

## SHABBAT SERVICES

**Friday 3 @ 6:15 pm**

**Friday 10 @ 7:30**

Adult Bat Mitzvah of Elaine Lavine

**Saturday 11 @ 10 am**

Torah Study @ 10 am

**Friday 17 @ 6:15 pm**

Synaplex™ Shabbat

**Saturday 18 @ 10 am**

Bar Mitzvah of Michael Maffucci

**Friday 24 @ 7:30 pm**

## TEMPLE ACTIVITIES

**Beginners Adult Hebrew**

Thursdays 2, 9, 16 & 30 @ 6:45 pm

**Jewish Comfort Food Fair**

Sunday 5 @ 4 – 6 pm

**Chevrat Nashim**

Sundays 5, 12, 19, & 26 @ 11 am

**Downtown Kehillah Book Club**

**Brunch & Discussion**

Sunday 12 @ 10 am

**Food For Families**

Sunday 12 @ 1 pm

**Friday 17 Synaplex happenings**

5:15 pm Tot Shabbat Squad

6:15 pm Kabbalat Shabbat

7:30 pm 20s/30s ONEG

7:30 pm Candlelight Dinner

**Sisterhood's Carnival of Jewels Sale**

Sunday 19 @ 1 pm

**Open School Night**

Tuesday 14

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**Walking Tour of Lower East Side**  
Sunday, 10/29 @ 11 am

**NOVEMBER 2006**

**CHESHVAN 5767**

# Templet

***Come to the Fair***  
***Sunday, November 5,***  
***4:00 - 6:00 pm***

You won't want to miss our famous EET Jewish Comfort Food Fair.

Noshers who love "Haimish" cooking will enjoy the tables spread with recipes your Yiddishe mama, bubbe or tante used to make.

Last year's Fair was a sellout, so plan to come early. Admission of \$10 per person gives you five tastings from a menu that includes: Tsimmes, blintzes, kugel, brisket, stuffed cabbage and more.

We have even planned for a strolling accordion to entertain you as you eat.

Come to the Fair on November 5th!

*Florence Peloquin*

**SEE BACK CALENDAR FOR ALL CLOSINGS**

Dear Friends,

**I grew up** in a very Jewish home, but one in which we didn't practice a lot of ritual. Because I only started experimenting with most ritual practice as an adult, I identify quickly with the many individuals in our community who struggle to find a place that feels authentic to them.



And I know that there is something universal in the search for a way in – in to Jewish community, in to Jewish identity, in to a meaningful life. The following is adapted from my sermon on Yom Kippur morning:

**We may feel like outsiders** in the sanctuary during prayer; we may all be outsiders to religious life in some ways; we are all, always, figuring out what is our role in the world. Jews are history's classic outsiders, rarely staying in one town or country for more than a generation or two, always a minority among an often hostile majority. And we may even feel like outsiders at East End Temple, when we look around and assume that it is the others who know what they are doing, and not us. Each of us has our own reason to feel on the outside looking in. We all feel that way, in one way or another.

**Be kind to the stranger in your midst**, for you were strangers in the land of Egypt. We are strangers because we did not grow up as Jews, were born as Jews but didn't start practicing until recently, or we are gay, or we have no children, or we are older, or we are non-Jews, or we are simply full of doubt.

**Be kind to the stranger in your midst.** We can be kind to ourselves in our journey to find a place in this Temple, in Jewish life, in our whole lives. We can be as kind to one another as we would wish all would be to us.

## What To Expect When Your Rabbi's Wife is Expecting?

Well, for starters you wish them both Mazal Tov and then begin to map out the best possible plans for the rabbi's paternity leave once the baby arrives.

Rabbi Adelson will be on leave for a total of four weeks beginning in or around early November. During his absence, the Bimah will be graced by our Cantor Shira Ginsburg, who will lead us in both prayer and song with the accompaniment of either Alex Mekinulov or Daniel Leanse (during Synaplex Shabbat on November 17th). While the rabbi will not be on call for regular business, he will be in contact with temple staff and lay leaders.

**I asked earlier the question** of who we are, among our growing diversity. The answer is this: Each of us is equally a stranger, and therefore, equally a full member of this community. All of us are equally children of God.

**“You stand this day, all of you, before Adonai your God,** your tribal heads, your elders and your officials, all people of Israel, your children, your spouses, even the stranger in your camp, from the one who chops the wood to the one who draws the water, to enter into the Covenant with Adonai your God, today... I make this covenant not with you alone, but both with those who are standing here with us this day before Adonai our God and with those who are not with us here this day.” (Deut. 29:9-14).

**May God bless us**, strangers all, and may God bless those strangers yet to join our community. May we be strengthened in our fear and our curiosity, in our doubt and our faith. And may we be the face of God's kindness to all those strangers in our midst, to each one of us.

### May God bless us and keep us

May God shower us with light and show us grace  
May God have God's face of kindness turned toward us,  
and bless us with peace.  
Amen.

In hope,

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**Memo from the rabbi:** E-mail copies of my High Holy Day sermons were recently sent to the congregation. If you did not receive these, or would like printed copies, please call Sharon at the office 212.477.6444.

Congregants should not hesitate to call the temple office if they have any questions. Every effort will be made to accommodate the wishes and needs of congregants during the rabbi's absence. In addition, Rabbi Adelson will be attending to all life cycle events.

The East End Temple Board of Trustees takes its responsibility to provide both leadership and oversight of the Congregation seriously. Do not hesitate to call me at 212. 477.3232 if you would like more information on the plans made during the rabbi's absence.

On behalf of the Board of Trustees, I extend gratitude for your confidence and support.

Karen Feuer  
President



Dear Friends,

**One of the best practices** that have become “minhag” at the Department of Education is for cohorts of professionals to read a professional book together. This practice has caught on everywhere and over the next few months East End Temple will be encouraging reading together as it hosts its annual Book Fair; participates in the Downtown Kehillah Book Club Project’s event culminating on December 9, having read *The Rise of David Levinsky*, by Abraham Cahan; supporting the EET Library Event on January 28, which will highlight Katharine Weber’s best seller *Triangle*, about the Triangle Shirtwaist Factory Fire, and participates in on-going classes on Hassidic commentary on the weekly Torah portion.



**The value of a shared reading** in a community is the opportunity to talk and learn together about a subject that engenders a shared connection. *The Rise of David Levinsky*, is a realistic novel that tells the story of a young Talmudic scholar who emigrates from a small town in Russia to the melting pot of turn-of-the-century New York City. As the Jewish "greenhorn" rises from the depths of poverty to become a millionaire garment merchant, he discovers the unbearably high price of assimilation. The novel illustrates the challenges one faces during the transformation from Talmudic scholar to passionate student to driven businessman.

**The notorious 1911 Triangle Shirtwaist** fire took the lives of almost 146 garment workers, most of them women. *Triangle* brings a unique vision to the history and recollections surrounding that event. At the center of the story is Esther Gottesfeld, who at age 106 is the last living survivor of the gruesome tragedy.

**Both books provide a lens into storytelling**, how stories are told, how we hear them, and the truths inherent in them. Torah study is the study by Jews of the Torah, Tanakh, Talmud, rabbinic literature, and similar works, all of which are Judaism's religious texts, for the purpose of the mitzvah ("commandment") of Torah study itself, meaning study for religious (as opposed to academic) purposes. Whether we share in the study of novels for pleasure, to increase our understanding, or study for religious purposes, reading together keeps us connected in the most substantive and meaningful ways. I look forward to reading, learning, and talking with you – practicing as a community.

B'Shalom

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## Rerolling the Torah

What is the significance of rerolling the Torah on Simchat Torah and beginning again? Why do we read the same text over and over again each year and how can the same text have meaning for us?

Though the text remains the same we are somehow different. We have the capacity to approach the text differently for we are continuously changing. We come to understand ourselves better in time and come to recognize the different ways in which we learn.

**Where we have been in the past year** informs where we are in the present. I recently sat down with a Bat Mitzva student for her first private lesson. She is the first student I am teaching at East End who has completed the sixth grade Torah Trope class that I teach on Wednesday afternoons. In our first meeting I was struck so deeply by what it means to be approaching the text from a new place. This student and I were able to begin learning in a completely different way than anyone I have taught at East End Temple thus far. Instead of learning by memorization, we were able to begin learning by application of the tools she had mastered the year before. This was such an exciting realization for me as I experienced first hand one of the many meanings of returning to the same text with a completely different perspective.

**The rabbis say that there are seventy faces** of the Torah. I believe that within each of us is a multitude of lenses through which to interpret these seventy faces. As we approach a new cycle of reading Torah, may we be informed and inspired by the things we have learned this past year to see our same text in a new illuminating way.

Shira

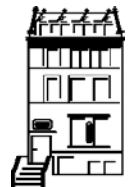
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### Torah Portions this month

11/4	Lech Lecha	Gen.	12:1-17:27
11/11	Vayera	Gen.	18:1-22:24
11/18	Chaye Sarah	Gen.	23:1-25:18
11/25	Toldot	Gen.	25:19-28:9

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## DIRECTOR OF CONGREGATIONAL LEARNING REPORT

Aliya Cheskis-Cotel

### There is a Hebrew adage,

“M’shaneh makom, m’shaneh mazal” – (“You change your place, you change your luck”). In a way, this saying might be the summary of the youth community in our school this New Year, because that’s just what it has become – a cohesive community. We have 45 new students who have changed their “place” to be *our place!* On Friday night of Sukkot eve, Kita Hey (5<sup>th</sup> Grade) had its special celebration dinner, and we did an informal survey – “Can you guess which four are the returning students and which five are the new ones?” we asked several congregants. And, indeed, no one could distinguish between the two groups. What a joy! A real student community!



**During the holiday of Sukkot**, it is traditional to invite *ushpizin* into the Sukkah – *ushpizin* originally designated Biblical ancestors whom we pretended were sitting in our sukkah as invited guests so we could tell their stories. In our Kita Hey (5<sup>th</sup> Grade) each student invited two private contemporary *ushpizin*, and answered the following questions: a) If they could bring something to your sukkah, what would it be?; b) What blessing would you write for them?”

**Here are some of the *ushpizin*** sitting in the East End Temple sukkah this week: Bubbes, Zaydes, Moms, Dads, Friends, Phoebe, Claire, Dominic, Danielle, Rachel, Austin, and Yona. Our Ushpizin Guests brought pie, a delightful chocolate cake, drawings, pictures, and brownies. Our students blessed them with the following: “May your visit be . . . sweet as a rose, happy as a renewal, big and loving; cute as a puppy, smart as a pig, fun and joyful; good as good stuff, great as great stuff, fabulous and very good; sweet as lollypops, yummy as sweet and sour pork, awesome and more awesome; blue as a violet, red as a rose, sweet as salt; sweet as an apple, fun as an Oreo, cool and awesome; wonderful as chocolate-covered money, excellent as a screaming roller coaster, great and awesome!!!”

Happy end of holiday season and a “great and awesome” 5767 to all from the East End Temple religious school community!

Aliya

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## EERNY NEWS

Marc Sobel, Youth Advisor

L'Shanah Tovah!

We have several exciting events planned for the upcoming semester. First, we have already started having our regular Thursday lounge nights every other week (though with holidays, some months may only have one). The schedule for these Thursday night meetings are: October 12, 26, November 9, and December 7. These meetings will feature a different theme or event, and are a great way to get to know each other. Dinner is always provided. Last week, at our first Thursday night meeting, we had our first ever Fear Factor night, and everyone who came had a lot of fun.



We will also have one or two weekend events each month. These may include social activities, philanthropy, fundraisers, or events sponsored through the Downtown Kehillah. I will send our more information on these events as they approach, as well as through the e-mail list and on the youth group's website.

Events we have planned so far are:

- **Saturday November 18** – we are hoping to go to either a concert or a play. More information will follow.
- **Talent/Art Show** – Last year we had to cancel our first Talent and Art Show. The event has been rescheduled for **March 18, 2007**, and it is going to be an incredible event. Please mark your calendars now!!! But in order for it to be a success, we need help from our talented members. Though it's still several months away, we would love to hear from people who are interested in performing in the talent show. Please send me an e-mail to [eerney@hotmail.com](mailto:eerney@hotmail.com) if you are interested or have any questions.

I wish you all a sweet and healthy new year!

Marc

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### LOWER EAST SIDE WALKING TOUR LED BY LORI AND PAUL WEISSMAN

**Sunday, October 29**, Rain or Shine ► Tour begins at 11am, for approximately 2 ½ hours ► Adults: \$15, Children over 12 years: \$10 ► Reservations Required ► Meet in front of the Henry Street Settlement House / Abroms Art Center, 466 Grand Street, corner of Pitt Street ► Send check to East End Temple, 245 E. 17 St. NYC 10003. ► For more information please call (212) 477-6444 Bring friends & family – the more the merrier!

## SISTER TO SISTER

Fern Stampleman

**November already!** Time does fly. It's always a pleasure for Sisterhood to host the Open House on Rosh Hashanah. Seeing everyone was wonderful and this year we especially enjoyed welcoming and getting to know so many new members.



For making this afternoon possible, we thank Fran Kolin, Mohamed Hogue, Linda Hetzer and Carole Hyman.

**Holiday greetings** from Rabbi Adelson, Karen Feuer and Sisterhood along with dried apples and honey were sent to our out-of-town college students.

If you have a student whose address we don't have, please forward it to the temple office.

By now you really have received Sisterhood membership information!!

**A complimentary one-year membership is given to all new women members of EET. If you are dues paying or a new member wishing to make a dues contribution, please mail us your check or bring it to the temple office.**

**Hot Off the Press:** EET Sisterhood is receiving an award at the District level for the greatest number of additions last year. BRAVO, everyone! Now let's strive for 100% membership!

Check **SISTERHOOD-AT-A-GLANCE** for upcoming events, the next of which is

***The Carnival of Jewels Sale***  
***Sunday, November 19 at 1 pm.***

Treat yourself to something outstanding from our vintage collection! Shop for that special teenager in your life. Get a head start on Chanukah gifts! We have a collection of current costume jewelry right out of the fashion magazines!

Donations still being accepted. Bring them to EET office. We need small boxes and small shopping bags.

Please drop off knitted pieces for THE COLD WEATHER PROJECT, peruse the *Templet* for additional Sisterhood activity and don't hesitate to drop me a line or call 212-569-1896 for anything, "SISTERHOOD!"

**Next Meeting: Monday, November 6, @7:30 pm. All are welcome.**



*Sister-to-Sister...*

*Fern*

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## LIBRARY BUZZ

Barbara Ringel

The temple Book Fair is coming up on Sunday, December 3, and this wonderful, well attended, annual event provides a perfect opportunity for members and friends of the temple to donate books to our Helene Spring Library. As we have done in past years, our library committee has generated a list of books we believe will enhance our collection. The list includes books on Jewish spirituality, Jewish feminist literature, Jewish cookbooks, Jewish parenting, intermarriage, and a variety of other timely Jewish topics. All of the books on our "wish list" will be on display on the library table at the book fair. Donors are acknowledged with their names on bookplates on the inside cover of each book donated. We appreciate the generosity shown in the past, and we hope to see that same enthusiasm this year!



Please don't forget to mark your calendars for our **4th annual Helene Spring Library Event on January 28, 2007, at 1 p.m., when Katharine Weber, author of *Triangle*, will be our featured speaker.**

I look forward to seeing you at both events!

*Barbara*

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## Daytime Adult Hebrew Classes?

Due to the success of our adult evening Hebrew classes, we would also like to make these available during daytime hours. The class would be taught by EET's acclaimed Hebrew class instructor, Danny Mond, and offered **either** Tuesdays or Thursdays from 2:30-3:30pm. The rate is \$125/members and \$150/non-members for 12 sessions. The class will not be run on both days – so we want to know your preference. The class will be offered with a minimum of five participants. We are aiming to begin this class the week of November 7. Please notify the office ASAP 212.477.6444.

## JUDAICA SHOP FINDS

Fran Kolin

Our new assortment of Board Books from Kar-Ben are a delightful way to share Jewish traditions with our youngest people. Included in our selection are books about the Jewish year, the synagogue, the Jewish home, holidays and visiting Israel. Beautiful colors and themes, reasonably priced, these books make wonderful gifts, or a great addition to your child's library. Come shop the Shop.



*Fran*

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**Shanah Tovah u'metukah!** Our second cycle of Synaplex™ Shabbats began just before the holidays with a lovely “relaxed” Synaplex. It was our special pleasure to have Rabbi Hayim Herring, the executive director of STAR, and Ms. Lynn Shusterman, one of STAR’s chief benefactors, join us that evening for Shabbat services.

**October 27 will bring the year’s first after-dinner** Synaplex program, and it’s a winner! Paul Shapiro’s Midnight Minyan, whose “turbulent beauty and tradition-bucking funk” thrilled East End audiences last year, will be returning for a repeat engagement of their rousing jazz-klezmer riffs (quote from *The New Yorker*). Oneg will follow. Tot Shabbat Squad will take place from 5:15-6:15. Kids dinner and childcare begin at 5:30. At 7:15, Rivi Dror will be entertaining 5-12-year-olds with a drama activity about Noah at Shabbat Kids Club. Mail in your check and reservation form now for the adult and children’s dinners. Also, please call the Temple office to reserve seats (at no charge) for Midnight Minyan. Last year, the house was packed!

**November 17 will bring our second** “relaxed” Synaplex Shabbat, including Tot Shabbat Squad, spirited Kabbalat Shabbat with Daniel Leanse and his trio, a 20s/30s Oneg, and a leisurely candlelight dinner. We also hope to pilot a congregant-led dinner discussion about the week’s Torah portion connected to a timely issue. We welcome input on this new way of putting the week in perspective.

**Join the entire Downtown Kehillah** on December 8-9 at our immigrant-themed Synaplex Shabbat, which will culminate in a joint Havdallah and book panel about Abraham Cahan’s novel *The Rise of David Levinsky*. “Davie” goes from penniless Talmud student in Russia to millionaire cloak manufacturer in turn-of-the-century NYC. Along the way, he woos a forbidden love in Stuyvesant Park! See another section of this Temple for downtown events surrounding the reading of this engaging novel, and contact the temple for details about East End Temple’s own book club on November 2.

**As Synaplex broadens our appreciation** for Shabbat, we always appreciate the chance to increase our Synaplex team. Just go to <http://tinyurl.com/h2lzd> and let us know how your interest or skills can make our Shabbats more vibrant – or email Cindy at [caukramer@gmail.com](mailto:caukramer@gmail.com).

Shanah Tovah!

*Ellen Wiewel, Cindy Au-Kramer, and Henry Kramer*



Synaplex™ is an initiative of STAR (Synagogues: Transformation and Renewal). Synaplex is made possible by grants from UJA-Federation of New York and STAR.

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**Tot Shabbat Squad at 5:15 – 6:15 pm:**  
 Children ages 2-5 and their parents, grandparents and special friends are invited to attend a festive monthly gathering that celebrates the joys of Shabbat. Led by Jody Prusan and guests, this meaningful and tot-friendly service, held from 5:15 to 6:15pm on Synaplex™ Shabbats, includes singing, stories, and art projects.



**EET SYNAPLEX™ SHABBAT DINNER RESERVATION FORM**

**Friday, October 27, 2006 & Friday, November 17, 2006**

Join us for a candlelight dinner after Kabbalat Shabbat at 7:15pm Oct. 27 and 7:30pm Nov. 17.

	Oct. 27	Nov. 17	Total
Adult dinners – meat	_____ x \$25	_____ x \$25	\$ _____
Adult dinners – vegetarian	_____ x \$25	_____ x \$25	\$ _____
Children’s dinners (ages 6-12)	_____ x \$10		\$ _____
	TOTAL ENCLOSED		\$ _____

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

**Please make checks payable to East End Temple. Space is limited; reserve early.**

- **Mail reservations only. No phone reservations accepted.**
- **Reservations and payment must be received at the Temple office by October 23 for October 27 dinners and November 13 for November 17 dinners.**

# Readings On Lower East Side Promoted by Downtown Kehillah

**Peer into local Jewish history** with the Downtown Kehillah, a consortium of 17 downtown Manhattan synagogues and Jewish organizations, and the *Forward*. The Kehillah's Jewish Downtown Reads project is guiding 4,000 New Yorkers through Abraham Cahan's 1917 masterpiece, *The Rise of David Levinsky*. In this definitive saga of Jewish downtown life, "Davie" goes from penniless Talmud student in Russia to millionaire cloak manufacturer in turn-of-the-century NYC. Copies of the book (\$8.95) should be in the EET office.

**Free discussion groups**, lectures and walking tours will cover this book's themes and terrain, building awareness and community as we go. Jewish Downtown Reads has already begun and continues through December 9. Here are some highlights within the next month:

## Sunday October 29<sup>th</sup> - 7:30 P.M.

"What Happened When They Reached the Lower East Side," with Dr. Hasia Diner.

Location:

Town and Village Synagogue: 334 East 14th Street

## Thursday, November 16<sup>th</sup> - 7:30 P.M.

"89 Years After *David Levinsky*: A Conversation About Books," with Ann Godoff and Julie Salamon

Location: Village Temple: 33 East 12th Street

**Other events include** a Lower East Side tour and brunch; and an EET-hosted immigrant panel, walking tour, and meal during our December 8-9 Synaplex™ Shabbat! More information about the December Synaplex will appear in your next Temple. In the meantime, check [www.14streety.org](http://www.14streety.org) or contact Holly Wolf, [Holly\\_wolf@edalliance.org](mailto:Holly_wolf@edalliance.org) or 212-780-0800 x276, for calendar and details.

## FOOD FOR FAMILIES

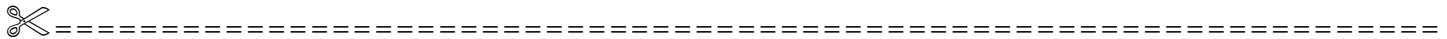
Marian C. Fish

The next Food For Families will be held on Sunday, November 12<sup>th</sup> from 1 -3 pm. The sponsors of the day are **Helene and Leonard Spring** in honor of the first birthday of Luke Mason Polatsch, their great grandson. Thanks to them for their support of FFF.

Please remember that each volunteer brings: four loaves of bread, 16 pieces of fresh fruit, and a hat or hair covering to meet Health Department regulations. Looking forward to another successful afternoon of working together to feed the hungry!!

Marian

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## THE TEMPLE FAMILY

### Congratulations and Mazal Tov to

Sherman Pazner and Susan Zolla-Pazner on the marriage of Evan Pazner to Patricia Tuthill on August 20, 2006

### Welcome New Members

- Pearl Blank
- Arnold Engelman and Carol Rosegg and their daughters, Nora and Audrey
- Mark and Harly Golub and their children, Sydney, Ryder and Sawyer
- Ari Halpern
- Tara M. Lester
- Bruce Resnik and Elizabeth Soqui and their sons, Sidney and Aiden Resnik
- Maya Simon

### Get Well Wishes to

Betty Beranbaum, Anita Hecker, Hadassah King, Fran & Bobby Kolin, Jerry Labush and Marjorie Sussman

### In Memoriam:

**Bea Fox**, a dedicated member of the temple, died on October 7th. She was 94 years old and was a lifelong resident of the East Village and Gramercy areas. Bea was known and respected for her intelligence, energy and forthright manner. She was a talented pianist and music lover. Bea worked as a bank officer and then went to work for the Central Conference of American Rabbis. She loved to travel, was an avid *NY Times* crossword puzzler and a generous friend.

Her strong affections were shared with her sister, Estelle and her nephew Richie and niece Miriam.

### In Memoriam:

**Herman Weinblatt**, an associate member more recently living in Holyoke, Mass, died October 9th. He was 92 years old. He and his wife had been members since 1993. His wife, Rose, pre-deceased him in 1994; he is survived by his son, Victor Weinblatt.

### **EAST END TEMPLE BOOK CLUB**

The Book: *The Rise of David Levinsky*  
The Author: Abraham Cahan  
The Date: Thursday, November 2  
The Place: Call for location 212.477.64

The EET Book Club is open to ALL members of the congregation, men and women alike. Read the book and join us in a member's home for our 90 minutes (+/-) discussion and dessert

**Editor's note: "the rabbi's wife" column is on maternity leave for the next few issues.**

### **Film Series Opening: Rites of Passage: The Spiritual Journey of Alice Shalvi**



Please join us at EET, Wednesday, October 25 at 7 pm, for an exclusive viewing of this intimate documentary portrait about Alice Shalvi, sharing her thoughts and memories of her public and private life, from her childhood in Essen, Germany to her present-day success as a leading Israeli scholar, feminist and peace activist. There will be a Q&A discussion with the protagonist herself after the screening.

Alice Shalvi is Israel's most outspoken and active liberal Jewish feminist, persistently challenging Israel's male-dominated establishment in her quest for equal opportunity, equal reward and equal status for women.

### **HOLD THE DATE**

### **Kehila Campaign Phase III**

### **KICK-OFF MOVED TO DECEMBER 1**

We hope you will attend the Kehila Shabbat Services on its new date: Friday, December 1. Learn more about how the *Kehila Campaign Phase III* offers opportunities to make a dedication in memory or in honor of a loved one or a family milestone, or simply give a donation to help the campaign. Witness the dedication of the Eternal Light in memory of Edna and Sam Rosen's daughter Sarah. And help acknowledge Dorothy Geller's thoughtful donation for Sanctuary Furnishings.

There are other naming opportunities in a range of giving levels, just ask Kehila co-chairs Joan Beranbaum 212-254-5740 and Judith Sussman 212-982-0382.

### **The EET Family Judaica Book Fair Returns! Sunday, December 3**

Stop by the Social Hall on Sunday, December 3 between 1-5 pm for one of East End Temple's favorite traditions.

The Family Judaica Book Fair promises a terrific selection of books to browse. Check out Daniel Mendelsohn's highly acclaimed "*The Lost: A Search for Six of Six Million*" or Jennifer Gilmore's reworking of the Jewish American novel, "*Golden Country*".

As always, there will be a large selection of children's books, including holiday favorites and great titles for teens. Pick up a Chanukah gift, donate books to the Helene Spring Library and our religious school library, and while you're at it, treat *yourself* to a great read!

## Suellen Eshed's Keen Sense of Community

Suellen Eshed is a product of East End Temple and the local Stuyvesant Town community. While growing up in the 60's, under the rabbinical leadership of Rabbi Rav Soloff, Suellen attended the thriving EET Religious School (which, in those days, was called Sunday School). After Sunday School Suellen and her dad happily picked up their traditional smoked fish from "alphabet city" and fresh bialys from Kossar's. Confirmation classes, NFTY "Conclaves" and Youth Group performances also found Suellen very much in the moment. Suellen's parents, Ruth and Saul Levine, gave their all in the EET theatrical shows and choruses. And today, as Suellen chants the Sh'ma, she is warmly reminded of her family's attendance at EET holiday Sukkot, Simchat Torah and High Holiday services. Suellen's older brother, Leonard, an EET Bar Mitzvah and Confirmand as well, is active in Washington D.C.'s Reform Jewish enclave. Thanks to East End Temple, both Suellen and Leonard consider Jewish community central to their lives.

### The Israeli Connection

Suellen returned to Stuyvesant Town in 1982 after a brief stint on the third floor of a walk-up above Craig's Bakery on First Avenue. In 1986, as part of a Jewish National Fund mission, she took her first trip to Israel and fell in love with all that "ha'ereztz" had to offer. As fate would have it, a few months later she met her Israeli husband-to-be, Boris, at a Sutton Place Synagogue singles dance. Her love of Israel was solidified with their marriage a year later in the synagogue where they first met. In 1990, when she was eight months pregnant, Suellen eagerly grasped the offer of a two-bedroom apartment in the same building where she had grown up. Suellen understood the power of community and was happy to come full circle back to a promising future for her new family.

### The EET Connection

In 1995, as a mother on the path to finding a Hebrew school and family-oriented Jewish community for their son, Suellen (and Boris) were attracted by the child-friendliness of EET's High Holiday children's puppet show, led by Rabbi Hirsch and Cantor Jaffe. EET became the temple of choice for the Eshed family and since then has had considerable impact on all of their lives. Son Mathew has been a Bar Mitzvah and Confirmand and is an active member of the Youth Group, its Board and its participation in the Downtown



Suellen Eshed

Kehila. For the past five years, Matthew has also been an "ozrim" (assistant) in EET's Religious School. Suellen and Boris could not be prouder of the choices that Matthew continues to make.

### Community Connection

When she is not managing Global Human Resource projects for HSBC Bank, Suellen sits on the Trustees Board and Member Services Committee maintaining EET's welcoming and inclusive core character. As Youth Education Committee chair for six years, Suellen successfully garnered the talent and time of the parent community to enhance and extend the Religious School experience through annual book fairs, Chanukah parties and weekend retreats. The Eshed family often attends Shabbat services and congregational dinners with their many close EET friends. Suellen especially enjoys the fact that EET has become a community enriched with joyful singing and chanting.

Look for her to come calling for cooks, servers and noshers for our Jewish Comfort Food Fair on November 5... an ideal project for the community-oriented Suellen Eshed!



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



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#### Dedicated Volunteers:

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### COMMUNITY CARE

If someone in your family or in the EET family is ill and/or in need of community care, please do not hesitate to call the Temple office, 212.477.6444.

Leave a message for Rabbi Adelson or Karen Feuer (president) or Marcia Muskat (ritual chair). Someone will return your call.

# Kol College

By Katlin Ofman

*Kaitlin is one of EET's star alumna. She is a freshman at Middlebury College in Vermont and will be writing a column for us bimonthly on her Jewish experiences at college.*



**It had been a big question for me**, whether to return home for Rosh Hashanah services. I was curious to experience services within this new community that I was just getting to know. Hillel had hosted only one Shabbat service prior to Rosh Hashanah, and so I was excited to have an opportunity to bond with my fellow freshman. High Holy Day services for both the college and town of Middlebury are held on campus, in a white marble chapel. The dim, mahogany filled flying-buttressed interior is certainly a far cry from EET's bright, cozy, cheerful interior. Many of my new Hillel friends had gone home for the holiday, and so I was virtually surrounded by strangers. Nearly every prayer was chanted differently, even the Ve'ahavta, (a prayer every B'nei Mitzvah can recite in their sleep,) had variations. I found myself flipping through the remaining pages in the service alone, not under the usual playful, sympathetic eye of my dad. There were no Youth Group friends to joke with, no sister to sneak out with, no mom to exchange glances and smiles with.

**Just as I began to feel out of place and homesick** for the first time since I had arrived two and a half weeks earlier, the cantor began to lead the congregation in Oseh Shalom, my favorite of all prayers. It was exactly the same as at home. Singing aloud for the first time that evening, I began to look around. These were not strangers. The girl across the aisle lives on the floor below me. The boy two rows up sits next to me in my Comparative Politics class. And I had lunch with that whispering group of fellow freshman a few seats back a few days before. This was not some alien community I was visiting; *this was my new home*, and I was certainly a member of it.

**I left that Erev Rosh Hashana service** feeling more excited than ever before about my next four years at Middlebury College. A few days later, when I picked up my mail, there was a package waiting for me. Inside, sat a box of dried apples and a bottle of honey, with a note from each the Sisterhood and David. While the yummy snacks thrilled my hallmates, they reminded me that no matter where I am and which community I'm part of, I'll always have the East End Family to go home to.

# Remembering... My Lost Ark



At age nine or so, back in 1957, I was given a pair of miniature Torah scrolls from Israel and asked my family to build an ark for them. My sister was away at college, but everyone else pitched in. Dad built the cabinet out of scraps of wormy chestnut, which sounded icky but was beautiful. It measured about a foot and a half from its base to the top of a pair of rounded tablets where my brother burned the Ten Commandments, in Hebrew. Mom and "Nanny" (her mother) made dark-blue velvet covers for the scrolls and a curtain for the front, embroidered with gold stars of David, and upholstered the inside with white satin. All I did was kibbitz.

At that age, my sense of the sacred was more magical than religious, but with the ark on my dresser top, I felt protected and connected. When I went to boarding school the next year, I took it with me and set it on a table at the foot of my bunk. My dorm mates mocked it, even the Jewish ones, and since I couldn't read Hebrew and wasn't observant, it seemed peculiar to me as well.

My naïve, youthful faith withered in those years, and all I remember of the ark subsequently is coming across it in my parents' attic. I'm sure it was given away rather than destroyed, but I don't know when or to whom. Perhaps that's just as well: what remains is my memory of how my often dysfunctional family came together in this labor of love.

David Stein

**The Single Members' Chavurah\*** will host a potluck dinner at a member's home on Saturday, November 11, 2006.

Save the date: 12/16, 2006 for holiday festivities.

E-mail Marcy Einhorn for details: [mhe711@gmail.com](mailto:mhe711@gmail.com) or call the Temple office. \*Chavurah: a group that celebrates Jewish life together.

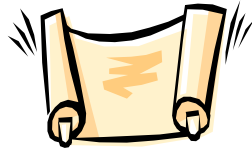
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## From the Ritual Committee



### TODAH RABAH TO OUR HIGH HOLY DAY VOLUNTEERS

(We thought it would be more informal to list our volunteers alpha by first name this time.)

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HIGH HOLY DAY SERVICES AND PROGRAMS**

Gratefully,  
Marcia Muskat, Ritual Chair

### To our EET Family:

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

Let's share our Jewish family memories.

## ***New Reform Temple in Israel with 400 Members Breaks Ground...***

A Reform congregation near Tel Aviv broke ground on a synagogue building this past summer.

Congregation Darchei Noam, with 400 members, began construction June 13, 2006 near the Harzliya-Ramat Hasharon border.

The groundbreaking comes after an 18-year battle to secure land from the local council, which had refused to grant land to a non-Orthodox congregation. The battle went to Israel's High Court of Justice, which ruled in favor of the congregation.

Only Orthodox congregations receive government funding in Israel, while Reform and Conservative congregations depend on donor support. There are 27 Reform congregations in the country.

## **DREYFUS HONOR WITHHELD**

On the 100th anniversary of the rehabilitation of French Jewish army captain Alfred Dreyfus, unjustly convicted of treason in 1894 (and sent to Devil's Island) in a famous case that revealed flagrant anti-Semitism in 19th Century France, President Chirac has declined requests to move Dreyfus' ashes to the Pantheon, Paris' most hallowed burial place. Some groups had urged that Dreyfus' remains be placed alongside those of author Emile Zola, whose impassioned defense of Dreyfus in a famous essay entitled *J'Accuse* helped lead to his rehabilitation.

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