photographs.

If you haven't checked out our website (eastendtemple.org) recently, please try it! We are interested in knowing if you enjoy these new features. To provide us with comments or feedback on the website, send an e-mail to the Temple (info@eastendtemple.org) with the subject: Website.

Ellen Ettinger

Single Members Chavurah Shabbat/New Year's Day Brunch

If you are a single member between the ages of 40 and 60, we invite you to meet with similar members of EET. We are meeting together to decide how to be a more cohesive group, and how to find new ways to be a part of Temple life. A great way to start 2005!

Join us for our first gathering at the home of Marcy Einhorn, on January 1st, at 2 – 4 pm. The brunch will be co-hosted by Karen Feuer, president of EET. Please RSVP to Marcy at 212.777.2784 or mhe711@rcn.com.

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EET Library Committee

Deepest condolences to our librarian,
Marsha Lebovitz, on the death of her
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- Congratulations to Sara Siegel
on the birth of her great-
granddaughter, Tamar
- Congratulations to Babette
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- Get well wishes to
Helen Doneger
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Best wishes to Leonard Spring for a
speedy, complete recovery

Judith Lorber

In memory of Gertrude Weiner, a
wonderful woman

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Congratulations to Babette Hollister
on the birth of her first grandson,
William.

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- Congratulations to Sara Siegel
on the birth of her great-
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- Congratulations to Beth and
Jerry Labush on the
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Betty Phillips

- In memory of a long-time friend
of my family, Leo Kuhn
- In memory of Selma Lashine's
son, William
- Wishing a return to good health
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engagements of Rachel and Kyle
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on the birth of her great-
granddaughter, Tamar
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grandson, William

Shirley & Irving Roth

Thank you to our Temple family for
their wishes for Irving's speedy
recovery and return to good health

Marjorie Sussman

Thank you to my Temple friends for
their concern and good wishes for my
recovery

Marjorie & Judith Sussman

- Congratulations to Sara Siegel
on the marriage of her
granddaughter and the birth of
her great-granddaughter in Israel
- In memory of Leo Kuhn

Helene & Leonard Spring

- In memory of Gertrude Wiener
- Congratulations to Babette
Hollister on the birth of her
grandchild
- Congratulations to Jeff and Jill
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first child, Lucas
- Mazal Tov and love to Betty
Phillips on the birth of her
second great- granddaughter
- For the quick, complete recovery
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- Deepest condolences to our
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Phil Gollance

In memory of my father, Morton
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EAST END TEMPLE
THE HELENE SPRING LIBRARY



We are delighted to invite you

to meet noted author

Tova Mirvis

at our Second Annual

Helene Spring Library Event

on

Sunday, January 30, 2005

from One to Three pm

Tova Mirvis will read selections

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If you're interested in spending five stimulating days learning and studying among a vibrant community of committed worshipers, investigate the 2005 Summer *Kallah*. Scheduled for July 19-24, 2005 at Franklin Pierce College, in Rindge, NH, the theme of this year's *Kallah* will be *Aiyekah* – Where are we now? Where are we as Reform Jews and where are we headed? Join us for a unique combination of Jewish learning and spiritual renewal. For more information, visit the Web site at www.urj.org/educate/kallah, or contact Joan Glazer Farber, 212.650.4087, educate@urj.org.

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Kent Friedman

To thank Rabbi David Adelson for all he did for my daughter and son-in-law, Karen and Peter Seligman

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Carolyn & Phil Gollance

- To Marc and Rachel Sobel in honor of their completion of the NYC Marathon
- In memory of Mel Schweitzer

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Mazal Tov to Jamie Brenner on becoming a Bat Mitzvah



NEXT FAMILY SERVICES AT EET

Family Services now held regularly, the next one on Friday, January 28th @ 6 pm, is an early evening alternative to the usual East End Temple Shabbat Services. The informal and festive nature of the first Family Services held last October was a huge success. Parents and Kids prayed and sang and had a great time together. This service lends itself to a shared parent-child worship experience. Children reinforce and celebrate their religious school learning in this fun, spirited service.

The service is led by Rabbi Adelson and teacher-song leader Chana Rothman on guitar.

All are welcome

In Memoriam

Melvin Schweitzer 1915 – 2004

East End Temple lost one of its most devoted and hard-working members, Mel Schweitzer, who died on December 7, 2004. Mel served in many Board positions over 50 years, most recently as treasurer and was the self-appointed overseer of our new Temple building. In January of this year, Marcia Muskat wrote this fine interview that captured Mel's personality and summarized his life.

MEL SCHWEITZER SEIZES THE MOMENT

TRUE STORY: The summer prior to his college senior year (1937), Mel worked at an all-boys camp in Westchester County and, despite the strong competition, handily won the affection of Bernice, the only female on staff. So it goes for our Mel Schweitzer, a 50-year EET member and a man who strikes when the iron is hot. With college degrees in hand - Mel's in Business Administration from Michigan and Bernice's in Education from Hunter - Mel and Bernice happily engaged in several years of a formal courtship, with Mel paying more than his fair share of Triborough Bridge tolls, commuting between Flushing and Bernice's home in Washington Heights. They tied the knot in 1941 and spent 54 years of blissful marriage, proof positive of Mel's instinct for seizing the moment.

Military Service

While performing his 3½ years of military service at Fort Monmouth in New Jersey, and commuting home to Bernice (in Flushing) for the weekends, Mel's lifelong passion for electronics always kept him a step ahead. He made Second Lieutenant teaching radio in the Army Signal Corp and worked at the Signal Corp's Radar Labs in the very early days of radar development. In his civilian life, when television was not yet a household name, Mel and Bernice purchased one of the first TV's in their neighborhood. By day Mel was teaching Radio and Television repair to private trade school students while Bernice was teaching city elementary school children. By night their apartment was a hub of activity, with curious friends and neighbors vying for TV time with the Schweitzers.

Technology Specialist

In the early 50s, VOLT was a rapidly growing information services company that responded to Mel's pioneering approach to technology. At a time when computers were also not a familiar mainstay,

Mel was preparing military maintenance manuals on the country's first large-scale computers. During his 30-year tenure at VOLT, he became a valuable logistics specialist managing their Eastern Regional offices and consulting on military proposals in Britain, France, Italy and Uruguay. Most memorable for Mel are his Stuyvesant Town homecomings with Bernice and sons, Frank and Marc, along with the travels shared with Bernice through London, Paris, Italy, Yugoslavia, Hungary and Austria. Today, Mel's son Frank is a California contractor and son Marc is a California architect, both married and respectively raising Mel's three wonderful grandchildren.



Mel Schweitzer

EET Beginnings

At East End Temple, it was Helene Spring who recruited Bernice and it was Bernice who subsequently recruited Mel for a lifetime of volunteer service. Some of his many hats at EET include: Executive Vice-President, Treasurer, and Ritual Committee Chair. It was Mel who discovered the High Holiday NYU Dental School location and it is still Mel today who actively drives important initiatives in matters of EET building, finance, technology and architectural design. Though no longer sharing adventures with his lovely Bernice, (she died in 1995)

Mel continues to be very much part of the action. When he's not straightening out EET's wires and programming or checking out the latest in digital gadgetry, Mel can be found with special friends and family. He golfs in New York and Florida, mixes it up with family in California and shows his visiting granddaughter (and NYU student) Zoe how to seize many New York moments.

January 2005

East End Temple

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 Torah Portion: Shemot Exod. 1:1-6:1
2 10:30 AM Chevrat Nashim	3	4 4:00 PM Religious School	5 4:00 PM Religious School	6 4:00 PM Religious School 5:30 PM Confirmation Class	7 6:00 PM Shabbat Services 2nd & 3rd grade Dinner	8 Torah Portion: Vatera Exod. 6:2-9:35
9 10:30 AM Chevrat Nashim 10:30 AM Rosh Chodesh 1:00 PM Food For Families	10	11 4:00 PM Religious School 6:00 PM Exec Meeting 7:00 PM Board Meeting	12 4:00 PM Religious School	13 4:00 PM Religious School 7:00 PM Ritual Meeting	14 6:00 PM Tot Shabbat 7:30 PM Shabbat Services	15 10:00 AM Torah Study 11:00 AM Musical Minyan Torah Portion: Bo Exod. 10:1-13:16
16 10:30 AM Chevrat Nashim	17	18 4:00 PM Religious School 7:00 PM YEC Meeting	19 4:00 PM Religious School	20 4:00 PM Religious School 5:30 PM 7th class/dinner 5:30 PM Confirmation Class February Temple Closing	21 6:00 PM Shabbat Services 7:30 PM Congregational Dinner	22 Torah Portion: Beshalach Exod. 13:17-17:16
23 10:30 AM Chevrat Nashim 2:30 PM Family Ed - Tu B'Shvat	24	25 4:00 PM Religious School 7:00 PM Membership mtg Tu B'Shvat	26 4:00 PM Religious School 7:30 PM Book Club	27 4:00 PM Religious School	28 6:00 PM Family Services 7:30 PM Shabbat Services	29 10:00 AM Torah Study 11:00 AM Musical Minyan Torah Portion: Yitro Exod. 18:1-20:23
30 10:30 AM Chevrat Nashim 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM Second Annual Helene Spring Libr- ary Event	31					